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This half term, we are growing to be more **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by our actions and forgiving words.



True compassion, is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; in fact, a society that produces beggars needs restructuring so that there is not the need to beg in the first place.



Martin Luther King Jr (Baptist minister)

As we approach the end of our second week of term, it's seems incredible that we only have another 3 weeks left until half term! This is usually our coldest period in school, so please make sure pupils wrap up warm to avoid those winter colds and have the chance to win a prize in our weekly attendance raffle. Many thanks to Asda who have donated some more prizes for our 'Presents for Presence' initiative.



This week Mark Reilly returned and installed a beautiful fence around 'Jack's Place' to make it an even more peaceful space for the children to pray and reflect in. We are sure you all echo our thanks to him for this kind gesture.



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Nursery Places September 2024

Whilst the date for applying for Nursery places has passed we do still have a limited number of places available. IF YOUR CHILD WILL TURN 3 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 2024 AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR A PLACE PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

This week has been very exciting for **Tiny Ants**. We have been looking at people who help us and this week we were lucky enough to have a visit from the police. The police taught us all about their uniform, hats, radios and handcuffs. We then made our own shiny police badges to wear to role play being police officers. Later on in the week we went on a police hunt to find different police objects. Nova - "Look what I found, police cuffs." Billy - "police hat".

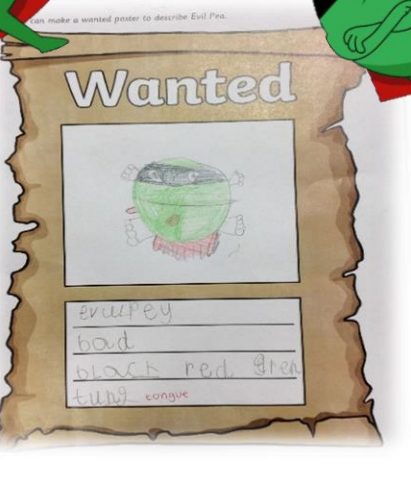
We have also been working on our fine motor skills by; drawing and playing in the shaving foam, making playdough and using the tweezers to do colour sorting.



This half term **EYFS** are celebrating people who help us. We had a special visit from the police. They had a chat with us about their job and showed us their equipment such as their camera, radio, handcuffs and torch. We asked some questions too, Oliver "Do police officers love doughnuts?" Reid "What do the handcuffs do?"



This week in Reception, a crime was committed! Evil Pea returned to our classroom and made a mess! The children were excellent police officers, looking for clues and fingerprints to help catch Evil Pea. They made a wanted poster, where we drew Evil Pea and described what he looked like so everyone knew who we were looking for. On Wednesday, we had a special visit from some police officers, and we got to ask lots of different questions about their job and how they help people. Reception loved going outside to see their police van and were amazed at how loud the siren was. We are now looking forward to learning all about doctors and nurses next week.





Last Friday the children in **Year 1** had the opportunity to go to North Solihull Sports Centre to take part in Infant Agility.



The children competed in lots of different sporting activities, such as javelin, bean bag toss, throwing, jumping and running. They had a great time and their behaviour was impeccable. Well done Year 1.



We have had a lovely week in **Year 2**. In RE we have written letters about the Annunciation from Mary's perspective. We then learnt about Mary, Joseph, and Jesus' journey to Egypt and acted out the story to our classmates. Well done for such a positive week Year 2!



Year 3 have been very busy this week! We have: enjoyed ukulele; listened to a wonderful story read by Miss Robinson; created some superb poems in English; and enjoyed some Kagan work!



This week **Year 4** have been busy! In PE the children have been looking at shapes, rolls and balances. I was so impressed by the way the children presented themselves, worked as a team and practised and performed a routine to the class. In English, we have been looking at features in an explanative text and have started some research on volcanoes. In art, there was some beautiful work exploring the secondary colours. The children made their own secondary colours using oil pastel, experimented with tone and explored different artists.



In **Year 5** this week we have been making our Egyptian death masks. We used lots of different materials to make them a great replica of the real thing!



We have also continued with our guitar lessons this week. We really enjoy exploring the various styles of music and learning new chords.





It was boys v girls in each class this week:

The boys were victorious in Years 3, 4 and 6 with the girls taking the crowns in Year 2 and Year 5.

Well done to the MVPs in each class:

	MVP	2 nd MVP	3 rd MVP
Year 2 boys	Patryk	Yoan	Quinn
Year 2 girls	Ngoc Anh	Ivy	Sophia
Year 3 boys	Harvey	Alfie	Adam
Year 3 girls	Harlow	Aleena	Eve
Year 4 boys	Karson	Joaquin	Oliver
Year 4 girls	Everleigh	Eniwaju	Edie-Pearl
Year 5 boys	Nyle	Leo	George
Year 5 girls	Gracie	Esther	Hope K
Year 6 boys	Freddie	Bobbie	Kyle
Year 6 girls	Ana	Daisy	Grace

Next week it's *St. David* v *St. George* and *St. Andrew* v *St. Patrick* – may the best houses win!



Congratulations to *Nancy C, Andrew, Anna, Freddie and Kallum* in *Year 1*, who have received certificates for reaching the next stage on their story map today.

Thank you to Reception parents for your patience. We realise that it may be frustrating for some of your children not to be able to continue progressing through their story map but we want to make sure that what the children are practising on NumBots is in-line with their learning in class. We hope to have a solution soon.



**“THIS MORNING,
HE WAS WORRIED
ABOUT SCHOOL...
BUT LOOK AT HIM
NOW!”**

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SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though; they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Buchanan is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented net-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government concerning internet use and wellbeing behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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#WakeUpWednesday

Primary School Menu

WEEK ONE

Fresh

Dates: 6th November, 27th November, 18th December, 22nd January, 19th February
11th March

Monday

Pasta Bolognese
Garlic Slice

BBQ Quorn Pitta
Pockets

Fruit Smoothie

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Tuesday

BBQ Chicken Wrap
Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn

Roasted Vegetable
Savoury Rice

Fruit Pie & Custard

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Wednesday

Roasted Gammon
Roast Potatoes
Carrots, Peas

Veggie Sausages
Roast Potatoes
Carrots/Peas

Iced Sponge

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Thursday

Mini Sausage
Yorkshires
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable Medley

Vegetable Curry
& Rice

Homebake - Frosted
Carrot Cake

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Friday

Fish Fingers
Chips
Baked Beans

Cheese & Tomato
Pizza
Chips
Baked Beans

Homebake -
Chocolate Cookies

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Available Daily

Home Baked Bread
Seasonal Salads



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Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Frankie – For always living out our virtues of being compassionate and loving.

Year 1 – Tommy – For being a joyful and friendly member of Year 1 and a good friend to everyone.

Year 2 – Julia – For being a loving and compassionate member of Year 2!

Year 3 – Lucie – For her amazing dance talent and confidence to perform! 😊.

Year 4 – Everleigh – For being a joy to teach and always shining like Jesus.

Year 5 – Hanna – For bringing a bundle of joy into the classroom.

Year 6 – Lacey – For fantastic effort and determination this week – keep it up!

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Good attendance means...

being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



Good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school and to establish positive habits that are necessary for future success.

Through regular attendance pupils can:

- Build friendships
- Develop life skills
- Engage in essential learning and achieve their full potential

All parents / carers should promote good attendance and punctuality and work in partnership with the school.

Please note that unless we have a valid reason, we cannot authorise an absence. A specific reason as to why your child is absent is required. If leaving a voicemail or sending an email, please ensure that you give as much detail as possible as this allows us to code the absence correctly. Going forward, we will not accept reasons such as 'feeling under the weather' or 'they are not 100%' etc., we need specifics. Absence is monitored by on a weekly basis by Miss Watkins and an external agency and persistent absences will be addressed.



Diary Dates



These dates will updated each week and newly added events / any changes will be highlighted in yellow.

2024

Date and Time	Year Group	Event
Tues 23 rd Jan	Year 6	Visit to St. Chad's Cathedral
Fri 2 nd Feb 9:30 am	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Year 3 leading
Tues 6 th Feb 9am	Nursery parents	Communication and Language meeting for parents – 9am in the school hall
Thurs 8 th Feb	Y4 parents	Reading workshop – 9am in the school hall
Friday 9 th Feb	Whole school	Break up for half term
<u>Half term</u> Mon 12 th Feb – Friday 16 th Feb		
Mon 19 th Feb	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	
Tues 20 th Feb	Whole school	Return to school
Weds 21 st and Thurs 22 nd Feb	All parents	Parents Evening
Weds 28 th Feb	Year 6	Year 6 Confirmation 6pm
Mon 4 th March DATE CHANGE	Tiny Ants & Nursery parents	Collective Worship - 11am in the school hall
Weds 6 th Mar 9:30am	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Year 5 leading
Thurs 7 th Mar	Whole school	World Book Day (pupils to dress as a character from a book)
Fri 8 th Mar	Reception parents	Collective Worship - 2:45pm in the school hall
Weds 13 th March 9 - 11am	Parents	Coffee morning for parents of pupils with ASD or those with pupils on waiting lists / completing referrals
Fri 22 nd Mar 9:30 am	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Faith Ambassadors leading
Fri 22 nd Mar	Whole school	Break up for Easter holidays
<u>Easter holidays</u> Mon 25 th Mar – Fri 5 th Apr		



Diary Dates



Date and Time	Year Group	Event
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th May	Year 6	SATs week
Fri 24 th May	Whole school	Break up for half term
<u>Half Term</u> Mon 27 th May – Fri 31 st May		
Mon 3 rd June	Whole school	Return to school
Weds 5 th – Fri 7 th June	Year 6	Alton Castle residential retreat
Sat 8 th June	Year 3	First Holy Communion Mass 11am
Fri 19 th July	Whole school	End of school year for pupils
Mon 22 nd July	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	

Please read carefully as the PE days can change from week to week.

Week beginning Monday 22nd January:

- Reception – **Thursday**
- Y1 – **Monday and Tuesday**
- Y2 – **Wednesday and Friday**
- Y3 – **Swimming on Tuesday, PE on Friday**
- Y4 – **Tuesday and Wednesday**
- Y5 – **Monday and Thursday**
- Y6 – **Thursday**

PE days



Please remember that pupils need to come into school in their PE kits on these days, and they should be plain white t shirts (or those with the school badge on) and **PLAIN** black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings.