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Friday 22nd December 2023

This half term, we are growing to be more Attentive and Discerning

We have had an absolutely wonderful week in school for the 3rd week of Advent and would like to thank all of the parents, carers, family members and friends who were able to join us for our KS2 carol concert this week. It was a huge success and we were very proud of our oldest children – they certainly spread lots of joy.

Whilst many of us are now in the exciting – yet frantic – final stages of Christmas, please keep in your prayers those for whom Christmas may be a lonely or difficult time (particularly those who are missing loved ones or those suffering as a result of the war in the Holy Land). We give thanks for a wonderful Autumn term in school and are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back in January - looking smart in their 'Winter' uniform - after the Christmas break.

We wish everyone in of our school community a very peaceful, happy and holy Christmas.



“Happy Christmas from everyone at St Chad’s Sanctuary! Your school members have donated practical items, money, time or support to St Chad’s Sanctuary during 2023. Your contributions assisted some of the most vulnerable members of our society - people who are often overlooked or ignored. We are only able to provide our services that are so desperately needed by so many, due to your kindness; therefore, we want to say THANK YOU! We wish you peace and joy this Christmas and look forward to working with you again in 2024.”





This week in **Tiny Ants** we have had so much fun on the countdown until Christmas. Our week started with a fantastic 'trip' on the Polar Express. The children loved having their own golden tickets for the train and enjoyed a yummy treat of chocolate milk; reindeer crumpets and chocolate cake!

We had lots of fun activities out such as our very own Polar Express tuff tray, painting with stencils and we even turned into little elves and did some wrapping.



We finished our week with a trip to church to see the Nativity scene - "Look Baby Jesus".



All of the staff in Tiny Ants would like to wish our children and their families a very magical Christmas and a Happy New Year. We can't wait to see you back at school in the New Year. Merry Christmas!!





Nursery had a magical time for our Polar Express Day! We boarded the train and were given a special golden ticket. We moved like the animals we could see outside the window and had a reindeer crumpet with chocolate milk for a snack. Remember to listen out for the bell on Christmas Eve, Nursery!!





Reception had a wonderful last week at school! We had so much fun having our Polar Express day and coming into school in our pyjamas. We turned our role play area into the Polar Express and got to watch the film with some chocolate milk and cake. On Thursday, it was our Christmas party day, and we had some time in the hall with our Year 5 buddies to dance and sing to some festive songs. We then came back to our classroom to carry on the party by eating lots of yummy food and listening to more Christmas music! What a lovely way to finish the term. Well done Reception for completing your first ever term at school. We are all so proud of you. Have a very 'Merry Christmas'. From Miss Carson, Miss Sullivan and Mrs Wedge.





Year 1 had a fabulous time at their Christmas party. They had lots of fun dancing, playing games, eating lots of party food and spending time with their friends.

Thank you for all of your support this term and we hope you all have a lovely Christmas!





Year 2 have had an amazing term. We celebrated our successes with a Christmas party! Merry Christmas Year 2 😊



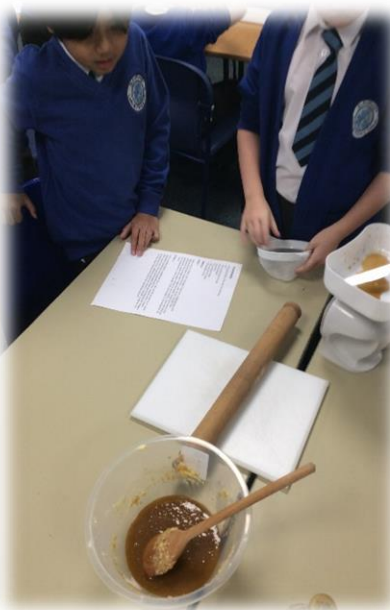
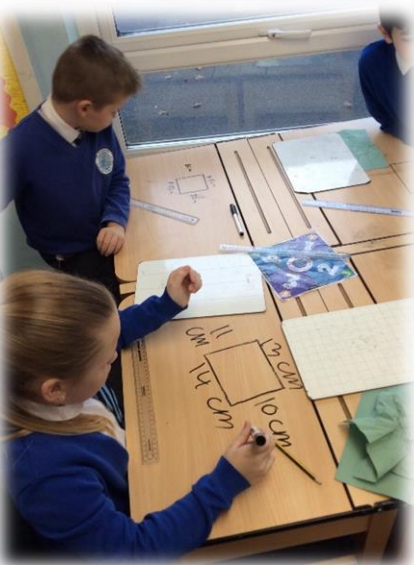


Year 3 have had a fabulous week and are very excited for Christmas!





Year 4 have worked so hard this term! In our final week, we finished our DT work in the kitchen making Christmas biscuits. The children measured, melted, rolled and baked their biscuits before icing and decorating! In maths we have been focusing on perimeter. The children did some exciting practical activities and games investigating and exploring the perimeter of different shapes. We finished the week with a Christmas party, lots of festive singing and producing some beautiful Christmas cards.



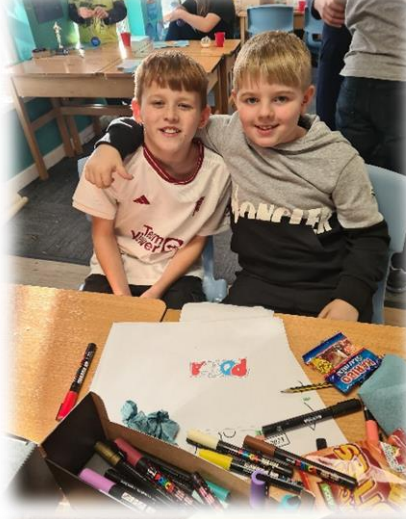


Year 5 took part in a science experiment involving burning and melting. We had to see which solution burnt the quickest.



The children sang beautifully during our Christmas Carol concert - we were very proud.





Year 6 would like to wish all of our St. Anthony's families a 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year' 😊





The results of this week's battles are in!

The students have levelled things out by winning the students v staff battle this week.

Poor Miss Clayton and Miss Timmins out up a brave fight but I think the other staff were too busy counting down to Christmas to help them out!!

	MVP	2 nd MVP	3 rd MVP
Students	Lois Y5	Gracie Y5	Harlow Y3
Staff	Miss Clayton	Miss Timmins	

Apologies to Oliver in Y4 who was the most valuable player in St. Andrew's last week as he was recorded on the newsletter as being in Y5 and didn't receive his certificate in assembly last week! Oops!



There were no stage completion certificates this week on NumBots.

We will have to have a big push on this when we return in January!



The winner of this week's attendance raffle was **Grace** in Year 6!

When kids are not the focus... who's in charge?

If you've had too much to drink, the children may take control.



You would never neglect your children on purpose, but you could be putting their safety at risk if drinking at home distracts you from looking after them.

Every year, adult drinking at home is leaving more children to care for themselves and their brothers or sisters.

Staying in to drink? Stay in control.

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January 2024

Newsletter

LET'S FACE THE NEW YEAR!

Tuesday
16th Jan
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



FREE SESSION
Cannabis Awareness
Get the facts so you can have the conversation

Thursday
4th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging stereotypes, explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

Monday
8th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Autism: Improving Communication
Small changes in how you communicate, lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Tuesday
9th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Getting a Good Night
Screen Addiction, insomnia, energy drinks and more. Get a range of extremely useful ideas on how to get quality sleep.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

YoungMinds Parents Helpline



We support parents and carers who are concerned about their child or young person's mental health. Our Parents Helpline provides detailed advice and information, emotional support and signposting.

You can contact us by phone, webchat or email.

You can speak to us over webchat between 9.30am and 4pm from Monday-Friday. When our webchat service is closed, you can email us using the form on our Parents Helpline page.

Opening times:
9.30am-4pm, Monday-Friday
[0808 802 5544](tel:08088025544)

Parents Helpline

Family Line



Provides information and support around family issues, as well as longer-term help through Befrienders and Counsellors.

Opening times: 9am - 9pm, Monday - Friday

[0808 802 6666](tel:08088026666)

[07537 404 282](tel:07537404282)

familyline@family-action.org.uk

Family Line

Tiny Ants

You could be eligible for free childcare. Please see below to find out more.....

We currently have a limited amount of spaces available in Tiny Ants.

Please see the below information regarding funding;

- Some 2 year old children are eligible for 15 hours funded childcare dependent on meeting certain criteria.
- ALL 3 year old children are eligible for 15 hours funded childcare.
- Some 3 year olds maybe eligible for 30 hours funded childcare dependent on meeting criteria.
- If you would like your child to join Tiny Ants at 2 years old and you are not eligible for funding or if you would like 30 hours and not just the standard 15 hours childcare, there is the option to pay school direct for this (subject to availability).

For more information or to apply for funding, please visit: (2 year olds) <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds>. (3 & 4 year olds) <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>.

Please contact the school office to apply for a Tiny Ants space.



School Ties



School ties are not optional, they must be worn by Reception – Year 6 pupils as part of the winter uniform. Ties are available from the school office and can be paid for on Parent Pay. Ties are also available from PB Sports <https://www.pbsports.co.uk/> If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

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Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At myaccount.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child, in the settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Sally Collier is a technology journalist and author with more than 20 years' experience of writing for titles such as the Sunday Times, Wired, PC Pro and ComputerWeek. She's reported regularly as a tech journalist on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 4's news and TV News at Ten. She has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.



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National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Primary School Menu

WEEK TWO

Fresh

Dates: 13th November, 4th December, 8th January, 29th January
26th February, 18th March

Monday

Chicken Bites
Sliced Potatoes
Baked Beans

Vegetable Nuggets
Sliced Potatoes
Baked Beans

Homebake -
Chocolate Surprise
Cake with Chocolate
Custard

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Tuesday

BBQ Pulled Pork Pitta
Mixed Salad
Herb Diced Potatoes

Macaroni Cheese
Mixed Salad

Homebake - Lemon
Drizzle Cake

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
Roast Potatoes
Broccoli & Cauliflower

Vegan Sausage Roll
Roast Potatoes
Broccoli & Cauliflower

Chocolate Ice Cream
Sponge

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Thursday

Chili & Rice

Cheese & Potato Pie
Baked Beans

Homebake - Vanilla
Cookie

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Friday

Cod Fish Stars
Chips
Peas

Cheese & Tomato
Pizza, Chips
Peas

Homebake - Fairy
Cakes

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Available Daily

Home Baked Bread
Seasonal Salads



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Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Ruby-Mae – For always making the right choices and shining like Jesus every day.

Year 1 – All of Year 1 – For your hard work during the Nativity.

Year 2 – Jaxon – For really impressing me with your effort and kindness this term 😊.

Year 3 – Alfie – For his amazing generosity and kindness.

Year 4 – Robyn – For being a kind and loving friend to everyone.

Year 5 – All of Year 5 – For a wonderful carol concert performance.

Year 6 – Charlie – For a great last week of term and showing what a lovely young man he can be.

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.



Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 will begin swimming lessons in the new year - starting on the 9th January - for 10 weeks. Please login to Parent Pay to make a payment. The cost is £1 per week or you can make a one-off payment of £10.

Please read carefully as the PE days change from week to week. Each year group will only have 1 PE lesson this week.

Reception – **Thursday**

Y1 – **Monday and Friday**

Y2 – **Wednesday and Friday**

Y3 – **Swimming on Tuesday then Friday PE**

Y4 – **Tuesday and Wednesday**

Y5 – **Monday and Wednesday**

Y6 – **Tuesday and 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.

Mr K Scanlon, Head of School





Diary Dates



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

2024

Date and Time	Year Group	Event
Weds 10 th Jan	Year 6	Visit to Coventry Cathedral
Fri 12 th Jan	Year 1	Infant Agility – return to school at approx. 3:30pm
Tues 23 rd Jan	Year 6	Visit to St. Chad's Cathedral
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 28 th Feb	Year 6	Year 6 Confirmation 6pm
Fri 22 nd Mar	Whole school	Break up for Easter holidays
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th May	Year 6	SATs week
<u>Easter holidays</u> Mon 25 th Mar – Fri 5 th Apr		
Mon 8 th Apr	Whole school	Return to school
Mon 6 th May	MAY BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)	
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	