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**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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



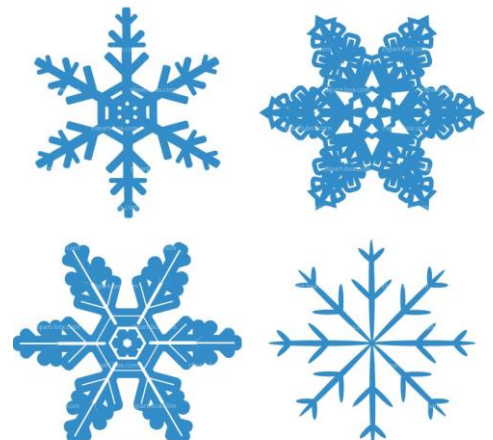
Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.  
The birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely by God. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of 'God made man'.

I am sure that a lot of children opened the first door on their Advent calendar and had a chocolate treat before their breakfast this morning! Some may even have had a visit from those pesky elves...

This Sunday, the church celebrates the first Sunday of Advent and we light the first purple candle on our Advent wreath. This candle symbolises 'hope' – which our world needs now more than ever. This Sunday also marks the beginning of a special year of prayer. This Advent why not make a special effort to look at the mission on your child's 'Walk With Me' calendar each day and share the 'Wednesday Word' together each week?



The sparking ground and white trees from the frost that has appeared this week bring back with them painful and difficult memories for our school community. The weather forecast over the coming days is for a harsh frost. Please, please speak to your children about the potential dangers of ice. Each class have discussed this today but this message cannot be reinforced enough. We have included some information at the back of this week's newsletter that we hope you will share with your child.



It has been another wonderful week here at St. Anthony's. Earlier this week, these children were presented with a special scroll inviting them to become our Faith Ambassadors for 2023-24! They were carefully selected because we feel that they are always striving to 'shine like Jesus' and therefore make wonderful role models for their friends. We can't wait to start working with them to make the prayer life of our school even better!



Attendance  
Matters



We want to celebrate those pupils who arrive at school **on time and every day** so each week we will be holding an attendance raffle.

All children who have attended school every day that week (and have arrived on time) will be entered into a prize draw and during our celebration assembly one child will be chosen at random to win a prize. **The winner of this week's attendance raffle was Jakub in Year 6!**

This week the children in **Tiny Ants** all chose a bear to give a hug and a cuddle to while we talked about our friends and what made us feel happy about them.

Isla "Billy makes me smile."

Dottie "Isla looks after me."

Billy "Willow hugs me."

Willow "Dottie gave me the hair brush."

Elsie "Nova be kind to me."

Nova "Elsie play with me in the home corner."



Dottie, Isla and Nova visited church. We lit candles for our families and friends and looked at the different objects around church.



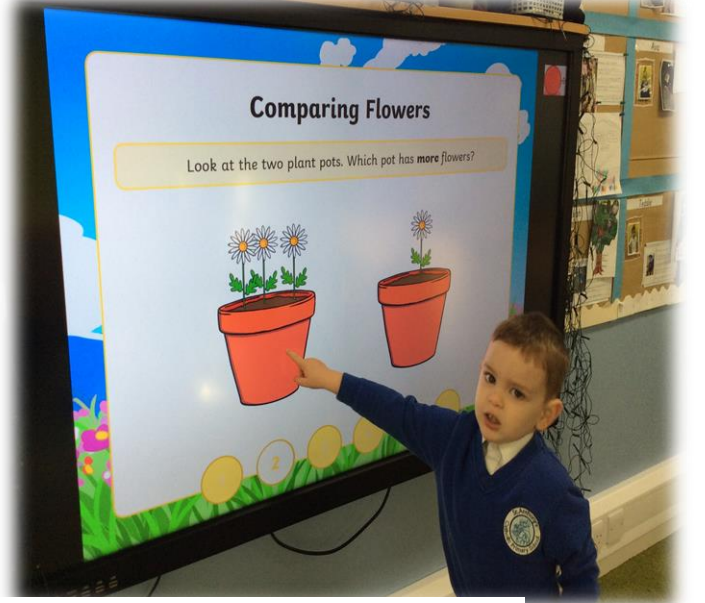
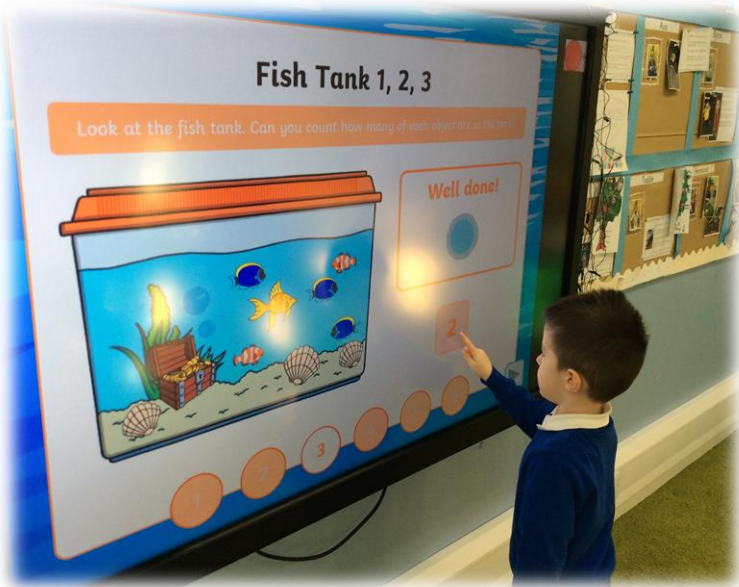
We sat on the big comfy chair that looked like a throne.



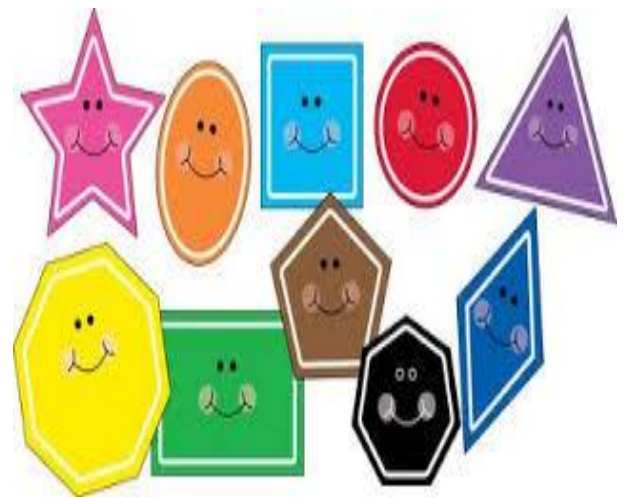
We have been reading the book 'The Naughty Bus'. The children took turns to drive us and give out the tickets. We visited Chelmsley Wood, Thomas Land, the park, and the jungle.



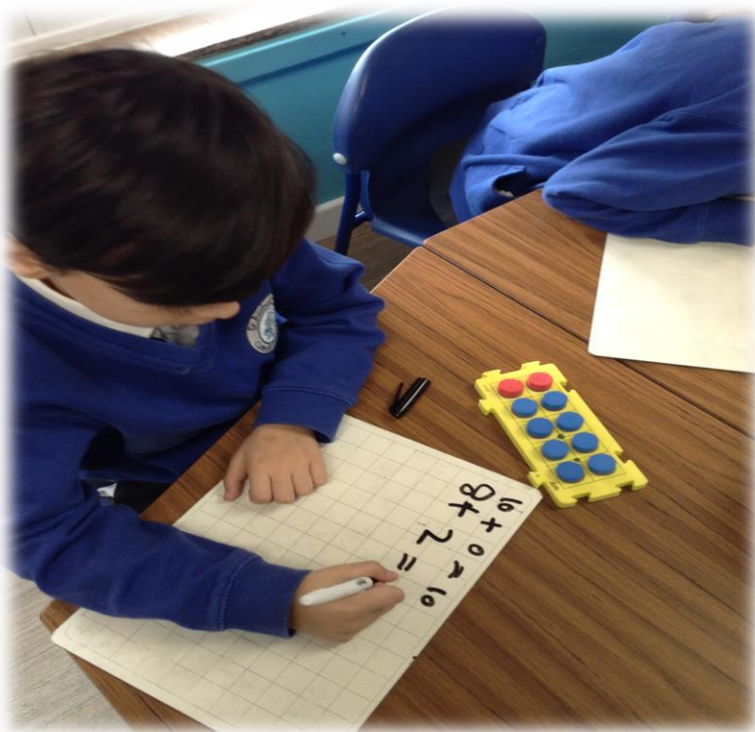
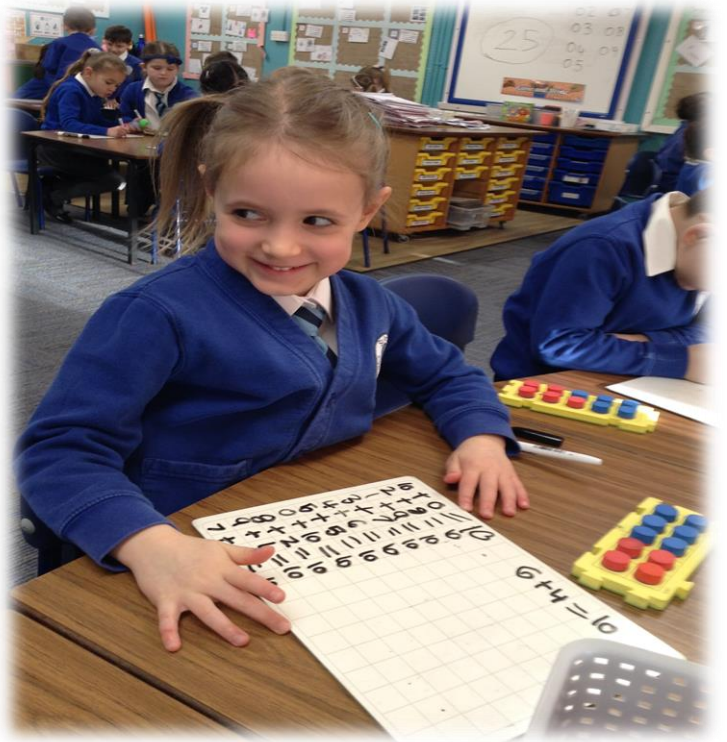
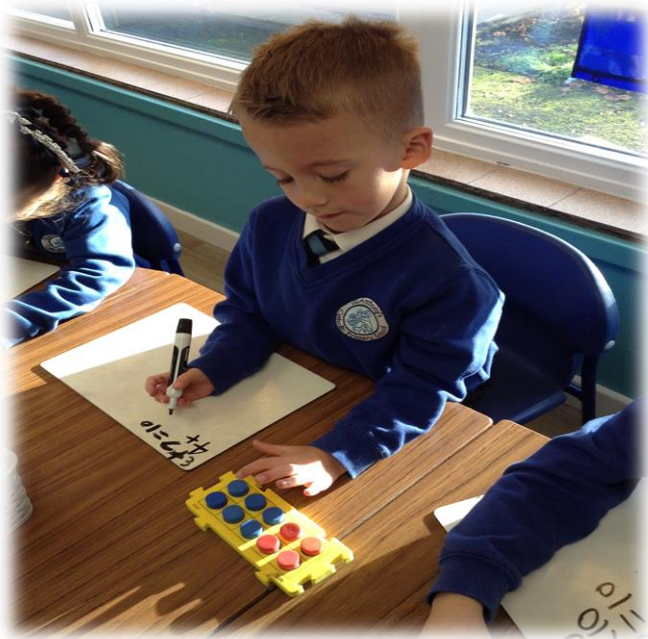
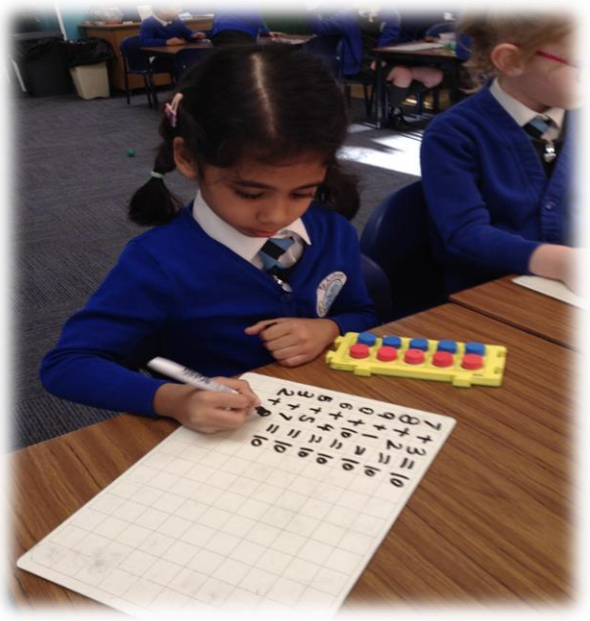
This week in **Nursery** we have been putting our number knowledge to the test. We counted our jumps and claps and shouted how many we did **very loudly!** We went on a number hunt to see how many objects we could find matching the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We even used our interactive whiteboard to look at more than and less than. Super work this week, Nursery!!





This week in **Reception**, we have started to explore 2D shapes and the properties that they have. We have also played a fun number game where we take it in turns in a circle to count to 5 and whoever is number 5 has to sit down. We were practicing being really speedy when saying our numbers. Our focus book this week was 'Supertato', and we have even designed the front cover again after Evil Pea made the front cover vanish! Evil Pea has been busy - he also snuck into our classroom and taped all of our animals to the Tuff Tray! Luckily, the children were able to rescue our animals. Another lovely week 😊




In **Year 1** we have been learning all about number bonds. We have been finding pairs of numbers that go together to make the whole number of 10. We have used lots of resources to support our learning and worked together in Kagan groups. We discussed the meaning of 'commutative' and talked about how two parts can be swapped around to make the same whole number. The children have worked so hard this week - Well done Year 1!



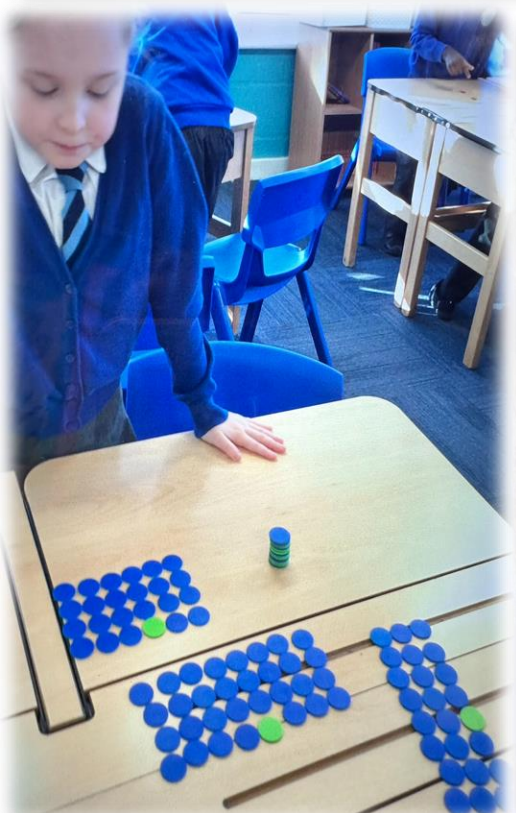
**BONDS TO 10** 



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<b>0 and 10</b>	<b>3 and 7</b>										
<b>1 and 9</b>	<b>4 and 6</b>										
<b>2 and 8</b>	<b>5 and 5</b>										



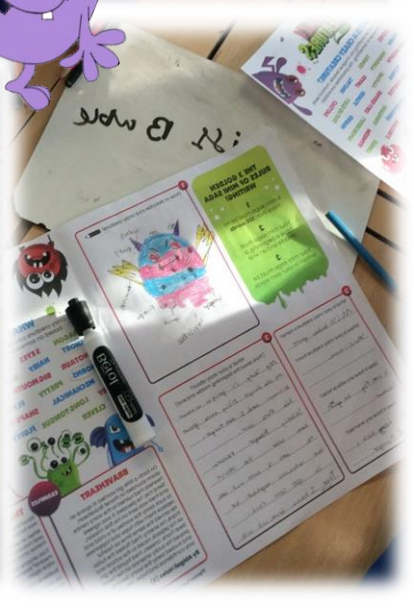
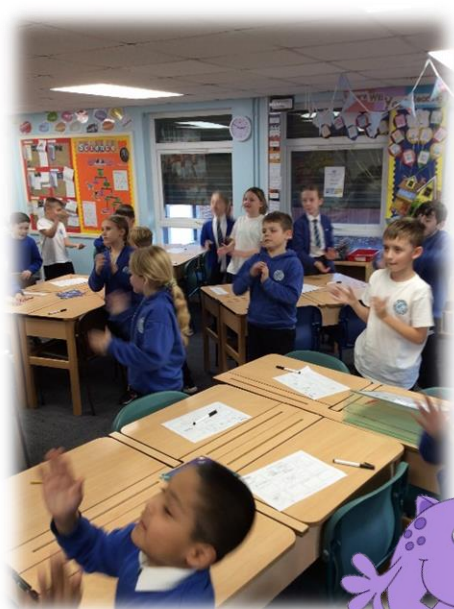
We have had a busy week in **Year 3** doing Kagan team building exercises, investigating soil and making arrays!



Kagan

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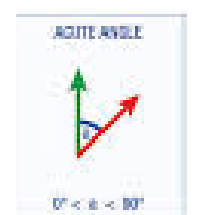
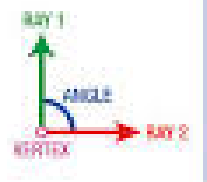
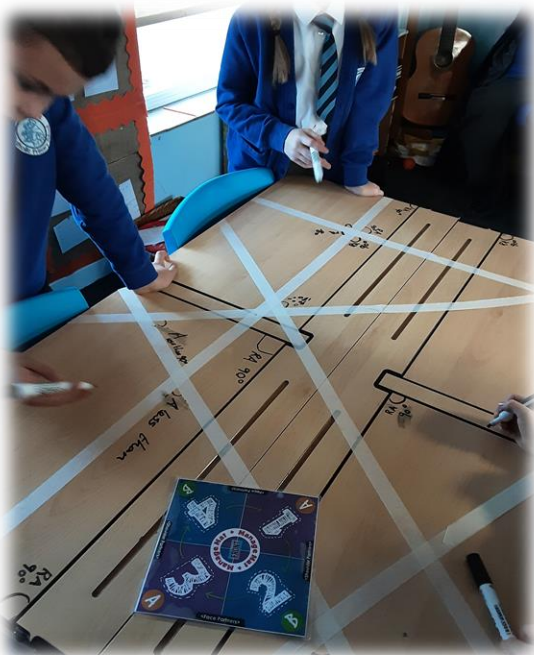
This week **Year 4** started a new English project - writing short sagas about crazy creatures to be entered into the 'Young Writers' competition. The children used literacy techniques that we have been practising in lessons, to produce fun, fabulous and creative short stories. In music, we continued with our 'Rock and Roll' topic. We learnt about the history of rock and roll, listened to and critiqued rock songs and learnt the actions to a rock and roll jive!



This week **Year 5** had the pleasure in going to John Henry Newman Catholic College to watch a dance performance and take part in a dance workshop. This was presented by the incredibly talented 'Ace' dance company. The whole day was amazing and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part.



In maths we have started to look at angles. We used tape and whiteboard pens to measure the angles on our tables. This was a great way to learn the different types and properties of angles.



EIGHT empowering **Year 6** girls graduated from their 'Empowering Girls' training on Wednesday. The Empowering Girls programme is a twelve-week scheme run by girls for girls. The sessions involve fun, games, art, drama that build skills for life. If you are a year 3 or 4 girl and would like to be involved, look out for the 'Empowering Girls Team' because they will be visiting your class soon to tell you all about it. A HUGE congratulations to the eight girls who completed their training; they showed team-work, passion, commitment and joy and I know they are going to deliver an inspiring programme. Miss Otis (Empowering Girls Mentor)





The winners of this week's battle were *the boys!!!* It has to be said that they absolutely THRASHED the girls and their top 3 players (who were all in Year 4) inputted an incredible 29,409 correct answers between them! What an achievement boys!

	Most Valuable Player (MVP)	2 <sup>nd</sup> MVP	3 <sup>rd</sup> MVP
Boys	Freddie (Y4)	Joaquin (Y4)	Karson (Y4)
Girls	Ana (Y6)	Gracie (Y5)	Everleigh (Y4)

We've really mixed things up for next week's battles! They will be:

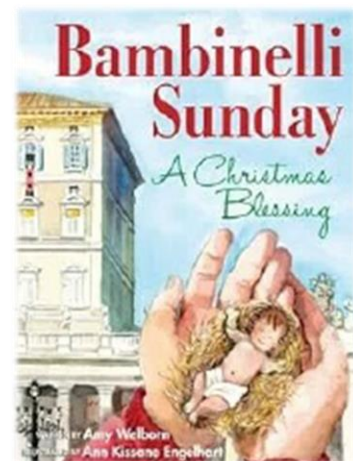
Y6 boys & Y5 girls v Y5 boys & Y6 girls and  
 Y4 boys, Y3 girls & Y2 girls v Y4 girls, Y3 boys & Y2 boys

The winners and MVPs from this battle will be announced on next week's newsletter.



Today we gave out more certificates to children who had completed a stage of their story map.

Well done to: Erin in *Reception* and Lainey-Beau, Alfie and Kai in *Year 1*.



It's time for our next homework project!

Don't forget to complete this half-term's homework project – to make a baby Jesus! Please send your completed homework in by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

## GOING OUTSIDE IN WINTER

When going outside, the cold temperature and cold winds are two obvious hazards but before you go out, there are other tips to bear in mind:

### Staying safe starts at home

#### 1. BEFORE YOU GO OUT TO PLAY

Make sure you've had something to eat and drink to fuel your fun.

#### 2. WRAP UP SAFE AND WARM

#### 3. TELL AN ADULT WHERE YOU ARE GOING

#### 4. TAKE SOME WATER TO STAY HYDRATED

if you're going to be out for a long time.

### Wrap up safe and warm

#### 1. WEAR LOTS OF LAYERS OF CLOTHES

(not just a t-shirt and a big coat)

#### 2. WEAR A BRIGHTLY COLOURED COAT

So that cars and other people can spot you easily.

#### 3. WEAR A HAT TO KEEP YOUR HEAD WARM

#### 4. DON'T FORGET YOUR FINGERS AND TOES

Wear some nice thick gloves and socks.

#### 5. WATERPROOF BOOTS AND COATS WILL KEEP YOU DRY



## EFFECTS OF THE COLD

We all get a little chilly when we're out in the cold, but we need to make sure that we don't get too cold as this could cause frostbite and hypothermia.

### What is frostbite?

Frostbite is when your skin gets so cold that it starts to become damaged.

### Look out for these signs of frostbite:

- Your skin may turn pale or even greyish or bluish, and have a waxy look
- Your extremities (fingers, toes, nose, lips or ears) may feel numb
- Your skin may feel frozen or stiff, or may even feel itchy or burnt
- In serious cases, there may be blisters on the skin
- It might feel painful when your extremities start to warm up

### What is hypothermia?

Hypothermia is when your body gets so cold that it is not able to work properly. People become hypothermic when their body temperature (not the outdoor temperature) drops from 37°C to 35°C.

### Look out for these signs of hypothermia:

- You may start shivering
- You may feel tired or sleepy
- You may feel confused, not understand what's going on, or find it difficult to remember things
- You may slur when you talk
- Your skin might feel cold

## SNOW, ICE AND WIND CHILL

- **Ice** is just frozen water. Water freezes when the temperature reaches 0°C or colder
- **Snow** forms if the cloud is below 0°C. When the cloud is cold enough, the water in the cloud turns into ice instead of rain and the tiny ice crystals stick together to make snowflakes
- **Wind chill** is the extra coldness that you feel when cold wind blows past your skin. The stronger the wind, the faster your body loses heat and the colder you feel

### Walking on snow and ice

No matter how well the snow and ice are removed from pavements and car parks, there will still be areas that are slippery and icy.

## TOP TIPS

1. WALK CAREFULLY AND REMEMBER THAT ALL WET OR DARK AREAS ON PAVEMENTS COULD BE SLIPPERY AND ICY
2. WEAR BOOTS WITH LOTS OF GRIP
3. BE EXTRA CAREFUL WHEN GETTING IN AND OUT OF CARS AND BUSES (NEVER JUMP)
4. ONLY WALK IN SAFE AREAS – CUTTING ACROSS PILES OF SNOW AND ICE COULD BE HAZARDOUS
5. NEVER WALK ONTO ICE ON A POND, LAKE, CANAL OR RIVER (THERE ARE ALWAYS WEAK AREAS THAT YOU COULD FALL THROUGH)

## ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

### STOP AND THINK

Look for the dangers. Always read the signs.

### STAY TOGETHER

Never swim alone. Always go with friends or family. Only swim where there is a lifeguard.

In an emergency:

## CALL 999 OR 112

Shout for help and phone 999 or 112.

## FLOAT

If you fall in, float or swim on your back. Throw something that floats to anyone who has fallen in the water.



Solihull Council is again working with a number of national and local organisations to make sure Solihull residents get extra help this winter.

To find out more please follow the link below.

[Here2Help \(solihull.gov.uk\)](http://solihull.gov.uk)

**BEING A PARENT GROUPS**

Led by trained parent volunteers, the groups provide you with the tools to help manage challenging behaviour, improve communication, and build a positive relationship with your child.

The Being a Parent groups will be delivered both face-to-face and virtually, starting with a welcome session & then running weekly for a further 8 sessions:

Tuesday	Virtual via Microsoft Teams	6pm – 7.30pm	16/1/24 – 19/3/24
Wednesday	Dickens Heath School (B90 1NA)	9.30am – 11.30am	17/1/24 – 20/3/24
Thursday	Virtual via Microsoft Teams	6pm – 7.30pm	18/1/24 – 21/3/24
Friday	Meriden Adventure Playground (B37 5TB)	10am – 12pm	19/1/24 – 22/3/23

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD**

Led by Solihull professionals, the group aims to help you to manage challenging behaviour and improve communication, as well as building and understanding your relationship with your child. The group target age is 4-11 years, delivered face-to-face in 10 sessions:

Monday	Castle Bromwich Juniors (B36 0HD)	9.30am – 11.30am	8/1/24 – 18/3/24
Tuesday	Bishop Wilson Hub (B37 7TR) *TEEN*	9.30am – 11.30am	9/1/24 – 19/3/24
Thursday	Valley Infant School (B92 9HQ)	9.30am – 11.30am	11/1/24 – 21/3/24

**FIVE TO THRIVE**

For parents with children aged up to 2 years, the FIVE TO THRIVE building blocks explore practical things you can do to enhance your child's brain development, increase confidence in parenting and meet local parents.

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
10am – 12pm OR 12.30pm-2.30pm	10am – 12pm
The Bridge, Shirley (B90 3AG)	Three Trees Community Centre (B37 7TP)
9/1/24 – 6/2/24	11/1/24 – 8/2/24
20/2/24 – 19/3/24	22/2/24 – 21/2/24

Book your place now, or find out more by contacting Solihull Parenting Team at: [bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net](mailto:bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net) or book via the Eventbrite QR code below:

**StayConnected**

**Forthcoming events at Solihull Libraries**

**Festive Book Chat with author Bella Osbourne**  
**Saturday 16 December 10:45am-12pm, The Core Library**

Get into the Christmas spirit by coming along to this free event with author, Bella Osbourne. Bella will be talking about her latest book *A Perfect Christmas Village*, sharing writing tips and giving us her festive reading recommendations.

Book a free place at <https://tinyurl.com/BellaOsbourne>

**Get Christmassy at your local Solihull library**

Solihull Libraries have lots to offer this Christmas season. From crafts to festive story times, silent reading cafes and reading groups to games sessions, you can find lots of free events in our libraries this December.

Visit the [library events page](#) to find out what's on near you.

If you're looking for a festive read to curl up with this winter, our library shelves and free [BorrowBox eBook and audiobook collections](#) have lots to choose from. Visit your [nearest library](#) to find out more.

For more information about Council services, please see our [website](#).

**Cutting the cost of keeping warm**

We understand how difficult it can be when energy bills start to rise. By making some small, simple changes we can all save money while staying safe and well.

- Save money when cooking**  
When cooking, put a lid on your pan as this can save you money on your energy bill. Putting a lid on your pan allows water to boil faster and the lid keeps the heat in the pan, rather than letting it escape, speeding up cooking time and helping you use less energy.  
Slow cookers save money! Slow cookers are an extremely efficient way to cook, you can batch cook meals. Likewise, microwaves and air fryers are also great alternatives to using ovens.
- Switch off your appliances**  
Turning off lights and switching appliances off standby when not in use can save **£65\*** a year on energy bills.
- Do not over fill**  
Only boil as much as you need, overfilling your kettle wastes energy.
- LED lights**  
Switch your lights to energy-friendly LED light bulbs. Replacing all the light bulbs in your home with LEDs can save around **£65\*** a year, lasting five times longer.
- Use a washing bowl**  
Using a bowl to wash up rather than a running tap can save you money on your energy and water bills if you have a water meter. You only need to run a typical tap for 96 seconds before you would have filled a washing up bowl.\*
- Turn down your thermostat**  
By turning down your thermostat from 22°C to 21°C, you could save **£115\*** on your energy bills.  
Wash on eco or 30°C or cooler cycles when you can. Washing at 30°C rather than higher temperatures could save **£15\*** a year.
- Full load**  
Only wash with a full load, cutting back on just one washing cycle a week can save you an additional **£15** a year and further savings on metered water bills.
- Take shorter showers**  
Spending just one minute less in the shower can save **£20** a year in a typical household and uses far less energy than taking a bath. Sticking to 4-minute showers could save a typical household **£75** on energy bills and around **£65** on metered water bills every year.\*
- Maximise your income**  
Every year, millions of households miss out on thousands of pounds worth of benefits, that they are entitled to. Turn2us's benefit calculator easily and quickly identifies any benefits you are entitled to claim to increase your income: [Turn2us Benefits Calculator](#).

We're committed to helping our customers keep safe and well. We work with a number of services and organisations that can provide help and support on energy fuel efficiency.

# MEASLES

## Don't let your child catch it

– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible\*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

\*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.



## Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

### Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

### When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

### Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

### Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to [www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)

**NHS**

Immunisation Information

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An Early Help Strategy Networking Drop-In is happening next week at Evergreen Family Hub in Solihull. Please find attached a flyer containing more information as well as links to book your place.



### Early Help Strategy Networking Drop-In

Join us for an informal networking event at the Evergreen Family Hub in Solihull! Your chance to connect with other professionals working in Solihull and ask questions about the new early help strategy and what this means for you. This in-person event is a great opportunity to build relationships and collaborate with others in the field and familiarise yourself with the operation of the Early Help Strategy.

**The venue is located at Evergreen Family Hub, 42 Kingshurst Way, Solihull, B37 6DX, UK.**

Four sessions are running from 12pm to 2pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**Please book a space using the links below:**

12pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/767731464477?aff=oddtcreator>

12.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/767742748227?aff=oddtcreator>

1.00pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/768276263987?aff=oddtcreator>

1.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/768276584947?aff=oddtcreator>

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

# 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.

# 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



## Reception Places September 2024

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2024?

If so, you need to apply for a place. You can do this by visiting <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-admissions> and logging into the portal. Applications are open now and you have until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to apply. Offer day is the 16<sup>th</sup> April. For any queries, please contact Solihull Admissions on 0121 704 6693.



## Nursery Places September 2024

We are now taking applications for spaces for the September 2024 Nursery intake for children born between September 2020 and August 2021.

If you would like more information or an application form, please pop into the school office, call the school office on 0121 7703168 or email us at [office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk)



# Scholastic Book Fair 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December

We have the Scholastic Book Fair in school for the whole week from the 11<sup>th</sup> December. The book fair will be held in the school hall/Gallery. Books can be purchased via a QR code that you will be able to scan on your phone or you can purchase vouchers via this link <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>. Unfortunately, no cash payments can be taken.

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**NEW** PERCU JACKSON and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan. **GREAT DEAL only £2.99** (original £7.99)

**NEW** SPEAK UP! by Bethany Bryson and David Almond. **£7.99**

**NEW** OH MAYA GODS! by Maz Evans. **£7.99**

**NEW** TOM GATES FIVE STAR STORIES by Alan Fitch. **Hardback only £7.99** (original £12.99)

**NEW** The Baddies by Anthony Browne. **£7.99**

**NEW** BLUEY BARKY/BOATS by Sarah Wallbridge. **£6.99**

Date: **11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December**

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# What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

## WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

### HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self-harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

### ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

### MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

### HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

### NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

### REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

### AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

## What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

### KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change; many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

### REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

### WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

### UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

### ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

### Meet Our Expert

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# Primary School Menu

# WEEK TWO

Fresh

Dates: 13<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 29<sup>th</sup> January  
26<sup>th</sup> February, 18<sup>th</sup> March

## Monday

Chicken Bites  
Sliced Potatoes  
Baked Beans

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Vegetable Nuggets  
Sliced Potatoes  
Baked Beans

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Homebake -  
Chocolate Surprise  
Cake with Chocolate  
Custard

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

## Tuesday

BBQ Pulled Pork Pitta  
Mixed Salad  
Herb Diced Potatoes

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Macaroni Cheese  
Mixed Salad

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Homebake - Lemon  
Drizzle Cake

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

## Wednesday

Roast Chicken  
Roast Potatoes  
Broccoli & Cauliflower

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Vegan Sausage Roll  
Roast Potatoes  
Broccoli & Cauliflower

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Chocolate Ice Cream  
Sponge

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

## Thursday

Chilli & Rice

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Cheese & Potato Pie  
Baked Beans

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Homebake - Vanilla  
Cookie

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

## Friday

Cod Fish Stars  
Chips  
Peas

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Cheese & Tomato  
Pizza, Chips  
Peas

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Homebake - Fairy  
Cakes

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

Available Daily

Home Baked Bread  
Seasonal Salads



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# Head Teacher's Awards



# Congratulations!

**Reception – Lukas** – For always trying his best and challenging himself with learning every day!

**Year 1 – Jiyaa** – For being a happy and joyful member of Year 1 and a kind and caring friend.

**Year 2 – Harry** – For an amazing start to Year 2 at St Anthony's.

**Year 3 – Malakai** – For his amazing efforts and contributions this week 😊

**Year 4 – Huey** – For being a superb role model and a joy to teach!

**Year 5 – Cole** – For excellent work with estimating angles in maths.

**Year 6 – Finley** – For having a great attitude and showing our attentive and discerning virtues.



# Diary Dates



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

Date and Time	Year Group	Event
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm – 3:15pm	Open to all parents	Sensory parent workshop
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y2	Trip – ‘Journey to the Stables’
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 11:30am	Nursery am parents	Nursery morning (15 hours) children’s Nativity in the Nursery classroom
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2:30pm	Nursery pm parents	Nursery afternoon (30 hours) children’s Nativity in the Nursery classroom
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2:15pm	Reception parents	Reception Nativity in church
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school	Book Fair open after school
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole school	Christmas dinner and jumper day - changed from Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2:15pm	Year 1 and 2 parents	KS1 Nativity in church
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	R – Y6	Whole school Mass in church
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1:45pm	Y3,4,5 and 6 parents	KS2 Carol Concert in church
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Whole school	Christmas parties in class
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Whole school	Term ends

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



# Diary Dates



2024		
Date and Time	Year Group	Event
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6	Visit to Coventry Cathedral
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Year 6	Visit to St. Chad's Cathedral
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6	Year 6 Confirmation 6pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	SATs week
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	Alton Castle residential retreat
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3	First Holy Communion Mass 11am
2024 Term dates:		
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> January Pupils return to school		
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February HALF TERM		
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> February INSET DAY (Pupils return to school on Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb)		
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March Term ends		
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> April Pupils return to school		
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May May bank holiday (school closed)		
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May HALF TERM		
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June Pupils return to school		
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July Term ends for students		
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July INSET day		

On a PE day (this information can be found on the school newsletter (which is emailed out every Friday) children must come to school wearing their PE kits. PE uniform is a white t-shirt (this can be plain or it can have the school logo on), **plain black** shorts/joggers/leggings, a blue St Anthony's hoody or a blue school jumper/cardigan and black trainers.

Earrings - must be removed for PE. We would prefer that your child did not wear earrings on a PE day as even if they can remove them, they can easily be lost. If your child cannot remove their earring by themselves, they should definitely not be worn on a PE days as staff are unfortunately unable to assist with this. Earrings cannot be covered by plasters. The only exception to this is if the ears are newly pierced and we will allow plasters for the duration of 6 weeks and earrings should be covered before school (this includes both the front and the back of the earring).

Only small stud earrings are allowed. Dangly, hooped or oversized earrings are not permitted.

Thank you for your continued support and for your cooperation with this matter.

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

Reception – Thursday

Y1 – Monday & Tuesday

Y2 – Wednesday & Friday

Y3 – Tuesday & Friday

Y4 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Y5 – Monday & Wednesday

Y6 – Swimming Tuesday & PE 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 black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings.

Mr K Scanlon, Head of School

