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



Aid to the Church in Need



The children have really lived out these gospel virtues of **Attentive and Discerning** this week. On Monday they learnt all about Christians throughout the world who are persecuted and then on 'Red Wednesday' they joined with thousands of other children around the country to pray for these people. As well as participating in a live stream, they also completed one lesson with a 'red' focus and we were really impressed with the empathy that the children showed to their brothers and sisters around the globe who are not allowed to show how much they love God.



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 will be entered into a prize draw and during our celebration assembly one child will be chosen at random to win a prize. Our Year 6 school council representatives enjoyed heading out to choose the prizes with Miss Cartwright this week and we can't wait to see who will join Ivy in Y2, Harry L in Y3 and Otis in Y1 as winners this half term!



As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family.

— Pope Francis —

Mr. Scanlon had the very difficult decision of choosing his 'Stewards of the Earth' this week. Thank you to all of the children who applied and congratulations to the following pupils who were selected:

Y3: Ciaran, Harlow, Lily-Mai, Malaki and Willow

Y4: Chaney, Edie-Pearl, Thomas and William

Y5: Cole, George and Jessica

Y6: Charlie

Darcy-Leigh and Natalia.





This week in **Tiny Ants** we have been concentrating on developing our gross motor skills through spending time on the MUGA having races with our friends and playing roly poly.



We have also been working on a fine motor skills using scissors to snip masking tape to free the jungle animals. We also used finger muscles to squeeze the playdough.

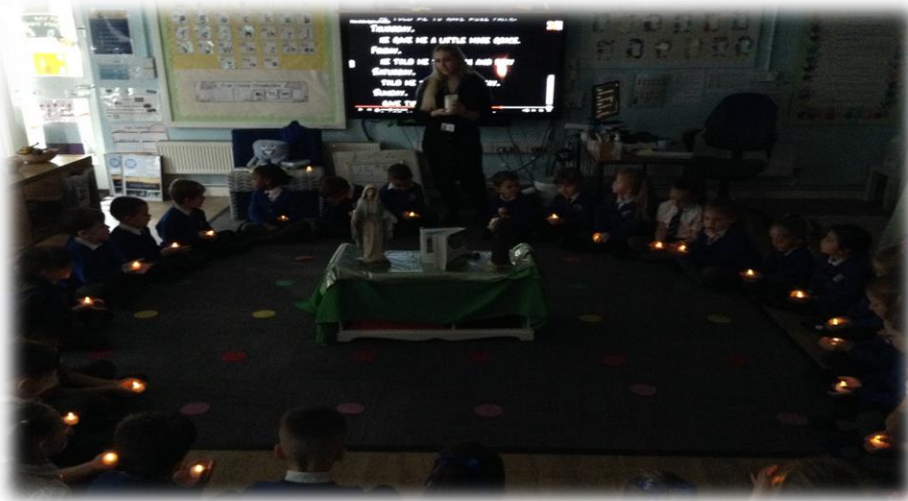


We visited the bus to listen to the story 'The Naughty Bus' and then took turns to drive. Willow took us to the park to play on the swings and Nova took us to The North Pole to see the penguins.

This week in **Nursery** we have been exploring our '5 and Thrive' Nursery Rhymes. We started the week with *Incy Wincy Spider* and learnt the Makaton signs to go with it. Next, we looked at *Head, Shoulders Knees and Toes* and drew around our friends bodies.



Please ask children to sing these Nursery Rhymes at home with you to support their language development.



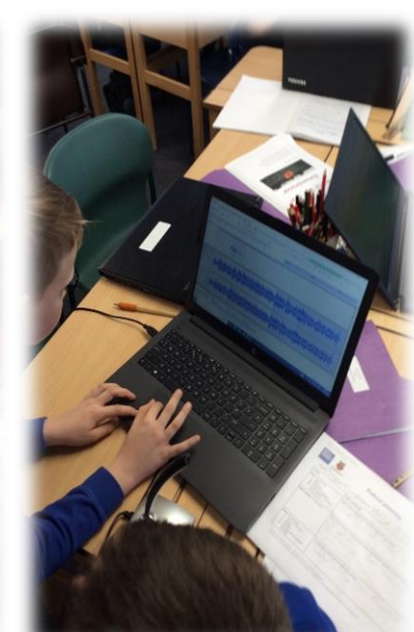
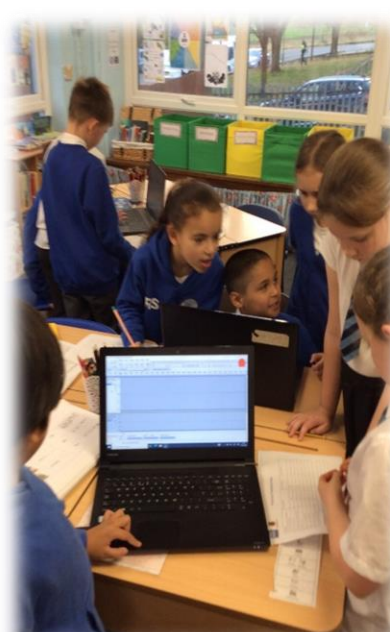
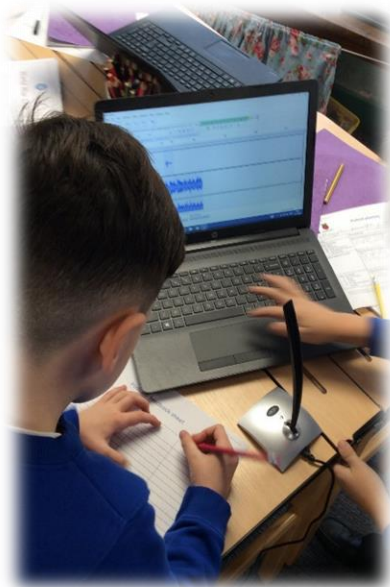
This week in **Reception**, we shared a beautiful Collective Worship and shared that Jesus is the light of the world. We have also learnt about Red Wednesday and listened beautifully to Archbishop Bernard Longley's message before making some lovely posters. Reception have been working very hard with their phonics this week and have been practicing spelling some words in the sand!

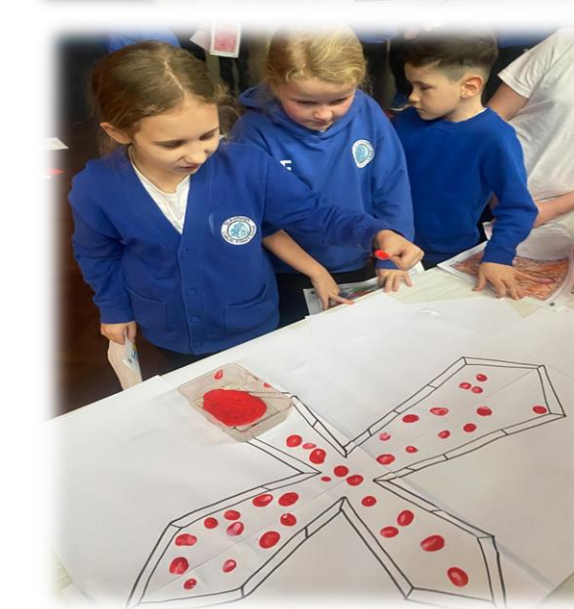
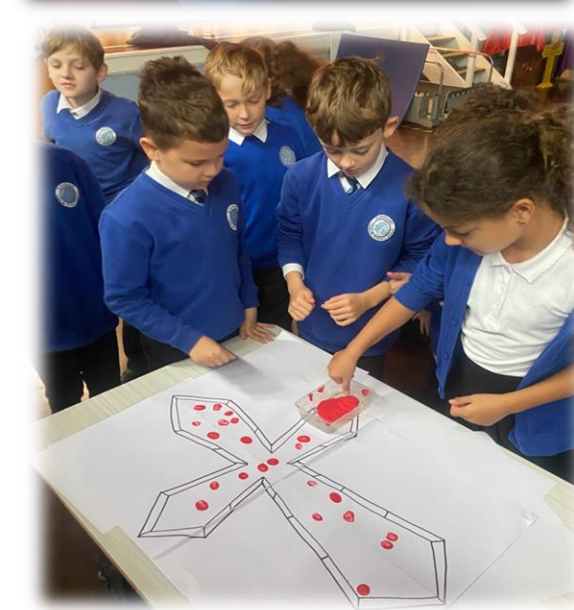


In **Year 2** this term we have started our new P.E topic 'Jungle Yoga'. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying taking some time to relax their minds 😊.



In Science this week, **Year 4** learnt about Carl Linnaeus and his work on classification. The children learnt how to use a key and made their own using sweets! In Computing, we have been learning about audio production. In Kagan groups, we planned, produced and presented our own podcasts. The children recorded their own voices on a topic of interest that they then edited before layering the sound with music.



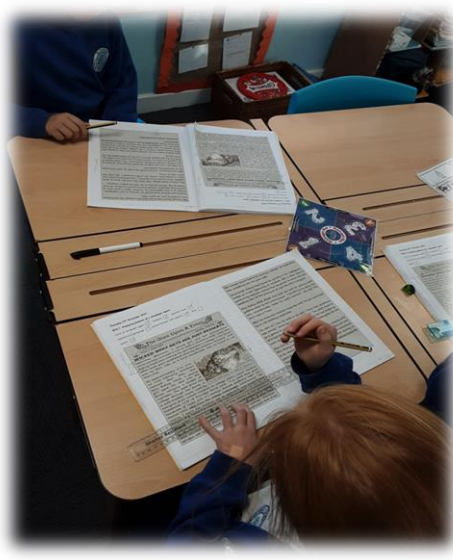
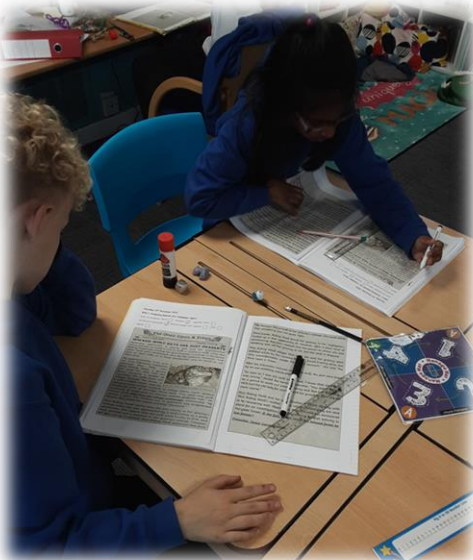


Year 4 and Year 5 joined together this week for their Collective Worship. We prayed for Christians across the world who are persecuted for their faith and made a beautiful piece of art.

This week **Year 5** have been very busy tasting lots of different biscuits! We needed to decide which would be the best biscuits to use for the gingerbread house we will be making in D&T.



In English we have introduced Newspaper writing. We learnt all about the structure and what actually goes into writing a newspaper article. Ask your child in Year 5 what the '5 w's' are!





This week **Year 6** began their yoga sessions in PE with Miss Otis. They showed fantastic knowledge of a range of poses and created their own routines.





The winners of this week's whole school battle were **Year 4**

Congratulations to the most valuable players:

	Most Valuable Player (MVP)	2 nd MVP	3 rd MVP
Year 2 boys	Patryk	Ivy	Anh
Year 3 boys	Harlow	Harvey	Malaki
Year 4 boys	Joaquin	Noah	Freddie
Year 5 boys	Nyle	Esther	Gracie
Year 6 boys	Ana	Freddie	Frankie

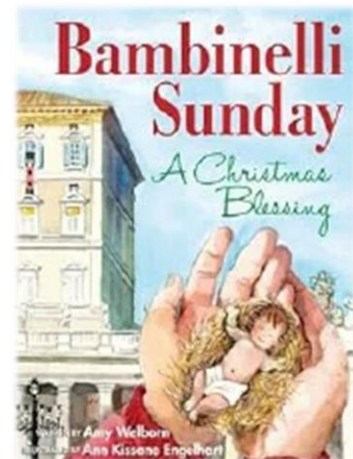
The next battle is a whole school battle between girls and boys. The winners and MVPs from this battle will be announced on next week's newsletter.



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

Well done to:

Isabelle and Isobelle in **Reception** and Andrew, Jiya, Anna, Marley, Kai and Nancy P in **Year 1**.



It's time for our next homework project!

Please take the time to read the other email sent out with the newsletter this week. It gives details of the RE homework that we would like all children to complete by

Wednesday 13th December – to make a baby Jesus!

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



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 15th January 2024 to apply. Offer day is the 16th 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



Scholastic Book Fair 11th-15th December

We have the Scholastic Book Fair in school for the whole week from the 11th 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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Date: **11th-15th December**

Scan the QR code to pay online!

Primary School Menu

WEEK ONE

Fresh

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

Monday

Pasta Bolognaise
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 – Oscar – For lighting up the room with your beautiful smile.

Year 1 – Marley – For always shining like Jesus.

Year 2 – Kaydie-Faye – For putting 100% effort into everything you have done this week!

Year 3 – Jonah – For his positivity and wonderful attitude towards everything he does! 😊

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

Year 5 – Hope – For being a pleasure to have in class and trying your best 100% of the time.

Year 6 – Grace – For having a perfect attitude and being more confident to use her voice.



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 29 th Nov	Year 5	Dance workshop at St. John Henry Newman Catholic College
Weds 29 th Nov	R and Y6	Height and weight check
Weds 29 th Nov 9am – 11:30am	Open to all parents	Speech and Language parent workshop
Weds 6 th Dec 1pm – 3pm	Open to all parents	Sensory parent workshop
Thurs 7 th Dec	Y2	Trip – ‘Journey to the Stables’
Thurs 7 th Dec 11:30am	Nursery am parents	Nursery morning children’s Nativity in the Nursery classroom
Thurs 7 th Dec 2:30pm	Nursery pm parents	Nursery afternoon children’s Nativity in the Nursery classroom
Fri 8 th Dec 2:15pm	Reception parents	Reception Nativity in church
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th	Whole school	Book Fair open after school
Tues 12 th Dec	Whole school	Christmas dinner and jumper day - changed from Thurs 14 th Dec
Fri 15 th Dec 2:15pm	Year 1 and 2 parents	KS1 Nativity in church
Mon 18 th Dec	R – Y6	Whole school Mass in church
Weds 20 th Dec 1:45pm	Y3,4,5 and 6 parents	KS2 Carol Concert in church
Thurs 21 st Dec	Whole school	Christmas parties in class
Friday 22 nd Dec	Whole school	Term ends

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



Diary Dates



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