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Our Lady and All Saints

Catholic Multi Academy Company

Strong in Faith St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 17th November 2023

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



It is important that our children learn about democracy and that their voices and views are heard. The pupils on the right are our appointed 'School Council'! These pupils have been elected by their classmates as representatives who will share the views of their class with Mr. Scanlon and Mr. Flaherty. Previously, the school council have been involved in purchasing Christmas gifts for those less fortunate than ourselves. They also play a part in staff recruitment and this year they will be helping to choose attendance prizes. Well done to our new councilors!

## 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.



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We are currently recruiting for a **School Administrator**. This position is term time only (plus inset days) and the hours are 8.30am-4.30pm. If you are interested in joining our wonderful school, please go to <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/178261/receptionist-and-administrator/> for more information and application details.

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This week is nursery rhyme week in **Tiny Ants** and we have been learning to sing 'Hickory Dickory Dock' using puppets and actions.



We used the large foam blocks to build Hickory Dickory Dock's clock.



Isla and Billy were super helpers, brushing up the sand from the sand tray.



We all came together as a group to sing with our friends.

# SPREADING LOVE AND LIGHT

**Nursery** celebrated Diwali this week! We decorated the classroom with twinkly lights to raise awareness of the festival of light. We learnt some special dance moves and listened to traditional music. We also did a taste test of some delicious samosas and poppadoms. This week we have also been learning about the change in season and exploring the changes to the outdoor environment.





This week in **Reception**, we have been: tasting some food that is shared during Diwali celebrations; playing games to practice saying all of our sounds; and learning what a wedding is.



*We have discussed that a wedding is a special celebration that takes place in church and we even role-played our own wedding in class! The children loved discussing what happens during a wedding.*



*We learned that celebrations express thanksgiving, joy, unity and love.*



*We know that marriage is a loving relationship between two people and know that a wedding is a special celebration in a church.*



This week in **Year 2** we have had a super fun week baking cakes, following instructions and learning the value of money. The children have worked really hard in Maths to understand the value of each coin and how we can use different combinations of coins to make different amounts of money.

As it is Anti-Bullying Week, we have also been discussing what to do if you see someone being bullied and how you can be kind to each other. Gabija went home and did some more research. I was so impressed! :)



Monday 14th November  
Today we were making  
moon cakes by following  
instructions.



This Anti-Bullying Week,  
let's make a noise about bullying.

MAKE A  
**NOISE**  
ABOUT  
BULLYING



In English this week, **Year 3** have been learning lots of cool facts about Paddington Bear. In Maths we have been dealing with money and as it's anti-bullying week we have explored the importance of looking out for each other and always being kind!



This week **Year 4** led their first mass. Everyone was so impressed with how confident and clearly the readers led us in prayer, the superb singing and the outstanding example everyone set. In Global Learning, we learnt about Fairtrade and explored the worker roles in getting a banana to our supermarket shelves. We had a debate about how much each of the workers should be paid and discussed the importance of Fairtrade products. In collective worship, we focused *Wisdom*. We reflected on the gospel reading and looked at ways we can grow in wisdom this week. The children wrote their ideas on an acorn and added it to the tree.

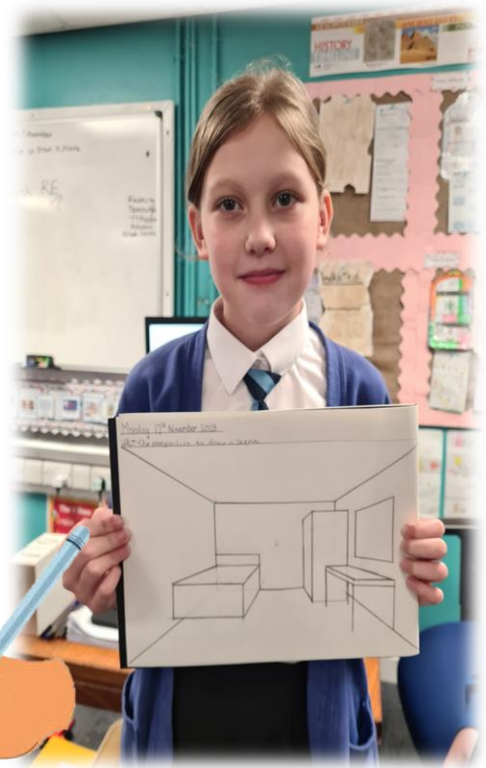
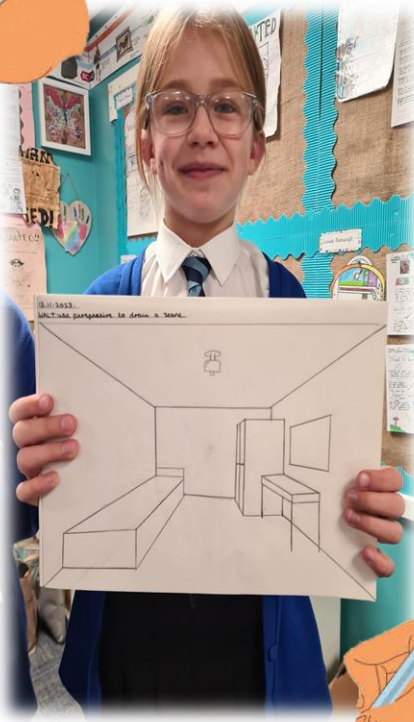
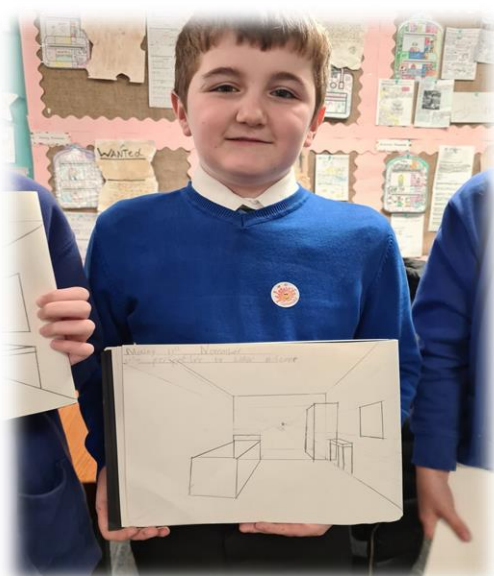
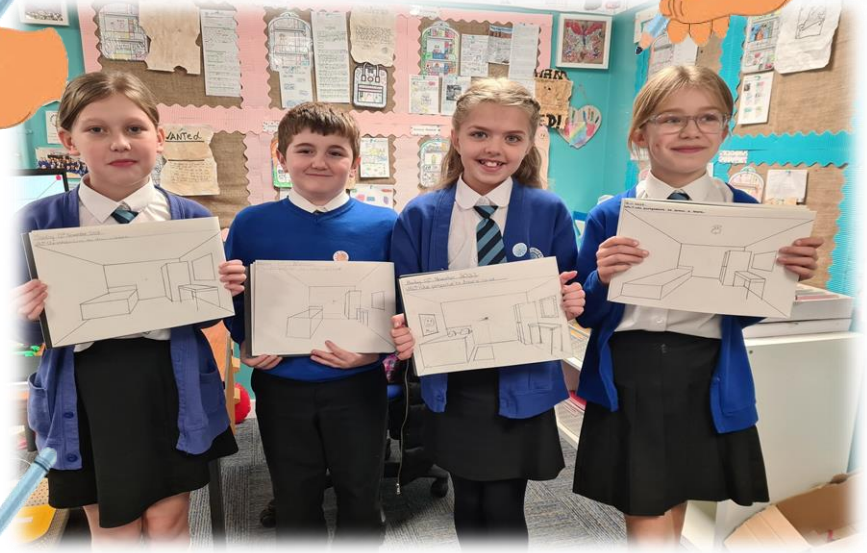
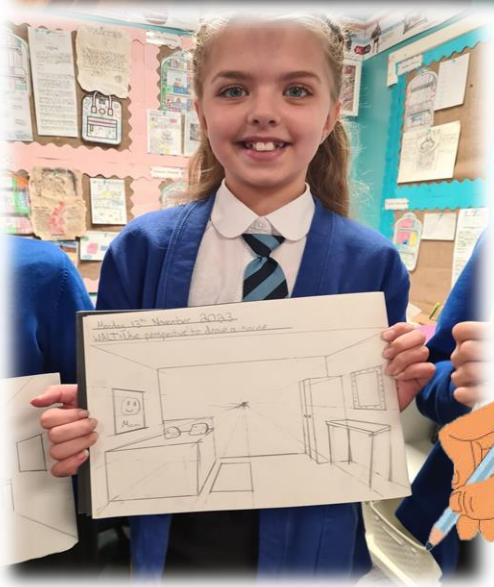
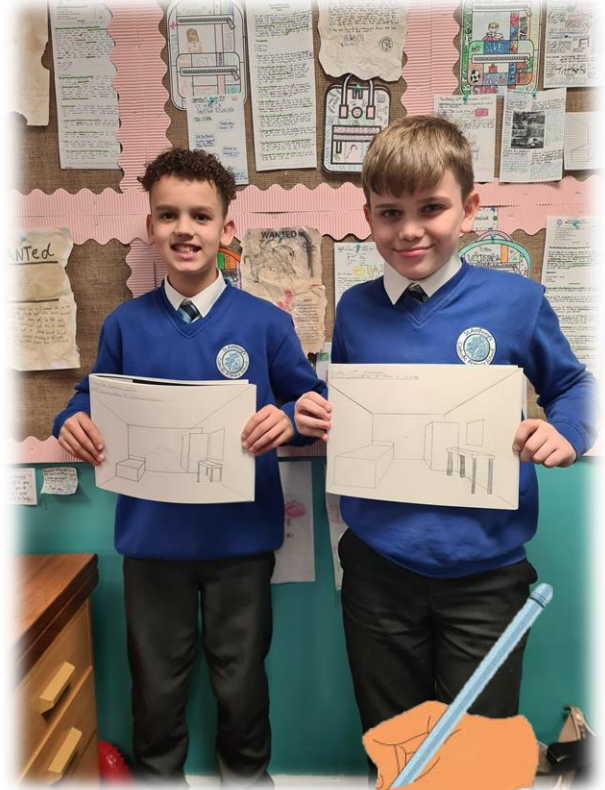
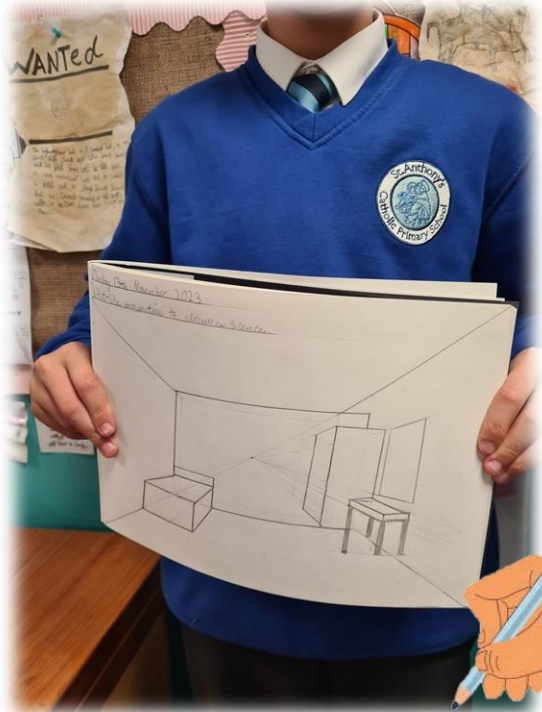


In PE this week **Year 5** have been doing yoga. We have learnt a lot of yoga poses which help with our core movement. yoga is a great way to relax, and helps to take care of your well-being.

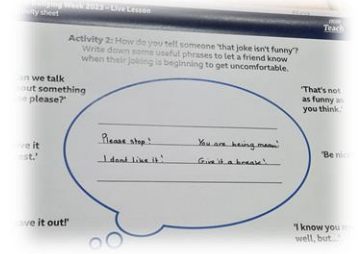
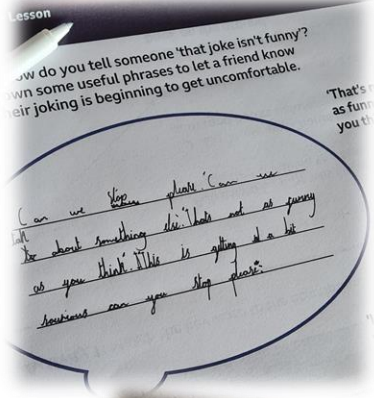


We also shared a collective worship together on the feast of St. Lawrence O'Toole.

This week in Art, **Year 6** have been working on developing their one-point perspective drawing skills and used their skills to draw a bedroom scene.



Year 5 and 6 joined in with [#BBCLiveLessons](#) on Anti-Bullying Week this week.



# 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.



A battle took place in each year group this week and the results were:

Year 2 boys beat Year 2 girls

Year 3 girls beat Year 3 boys

Year 4 boys beat Year 4 girls

Year 5 girls beat Year 5 boys

Year 6 boys beat Year 6 girls

Congratulations to the most valuable players:

	Most Valuable Player (MVP)	2 <sup>nd</sup> MVP	3 <sup>rd</sup> MVP
Year 2 boys	Patryk	Yoan	Gabriel
Year 2 girls	Anh	Ivy	Gabija
Year 3 boys	Harvey	Ciaran	Alfie
Year 3 girls	Harlow	Lily-Mai	Eve
Year 4 boys	Joaquin	Thomas	Noah
Year 4 girls	Everleigh	Chaney	Kaya
Year 5 boys	Nyle	Ciaran	George
Year 5 girls	Gracie	Esther	Zara
Year 6 boys	Freddie	Frankie	Bobbie
Year 6 girls	Ana	Goda	Daisy

The next battles have now begun: Y6 v Y5 v Y4 v Y3 v Y2.

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



We finished a very respectable 1032<sup>nd</sup> out of the 4,347 schools taking part in the England Rocks competition, placing us in the top 24% of schools that took part in the country.



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

Well done to: **Reception** – Kiara-Belle, Arlo and Erin

**Year 1** – Andrew, Maja, Elsie, Freddie, Kallum and Milia and **Year 2** - Gabriel

The children who played NumBots for the most minutes this week were:

Reception	Fabian	Erin	Kiara-Belle
Year 1	Freddie	Maja	Andrew

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 & Thursday**

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





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## School Uniform - Winter



Winter uniform can be worn all year round but is compulsory from the second Autumn term through to the Easter holidays.

### Boys Uniform - Winter

Grey trousers, a white shirt and school tie, blue jumper, black school shoes

### Girls Uniform - Winter

Grey skirt, trousers or pinafore, white blouse with tie, black school shoes (no heels, no sandals). Blue school cardigan or jumper

### Outerwear

Please ensure that your child has adequate outdoor clothing - coats, hats, scarfs, gloves etc. for the colder weather



Our uniform provider is PB Sports who offer an online service

### Uniform - Other

- Dangling earrings, hoops (regardless of whether they are deemed 'child friendly'), rings or necklaces are not allowed to be worn as they present a health and safety risk.
- Stud earrings and a wrist watch are the only jewellery items which may be worn, except when taking part in PE lessons.
- Long hair must be tied up on all occasions with discrete bobbles and ribbons.
- Nail varnish, transferrable tattoos and make-up are not permitted.
- Excessive haircuts are not permitted i.e. tram lines, designs shaved into hair.
- No trainers except for PE or to change into at lunchtime.



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## 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.



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## 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)





Do any of our parents work in warehouses, shops, building sites etc. that have pallet collars? If so; if there are any used ones leftover and going spare we would love them for our allotment area to create raised beds. Thank you.



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South Warwickshire  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Solihull School Nursing

Monday to Friday 08:30am - 5:00pm  
**0121 726 6754**

Chat Health (11-19yrs)  
Confidential Text Messaging Service  
**07520 615730**

Parent-Line  
Confidential Text Messaging Service  
**07480 635 496**

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St Anthony's Catholic Primary School is consulting on its admission arrangements for 2025-26 from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 13<sup>th</sup> December. You can find a copy of the proposed admission arrangements on our website [https://www.st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk/docs/25-26 Admissions Arrangements.pdf](https://www.st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk/docs/25-26_Admissions_Arrangements.pdf). If you have any comments or views you should send them to the school office at [office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk) by 5pm on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

# Christmas Market

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov

FOOD  
&  
DRINK

MANY  
GIFT  
IDEAS

SNOWY  
DISCO  
ZONE

20 +  
STALLS



## At Silverbirches Home

23 TYNE CLOSE, CHELMSLEY WOOD, B37 6QZ

### 4 - 8pm

Stall holders wanted £5 a stall call us on 0121 788 3758 /FIND US ON FACEBOOK

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself, from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet-enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

### INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

### REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

### UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

### A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

### SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Hoag is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech website The Fixer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, author and podcaster.



### CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs, from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

### CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

# Primary School Menu

# WEEK THREE

Fresh

Dates: 20<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup> February  
4<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> March

## Monday

Bangers & Mash  
With Gravy  
Sweetcorn

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Vegetable Hamburger  
Sweetcorn  
Potato Wedges

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Dinky Donuts  
With Chocolate Dip

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

## Tuesday

Chicken Curry  
with Rice

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Cheese Panini with Roasted  
Vegetables

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Homebake -  
Manchester Tart

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

## Wednesday

Roast Beef  
Roast Potatoes  
Carrots  
Green Beans

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Tomato Pasta Bake  
Carrots  
Green Beans

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Homebake - Oat  
Cookies

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

## Thursday

All Day Breakfast  
Hash Round

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Veggie All day breakfast  
Hash Round

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Homebake -  
Chocolate Orange  
Brownie & Custard

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

## Friday

Jumbo Fish Finger  
Chips  
Baked Beans

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Cheese & Tomato  
Pizza  
Chips  
Baked Beans

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Raspberry Ripple Ice  
Cream Sponge

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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 – Aniela** – For always going above and beyond with her learning at home and at school.

**Year 1 – Albie** – For always trying your best and for being a great role model.

**Year 2 – Kacey** – For being an amazing Kagan partner and always being kind.

**Year 3 – Indie** – For setting an outstanding example and being a kind friend.

**Year 4 – Year 4** – For leading an outstanding Mass.

**Year 5 – Isla** – For your great effort with your home reading.

**Year 6 – Ana** – For living out the St Anthony's values every day.



# 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 <sup>th</sup> Nov	R and Y6	Height and weight check
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9am – 11:30am	Open to all parents	Speech and Language parent workshop
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm – 3pm	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 children’s Nativity in the Nursery classroom
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2:30pm	Nursery pm parents	Nursery afternoon 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
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>		
<b>2024</b>		
Date and Time	Year Group	Event
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



# Diary Dates



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

