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Our Focus This Half Term Is to be Grateful & Generous

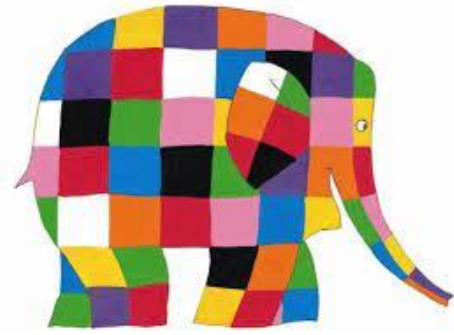
KS2 gathered together again yesterday to pray virtually with our friends across Our Lady and All Saints MAC. This time our focus was the Luminous Mysteries and as we recited 5 decades of the Rosary (that's 50 hail Marys!!!) we prayed:

- 1) For the Holy Spirit to open our heart to God's love as we thought about the **Baptism of Jesus**
- 2) For all married couples as we reflected on **The Wedding at Cana**
- 3) For anyone who is persecuted for their beliefs in God as we heard about **The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God**
- 4) To live more like Jesus as we thought about **The Transfiguration**
- 5) To God, giving thanks when we were reminded about **The Last Supper**

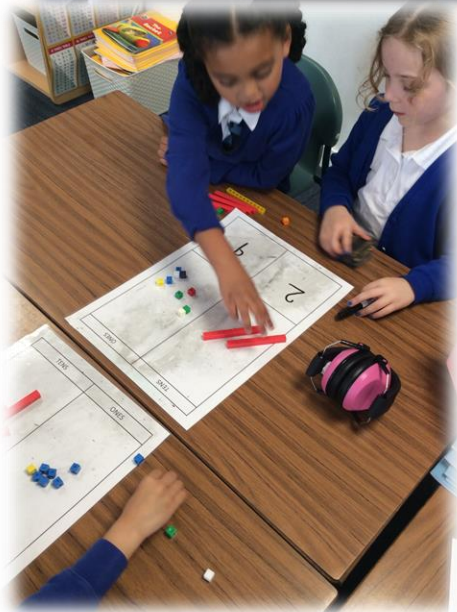
Once again our pupils were incredibly reverent – what a fantastic way to finish our half term and the month of the Holy Rosary!



Thanks parents for their hard work working with the children on their homework projects too.



Well done **Year 2** for an amazing first term! We have spent time learning about local habitats, the Great Fire of London and lots of different parables and miracles in RE! Your hard work and dedication has made me really proud :)



We ended the term with a terrific tasting session in Global learning sampling food from across the world. In maths this term **Year 4** have been working really hard, there were **SUPER SPEEDY** scores on Timestable Rockstars this week - keep it up! In art there was some outstanding work focusing on our module 'portraits'. Our portraits were inspired by the work of Edvard Munch, we looked at how to express mood in our drawing. Well done Year 4, you have worked so hard this term!



This week in **Nursery** we visited St Anthony's Church. We were so respectful and in awe of all the different statues and art we could see. We lit a candle and said a prayer together. In class this week we have held a Witches tea party; we used playdough to create party cakes and spoke about who we would invite to the party. Well done Nursery for a fantastic half term, we hope you all have a safe and happy break. Miss Costello, Miss Yates, Mrs Houston and Miss Doherty.



This week in **Tiny Ants** we have been looking over our first half term in our journals remembering all the lovely things we have done.



Billy, Isla and Dottie were super at matching the characters together.

Lola enjoyed painting her hands to make white hand prints, Elsie and Sydney explored the ghost pumpkin "It's heavy" and Sydney drew a face on it.



Year 3 have had an amazing start to the term! We have really enjoyed our English unit on fractured fairy tales, all of our tricky maths work, learning about animals and our trip the farm, our exciting ukulele lessons and all of our other subjects too! Here are some of the excellent homework projects from this term....



This week **Year 5** have been taking part in Bikeability Level 2 cycle training. The training develops skills for cycling on single-lane roads with simple junctions and moderate traffic. The children have had an exceptional time and were super role models for St. Anthony's.

Quote from Grace "Bikeability is awesome!"

Quote from Leo "Bikeability is a fantastic experience, to learn how to ride a bike safely on the road."





The children put up a valiant fight but the staff were victorious in this week's TTRS battle – beating the pupils by a very fine margin of ONE correct answer!!!!

	1 st most valuable player (MVP)	2 nd most valuable player (MVP)	3 rd most valuable player (MVP)
Pupils	Dylan Y6	Noah Y4	Thomas Y4
Staff	Miss Clayton	Miss Otis	Miss Cartwright

Here are the percentages of children in each Year Group that accessed TTRS and contributed to the students' success:

Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2
67%	47%	94%	37%	70%

The next battles will begin when we return from half term and will be:

St Andrew v St. David and St. George v. St. Patrick

In the last 7 days, 30% of our Reception pupils have spent time on NumBots and 70% of Year 1 - this is a huge increase in Year 1 so thank you for your support.

Children only need to complete 3 minutes on this 4 x a week, however some pupils have spent a huge amount of extra time on NumBots this week – WELL DONE!:

	Most time spent	2 nd most time spent	3 rd most time spent earned
Reception	Aniela (57 mins)	John-Paul (21 mins)	Fabian (20 mins)
Year 1	Freddie (118 mins)	Maja (108 mins)	Kallum (88 mins)



Can you help?

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.



Celebrating with fireworks safely

Keeping you and your family safe around firework displays and bonfire night

Fireworks and Bonfire Safety Tips:

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess a firework, flare or smoke bomb.

Professional Displays: Attend a public firework display rather than handling fireworks at home. Never allow children to handle fireworks or sparklers without supervision.

Anti-social Behaviour: Talk to your children about the danger of pointing fireworks at people or buildings. Police can prosecute for dangerous use of fireworks.

Stay Visible: Wear high-vis jackets, glow sticks, or give a torch to your children.

Safe Place: Before visiting a bonfire or firework display talk to your child about a safe meeting place or a time to regroup after the event

Bonfires: It's never a good idea to make your bonfire. Attend a professional display or event where the fire can be properly contained and monitored.

Dispose Properly: After fireworks have cooled, dispose of them in a metal container filled with water.

Ask Them: What are your child's plans? How are they going to enjoy fireworks and bonfire night safely?

If you see anti-social use of fireworks, flares, or smoke bombs in your local area, please call **101** or **999** in an emergency.

If you would like to report a trader for selling to underage persons, contact Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **0808 223 1133**

Learn more about when and where you are allowed to let off fireworks by searching '**WMP darker nights**'

West Midlands POLICE



Don't get spooked this Halloween



A parent's guide to keeping children and teenagers safe

Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips:

Supervision: Accompany young children while trick-or-treating and set a return-home-time for older kids.

Stranger Danger: Talk to your child about staying with their friends and never going into a property they do not know.

Safe Routes: Plan a safe route in familiar neighbourhoods, use pelican and zebra crossings, and stick to well-lit streets

Use Reflective Accessories: Add reflective tape to costumes and carry flashlights or glow sticks.

Visible and Well-Fitting Costumes: Ensure your child's costume is easy to see in the dark and fits properly to prevent tripping.

Mobile phones: Make sure phones are charged, have location apps turned on, and keep it out of sight when they are not using it

Pets: Keep dogs on a lead and purchase a reflective collar if taking your dog with you

Lights On: Keep a light on in your home to help welcome your children home and prevent burglars

It is always best to check any sweets, gifts, or toys children have been given while trick-or-treating.

We ask that children and teenagers do not visit homes that display a 'no trick-or-treating' sign as this time of year can be unsettling for many. You can download a copy on our trick-or-treat posters on our website.

If you want to report something suspicious call **101** or **999** in an emergency.

For more information about West Midlands Police are helping keep you safe this Halloween, search '**WMP Darker Nights**'.

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Latest round of funding unlocked

Great news! We've successfully secured a £1.05m grant as part of the Government's Brownfield Land Release Fund (BLRF2).

This vital funding is being used to undertake a range of activities which are enabling house building to get underway, including land remediation and underground utility works.



The first phase of housebuilding started last month with work beginning on 25 new sustainable social rented homes.

Read more here: [Solihull Council unlocks latest round of funding for ambitious Kingshurst regeneration | solihull.gov.uk](https://www.solihull.gov.uk/regeneration)



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St Anthony's Catholic Primary School is consulting on its admission arrangements for 2025-26 from 1st November to 13th 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. If you have any comments or views you should send them to the school office at office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk by 5pm on 13th December.



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



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Five Nights at Freddy's is a series of indie point-and-click horror games whose word-of-mouth success and widespread spin-off content on YouTube have helped each of the nine instalments so far to sell almost five million copies on Steam (the PC gaming platform) alone. Set in various deserted locations at night, with creepy animatronic characters suddenly coming to life, the games are rated PEGI 12 for disturbing/violent content, mild profanity and horror themes.

FRIGHTENING THEMES

Five Nights at Freddy's (FNaF for short) doesn't feature bloodshed like many horror games – but it does build tension and use jump scares, which may be too intense for young players. The sinister animatronic characters and the sensation of being trapped and defenceless could be particularly unsettling, as could the inclusion of disturbing elements such as murder or possession by evil spirits.

STRESSFUL SITUATIONS

Due to FNaF's suspenseful atmosphere, it can be extremely stressful for players. Constantly checking that one's surroundings are safe is a crucial part of the gameplay and could create residual stress or even obsessive-compulsive behaviours. Several media reports have suggested that some younger children have experienced severe nightmares or sleep anxiety after playing games from the series.

IN-GAME SPENDING

FNaF doesn't foreground in-game purchasing as strongly as many other well-known games, but some titles in the series do offer additional content that promises to enhance the experience. Five Nights at Freddy's: Help Wanted, for instance, is complemented by a Halloween-themed expansion pack called 'Curse of Breadbear' (costing £8.99), which unlocks new levels and mini-games.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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As a result of FNaF's popularity, a sizeable YouTube community based on fan-made content has developed around the game. While the majority of this material is still child-friendly, there are a number of channels which are geared more towards mature audiences: they contain adult and disturbing themes, for example, and (in some cases) age-inappropriate language.

PLAYING IN ISOLATION

Many parents will be relieved to learn that Five Nights at Freddy's is a single-player game which doesn't include any online chat functionality. Conversely, however, this could also make playing FNaF quite an isolating experience – especially if your child is spending a lot of time investigating the game's spooky, shadowy environments alone in their room, for example.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't have conventional parental controls. However, if you're concerned about the potential impacts of the game's themes and content, you can simply choose not to let your child play it. If they use an Android or iOS device for gaming, you can adjust Apple and Google's built-in parental controls to restrict your child's access to certain content.

TRY IT YOURSELF

Every child is different, of course, so it could be worth playing Five Nights at Freddy's yourself for a while to gauge how your young gamer might cope with the series' more frightening and disturbing aspects. If they're old enough, you could spend some time playing it together – after all, it usually only takes between two and ten minutes to complete a level.

LIMIT SPENDING

Unlike many popular titles, Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't bombard players with tempting in-game purchase offers. It's worth noting, however, that some instalments in the series do provide the option for players to spend real-world money. With that in mind, it's important to either keep a close eye on your child's expenditure or limit their access to digital payment options.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on Five Nights at Freddy's, or you're worried that the game's scary themes are taking a toll, watch out for warning signs. Young people may start to prioritise gaming over everyday essentials like schoolwork or sleep; irritability or a lack of concentration could also indicate that their gaming sessions are going on too long.

TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

Before you allow your child to play Five Nights at Freddy's, it's wise to have a conversation about the game so that they're aware of the potential risks. Ensure that your child understands that the series is purposely designed to be tense and unsettling, and that they should stop or take a break if the intensity of the gameplay is making them feel uncomfortable or putting them on edge.

Meet Our Expert

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#WakeUpWednesday

Primary School Menu

WEEK ONE

Fresh

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

Monday

Bonfire Promotion

Hot Dogs

Quorn
Burger



*Bonfire
Night*

Chips

Peas &
Sweetcorn



Jacket Potatoes



Rocket
Ice Lollies

Fruit



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 – Kiro – For coming into school and settling so well. Well done.

Year 1 – Nancy C – For always trying her best and for being a pleasure to teach.

Year 2 – Tommy – For having an amazing term in Year 2! Keep it up 😊.

Year 3 – Harlow – For consistently producing amazing work this term and always being an outstanding member of Year 3!

Year 4 – Edie-Pearl – For being a kind loving friend to everybody and always shining!

Year 5 – All of Year 5 – For being amazing all week during Bikeability.

Year 6 – Jake – For working hard, having a great attitude and being a great partner to others.



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
Tues 24 th and Weds 25 th Oct	N – Y6	Parents Evening
Weds 25 th Oct	R – Y6	Whole school Mass in church – Year 5 leading
Mon 29 th Oct – Fri 3 rd Nov HALF TERM		
Weds 8 th Nov	Year 1	Trip to the cinema
Fri 10 th Nov	Year 6	Trip to the cinema
Weds 15 th Nov 9:30am	R – Y6	Whole school Mass in church – Year 4 leading
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
2024 Term dates:		
Mon 8 th January Pupils return to school		



Diary Dates



Mon 12th February – Friday 16th February
HALF TERM

Mon 19th February
INSET DAY (Pupils return to school on Tues 20th Feb)

Fri 22nd March
Term ends

Mon 8th April
Pupils return to school

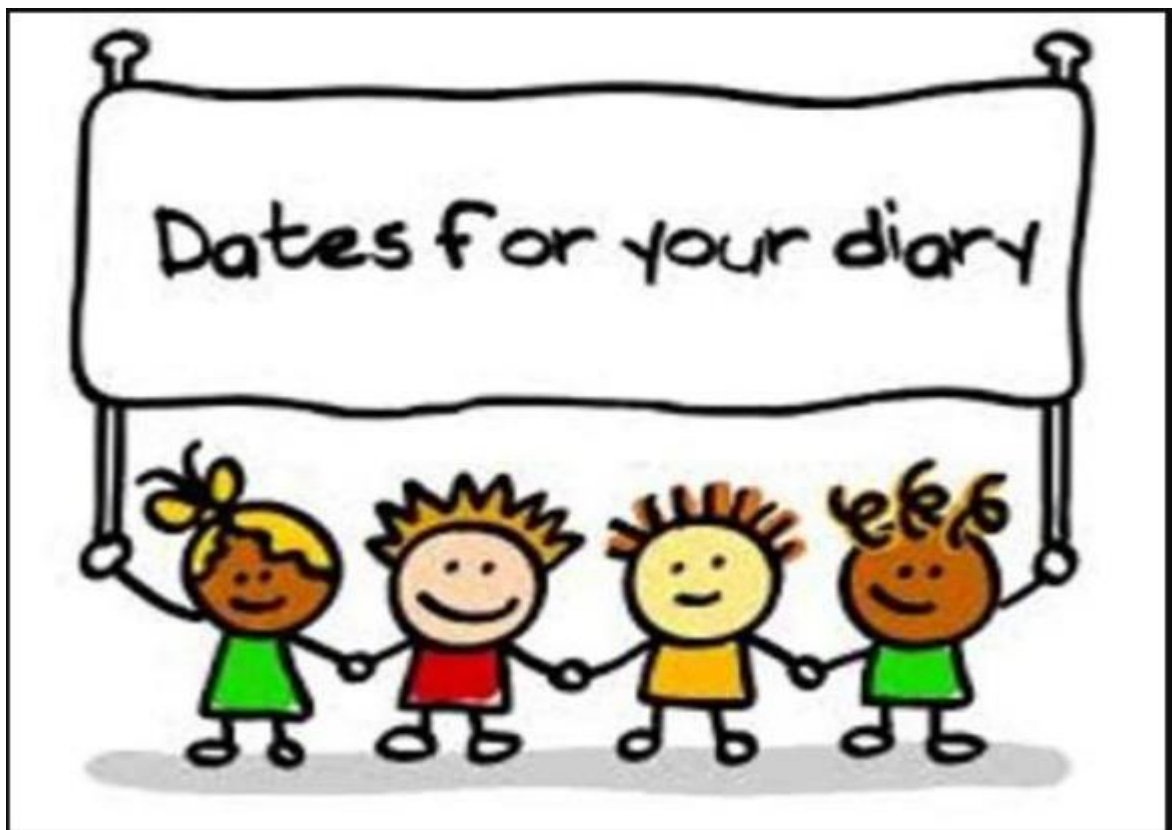
Mon 6th May
May bank holiday (school closed)

Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May
HALF TERM

Mon 3rd June
Pupils return to school

Fri 19th July
Term ends for students

Mon 22nd 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

Y3 – Tuesday

Y4 – Wednesday & Thursday

Y5 – No PE due to Bikeability

Y6 – Swimming Tuesday & PE Thursday

PE days



Please remember that they 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

