

St. Anne's Mission Statement: "Each one of us is unique, each one of us is special, because we are created by God's love. May God's love shine in our lives as we care and share and learn together."

13th January 2023

School Virtue for this half term – Active & Curious
In our Liturgical Calendar we are currently in Ordinary Time, Green

The half term focus for Catholic Social Teaching is: Option for the poor and vulnerable

DIOCESAN VIRTUES AT ST. ANNE'S – OUR HALF TERM VIRTUE: **ELOQUENT & TRUTHFUL**

Pupils in our school are growing to be . . .

Eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

Our school helps our pupils to grow . . .

By developing an eloquent language which pupils can use to understand and articulate their emotions, beliefs, and questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers to be truthful in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world.

The Christian Roots of the Pupil Profile.

Eloquence – the ability to articulate clearly what we believe and feel and to do so in a way that, with integrity, engages and persuades others – is a central characteristic of Catholic education. But eloquence must be used in a truthful way – to speak truth about yourself, about others, about God and the world around us. Education is the search for truth and the eloquent articulation of what we discover. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.'

NURSERY

The nursery children have been learning all about the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. They made their own story maps to help them retell the story. The children were surprised to receive an invitation to a porridge party with the Three Bears. The children worked together to make the porridge.



Florence – 'The porridge was delicious.'
 Remmy – 'It was a little bit sweet.'



Scarlett – 'It was just right!
 Coen – 'Nice.'



Gracie – 'It was yummy!'

In maths this week the children have been learning to recognise and make their own repeating patterns.



In PE the children thought about the people who keep us safe in the community. The children practised keeping themselves safe by finding good spaces, changing directions and avoiding obstacles. The played games 'Ambulance' 'Police' and 'Firefighters'.



RECEPTION

Religious Education

In RE this week we continued our work around the Christmas Story. We worked hard to sequence the events on a story pathway. The children were able to recall the story in lots of detail and were able to talk about how Mary, Joseph, the kings and the shepherds would have felt. The children used super vocabulary such as "amazed", "astonished", "shocked" and "surprised".



P.E

In PE this week the children enjoyed travelling into Space. We practised our super jumping skills. We worked hard to bend our knees and use our arms to help us jump. We were able to jump from planet to planet landing on two feet.



Topic

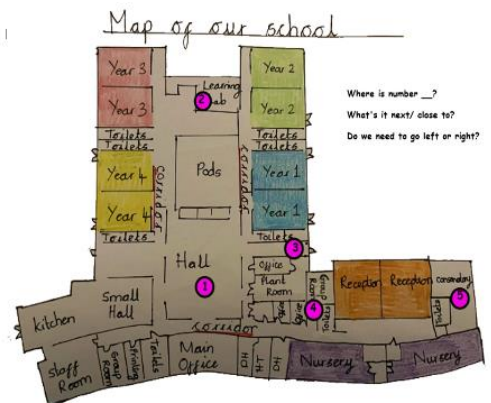
In our topic lesson this week we have been learning about different types of houses and homes. We looked at different homes in our local area. We spoke about our own houses and drew some wonderful pictures. Take a look at our super work!



Geography

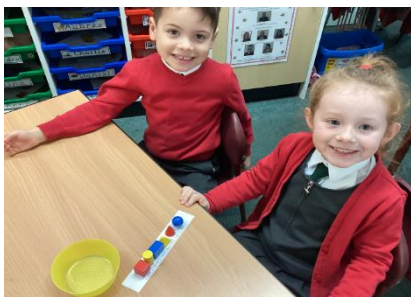
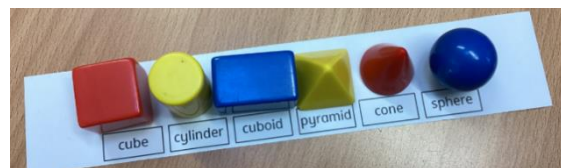
As geographers we started our 'People and Communities' topic by investigating temperature at a local scale, around our school building. This lesson helped children gain a clearer understanding what a thermometer is and how we use it. It also built on their knowledge of location and place by developing map reading and fieldwork skills. The children were looking specifically at how temperatures vary according to a location in school. The children were great at following a simple map of our school to find the different numbered locations, they also were fabulous at using directional language such as left, right, near to and close by when talking about where they needed to go next. After recording their readings from each thermometer, the children compared their findings.

I wonder if your child can tell you about the hottest and coldest place they found in school?



Maths

As mathematicians this week we have been recognising and naming 3D shapes. The children have done a fantastic job at identifying cubes, cuboids, cylinders, cones, pyramids and spheres.



Science

As scientists, Year 1 have been investigating different animal groups. Over the course of this topic children will learn about 5 different types of animal groups (mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish and birds). This week our focus was reptiles and amphibians. They created their own model of either a reptile or an amphibian and then they compared the similarities and differences between them both to help them gain a deeper understanding of both animal types.



Religious Education

This week the children recapped the events of the Christmas story and discussed the Annunciation. They understood the importance of the angel's visit to Mary and discussed how difficult her decision must have been. The children performed a role play of the Annunciation scene, using the vocabulary and phrases that Angel Gabriel and Mary used in the Bible.



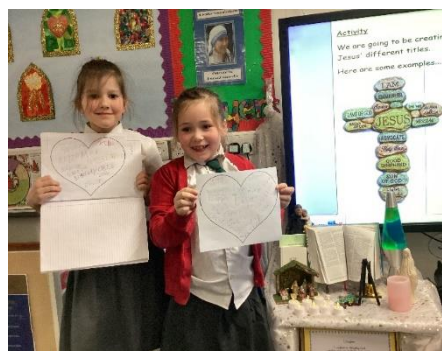
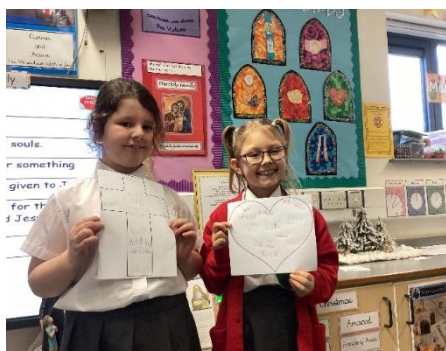
Year 2 Maths

This term year 2 are learning about money in maths. We have learned to count the total value of coins and pounds. We also learned about the story of money. Here is the link if you would like to learn how money was first introduced. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADaY6THQp3Y>



Religious Education

In our Christmas unit, we have been learning about the Christmas story focusing on the role that the Shepherds played. This week we explored the titles given to Jesus when the angels delivered the Good News to the shepherds. We used these titles to create a piece of artwork, some our favourites were Lord, Saviour and Son of God.



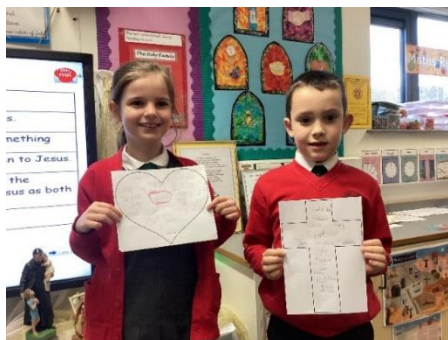
Catholic Life

On Monday, we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We gathered together in the prayer garden during Prayer and Liturgy to celebrate this special occasion. We listened to the story of Jesus' Baptism from the Gospel according to Luke then spoke about the importance of receiving the special sacrament.



Science

As physicists, we have been learning about the power of forces! On Monday, we led a scientific enquiry to explore how air can make things move, even though we cannot see the air. To visualise how air makes things move, we used bubbles! On Wednesday, we spoke about a new force called friction as explored how objects move on different materials. We led an investigation using a toy car and four different surfaces; foam, carpet, sandpaper and wood. Which surface do you think the car travelled better on?



YEAR 4

Art and Design – Drawing

In Art, the children explored charcoal as a drawing material. They observed various objects in a different arrangement and looked for areas of light and dark and recreated these using tone. The children also were able to show how large one object is compared to another while they were sketching.



Computing – Animation!

Year 4 have started their new computing topic: Animation! They have been describing their favourite animations and were intrigued to learn that all of the drawings for an animated character are all drawn by hand! The children then went on to create their own animations. They have been learning about different ways to



design their animation by changing the colour, the movement and the background.

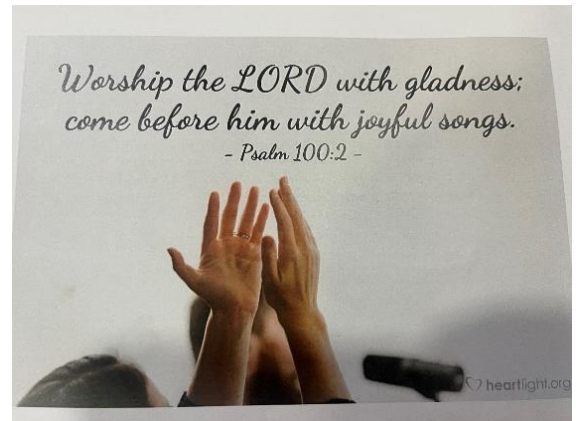
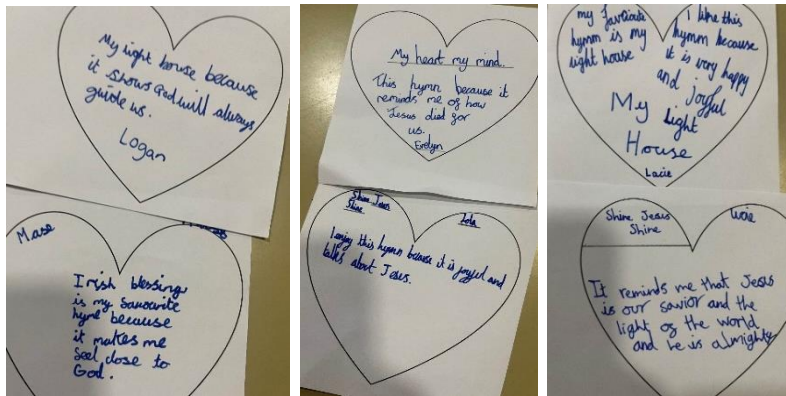
What is the weather like?

This week in French, children have been demonstrating their retrieval skills playing a match up game. The children had to match the type of weather to the correct translation in French. We were so impressed at the speed and accuracy of the children, well done Year 5!



Collective Worship

Year 5 love singing hymns every week and on Wednesday, we reflected on the hymns we sing. We thought about our favourite hymns at St. Anne's and why they are our favourite. We really enjoy praising God in a special way!



Maths

The children in Year 5, have been super mathematicians this week. We have been multiplying by 1 and 2 digit numbers using the area model. The children have moved onto 3 digit numbers and are excited for a new challenge next week!



In preparation for their upcoming Confirmation in collective worship this week, the year 6 children focussed upon the gifts of the Holy spirit and thought about the significance of these very important gifts in their lives.



PE

During indoor PE this week, year 6 have had a wonderful time improving their throwing and catching skills in preparation for their netball unit of work.



Art

During art, the children looked at the work of the artist Diego Rivera who was heavily influenced by Mayan art. They then had the opportunity to appraise Mayan art, annotating the examples with their likes and wonders.



Item for Parents - PhoneSmart

Feel free to copy this section to keep your parents regularly updated.

PhoneSmart



The PhoneSmart Licence is a fun, interactive course for children who have received their first phone, to help them learn *'how to stay safe and be kind online, and to encourage them to use their phones for good, not hate.'*

Children participate by watching episodes, interacting with characters and answering quiz questions. Completing each episode earns a sticker. Collecting all 5 stickers finishes the course and earns their PhoneSmart Licence. Gaining their licence also gives them the chance to win a PS5!

The licence is organised by EE, with Internet Matters and other leading organisations, but is open to users of any network. Find full details, to see if the PhoneSmart licence is right for your family at: <https://eephonesmart.co.uk>

HEAD TEACHER ACADEMIC AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RHW – Hudson W	RL – Dale	1B – Luciah S	1OC – Jack C	2B – Kyra K
2M – Jaxon H	3M – Pearl-Amour	3R – Freddie P	4P – Keelan D	4R – Zara K
5OR – Ava O	5T – Taylor S	6C – Danny H	6EN – Lillie B	

HEAD TEACHER EFFORT AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RHW – Amelia L	RL – Luca O	1B – Mia HC	1OC – Noah D	2B – Jonah G
2M – Joshua G	3M – Jasmine P	3R – Summer-Rose	4P – Ayla B	4R – Isabella M
5OR – Jacob S	5T – Thomas F	6C – Eden B	6EN – Ruby-Mae	

OUTSTANDING VIRTUE – ‘ELOQUENT & TRUTHFUL’

RHW – Harper H	RL – Julian	1B – Ethan T	1OC – Aubree M	2B – Shawn G
2M – Alvin H	3M – James T	3R – Isabelle K	4P – Haidie M	4R – Harry C
5OR – Isabelle J	5T – Sonia M	6C – Frankee P	6EN – Ameila N	

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is really important. Children need to be in school every day as they learn so much every day.

Early Years

NAM – 84.3	RHW – 94.7	RL – 94.1
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Key Stage 1

1B – 95.3	1OC – 92.3	2M – 96.3	2B – 93.6
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Lower Key Stage 2

3R – 94.8	3M – 97.3	4P – 95.2	4R – 94.2
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Upper Key Stage 2

5T – 93.9	5OR – 97.1	6C – 98.7	6EN – 98.4
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YEAR 3 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Class 3M – Sunday 7th May at 9am in Church
Class 3M – Sunday 21st May at 9am in Church
Class 3R – Sunday 23rd April at 9am in Church
Class 3R – Sunday 30th April at 9am in Church

Individual letters have been sent home to families with their date.

YEAR 6 RE INSPIRE WORKSHOP

The children and staff in year 6 would like to invite their families to an R.E Inspire workshop on Friday 20th January at 8.50am-10am.

Confirmation Meeting for Parents

Immediately following this workshop there will be a meeting for families who are taking part in the Confirmation programme. This will last for approximately 30 minutes. 10-10.30am.

YEAR 3 RE INSPIRE WORKSHOP

The children and staff in year 3 would like to invite their families to an R.E Inspire workshop on Thursday 16th February 8.50 – 10am.

First Holy Communion Meeting for parents

Immediately following this workshop there will be a meeting for families who are taking part in the Confirmation programme. This will last for approximately 30 minutes. 10 – 10.30am

P.E DAYS

Please note that there has been a change to P.E days for years 5 and 6.

Year 5 now do PE on Mondays and Thursdays

Year 6 now do PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Days for PE lessons are as follows:

Nursery	Thursday
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday & Friday
Year 2	Monday & Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 4	Monday & Thursday (Swimming)
Year 5	Monday (instead of Tuesday) & Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday (instead of Monday) & Thursday

PARKING

We must once again remind all parents/carers that there is no parking available in the School grounds or outside the school gates. All families are expected to park at the Church or Asda when bringing children to/collecting children from school. The staff car park is for school staff and Blue Badge holders only.

Please do not use the approach to school as a drop off point as this leads to congestion and can be very dangerous for pedestrians.

We would really appreciate the support of all of our families on this matter. Please also ensure you let other family members/friends who bring your children to school.

Thank you in advance.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Applications for **Reception** and **Secondary** school places for September 2023 have to be made via the Council Website: <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions>. If you live outside Solihull you must apply to your local council even if you want to include Solihull schools on your application.

Information for our Nursery Parents – applying for a Reception place for September 2023

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 start full-time school in September 2023. This first year is called 'Reception'. Where applicable, please remember to submit your child's Baptismal Certificate along with the on-line application form to ensure you are allocated the correct admissions criteria. This is really important linked to the admissions policy. Therefore, if you are considering having your child baptised please ensure you attend the 2 meetings scheduled in church in November.

Please ensure you apply on-line via your local council before the closing date which is **15th January 2023**.

Applying for a Nursery school place for September 2023

Please apply for a Nursery pack via email.

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 you can apply for 30 hours free Nursery education in a Solihull school starting in September 2023. These applications are now made directly to schools and not via Admissions.

St. Anne's application forms are now available. If you would like to request one, please send your child's name, date of birth and your name to: nurseryadmissions@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk. Please type 'Nursery 2023' in the subject line so that we can easily identify your email. We will email an application form to you in due course.

Please note that when you apply for a **Nursery** or **Reception** place we follow the Admissions policy and we can only consider your child as Catholic if you have provided a baptismal certificate **before** the closing date for applications. We cannot accept that you intend to get your child baptised, even if the child's siblings are already baptised. Therefore, it is really important that if you are looking to organise a baptism this takes place before the closing dates for admissions.

If you wish your child to be baptised one parent must be a Catholic. If you wish to contact our Parish Priest, his telephone number is 0121 770 3283.

Kindly note the closing date for receipt of Nursery 2023 applications is 16th December 2022. All applications and Catholic Baptism certificates must be received in the school office by 16th December 2022. You will be advised of the outcome of your application by email on 31st January 2023.

BAPTISMAL TALKS

Baptismal talks for parents who want their children baptised in the near future will take place at 10.30am on Saturday mornings 7th and 14th January 2023 (both must be attended) in church.

TERM DATES AND INSET DAYS – 2022-2023

Please note there have been some changes to Inset Days as highlighted below

<u>Autumn Term 2022</u>	<u>Spring Term 2023</u>	<u>Summer Term 2023</u>
<u>Autumn 1</u> Monday 5th September – INSET Children NOT in School Tuesday 6 th September – Children return to school Term Ends: Friday 21 st October Half-Term: Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October <u>Autumn 2</u> Monday 31st October - INSET Children NOT in School Tuesday 1 st November – Children return to school Term Ends: Friday 16 th December Christmas Holidays: Monday 19 th December to Friday 30 th December	<u>Spring 1</u> Monday 2nd January – Bank Holiday Tuesday 3 rd January Children return to school Half-Term: Monday 20 th February to Friday 24 th February <u>Spring 2</u> Monday 27th February – INSET Children NOT in School Tuesday 28 th February – Children return to school Term Ends: Friday 31 st March Easter Holiday: Monday 3 rd April to Friday 14 th April	<u>Summer 1</u> Starts: Monday 17 th April Ends: Friday 26 th May May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1 st May Coronation Bank Holiday: Monday 8 th May Half-Term: Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June <u>Summer 2</u> Monday 5 th June Children return to school Friday 21 st July – Last Day for Children Monday 24th July - INSET Children NOT in School Tuesday 25th July - INSET Children NOT in School Summer Holidays: Start Wednesday 26 th July

INSET DAYS: Monday 27th February 2023, Monday 24th July and Tuesday 25th July 2023.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 3rd January 2023	– First Day of Spring Term 1 – All children return to school
Friday 20 th January	– Year 6 RE Inspire Workshop for families – 8.50am-10am, School Hall Year 6 Confirmation Meeting – 10-10.30am, School Hall
Monday 6 th February	– Year 6 Confirmation Mass – more details to follow
Thursday 16 th February	– Year 3 RE inspire workshop for families – 8.50am-10am, School Hall Year 3 First Holy Communion Meeting for parents – 10-10.30am, School Hall
w/c 17 th April	– Bikeability – Year 5
Sunday 23 rd April	– Class 3R First Holy Communion Mass – 9am in Church
Sunday 30 th April	– Class 3R First Holy Communion Mass – 9am in Church
Sunday 7 th May	– Class 3M First Holy Communion Mass – 9am in Church
Sunday 21 st May	– Class 3M First Holy Communion Mass – 9am in Church
Tuesday 9 th - Friday 12 th May	– SATS for All Year 6 Children
Weds. 14 th - Fri. 16 th June	– Year 6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle



WEEK TWO

Week Commencing: 12 September, 03 October, 31 October, 21 November, 12 December, 16 January, 06 February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sausages	 Beef Bolognaise	Roast Chicken Breast and Gravy	Pork & Carrot Meatballs with Pasta	Oven Baked Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Sausage Roll	Vegetable Nuggets (V)	 Quorn Roast	 Macaroni Cheese	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)
Potato Option Vegetable Option Mixed Salad of the Season Garlic Bread	Potato Option Savoury Rice, Vegetable Option Mixed Salad of the Season Herb Bread	Potato Option Vegetable Option Mixed Salad of the Season Wholemeal Bread	Potato option Vegetable option Mixed Salad of the Season Twin Bread	Potato Option Vegetable Option Fruity Summer Coleslaw Mixed Salad of the Season White Bread
 Fruit Yoghurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter	Jelly and Ice Cream Fruit Yoghurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter	 Fruit Yoghurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter	 Fruit Yoghurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter	Chocolate & Vanilla Mousse Fruit Yoghurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter

AVAILABLE DAILY

Baked Potato Bar/Cold Sandwiches and Baguettes



Denotes freshly prepared dishes.

Menus may change to meet customers' preferences, a promotional event and seasonal variation.

A range of locally sourced products are used when available and seafood with this mark comes from an MSC certified sustainable fishery. www.msc.org

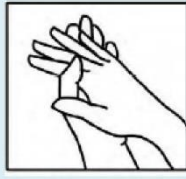
Allergies - please contact your school cook for more information about the content of menu items.

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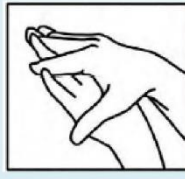


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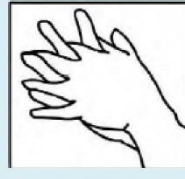
The 6 Steps of Hand Washing



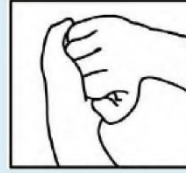
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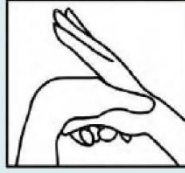
The back of the hands



In between the fingers



The back of the fingers



The thumbs



The tips of the fingers

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

