

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Our Lady and All Saints
Catholic Multi Academy Company
Strong in Faith

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 on our lives as we care and share and learn together."

Friday 3rd October 2025

St Anne's Catholic Primary School

A school that welcome children of all backgrounds and all faiths

School places are available for Nursery and Reception



Ofsted
OUTSTANDING
in all areas



We are open 8am - 6pm to assist families who require childcare.

Please contact school office for admission enquiry

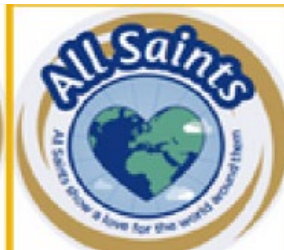


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CATHOLIC LIFE



School Virtue for this half term - Eloquent and Truthful

In our Liturgical Calendar we are currently in Ordinary time, Green

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 myself, 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.'

The half term focus for Catholic Social Teaching is: 'Family and Community'

Family is the first place where we learn love, kindness, and how to care for one another. In a family, everyone has an important role, and we look out for each other in good times and hard times.

Community is like a bigger family. It includes our friends, neighbours, classmates, and the people we meet every day. A strong community makes sure that everyone belongs, feels safe, and has what they need to grow and be happy. *"Family teaches us how to love, and community shows us how to share that love with others."*

Celebration of the Word Assembly – Monday

In this week's assembly, we reflected on the Journey of praying the Holy Rosary ahead of the Month of October. We explored the Gospel of the Wedding Feast at Cana, focusing on how Mary lovingly guides us to Jesus. Our Mission is to pray a decade of the Rosary together each day in the month of October, helping us reflect on the mysteries of Christ's life and inspiring us to live faithfully in our daily actions.

We were also joined by Emily Pugh from Father Hudson's Caritas, who presented badges and certificates to our CARITAS Ambassadors and met with them to plan their service initiatives for the year ahead. As Mary's example teaches us gentle guidance and generosity, the ambassadors' work and our own reflections remind us that even small acts of faith and service can make a big difference in our school and community.

Return of Parent Stay and Pray

We are so pleased to let you know that **Parent Stay and Prays** are returning this term.

Each Friday morning, straight after registration, you are warmly invited to join us in your child's classroom (or in the Peace Garden if the sun is shining!). These short sessions, lasting about **10–15 minutes**, are a lovely opportunity to pause together, share in a moment of reflection, and see the children's **Pupil Prepared Celebration of the Word** in action. To make these gatherings extra special, each class will now welcome parents on a **rota once per term**. This means you'll have a dedicated time to join your child's class. As with last year, Key Stage 1 classes will begin Stay and Prays a little later in the year.

We can't wait to welcome you back and share these joyful moments together!

Parent Stay and Pray – Autumn Term - 8:50-9:00am	
Date	Class
26 September 2025	Year 6
10 October 2025	5T
17 October 2025	5S
24 October 2025	Inset
07 November 2025	4P
14 November 2025	4R
21 November 2025	3TR
28 November 2025	3SR

BUILDING THE KINGDOM HOMEWORK – SEPTEMBER

Thank you for all the fantastic homework submissions we've received this month, highlighting the women who inspire you. It has been truly wonderful to see the children speak so confidently about such a meaningful topic. Their enthusiasm and inspiration have been a joy to witness!



Isabelle – Yr 6





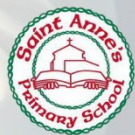
Please see below for October's Building the Kingdom homework.


Building the Kingdom Homework

October's Big Question:
 How can we care for God's world like St Francis of Assisi did?

On October 4th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He spent his life caring for God's creation and all living things. Following his example, the Pope reminds us to make urgent changes in how we live and use energy to help protect our planet.

Please hand your homework in to your class teacher by the end of October.





Please see link below for the monthly TenTen R.E Newsletter. The information shared on this newsletter links to the children's Collective Worship in class.

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

JUBILEE HOMEWORK



During the Jubilee Year, we will be holding monthly competitions for our school community if you would like to join in. Winning entries will be shared in God's Gift assembly and phase assemblies.

<p>February Artwork: Create a piece of artwork which represents HOPE to you. Entries will be sent to someone as a sign of hope afterwards (i.e. refugees, elderly, parishioners, hospitals and care homes)</p>	<p>March Poem of hope: Create a poem which fills you with HOPE, makes you think about something hopeful or explores something you hope for in the future.</p>	<p>April Sound of hope: Could you record a sound that makes you feel hopeful, or record yourself singing a song which makes you feel full of HOPE? Perhaps you could make up your own song.</p>	<p>May Letter of hope: Write a letter to Pope Leo telling him what you HOPE for and what change you want to see in the world. Perhaps you could share what you would do to make this happen?</p>	<p>June People of hope: Nominate the people of HOPE around you. (Think back to your 'person of hope' task over Easter) Who makes you want to achieve or makes you feel happy and loved?</p>
<p>July - August Holiday of hope: Can you share a photo of how you have shared HOPE in your community? Perhaps you could use the adventures of 'Peter the Pilgrim' to inspire you. Could you go on a pilgrimage with your family?</p>	<p>September Story of hope: Can you create a short story, of no longer than 400 words, which explores the theme of HOPE?</p>	<p>October Scene of hope: Could you take a photo of something which represents HOPE to you, or makes you feel hopeful?</p>	<p>November Heroes of hope: Design an icon for a saint that inspires you (use the Jubilee icon as inspiration) What do they represent? How did they show HOPE?</p>	<p>December Wreath of hope: Create an Advent wreath for your classroom with message of HOPE on the leaves</p>

YEAR GROUP CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Please follow the links below for your child's Year Group Curriculum Information on our school website.

[Nursery | St Anne's Catholic Primary School](#)

[Reception | St Anne's Catholic Primary School](#)

[Year One | St Anne's Catholic Primary School](#)

[Year Two | St Anne's Catholic Primary School](#)

[Year Three | St Anne's Catholic Primary School](#)

[Year Four | St Anne's Catholic Primary School](#)

[Year Five | St Anne's Catholic Primary School](#)

[Year Six | St Anne's Catholic Primary School](#)

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



In this week's votes the children have been answering lots of questions and enjoying discussions.



This week, we joyfully launched our **Harvest Festival** – a special time in the school year when we come together as a community to give thanks for the many blessings God has given us. The children gathered reflecting on the importance

of gratitude, generosity, and caring for those in need. Our prayers centred around the theme of "Sharing God's Gifts", reminding us that everything we have is a gift from God, and that we are called to share what we can with others.



The theme for this year is: **Standing Firm in Power and Pride**. This year's theme celebrates the resilience, strength, and contributions of the black community globally. This theme emphasises the importance of recognising and honouring the past while looking forward to building a brighter future.

UNIFORM

Uniform Expectations

We will transition into Winter Uniform from Monday 13th October. Please refer to our School Prospectus on our website for our uniform policy. A reminder that children are required to wear a green tie with their white school shirt at all times.

Please ensure that school skirts are knee length and appropriate for school.

In PE , leggings or tracksuit bottoms which are not flared can be worn. Wide leg tracksuit bottoms are not appropriate as they can catch on apparatus so please can we ask for your continued support to ensure the high standards of uniform and expectations linked to standards and health and safety are adhered to.

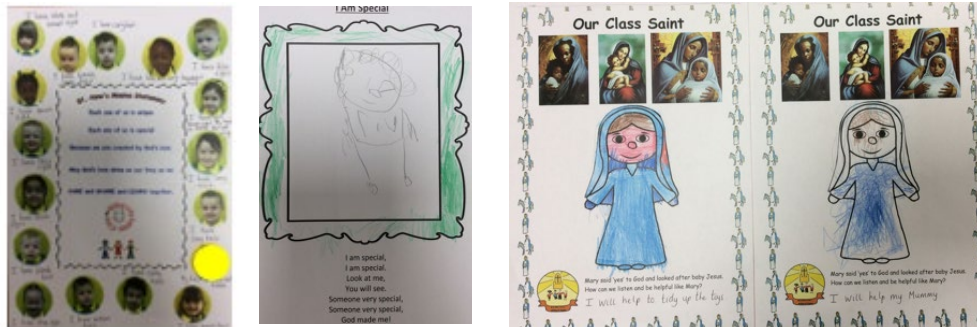
Non Uniform Day

Thursday 23rd October will be a non-school uniform day. On this occasion, we would politely ask for a voluntary donation of £1 in support of our chosen charities, where the children will decide how it is used to support those that need it most

NURSERY

Religious Education

In Religious Education the children have been learning about our school mission statement and about our class saint Mary.



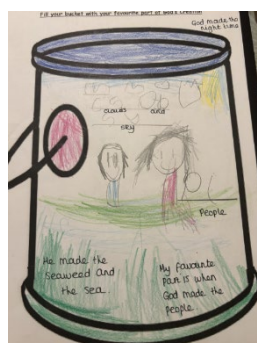
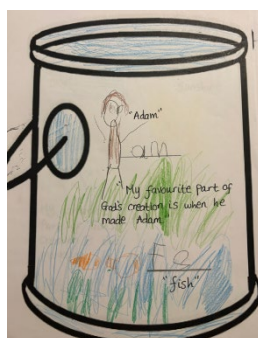
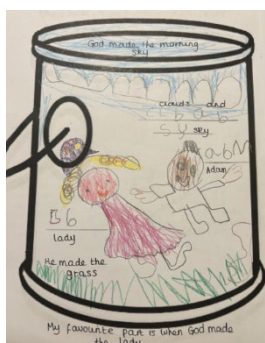
Physical Education

In PE this week the children have been learning how to find a space and how to move safely. They played games with a witch and wizard theme and learnt how to fly high and low.



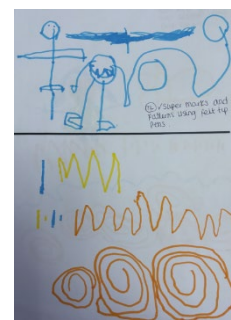
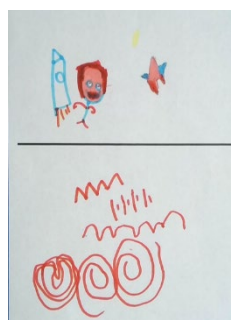
Religious Education

This week we have continued our work on the Creation Story. We enjoyed creating our own pathway retelling the story. We then took turns to tell the story in our own words. We also had fun creating our own "Creation buckets" showing the different things that God made and talking about our favourite part of the story. Have a look at our super artwork!



Art

We have been using felt tip pens to create some wonderful artwork. We began by freely exploring different marks on the paper before having at go at copying some lines and patterns. We have some wonderful artists here at St Anne's.



Personal Development - Jigsaw

We enjoyed meeting our Jigsaw character "Jigsaw Jennie" and beginning our unit "Being me in my World." We learnt our circle time rules and had some calm quiet time. We then spoke about how we are a class family and how we need to care for each other and our environment.

Religious Education – Judaism

This week, Year One have been learning about Judaism in 'Other Faith Week'. We learnt about the special items that are used by Jewish people at the synagogue and in their homes, to strengthen their relationship with God, and assist their own learning of their faith. We discussed the similarities to our own faith, likening the Torah to the Bible, the Menorah to the Advent wreath, and the Rabi to the Priest. We then observed the Jewish items in real life, admiring their beauty and further discussing their meaning and use.

Our visitor, Ruth, gave us an insight into how she lives out her faith and brought in a Torah, for us to look at.



Science – Is all paper the same?

As scientists this week, we continued our unit on exploring different materials. We revisited all the materials we've learned about so far (wood, plastic, metal, brick, glass, water, and stone) and answered some retrieval questions to check our knowledge. We then moved on to a new material – paper. We began by learning about where paper comes from and then carried out an investigation to discover which type of paper is most suitable for different uses. We examined wrapping paper, kitchen roll, drawing paper, and greaseproof paper. Our experiments tested which paper is best for painting on, drawing on, and soaking up water!



YEAR 2

Religious Education

This week, the children enjoyed learning the incredible story of *Daniel in the Lions' Den*. They listened carefully and discovered how God protected Daniel because of his faith and trust in Him. The story taught us an important message — that God is always with us, even in the most difficult and scary situations.

After the story, the children had so much fun learning a song and dance to go along with it! Using actions, rhythm, and lots of energy, they brought the story to life in a joyful and memorable way.

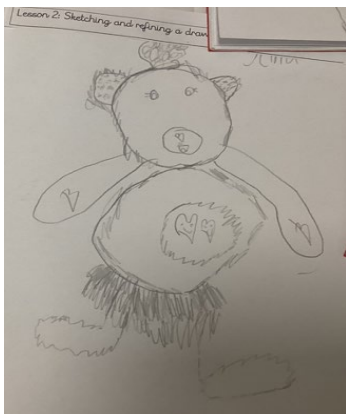
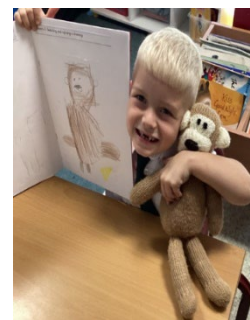


Art

This week in Art and Design, the children have been focusing on developing their drawing skills. As part of this, they were very excited to bring in one of their own toys from home to use as inspiration!

Using their chosen toy, the children practised how to create a drawing by starting with simple shapes to form a basic outline. They learnt the importance of observing carefully and sketching lightly, which allowed them to make changes and refine their work as they added more detail.

It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and taking pride in their artwork. Their growing confidence in sketching and observational drawing really shone through!



Religious Education- Celebration of the Word

This week, we took part in a very special Celebration of the Word outside in our peace garden led by this weeks leaders. The children spoke about guardian angels, and we prayed the guardian angel prayer. Each child has their own special copy to take home with them.



English- Magic Faraway Tree

This week in English, we discovered St Anne's very own Magic Faraway Tree with help from our very own tree dweller Rick. This has inspired us to write wonderful stories about our very own magic land.



Religious Education – Other Faith Week

This week in Year 4, we have been learning all about Judaism as part of our Other Faith Week. On Monday, we had a very special visitor called Ruth, who came in to talk to us about her Jewish faith.

Ruth explained some of the important traditions and beliefs in Judaism, and we were fascinated to learn about the different celebrations, such as Shabbat and Passover. She also showed us some special items that are used in Jewish worship and daily life, which really helped us to understand how her faith is lived out.

The children asked Ruth some excellent questions, and she was very impressed with their curiosity and respect. We all came away with a much better understanding of Judaism and how it compares and connects with our own faith and values.

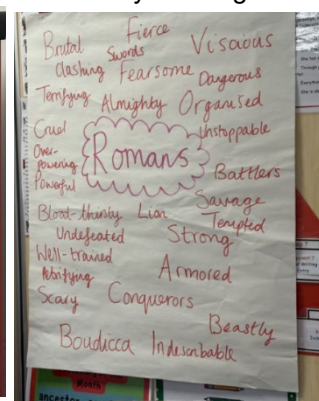
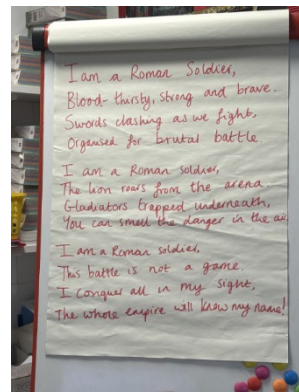
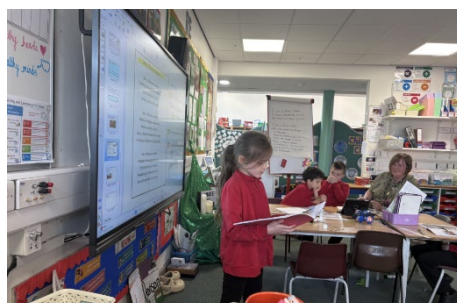


English

In English this week, Year 4 have been busy writing our own poems all about the Romans. We used our history learning to inspire our writing, thinking carefully about Roman soldiers, battles, food, and daily life.

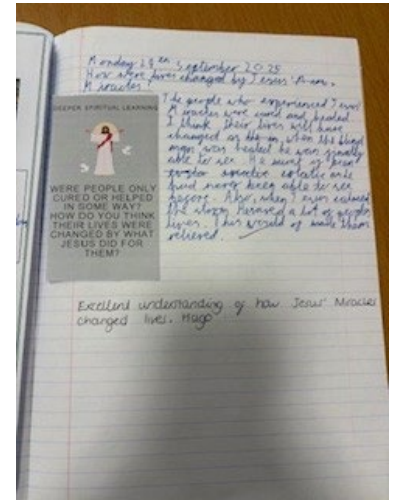
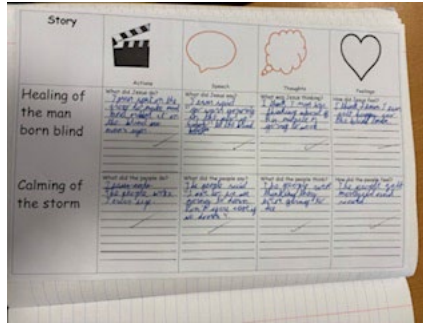
Once we had written and edited our poems, we had the chance to perform them to the class. Everyone read with confidence and expression, and it was wonderful to hear such creative ideas being shared.

The performances were excellent, and we are very proud of how hard everyone worked. It was a fantastic way to bring together our history and English learning!



Religious Education

This week in Year 5 we are learning about 'Miracles and Sacraments of the Sick' in RE. The children have learnt about Jesus' miracles such as the 'Healing of the Man Born Blind' and the 'Calming of the Storm'. We read from the Bible to understand these miracles and then answered our Deeper Spiritual Learning question: 'Were people only cured or helped in some way? How do you think their lives were changed by what Jesus did for them?'



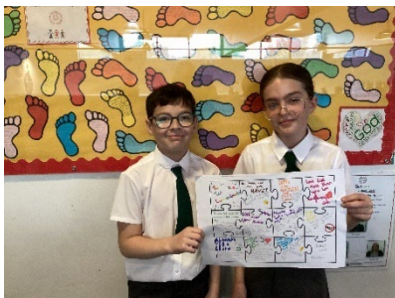
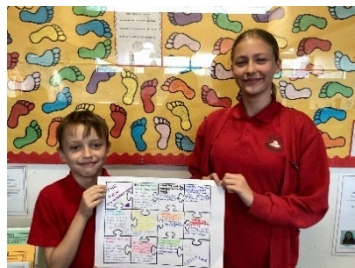
Science

This week in Science, the Year 5 children have been learning about how the Earth's tilt causes the seasons. We used a Lego model to look at the Earth's tilt and discussed why different countries experience the seasons at different times of the year. The children then completed a fact file on each season, including factors such as: months, temperature, weather and daylight.



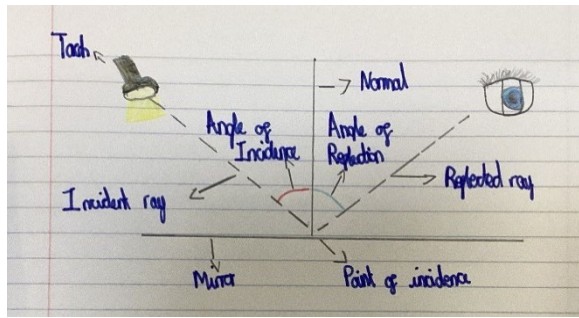
Religious Education

The children in Year 6 answered our big Catholic Social Teaching question reflecting on how the Commandments help us to contribute to the common good. The children created their own jigsaw puzzle full of the Ten Commandments and how they can help us to follow God's plan for us!



Science

Year 6 physicists investigated what happens when you shine a torch onto the reflective surface of a mirror! We observed how the light reflects onto the ceiling because of its smooth, flat surface. We then drew a diagram explaining how the incident ray hits the mirror and bounces off at the exact same angle – this is called the reflected ray!



ST ANNES & ST ANTHONYS CHURCH PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please find a link below to the Parish Newsletter which you can find on our website.

<https://www.stannessolihull.co.uk/autumn-2025>

HEAD TEACHER ACADEMIC AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – Nicolas W	RL – Milan J	1I – Harvey H	1OC – Oliver L	2B – Leela K
2M – Ronnie S	3TR – Amaya T	3SR – Wannie T	4P – Huey C	4R – Albie T
5S – Jack B	5T – Alvin H	6M – Izzy W	6N – Isabella N	

HEAD TEACHER EFFORT AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – Mia N-C	RL – Ethan M-R	1I – Vienna M	1OC – Yara S	2B – Summer-Rose
2M – Gabriel H	3TR – Arthur C	3SR – Elsie-Ray	4P – Sofia F	4R – Lyla-Rose
5S – Grayson B	5T – Frankie H	6M – Summer-R	6N – Jasmine P	

OUTSTANDING VIRTUE AWARD – 'ELOQUENT AND TRUTHFUL'

RH – Renley W	RL – Rudy L	1I – Aathirah J	1OC – Maxim C	2B – Lillie-Rose
2M – Claire M	3TR – Charlotte F	3SR – Harper H	4P – Charlotte L	4R – Maisie B
5S – Zachary H	5T – Kanan W	6M – Amelia S	6N – Sibeal R	

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

For queries such as reporting children's absence, requesting information or other general questions, please contact us via parentmail@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk.

If you have any queries at all or if it is an urgent message, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on 0121 779 8060

SCHOOL NOTICES

Please remember that there is no parking available in the School grounds or outside the school gates for families. All families are expected to park at Asda or the Church when bringing children to/collecting children from school. This also applies when bringing children to school late, collecting early or dropping things off for them.

The on-site 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. The school does not own this land or the parking spaces outside of the school gates.



Parents are to also be mindful when parking on Nine Acres Drive and respectful to the residents on the road. If you are bringing your children in through that gate, please make sure that you are parked correctly and not blocking any residential drive ways, or blocking the road resulting in other cars not being able to make their way down.

We would really appreciate the support of all of our families on this matter. Please also ensure you inform other family members/friends who bring and/or collect your children too.

ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

ADHD, Screen Time, and Healthy Boundaries

Bark have created this guide for parents of children with ADHD to support you in helping your child create a healthy relationship with technology. You can access it here: <https://www.bark.us/blog/adhd-kidand-tech/>

TERM DATES 2025-26

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Autumn 1</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September – INSET Children NOT in School</p> <p>Starts: Wednesday 3rd September Children return to school</p> <p>Last Day of Term for Children: Thursday 23rd October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 24th October – INSET Children NOT in School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Half-Term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Autumn 2</u></p> <p>Starts: Monday 3rd November Children return to school</p> <p>Last Day of Term for Children: Friday 19th December</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Holidays: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 02nd January 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET Children NOT in School</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spring 1</u></p> <p>Starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026</p> <p>Last Day of Term for Children: Friday 13th February</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Half-Term: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spring 2</u></p> <p>Starts: Monday 23rd February Children return to school</p> <p>Last Day of Term for Children: Friday 27th March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summer 1</u></p> <p>Starts: Monday 13th April Children return to school</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May</p> <p>Last Day of Term for Children: Friday 22nd May</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summer 2</u></p> <p>Starts: Monday 1st June Children return to school</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 20th July – INSET Children NOT in School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Summer Holidays Starts: Tuesday 21st July</p>
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ATTENDANCE

Late marks and Absences

The doors open for children in Reception to Year 6 at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**. Children who arrive after this time must go to the School Office where they will be given their late mark. Late marks are monitored and recorded. Children who arrive from 9.10am onwards are marked on the register as a 'U' for unauthorised absence, unless they are absent due to a medical appointment. Children arriving at the School Office prior to 9.10am will receive a late mark, 'L' on the register.

8.40am-9.10am = 'L', which means that your child receives a late mark. We are required to put a reason on the register for children who are late so office staff will always ask for a reason. If it is a personal/confidential reason please just say so; staff will make a note of this.

9.10am and beyond = 'U', which means the morning is recorded as an unauthorised absence



(Over one academic year)

Attendance and Holidays –

Children Absent: If your child is absent from school it is necessary that you contact school on the first day of your child's absence. Contact 0121 779 8060 and choose option 1 before the start of the day. There is an answer phone facility for you to leave your child's name, class and reason for absence. Alternatively, you can email school with your child's reason of absence: parentmail@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk

Following previous correspondence, this reminds you again that all holidays are unauthorised and the Local Authority will fine parents regardless of when holidays are booked because the ruling has always been in place. This is a Local Authority decision; the School cannot over-ride their decision.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 22nd September	- Year 6 Parent's Meeting (4.15pm after Booster class)
Monday 13th Oct & Monday 20th Oct	Parents Evening
Mon 27 th October – Fri 31 st October	- Half Term
Monday 3rd November	- Children return to school – Start of Autumn Term 2
Mon 22nd Dec 2025 – Fri 2nd Jan 2026	- Christmas Holidays
<i>Monday 5th January 2026</i>	- <i>INSET Day – Children NOT in school</i>
Tuesday 6th January 2026	- Children return to school – Start of Spring 1
Mon 16th February – Fri 20th February	- Half Term
Monday 23rd February	- Children return to school – Start of Spring 2
Mon 30th March – Fri 10th April	- Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April	- Children return to school – Start of Summer 1
Monday 4th May	- Bank Holiday (Children NOT in school)
Mon 25th May – Fri 29th May	- Half Term
Monday 1st June	- Children return to school – Start of Summer 2
Friday 17th July	- Last Day of Term for children
Monday 20th July	- Summer Holidays (Inset day for staff- children not in school)

Mass for children and young people
with special needs and disabilities

Saturday 4th October

11am

St Thomas More Church,
130 Horse Shoes Lane,
Sheldon,
Birmingham
B26 3HU



All are welcome to our special
mass - from all parishes

All volunteers are
DBS checked

Wheelchair
accessible



Please join us after mass in the
parish centre for refreshments

Big Brum Youth Theatre

**Are you interested in
joining?**

Open to all Year 6 children

October Half Term
Tuesday 28th October 2025

Elmwood Family Hub, 37 Burtons Way,
Birmingham, B36 0UG



Please email
katie@bigbrum.org.uk
to sign up or for further
details