

**SAINT ANNE'S
CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



OUTSTANDING IN ALL FIVE AREAS

OFSTED, 2025

“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, share and learn together.”
— Our Mission Statement

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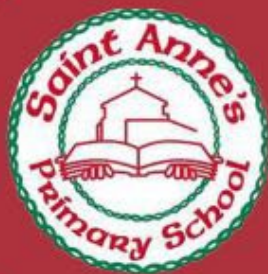
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“Everyone is unique and special at Saint Anne's, so say leaders, staff, pupils, parents and carers” - Ofsted 2025



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If you had a magic wand and you could change anything about your school, what would it be?

"I would give the magic wand to another school to help them become more like our school."

- Harry in Year 6

Following our March 2025 Ofsted inspection, we are proud to be judged Outstanding in every category!

OUTSTANDING IN:

- QUALITY OF EDUCATION
- BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES
- PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
- LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT
- EARLY YEARS PROVISION

WHAT OFSTED SAID

A few highlights from our glowing report:

- "Pupils love their school and the amazing opportunities on offer."
- "Leaders have very high ambitions for all... this is why pupils excel."
- "Pupils behave exceptionally well and have very positive attitudes to their learning."
- "Children in Reception get off to a rapid start to learning to read."
- "The school has designed an exceptionally ambitious curriculum that is expertly taught."
- "Pupils thrive on leadership responsibilities."
- "The school ensures that all pupils feel they belong. They show very high levels of respect for others from different faiths or backgrounds. "





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Friday 6th June 2025

CATHOLIC LIFE

School Virtue for this half term - Faith Filled and Hopeful

Pupils in our school are growing to be . . .

Faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

Our school helps our pupils to grow . . .

By passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them, in turn, to have faith and hope in others.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING PRINCIPLE

Solidarity and the common Good

Solidarity means that we are all part of one big human family — no matter where we live, what we look like, or what we believe. It's like being on the same team! We should help and care for each other, especially when someone is hurting or in need.

The Common Good means making sure that everyone has what they need to live a good and happy life — like food, a home, school, safety, and love — not just a few people. It's about doing things that are good for all people, not just ourselves.

"We are all connected, and we should work together to make sure everyone is treated fairly and has what they need."

A TRIBUTE TO FATHER CHRISTOPHER



As Father Christopher enters a new chapter in his priestly journey, we offer our heartfelt thanks for his many years of devoted service to our parish and school community. Though priests never truly "retire," we know this moment marks a time of well-earned rest and reflection for a life lived in faithful service.

Father Christopher has been a guiding light for so many, especially the children of our school. Through his celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, he has helped countless pupils take important steps in their journey of faith. His care, encouragement, and thoughtful guidance have made these moments truly meaningful and memorable for our children and their families.

His presence in our school—leading Masses, sharing scripture, and offering gentle wisdom—has helped nurture a love for God and a sense of community in the hearts of our pupils. His kindness, humour, and humility have made him a beloved figure and a true role model for living out the Gospel.

We give thanks for Father Christopher's ministry, for the seeds of faith he has planted, and for the love he has shown to each and every one of us. He will always remain a cherished part of our school family, and we pray that this next season brings him peace, joy, and many blessings.

Thank you, Father Christopher, for everything.

RE INSPIRE PARENT WORKSHOPS

Please find the dates below for this academic years remaining RE Inspire Parent Workshops.

Year Group	Relevant RE Unit	Date Time 8.50am
1	Following Jesus Today	Monday 23 rd June
2	Parables and Miracles	Monday 16 th June
All RE Inspire workshops will include a focus on the Jubilee Year of hope alongside the theme.		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – AFTERNOON PRAY AND STAY FOR PARENTS

Please arrive at church no later than 1:40pm, to begin prayer at 1:45pm. We look forward to welcoming you all.

Date	Year Group
Friday 13 th June	2 (change of date)
Friday 20 th June	Reception
Friday 27 th June	6

PARKING

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.

ACTIVE HOMEWORK AND SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS – WELL DONE CHILDREN!

Maxim (RL) – Trainer of the week at football.

Well done Maxim, we are pleased you are enjoying playing with your new team!



Harper (11) - trainer of the week at football – a wonderful achievement, well done Harper!



Hendryx (1I) - Footballer of the week – super work Hendryx!
Ola (1I) - Gymnastics medal – well done Ola!



Alex (2B) - winning his football tournament! Well done Alex!



Jessie (1I) - Football trophy – great work Jessie!

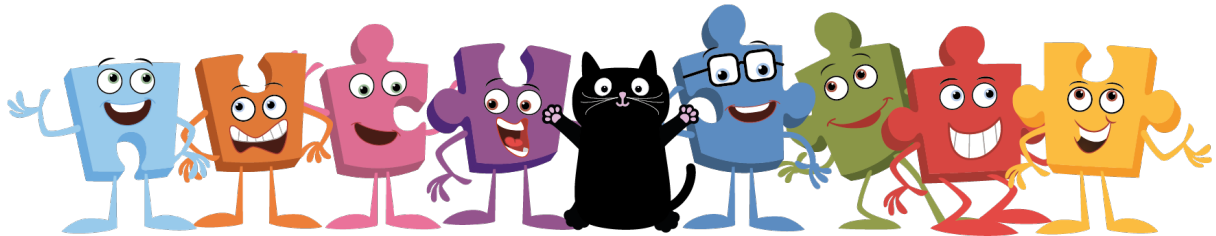


VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

In last week's votes the children answered the following topic question:

- Should we learn more about the impact AI has on the environment? (7-11)
 - Do you know how much electricity computers use? (5-7)

This week, we celebrated **Pentecost**, the day the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles. It is a special time in the Church because it marks the beginning of the Church's mission to share the message of Jesus with the world.



We launched our new Jigsaw unit called '*Changing Me*'. This is all about understanding how we grow and change—both physically and emotionally—and learning how to feel confident and positive about those changes. It's a journey of self-awareness and respect for ourselves and others. We look forward to exploring this important part of growing up with you all!"



We encourage and promote the following sun safety practices:

- **Use Sunscreen:** Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30.
- **Seek Shade:** Avoid direct sun exposure, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when UV rays are strongest.
- **Wear Protective Clothing:** Use hats, sunglasses, and long-sleeved clothing to shield the skin.
- **Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration.

D-Day

On June 6th we remembered and commemorated D-Day, a moment in history that marked the beginning of the end of World War II. During our school assembly, we reflected on the courage, sacrifice, and determination shown by those who took part in the operation. Through stories, readings, and moments of silence, we honoured the soldiers, medics, and all those who supported in the war.



NURSERY

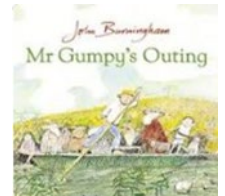
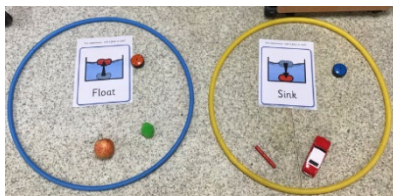
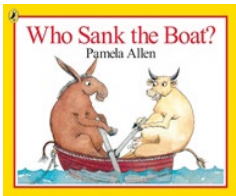
Religious Education

In RE the children have been learning about Pentecost, the air around us. The children know that Sunday is a special day and that the Sign of the Cross names the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. They know that red is the colour for this time of the year.



Literacy and Understanding the World

This week the Nursery children have been learning about the theme 'Transport'. They have been learning about the stories 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' by John Burningham and 'Who Sank the Boat?' by Pamela Allen. As scientist the children carried out an experiment to test which objects would float or sink.



RECEPTION

Religious Education - Pentecost

We have been learning about Pentecost. We spoke about how Jesus promised to send the special gift of the Holy Spirit. We listened to the story and learnt how the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of wind, fire and power. We made our own wind with material, sat by the fire and learnt some words in a different language. We know the gift of the Holy Spirit is with us all.



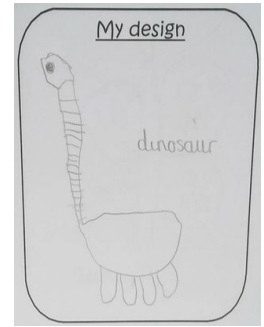
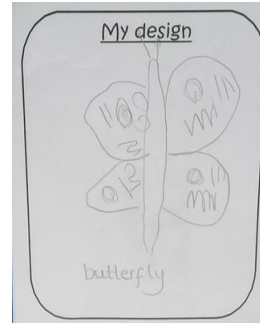
Literacy

Reception have enjoyed reading an alternative version of The Little Red Hen. In our new story The Little Red Hen makes a pizza and we decided to help her make some more! The children worked hard to cut the different ingredients, sprinkle the cheese, spread the sauce and cook their own pizzas. We had a super time and the children enjoyed tasting their creations.



Art

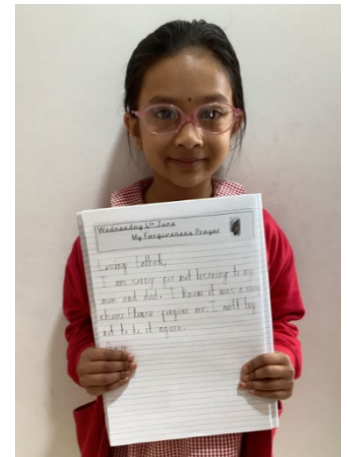
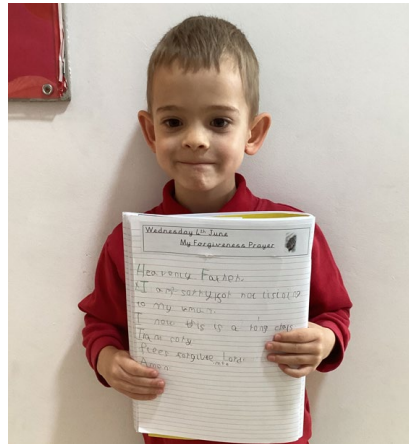
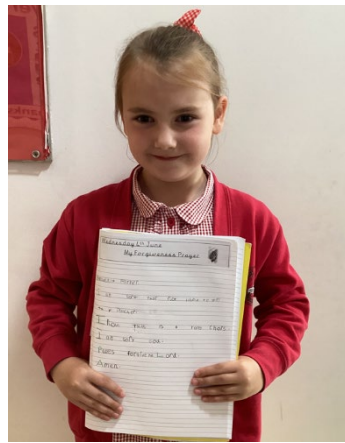
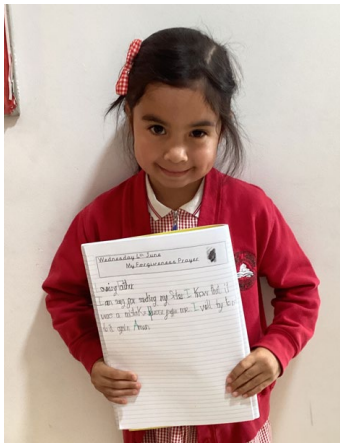
In art this week we have been thinking about sculptures. We looked at some animal sculptures and worked hard to design our own animals. We are excited to make our sculptures next week using clay. Have a look at some of our super designs.



YEAR 1

Religious Education – Forgiveness

We have focused on the Our Father prayer and identified the important message of forgiveness that it shares. We used this as inspiration to create and write our own prayer to God, saying sorry for our sins and asking for forgiveness. We know that, just like the father in the Prodigal Son parable, God will always forgive us if we are truly sorry for making a wrong choice.



Science – Plant Detectives

As biologists, we have focused on different types of trees and comparing their features. We went on a tree hunt around school and used our leaf dial to detect which type of tree it was. Once we identified the type of leaf, the dial shown us the name of the tree. We now have wonderful knowledge of lots of different types of trees!



YEAR 2

Religious Education - Liturgy and Prayer

The children took part in a beautiful prayer and liturgy this week called praying in colour. We had a beautiful atmosphere in our classrooms with calming music. The children received prompts on used felt tips to draw their prayers on paper. The result was some beautiful, prayerful artwork.



Science

This week, Year 2 have stepped into the shoes of *biologists* as we began our exciting new Science topic, 'Growing Up'. The children have been exploring what all living things need to survive and thrive – focusing on three key essentials: **water, air, and food.**

With curious minds and thoughtful discussions, we applied this knowledge to humans, especially babies. The children impressed us with their thinking as they identified which things are *essential* for a baby's survival – such as milk and warmth – and which things, although nice to have, aren't necessary – like toys or dummies.

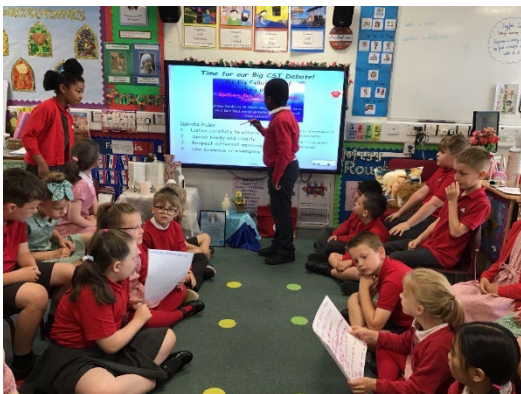


YEAR 3

Religious Education

In RE, we ended our Eucharist unit with a thoughtful class debate! Our Big CST Question was: ***“Jesus feeds us at Mass and through His love. Is it fair that some people have more food than others?”***

We split into two teams and explored both sides of the argument, thinking carefully and respectfully about the issues. Each group shared their points clearly, listening to one another and showing fairness and democracy in action. After hearing both sides, we reflected on the message of the Feeding of the 5,000 and how Jesus showed us the importance of sharing. We agreed that the principle of Option for the Poor and Vulnerable reminds us that everyone deserves enough—and we are called to help make that happen.



Science

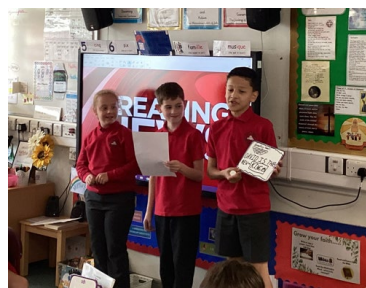
This week our Year 3 scientists took on the role as chemists as we started our new unit, 'Rock Detectives'! We started our new unit by looking at lots of different rock samples, using our identifying and classifying skills to look at the properties of each rock. Working with all the different rock samples brought us one step further to answering our Building the Kingdom question at the end of our unit: ***“Are all rocks the same?”***



YEAR 4

Religious Education – The Call of King David

In RE, we have been learning about how Samuel was called to appoint a new King chosen by God. We learnt about David and his brothers and how he was chosen as he displayed the humblest and kind-hearted qualities. The children then dramatised a TV news bulletin announcing the news of David being chosen to be King. We thought about the feelings of David and Samuel in our responses.



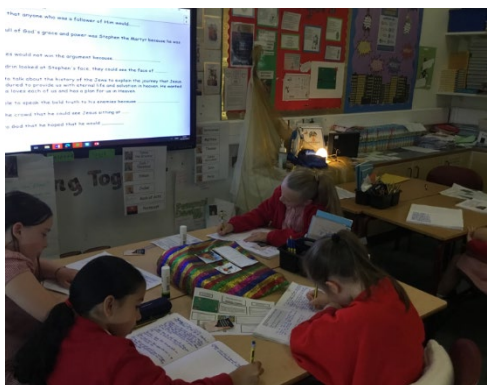
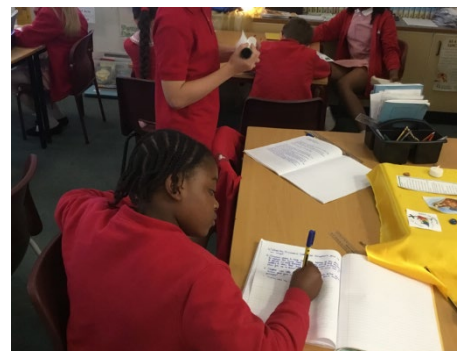
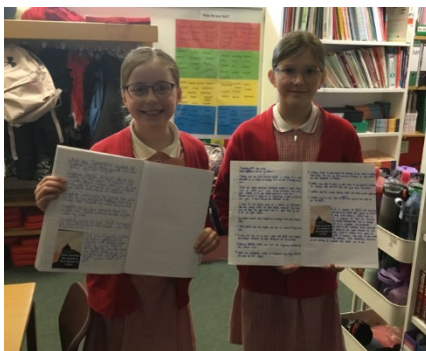
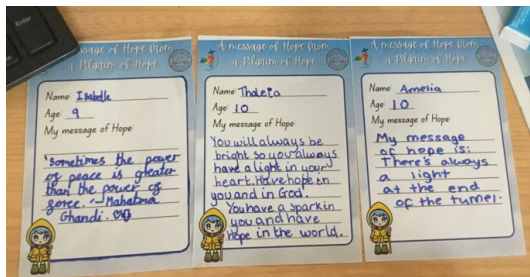
Science

In our new topic we are learning about the impact humans have on the environment. As biologists, we learnt about the positive and negative impacts humans have on the world locally. We discussed the impact of deforestation, pollution and greenhouse gases and how they contribute to climate change. We also discussed the positive impact humans can have on the environment such as dedicating time to conservation, planting trees and protecting wildlife.



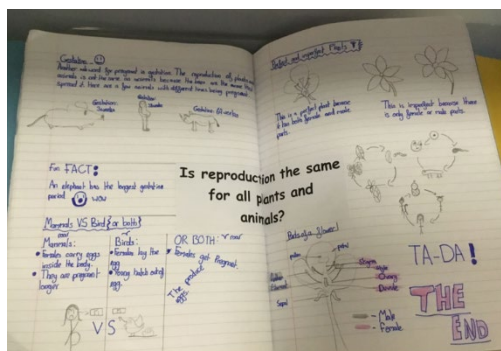
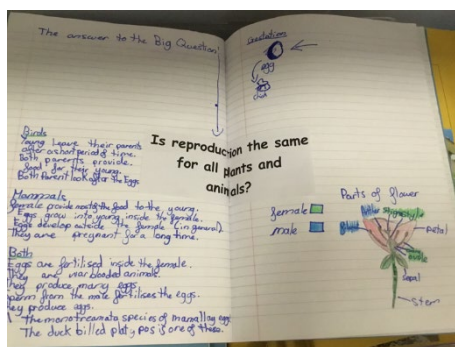
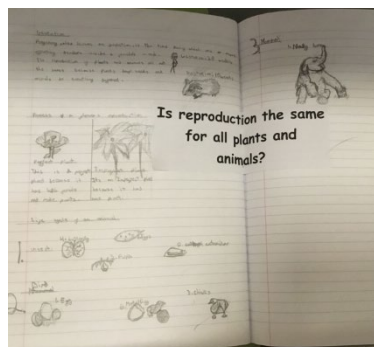
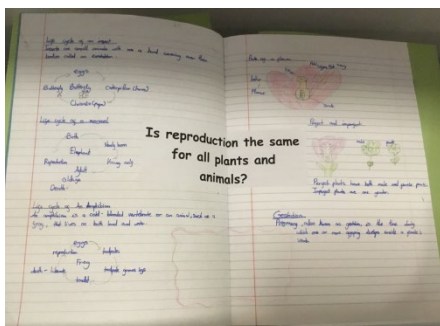
Religious Education

In Religious Education this week, we have been continuing our Work of the Apostles unit. On Thursday, we looked at the life of Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Stephen was willing to sacrifice his life for his faith and his belief in Jesus. He had unwavering faith and even in his final moments, asked God to forgive those who hurt him. As a class, we talked about the sacrifices that might need to be made as a Christian. Also, we thought about what the most difficult thing to do would be as a believer of God. We talked about how it might be to announce your belief in God, even when there are those who deny it. The children reflected so beautifully in the lesson and produced some wonderful, thought-provoking work.



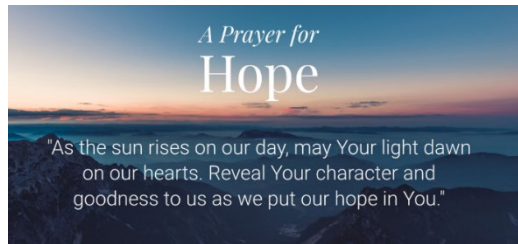
Science

In Science this week, we have been creating our double page spreads for our Reproduction of Plants and Animals unit. We looked at whether this stage in their life cycle is the same for mammals, insects and amphibians. This stage is in fact very different for all animals! The children produced some wonderful work and showcased all of their knowledge beautifully on their double page spreads.



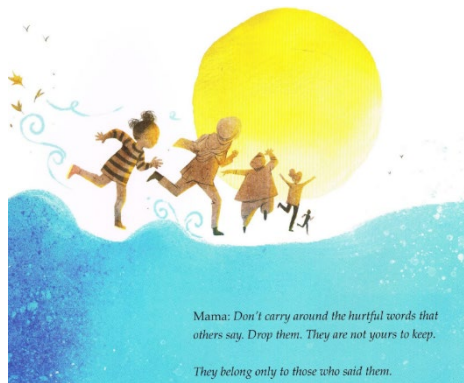
Religious Education

The children in Year 6 led an absolutely beautiful Celebration of the Word. This was focused around the word hope. After we listened to the Book of Psalms, we wrote our own messages of hope to share with the world! The children shared this beautiful prayer:



Reading

Year 6 have been diving into this beautiful book called 'The Proudest Blue' by Ibtihah Muhammad. This book isn't just about a scarf – we have learnt that it is about identity, pride and standing up to ignorance. We have learnt that we should be proud of who we are, kindness and respect is important and the qualities of confidence and bravery can inspire others. We discussed this book linking to Building the Kingdom and reflected on the question: **What are the joys and complexes of a multicultural society?** One of the biggest joys is the chance to learn from one another. At the same time, not everyone understands or respects other cultures, but at St Anne's this is why we learn about different faiths, cultures and people – we learn and are inspired to change perspectives and build the Kingdom of God.



TEN TEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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/

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/summer-2025/>

ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Ask Silver Scam Checker

Ask Silver is a tool that anyone with a smartphone can use to protect themselves from scams. To use the service, you will first need to sign up and then you can simply upload a screenshot of anything that you are unsure of, and think could be a scam. Ask Silver will let you know whether they think it is safe or not. Find out more here:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/asksilver/>

HEAD TEACHER ACADEMIC AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – Aathirah J	RL – Shani T	1I – Iyla C	1OC – Finley B	2B – Roman D
2R – Liam D	3L – Jack C	3R – Lottie C	4P – Harper W	4OR – Jaxon H
5R – Danny B	5T – Kian T	6M – Kara F	6N – Rohan A	

HEAD TEACHER EFFORT AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – Peggy M	RL – Che W	1I – Brea-Rae	1OC – Leela K	2B – Leon P
2R – Tommy R	3L – Maisie B	3R – Michael K	4P – Nancy M	4OR – Penny-Lou
5R – Isla S	5T – Jasmine P	6M – James-A R	6N – Ted R	

OUTSTANDING VIRTUE AWARD – ‘FAITH FILLED AND HOPEFUL’

RH – Emilia P-F	RL – Maxim C	1I – Claire M	1OC – Everley-Rose	2B – Cora-Lily
2R – Huey H	3L – Gabriela K	3R – Lucia H	4P – Akinleye A	4OR – Macie-Louise
5R – Jackson R	5T – Tommy D	6M – Lewis M	6N – Diana P	

LUNCH TIME MENU FOR W/C 9TH JUNE

FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

LUNCH TIME

TRADITIONAL
Week 2

Spring Summer 2025
28/04/25, 19/05/25, 09/06/25, 30/06/25, 21/07/25, 11/08/25, 01/09/25, 22/09/25, 13/10/25

THE MAIN EVENT
Beef Bolognese Pasta

MEAT-FREE MAGIC
Veggie Dish
Cheese and Potato Pie

RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and salads
Sweetcorn and Peas

BIG TOPPING
Filled Jackets
Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

DESSERT TROLLEY
Jam Sponge and Custard

DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE

DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA TWIRLER
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

MONDAY	Beef Bolognese Pasta	Cheese and Potato Pie	Sweetcorn and Peas	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Jam Sponge and Custard
TUESDAY	BBQ Chicken Wraps and Paprika Wedges	BBQ Veggie Wrap and Paprika Wedges	Peas	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Banana Muffin
WEDNESDAY	Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Maple Roasted Sweet Potato Filo Pie with Skin on Roasties	Mixed Greens	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Oaty Cornflake Crunch Bar
THURSDAY	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Veggie Sausage and Mash	Carrots and Green Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Apple Sponge Pudding with Custard
FRIDAY	Battered Fish and Chips	Cheese and Onion Burger with Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Vanilla Cookie

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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. This is a dedicated parent email address which is monitored throughout the day. Messages sent here will be sent on to the relevant staff member(s) if necessary.

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

TERM DATES 2024-2025

<u>Spring Term 2025</u>	<u>Summer Term 2025</u>	<u>Autumn Term 2025</u>
<u>Spring 1</u>	<u>Summer 1</u>	<u>Autumn 1</u>
Monday 6th January 2025 – INSET Children NOT in school	Starts: Monday 28 th April Children return to school	Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September – INSET Children NOT in School
Starts: Tuesday 7 th January Children return to school	Monday 5 th May – Bank Holiday	Starts: Wednesday 3 rd September Children return to school
Half-Term: Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February	Half-Term: Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Friday 24th October – INSET Children NOT in School
Monday 24th February – INSET Children NOT in school	<u>Summer 2</u>	Half-Term: Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October
<u>Spring 2</u>	Starts: Monday 2 nd June Children return to school	<u>Autumn 2</u>
Starts: Tuesday 25 th February Children return to school	Last Day of Term for Children: Friday 18 th July	Starts: Monday 3 rd November Children return to school
Easter Holiday: Monday 14 th April to Friday 25 th April	Monday 21st July – INSET Children NOT in School	
	Summer Holidays: Start Tuesday 22 nd July	

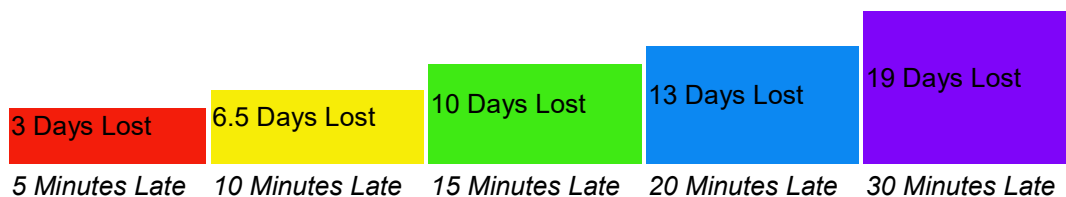
ATTENDANCE

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	
w/c Monday 9 th June	- Year 5 Bikeability
Wed 18th – Fri 20th June	- Kenelm Trust (formerly Alton castle) residential trip
Monday 21 st July	- <i>INSET Day – Children NOT in school</i>
Tuesday 22nd July	- Summer Holidays
Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September	- <i>INSET Day – Children NOT in school</i>
Wednesday 3 rd September	- Children return to school – Start of Autumn Term 1
Friday 24th October	- <i>INSET Day – Children NOT in school</i>
Mon 27 th October – Fri 31 st October	- Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	- Children return to school – Start of Autumn Term 2

PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING



Saint Anne's Primary School and Solihull Parent Carer Voice

Coffee and Chat



Solihull Parent Carer Voice

Come and meet the School Engagement team from Solihull Parent Carer Voice.

Please come and join us for Coffee and a chat. This session we will look at Transition and what is available over the summer holidays. All parent/carers welcome

Venue Saint Anne's Primary School - Saints building at Saint Anne's Primary School entrance is via Nineacres Drive only.

Date Wednesday 25th June 25

Time 9am - 10am

