



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 7th March 2025

CATHOLIC LIFE

School Virtue for this half term – Attentive & Discerning

In our Liturgical Calendar we are currently in Lent, a time of repentance

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: 'ATTENTIVE & DISCERNING'

As part of Our Lady and All Saint Mac Academy, the Children's Charter depicts five principles. Each half term we will focus on a principle, that links beautifully with our Catholic virtue for the half term.

All Saints are servants of Christ

'To the servant of God... every place is the right place and every time is the right time.' St Catherine of Siena. All students in Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi-Academy Company are encouraged to ask 'Who is God calling me to be?' Through the strong teaching of religious education; the joyous celebration of our Catholic life and the provision of high quality, reflective collective worship opportunities, we offer everyone the chance to consider their vocation and how best to develop and use their faith for the good of others and to worship Christ.

We want everyone within our family of schools to be 'Strong in Faith' considering the example of Our Lady – the 'Handmaid of the Lord' who, in saying yes to God, showed us that we too are able to discover the path to holiness and to authentic spirituality as we become servants of the Lord.



Attentive and Discerning

Attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

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
Reception	St Anne	Monday 12 th May
1	Following Jesus Today	Monday 23 rd June
2	Parables and Miracles	Monday 16 th June
5	Pentecost	Monday 19 th May

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Can you pledge a pound this Lenten season?

Lent is a time of sacrifice, meaning that it is not all about us all of the time, it is when we challenge ourselves to be more prayerful, more kind, generous, charitable and loving towards one another. Over the course of next week, please could you send your child into school with their donation, which will then be carefully counted and sent to the Good Shepherd Appeal.

As a school, we would like to thank you all for your continued generosity, particularly during the season of Lent where we pay special attention to alms giving to those who are most vulnerable



SCIENCE COMPETITION

Ahead of British Science Week 2025, we would like you to take part in a nationwide competition promoting your love of science! Miss McGann will collect the entries and send them off in time for British Science Week. Across the country, a small selection of children will be chosen to receive a prize. Prizes last year included family tickets to a museum, magazines, books and home experiment sets too! Your mission (should you choose to accept it) is to create a poster linking to this year's theme 'Change and Adapt'. Entries must be completed and given to Miss McGann before Friday 28th March. Entries after this date will not be sent off. Please label your entries clearly with your name and class.



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Ted in Year 3 who took part in his first Under 10's Dart Tournament and finished second!



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



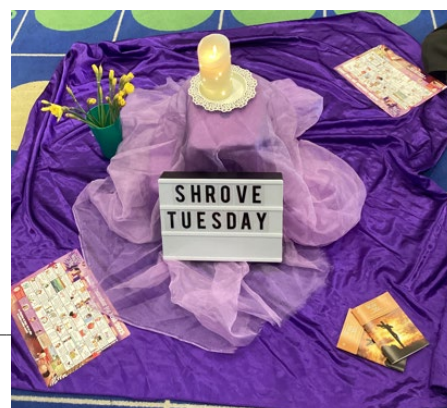
In this this week's votes the children answered the following topic question:

- Would you like to start your own business?

The children explored themes such as Dreams and Aspirations, skills and talents, Jobs and Careers and 'Aspire to be more' setting goals for the future.

Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. As a school we are learning about the season of Lent and why it is celebrated. We learnt that Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights and fasted. That's why people give things up for Lent. The day before, people used to use up the food in their cupboards to make pancakes. That's why we have pancake day. Reception and Nursery enjoyed eating pancakes and their chosen toppings.



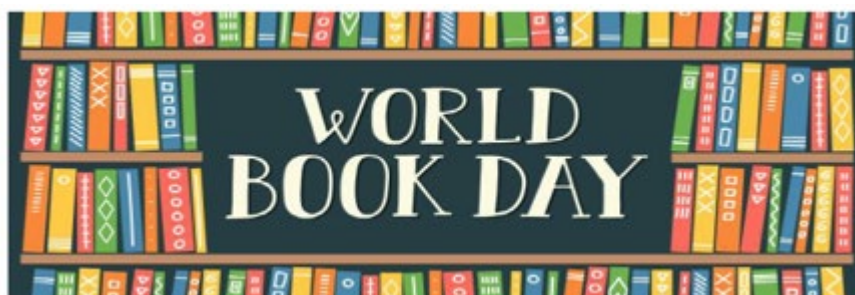


Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, our school community came together for a special service led by Deacon Stuart to mark the beginning of Lent. A focus was given to the significance of this sacred season and they reflected on key themes of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Deacon Stuart offered a challenge to all pupils: to do something extra this Lent to enhance their faith and spirituality. Whether through prayer, acts of kindness, or moments of quiet reflection, this is a time to grow closer to God and live out our faith in meaningful ways. As we continue through Lent, we encourage our school community to embrace this season of renewal, seeking opportunities to deepen our faith and make a positive difference in the lives of others.



Following our Ash Wednesday service, our Liturgical Leaders gathered in the prayer garden to mark the start of the Season of Lent. In this service, we prayed together before burying the word 'Alleluia' and respectfully burying the leftover ashes from our service. What a wonderful way to commemorate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent!

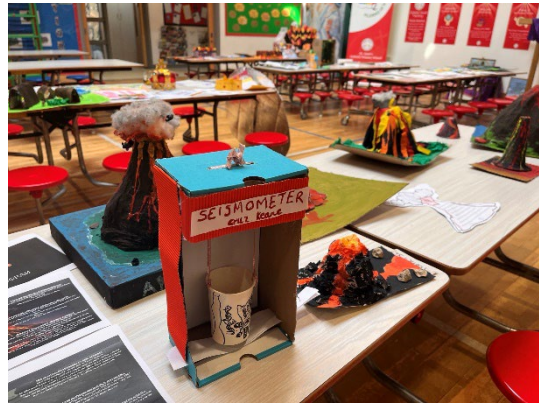


At St. Anne's, we love to read! All of the children have been looking forward to celebrating Book Day! Every day is a book day at St. Anne's, and today is no different as we celebrated the magic of reading and the joy a book can bring to us all. Across school, the children have been taking part in a range of activities sharing their knowledge of books, authors and reading with each other.



CURRICULUM SHOWCASE

The children once again showcased their wonderful work in the hall to the rest of the school this week!



Well done!

NURSERY

Religious Education

This week the children have been learning about Lent. They know that it is the beginning of Lent and that the colour purple is used at this time. The children explore the religious vocabulary they would hear throughout the Lenten unit.



Understanding the World

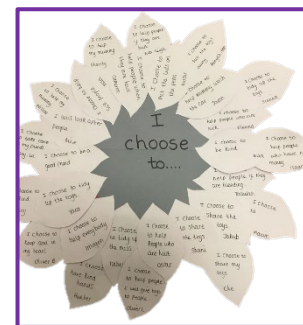
The Nursery children, Angels and Saints children have had a very exciting time with the arrival of some eggs. The children were very curious to find out what animals were growing inside. The nursery children researched a variety of animal eggs including turtles, snakes and ostriches. They found out that they were indeed duck eggs. The children didn't have to wait too long to see the eggs starting to crack inside the incubator. The staff and the children have been closely observing the eggs and we were all amazed when the ducklings hatched. The children have helped to look after the ducklings and had great fun watching them swim in the water.



RECEPTION

Religious Education – Our Lenten Journey

This week we have started our Lenten Journey. We spoke about how we are preparing for Easter during this special season. We started our journey by celebrating Shrove Tuesday. We spoke about the significance of this day and enjoyed sharing a yummy pancake treat. We also attended a very special service to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The children showed wonderful reverence and respect whilst receiving their ashes. We then thought about the choices and promises we were going to make during the season of Lent.



Understanding the world – Amazing Animals

This term we are learning about "Amazing Animals". We have enjoyed talking about our favourite pets and learning about different characteristics of animals. We have spent lots of time looking after the pets in our role play area and have created our own pets using loose parts and collage materials.



Literacy – The Little Green Dinosaur

Breaking News: The children in Reception received a news report telling us an animal had been spotted on our playground. We went to investigate and found an egg hiding in the soil! We had so much fun predicting what might be inside the egg and who left the egg for us to find. We made a nest to keep our egg warm and safe and we were so excited to learn that inside was a baby Dinosaur. We can't wait to learn all about him and have already listened to some wonderful dinosaur stories.



YEAR 1



Child-Led Prayer & Liturgy – Burying the Alleluia

To mark the beginning of Lent, we decorated the word **Alleluia** with vibrant colours before carefully placing it inside a sealed box to keep next to our class focal point. This serves as a special reminder that during Lent we are called to reflect, acknowledge our sins, and practise repentance. This prayer and liturgy was led by some of the children in Year One, who guided their class family so reverently and shared the important messages of Lent. When Easter arrives, we will joyfully open the box, bringing **Alleluia** back to life and proudly displaying our colourful creations to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.



English– Introducing the Love Monster

This week in English, we received a special delivery. We were so excited to find that the Love Monster had arrived with his book, a letter, and a special treat for us all. We shared with the Love Monster something that we love (lots of us said our Mummies, Daddys, family, friends and teachers). We then read the title, front page and blurb of his book. We cannot wait to start reading and writing all about the Love Monster and his journey.



YEAR 2



Religious Education - Child-Led Prayer & Liturgy

This week in Year 2, our child-led collective worship focused on the joyful word "**Alleluia**." The children began by decorating the word beautifully, using bright colours and creative designs. This set the stage for their special liturgy and prayer service, which was planned by the children themselves.

In the service, the children carefully placed their decorated "Alleluia" into a special bag/ box. The children leading explained that during Lent, we stop saying "Alleluia" and we take time to think about the sad and difficult journey Jesus took when He sacrificed His life for us. Lent helps us remember His suffering and how much He loves us. We wait until Easter to say "Alleluia" again, because that's when we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead and the joy of new life!

PE- Gymnastics

The children have been practising making shapes and linking them with traveling actions. They were so creative in the sequences they were able to create and showed how much they had learnt in our gymnastics unit!



YEAR 3



Child Led Prayer and Liturgy

Linking to the Jubilee Year theme of **Forgiveness**, our prayer leaders gathered together to plan a special liturgy around Jesus and the Sinful Woman. We celebrated this scripture by gathering together in prayer, hymn and reflection. Our mission was to go forth and share this scripture with our families, taking home a Pray in Colour sheet with the Gospel reading to celebrate God's word at home.



Physical Education

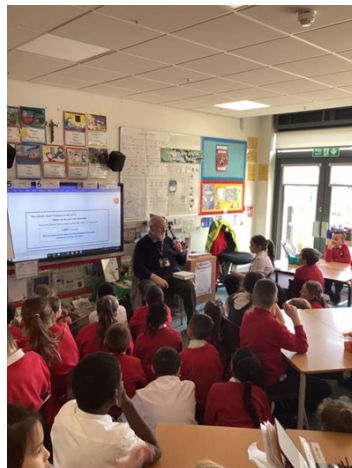
In PE, 3R have been learning about Dance. Taking inspiration from parts of a machine, we worked as a class to learn a choreographed routine. Using this learning, we then worked in teams to choreograph our own routines in counts of 8.

YEAR 4

Religious Education - Deacon Stewart

This week, Deacon Stuart came to visit Year 4 to discuss our Big Catholic Social Teaching question and discuss preparations for Lent. The children asked lots of fantastic questions such as:

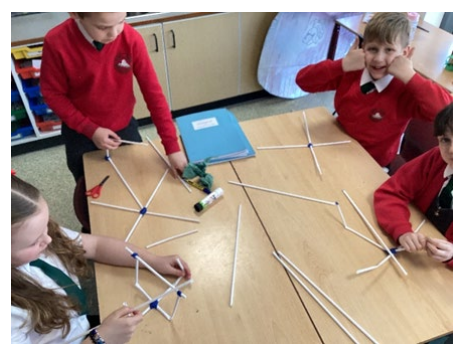
1. **What can we commit to doing during Lent?**
2. **How can we avoid temptation?**
3. **What are the Beatitudes?**
4. **How can we live these out today?**



Design and Technology

In DT, the children were exploring the concept of a **pavilion** and what this looks like. They viewed a range of pavilions around the world and identified the key features of them.

The children were then given the task of creating a strong and stable structure using materials. They identified that the corners needed to be strong to be stable and secure.

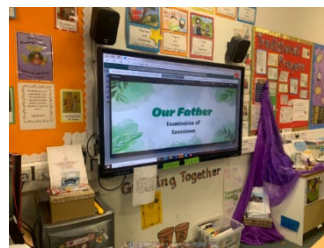


YEAR 5



Prayer and Liturgy

In prayer and liturgy this week, we have explored the Examination of Conscience through the Our Father prayer. Led by some of the children in Year 5, we looked at each part of the Our Father, and asked questions that made us reflect on our decisions and our conscience. We talked about how we can build our relationship with God through partaking in the Examination of Conscience and how we can benefit from reflecting on our faith and actions.



Our Father,

Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil

Amen.

Classically

'CO Crew!' Carbon Monoxide Safety Workshop

This week, Year 5 were visited by the CO Crew and took part in a workshop all about Carbon Monoxide and how to be safe when in contact with CO. The children learnt all about how to spot the signs of Carbon Monoxide and the symptoms you might experience if you come into contact with it. They took part in some drawing activities, drama and quizzes. Year 5 are now very educated on Carbon Monoxide safety and ready to educate others!



YEAR 6



Religious Education – Child Led Prayer and Liturgy

As we began the Season of Lent, we are using this special time to reflect on our choices and actions. The children in Year 6 led a beautiful Prayer and Liturgy, where we reflect upon the Our Father prayer. After each line, we considered different questions to help us best prepare for this Liturgical season.



Geography – Population!

Year 6 started their new Geography topic today! We looked at the world population and discovered how vastly it has increased over history! We also looked at what the world population was at the start of the lesson, end of the lesson and end of the day! Look at the increase!

Start of Geography:

Current World Population

8.209.078.898

End of Geography:

Current World Population

8,209,083,677

End of Day:

Current World Population

8,209,102,661



At St Anne's, we are striving to **Build the Kingdom of God!**
 We are helping the children develop the skills we needed to be:

- Agents for a spirit-fuelled transformation of society.
- Moving our learning into action and our faith into action!

We are teaching the children that they are the leaders of tomorrow!

God is calling you to change the world one life at a time and one small step at a time. Begin today where you are.

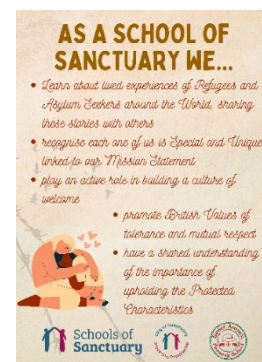
SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY

At Saint Anne's, we are passionate about the work we do as a School of Sanctuary, building the **Kingdom of God** by making our community inclusive and welcoming.

We are putting our faith into action as we are reaching out to the new Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson MP, to introduce the work of Schools of Sanctuary, the challenges we face, and the changes we would like to see.

We are asking her to encourage all schools around the country to take part in this important initiative.

The letter can be found on our website here: [Letter to Bridget Phillipson MP](#)



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/spring2025>

ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

The impact of smartphones

There is a growing concern on how excessive use of smartphones can affect our children. In addition to the effects of seeing inappropriate content online, the risk of cyberbullying and grooming, it is important that we also highlight the effects of smartphone use on our children's mental health.

If your child is using a smartphone then please try to ensure they maintain a healthy screen time limit. According to King's College London, "two new studies of smartphone habits in teenagers have identified links between problematic smartphone use and depression, anxiety and insomnia."

You can read more about these studies here:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/teenswith-problematic-smartphone-useare-twice-as-likely-to-have-anxietyand-many-are-eager-to-cut-down>

Compass have published an article as well on what effects mobile phones have on children here:

<https://www.compassuk.org/services/compass-changinglives/what-effects-do-mobile-phoneshave-on-children-and-young-peoplesmental-health/>

HEAD TEACHER ACADEMIC AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – Jacob M	RL – Sharity M	1I – Brea-Rae	1OC – Zuzanna B	2B – Quinn B
2R – Charlotte F	3L – Ellis C	3R – Julia Z	4P – Amelia M	4OR – Phoenix R
5R – Sophie C	5T – Lenny D	6M – Lewis M	6N – Obi A	

HEAD TEACHER EFFORT AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – Kiki S	RL – Shani T	1I – Claire M	1OC – Szymon D	2B – Roman D
2R – Olivier A	3L – Ralphie D	3R – Julia S	4P – Iggy P	4OR – Orlagh K
5R – Amelia S	5T – Amelia S	6M – Ella L	6N – Ayla B	

OUTSTANDING VIRTUE CERTIFICATE – ‘CURIOUS & ACTIVE’

RH – Aathirah J	RL – Hunter E	1I – Reuben O	1OC – Scarlett G	2B – Esme-Florence
2R – Harry M	3L – Funmilayo O	3R – Michael K	4P – Sophia G	4OR – Kanan W
5R – Gracie-May	5T – Gracie-May	6M – Eden W	6N – Olivia K	

LUNCH TIME MENU FOR W/C 10TH MARCH

FOOD FESTIVAL

by Aspens

Autumn Winter 2024-25:
2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 16/12, 6/1, 27/1, 17/2, 10/3, 31/3

LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 1

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

DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE

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

	THE MAIN EVENT	MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish	RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads	BIG TOPPING Piled Jacket	DESSERT TROLLEY
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza Slice and Wedges	Veggie Pepper and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice with Wedges	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Frozen Yoghurt
TUESDAY	BBQ Cheesy Chicken	Butterbean Ratatouille	Apple Slaw and Wholegrain Rice	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Sweet Potato Brownie
WEDNESDAY	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Peas and Carrots	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Flapjack
THURSDAY	Lasagne	Vegetable Lasagne	Green Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cookie Dough Apple Crumble
FRIDAY	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips	Cheesy Bean Wrap and Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Jammy Thumbprint Biscuits

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

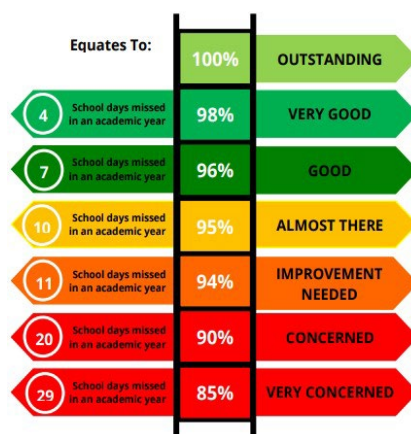


Attendance and Holidays –

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.

WINNING CLASS **RL**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 14th April – Fri 25th April	- Easter Holidays
<i>Wednesday 16th April</i>	- <i>Reception Offer Day</i>
Monday 28th April	- Children return to school – Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 5th May	- May Bank Holiday
Mon. 12 th – Thurs 15 th May	- SATS Week
Mon 26th May – Fri 20th May	- Half Term
Monday 2nd June	- Children return to school – Start of Summer Term 2
w/c Monday 9 th June	- Year 5 Bikeability
Wed 18th – Fri 20th June	- Kenelm Trust (formerly Alton castle) residential trip
<i>Monday 21st July</i>	- <i>INSET Day – Children NOT in school</i>
Tuesday 22nd July	- Summer Holidays

Understanding Autism for Parents and Carers

The SISS Autism Team are pleased to offer a workshop for parents and carers of autistic children, or for those who have been accepted onto the waiting list for an autism assessment.

The workshops are repeated each school term and are delivered in Family Hubs and training venues in North Solihull, Central Solihull, plus one online opportunity. You can choose the option that works best for you – all dates and venues for the whole year are available to book now. Please see below for details.

Spring Term

South / Central – Sans Souci
– 27.2.25 & 6.3.25. 9.15am – 2.45pm

North – Riverside Family Hub
– 25.2.25 & 4.3.25. 9.15am – 2.45pm

Final Teams Online session
– both groups – 7.3.25.
9.30am – 12pm

Summer term

South / Central – Hatchford Brook Family Hub – 18.6.25 & 25.6.25. 9.15am – 2.45pm

North – Riverside Family Hub
– 17.6.25 & 24.6.25. 9.15am – 2.45pm

Online – via Microsoft Teams – 23.5.25, 6.6.25, 13.6.25 & 20.6.25. 9am – 12pm

Final Teams Online session
– all 3 groups – 27.6.25. 9am – 12pm

For any queries, please contact your school SENCo or sisstraining@solihull.gov.uk

EHCP Service Drop-In 19th March 2025

This is an opportunity to come and meet with representatives to talk about your child with special educational need, and questions, whether this a child on SEN support or with an EHCP. We usually have attendance from below.

EHCP Service
Educational Psychology
Children's Disability Team
Specialist Inclusion Support Service

Wednesday 19th March 2025
9.30am - 12:30pm
The Loft, Chelmsley Wood B37 5TN



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Please see below for details of a fully funded project between Hunrosa Sleep Consultancy and All Ages Autism. We are able to offer the following (please note eligibility criteria is that this service is for families who live in Solihull and have an autistic/suspected autistic child):

Please note the timings!

- In-person Parent/Carer sleep workshop. **Tuesday 4th March, 10am-12 at Three Trees Community Centre, B37 7TP.** Book here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sleep-wise-a-workshop-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-1223219886609?aff=oddtcreator>
- Online Parent/Carer sleep workshop. **Friday 7th March, 10am-12.** Book here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sleep-wise-a-workshop-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-1223152495039?aff=oddtcreator>
- A limited number of **1-2-1 online clinic session:** families can self-refer and book a 1-hour session with a sleep consultant to discuss their child/young person's sleep problems. Advice will be given and relevant resources shared. **Sign up here** <https://calendly.com/sleepmeet/sleep-invitation-from-hunrosa-1-to-1-sleep-su-clone?month=2025-03>
- A limited number of 12-month free access to our Sleep Wise App. **Apply here:** <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=s1TDN7CF9UeyIge0jXdO43AI9-fUzmNInWdc-oyGGJhUNU9HWkRUSjdOVTVFNFVDRDNEMINDR083Wi4u&route=shorturl>