



# 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."**



Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

## CATHOLIC LIFE

School Virtue for this half term – Intentional & Prophetic  
In our Liturgical Calendar we are currently in Advent (Purple)

The half term focus for Catholic Social Teaching is: Dignity of the human person

### Prayer Reflections during the season of Advent Fourth week of Advent

*Love (Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25)*

*God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus, to shine bright like the sun, lighting the way for all who walk in darkness. May the light of Christ's hope, peace, joy and love shine bright in us as we approach his coming, that we may be ready to welcome him on Christmas day and every day. Amen. (Light all four candles.)*

## BUILDING THE KINGDOM



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.



## DIOCESAN VIRTUES AT ST. ANNE'S – OUR HALF TERM VIRTUE: **INTENTIONAL & PROPHETIC**

### **INTENTIONAL & PROPHETIC**

**Pupils in our school are growing to be . . .**

Curious about everything; and active in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

**Our school helps our pupils to grow . . .**

By leading pupils to be curious about the universe and all human activity, and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, and by providing opportunities for them to be active in the life of the school, the Church, and the wider community.

**The Christian Roots of the Pupil Profile.**

Curiosity is needed to sustain learning. It is what keeps us going. It is what opens up new horizons. It leads us to find God in all things. In the Christian tradition, learning is something to be actively engaged in by probing, seeking, asking, challenging, questioning until the truth is plain – it is to think for oneself and become a lifelong learner.

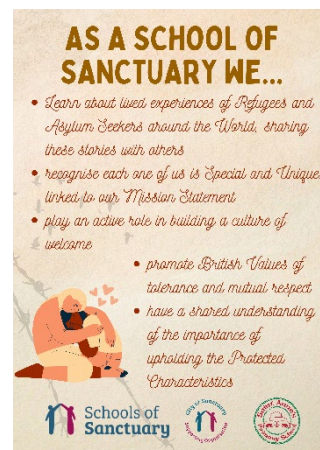
## SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY

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

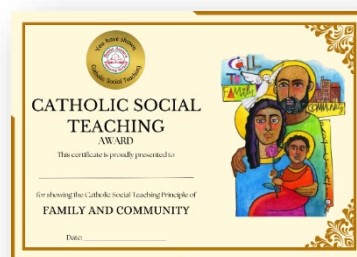
Please see link below for the monthly TenTen R.E Newsletter. The information shared on this newsletter links to the children's Collective Worship in class.

[www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/)

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

### Autumn Two Focus– Dignity of the human person

At St Anne's, children will be chosen each week to receive a certificate for portraying one of the Catholic Social Teaching principles. This is to celebrate children putting their faith into action and to encourage deeper thinking on why we do things (i.e. we look after God's world because we have been entrusted as Stewards). Congratulations to the children chosen this week during phase assembly!



**Faith without action, isn't faith at all.**

## COLUMBANS REFUGEE PROJECT – CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN ACTION



The Columbans are taking a group of young adults and educators to visit refugee projects in Calais (France).

The Columbans would be very grateful if you could donate any warm hats (suitable for adults) for them to take to donate to the Catholic drop-in centre and the charity Care4Calais. Please bring them into school by the start of next week as Miss Evans will be collecting them and taking them to a drop off point.

**As a School of Sanctuary, we continue to help the vulnerable, living out the Catholic Social Teaching of considering the dignity of the human person.**

## 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-2024>

## CATERING WITHIN SCHOOL – ORDERING MEALS ON PARENTPAY

A reminder to please continue to pre-order your child's meals on ParentPay. If a dinner has not been ordered, then the children will be offered a limited menu option of a jacket potato with a filling or a pasta pot. They will also have access to salad and a freshly baked bread roll. This charge will be added onto your ParentPay account.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Applications for **Reception** and **Secondary** school places for September 2025 must 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 Year 6 Parents – applying for a Secondary School place for September 2025

Children with a date of birth between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 (current year 6) transfer to secondary school in September 2025. **Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. Offer day is 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.**

Submitting a late application will almost certainly affect the offer you will receive. Solihull residents should apply online via [www.solihull.gov.uk](http://www.solihull.gov.uk); all other applicants must apply through their home authority.

### Information for our Nursery Parents – applying for a Reception place for September 2025

Children with a date of birth between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 start full-time school in September 2025. This first year is called 'Reception'. **Please ensure you apply on-line via your local council before the closing date which is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

### Applying for a Nursery school place for September 2025

**Please apply for a Nursery pack via email.**

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 you can apply for 30 hours free Nursery education in a Solihull school starting in September 2025. These applications are now made directly to schools and not via Admissions. St. Anne's application forms will be available from 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024. To request one, please send your child's name, date of birth and your name and contact number to: [nurseryadmissions@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:nurseryadmissions@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk). Please type 'Nursery 2025' in the subject line so that we can easily identify your email. We will email an application form to you in due course.

**Kindly note the closing date for receipt of Nursery 2025 applications is 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024.** All applications and Catholic Baptism certificates must be received in the school office by this date. You will be advised of the outcome of your application by email on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

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.



## 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](mailto: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.

## ASDA CASH FOR SCHOOLS REWARDS SCHEME

Asda have announced a new campaign in which the supermarket is offering to donate 0.5% of the value of any shop done at Asda until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to customers Primary School of choice, when you shop using Asda Rewards. Click the link below for more information.

[Asda Rewards makes millions available to primary schools with industry first loyalty programme giveaway](#)

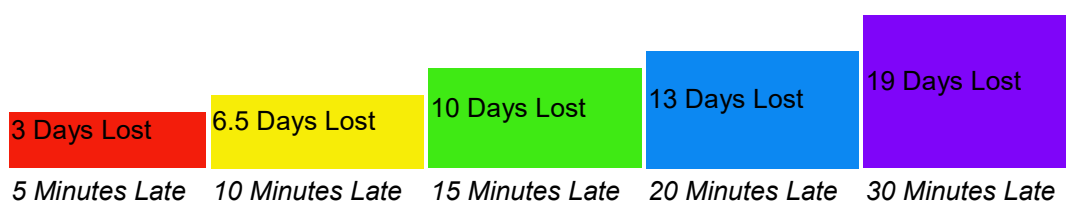
## ATTENDANCE

### 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.



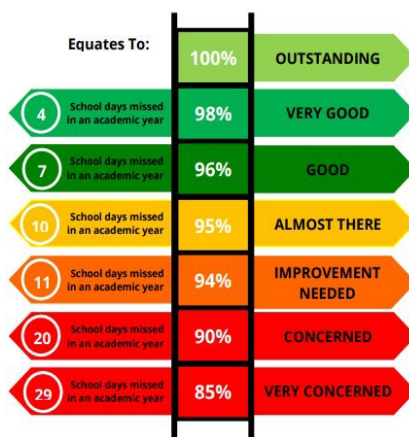
(Over one academic year)

### 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](mailto: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**  
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## GOODBYE AND GOODLUCK!

Mrs Dagnall has decided the time has now come for her to leave St. Anne's in order to spend more time with her family.

Mrs Dagnall has committed to the St. Anne's community for many years. She has provided outstanding support for all of the children in her care. We are very proud and grateful of her service and all that she has brought to our school community, supporting children but also being an excellent role-model and all-round fantastic member of the team.

Mrs Dagnall's last working day at school will be Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank-you Mrs Dagnall for everything that you have brought to our school!

## RE INSPIRE PARENT WORKSHOPS



Please find the dates below for this academic years RE Inspire Parent Workshops. **Please note that some of the below dates have now changed.**

Year Group	Relevant RE Unit	Date
Reception	St Anne	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
1	Following Jesus Today	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
2	Parables and Miracles	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
3	First Holy Communion	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January
4	Sharing in the Life of Christ	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
5	Pentecost	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Thaleia in Year 5 for winning 3 First Placements in the Synergy Dance Championship!



## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



# VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

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

- Do emoji's make communicating easier? (7-11)
- Do emoji's help you to communicate? (5-7)

### Third Sunday of Advent

Last Sunday we welcomed the third Sunday of Advent and the third candle was lit representing joy. It is the pink candle also known as the shepherd candle. This candle reflects the joy that comes through Jesus' arrival and through the salvation he has gifted us.



### Christmas Movie Night and Christmas Parties

The excitement and the delight on children's faces as they snuggled down in their pyjamas and dressing gowns with drinks and snacks was absolutely thrilling - a memorable event which brought great joy to everyone involved. True Christmas spirit shone in class Christmas parties too across school where children danced, played games, sang and ate party food.

### Year 6 Enterprise

The Year 6 enterprise activities have been a great success again this week. Our children have organised, prepared and led on a range of Enterprise projects for the Christmas performances. The children have been considering ways in which they can make profit to raise money for charity during the season of Advent.



## NURSERY

### Religious Education

The Nursery children continue to learn about 'Advent-Getting Ready' and are growing excited to be getting nearer to Jesus' Birthday.

### Understanding the World

This week the Nursery children enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers and Christmas party clothes. They had a special surprise guest at their Christmas party when Father Christmas showed up with a gift for them.



### Expressive Arts and Design

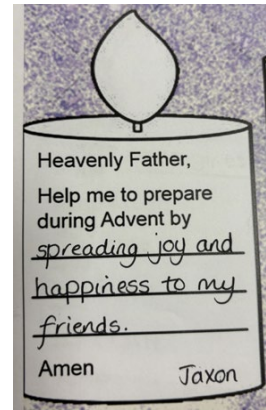
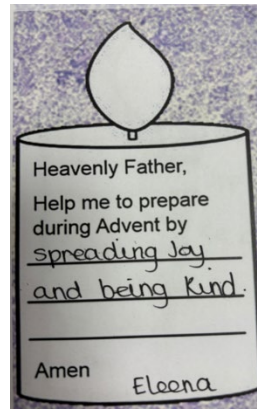
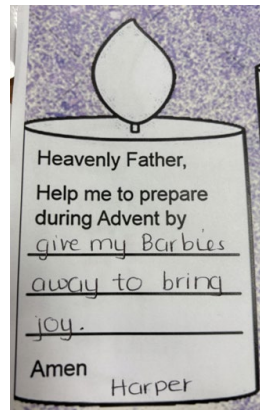
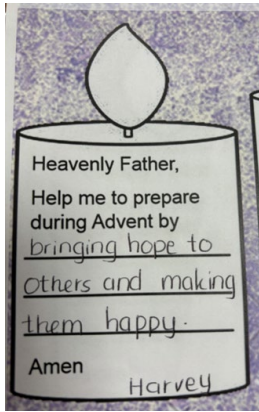
The Nursery children used their imagination and were very creative when using a variety of loose parts to make their Christmas cards.



## RECEPTION

### Religious Education

This week we continued learning about Advent. We know that Advent is a special time when we prepare for Jesus' birthday. We said some super Prayers of preparation.



### Walk to the postbox

This week we posted our special letters to Santa. We went on an adventure with our year 5 buddies to find the magical postbox and we were delighted to find out that Santa had received all of our letters. All of our Reception children have worked so hard and Santa is very happy with all of them.



### Christmas Party

We had so much fun at our Christmas party, we had lots of fun singing, dancing and playing party games. We were thrilled to receive a visit from Santa too! Our children would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas.





**Prayer and Liturgy – Child Led with Parents**

Last Friday, Year 1 gathered with their families for a beautiful time of prayer and liturgy. The children worked incredibly hard to prepare for this child-led worship, focusing on the Advent theme of spreading joy. Through their prayers, hymns, and a thoughtful Gospel reading, they shared the message that real joy comes from Jesus and from spreading kindness to others in small, selfless ways. As the Candle of Joy glowed brightly on the Advent wreath, the children reminded us how important it is to celebrate Jesus and share His joy with everyone. The Go Forth for this prayer and liturgy was to think of a way as a family that they can spread joy and build God’s kingdom from now until Christmas, with the responses we then created a ‘chain of joy’ in our classrooms!



It was a truly special time for all involved, and we are grateful for the opportunity to share this meaningful moment together. It was wonderful to see the hall filled for this special occasion.



**Design and Technology – Smoothie Making**

This week in Design & Technology we have finally made our tasty smoothies. We have spent many weeks learning all about fruit and vegetables – what defines each, how and where they grow, taste testing them, identifying which are sweet, sour or bitter, and describing the textures. All in preparation for our final project! We chopped our desired fruit and vegetables before placing them into a blender and pressing the button. It was very noisy but interesting to see all of the solids turn to liquid. Finally, after drinking our delicious and nutritious smoothies, we evaluated the process of making them and tasting them. Reflecting on how we enjoyed the making process, how our smoothie tasted, what fruit/vegetable we would add next time, and a name for our smoothie.



We would like to wish our Year 1 children and families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming the children back in January ☺



## YEAR 2

### Christmas Nativity

What an incredible journey Year 2 has had this Christmas! Our talented children truly shone in their heart-warming Nativity performance, bringing the Christmas story to life through song and storytelling. With each note sung and every word spoken, the children captivated the audience and filled the room with festive cheer.

Year 2 staff would like to say thank you for all our wonderful gifts and cards and we Wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



### Christmas Party

Year 2 had a wonderful time at their Christmas party! The afternoon was filled with joy and laughter as the children danced, sang, and celebrated with their friends. There was so much excitement in the air as everyone took part in festive party games, showing off their best moves to the Christmas music and enjoying plenty of giggles along the way. The children were delighted to tuck into their delicious party food.



## YEAR 3

### Religious Education

This week, we came to the end of our Advent learning journey. We really enjoyed discussing and learning about the lead up to Jesus' Birth as well as the thoughts and feelings Mary was going through at this time. Throughout the week we the Visitation, the Jesse tree and the Parable of the Sheep and Goats. We finally concluded all our learning by answering our Big CST question; 'Mary answered her call by saying 'Yes' to God. We are all called to be holy. How can you answer your call?' The children had some very insightful answers to this question.



### Maths

After concluding our first unit of Multiplication and Division, the children were put to the test to show off their knowledge and develop their fluency skills this week. Using their counters, they created different arrays for different multiplications. They need had to figure out the fact family that went with that array using their multiplication and Division knowledge. The children have also spent some time on TTRS this week which they have thoroughly enjoyed. Take a look at our brilliant mathematicians in Year 3.



### Festive Fun

The end of term is here! To prepare for Christmas, we have had lots of fun opportunities this week, creating lots of beautiful memories. Our week started with our Christmas Movie night on Monday where we snuggled up to enjoy one of our favourite festive films. On Thursday the festivities continued with our Christmas Dinner and a joyous party afternoon. We ended our Autumn term with our Winter Well-Being Day where we wore our favourite festive cloths and celebrated all of our achievements from our first term in Year Three!



Thank you for all of your festive wishes and support this term! We cannot wait to see what 2024 brings for us all as we continue making wonderful memories with your children. Wishing you all a happy and Holy Christmas. The Year Three team x

### YEAR 4

#### Well done Year 4!

All of the staff in Year 4 want to say a huge well done to all of the children for such a fantastic Autumn term. The children have worked extremely hard and have made lots of lovely memories. We hope all of the children and their families have a wonderful, safe and holy Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



## Design and Technology

This week, the children have been assembling and testing their slingshot cars. Firstly, the children had to ensure that their model was secure and fixed to their wheels well. The children created a range of fantastic designs and they were all very unique! Once the children had designed and assembled, they then had to test their car against other members of the class. They thoroughly enjoyed testing the cars and considering how to improve them in their evaluation.



## FITMAS!

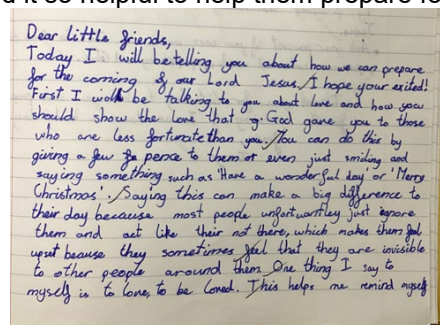
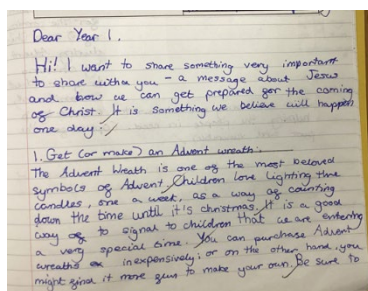
The children have been taking part in various FITMAS activities this week! We have enjoyed playing many different Christmas-themed activities such as 'Santa Says,' 'Wanna build a snowman?' and 'Reindeer Run.'



## YEAR 5

### Religious Education

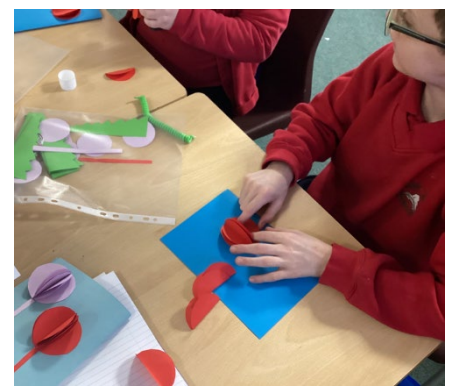
In Religious Education this week, Year 5 have been thinking about how we can prepare for the Second Coming of Christ, and how we can advise others to do the same. As we come to the end of our Advent unit, the children were asked to write a letter to children in Key Stage 1, telling them of ways in which they can prepare for Advent. We looked at lots of different ways; preparing an Advent Wreath, blessing your Nativity scene, praying more. The children in Year 5 wrote some fantastic letters to Key Stage 1 who will find it so helpful to help them prepare for Jesus to come.



### Design and Technology - Christmas Cards

As part of our retrieval from our Design and Technology unit of 'Moving Books' – Year 5 decided to make our Christmas Cards in the design of a pop-up book! It was super for the children to use their knowledge from our unit to make their super festive creations! They are very proud of what they have made – as they should be!

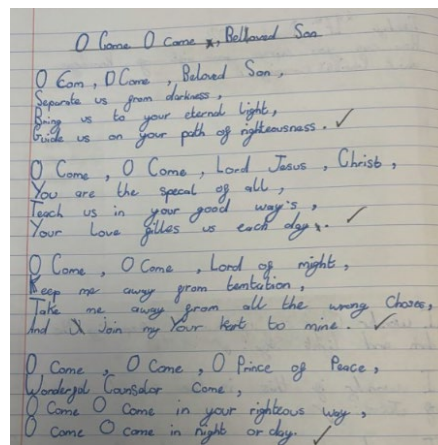
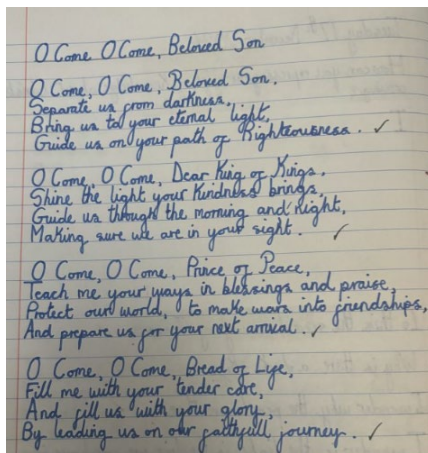
The staff in Year 5 would like to wish all of the children and families a very Merry Christmas. The first full term of Year 5 has been brilliant and we are excited to see what next term brings as we welcome in 2025!



## YEAR 6

### Religious Education

The children have been exploring the hymn 'O Come, Emmanuel' in their RE lessons this week. They had the opportunity to use their knowledge of the second coming of Christ and write their own version of the hymn. This was a wonderful time to celebrate the Advent season together and the coming of Christ that we are so patiently waiting for.



### Dance Workshop

Year 6 had the pleasure to be a part of a Sampad workshop! The children learnt a style of dancing called bhangra and performed in a flash mob style! We thoroughly enjoyed our time with artist Sohan, teaching us about his family's culture!



### Advent Performance

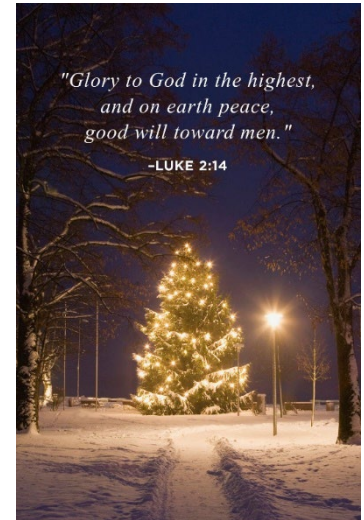
Year 6 had a wonderful time performing to their parents, celebrating in the joy that is the Advent Season! Thank you to all the parents who came and thank you to those who joined in



supported us. An even special during the 12 Days of Christmas!



From us all in Year 6, we are wishing you a very merry and holy Christmas. Thank you for your continued support this term and we cannot wait for all the fun that will come in 2025.



#### ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

## New Technology

With Christmas nearly here and with some children receiving new technology or related games, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

### Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games.
- Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for some devices here:

**Xbox:** <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

**PS5:** <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

**Nintendo Switch:** <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

### Tablets/Smart phones

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:

**iPhones/iPad:** <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>

**Android Device:** <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

### Why is it important?

Parental controls are important to help provide a safer experience for your child by reducing/preventing access to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, communication with strangers and restricting purchases.

### Further information

You can find out more about parental controls here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parental-controls/>

### HEAD TEACHER ACADEMIC AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – Tierney M	RL – Yara S	1I – Ola Z	1OC – Reuben K	2B – Isla P-F
2R – Arthur C	3L – Poppy-Rose	3R – Cruz K	4P – Nancy M	4OR – Ruby-Mae
5R – Analeah M	5T – Laura H	6M – Emilia P-F	6N – Evaleigh M	

### HEAD TEACHER EFFORT AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – Alicja K	RL – Tallulah NM	1I – Florence C	1OC – Finley B	2B – Whole class
2R – Joshua T	3L – Funmilayo	3R – Julia Z	4P – Frankie H	4OR – Franc B
5R – Whole class	5T – Whole class	6M – Lexie-Lila	6N – Yuna O	

### OUTSTANDING VIRTUE CERTIFICATE – ‘CURIOUS & ACTIVE’

RH – Robyn B	RL – Imogen W	1I – Gewra T	1OC – Molly N	2B – Paivley P
2R – Amaya T	3L – Lyla-Rose	3R – Arthur L	4P – Ava B	4OR – Leo M
5R – Isla S	5T – Gracious C	6M – Louie J	6N – Louie S	



### TERM DATES 2024-2025

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

### YEAR 6 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon. 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	- SATS Week
Date to be confirmed	- Alton Castle Meeting with parents
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> June	- Kenelm Trust (formerly Alton castle) residential trip
Dates to be arranged	- Curriculum and SATs Workshop

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	-	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	-	INSET Day – Children NOT in school
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	-	<b>Children return to school – Start of Spring Term 1</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Reception Application Closing Date
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	-	INSET Day – Children NOT in school
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	-	<b>Children return to school – Start of Spring Term 2</b>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Reception Offer Day
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-	<b>Children return to school – Start of Summer Term 1</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>May Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	-	<b>Children return to school – Start of Summer Term 2</b>
w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	-	INSET Day – Children NOT in school
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	-	<b>Summer Holidays</b>



**Book a slot** to come & meet Santa & his elves (Solihull SENDIAS) & collect a present on **Saturday 7th December** from 10:30am

At Correla Ltd, Lansdown Gate, 65 New Rd, Solihull B91 3DL (by Malvern park).

We welcome all families **who have at least one child with SEND/additional needs**, & their siblings, to our free SEND/Sensory aware Santa session. If your child is unable to come into the building, let us know & Santa will come to your car with a present.

To **book a slot** email us at [solihullsendias@family-action.org.uk](mailto:solihullsendias@family-action.org.uk)

- & tell us your child/children's
- Name & Age
  - Gender
  - Interests (we try **where possible** to ensure a toy matches the child)
  - Preferred time slot
  - Indoor or drive through (in car) visit

**Please note that slots are allocated on a first come/first served basis, with limited capacity.**

Many thanks to **Correla Ltd** who are supporting Solihull SENDIAS to deliver this SEND friendly Santa session 😊



## SANTA'S GROTTO Indoor Market 2024



**LOCATED IN UNIT 6 IN THE INDOOR MARKET! NEXT TO BARBERS DEN.**  
Prices: £4 per child & £6 per adult. This includes a present, with special extras such as a soft toy and a pick from Santa's workshop.

### Opening Times 10am till 4pm

- Saturday 23rd November
  - Sunday 24th November
  - Saturday 30th November
  - Sunday 1st December
  - Saturday 7th December
  - Sunday 8th December
  - Saturday 14th December
  - Sunday 15th December
  - Monday 16th December
  - Tuesday 17th December
  - Wednesday 18th December
  - Thursday 19th December
  - Friday 20th December
  - Saturday 21st December
  - Sunday 22nd December (Final Day)
- Closed for lunch from 12pm till 1pm**

# CHELMSLEY WOOD'S BIG TOY, GIFT & FOOD DRIVE

Please drop in all donations to  
**LILY'S TEA PARLOUR COMMUNITY PROJECT**  
(Next door to Coventry Building Society)



## Community Development Workers Team Supporting Families

We believe that families in Birmingham and Solihull have the right to better mental health support. We provide resources to support families, to have greater understanding of wellbeing and how to build resilience for themselves, their children and extended families.



We want all families to have the confidence to talk about how they are feeling, and how to have open mental health conversations with their families around stigma and mistrust.

**Mental health problems can affect the entire family. Learn ways to provide support and access mental health services**

**Our service is free for our communities and community partners**

### How We Can Help

- Partnership collaboration
- Wellbeing information sessions
- Signposting and community support
- Community event support
- Build emotional resilience
- Understand depression
- Stress awareness
- Self esteem and confidence

#### CONTACT

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Solihull Family Hubs



## Solihull Family Hubs



A Family Hub is a place where children, young people and families can go for services, advice and to meet other families. Raising a family, being a parent or carer, or navigating life as a young person can be a challenge so staff in the hubs can put you in touch with different services in the area.

#### There are 4 Family Hubs in Solihull

- Elmwood- Smiths Wood
- Evergreen- Kingshurst
- Riverside- Chelmsley Wood
- Hatchford Brook- Elmdon

Scan here for more information on the Family Hubs website



Family Hubs are open to everyone and there will always be a safe space available for you if you need it. You can get help with many things from:



- parenting support and social activities
- seeing a midwife or a health visitor
- activities for young people
- support for children and young people with additional needs

**The Solihull Start for Life Offer is a guide for everyone involved in a child's life from pregnancy to 2 years old. It includes information, advice, services and places to go to keep healthy, happy and safe in the first 1,001 days.**



Email us: [familyhubs@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:familyhubs@solihull.gov.uk) or Call: 0121 704 6017  
Follow us on Facebook: Solihull Family Hubs

Scan here for the Solihull Start for Life

Download the Solihull Family Hubs App, available on Apple Store and Google Play Store

For anyone who needs some support right now. ❤️

- CALM - 0800585858
- Mind - 03001233393
- No Panic - 08449674848
- Bereavement - 08088081677
- PAPYRUS - 08000684141
- Samaritans - 116 123
- SHOUT - Text SHOUT to 85258
- Abuse - 0808 2000 247
- Refuge - 020 7395 7700

Stay safe this Christmas.



## FIT KIDS ZONE C.I.C SOLIHULL WINTER CLUB

COLESHILL HEATH SCHOOL

LIME GROVE  
CHELMSLEY WOOD  
B37 7PY

30th/31st December



**SOLIHULL**  
HAF  
Holiday Activities  
And Food



FREE  
9 AM TILL 1PM  
CHILDREN MUST RECEIVE  
BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS  
AND HAVE A HAF CODE

## Multi-Sport

THIS WINTER CLUB WILL PROVIDE LIFE SKILLS AND HELP BUILD CONFIDENCE

CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS A NUTRITIOUS BALANCED MEAL THROUGHOUT THE DAY AS WELL AS REFRESHMENTS WHICH WILL ALL BE PROVIDED BY FIT KIDS ZONE C.I.C

All Welcome  
If you don't receive free school meals, you are still welcome to attend our club with a small charge per day  
£10 per day without food £13 per day with food  
9am till 1pm

[www.fitkidszone.co.uk/clubs](http://www.fitkidszone.co.uk/clubs)  
07985607421

