



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 13th December 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

Third week of Advent

Third Week: Joy (Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11)

God of joy, it is in your love that we find lasting joy. Keep us from seeking happiness in things that will not last, for we brought nothing into this world and can take nothing out of it. Teach us instead to find joy in the gift of your Son, who came into this world with nothing, yet gave us everything. May his joy bubble up in our hearts and overflow to all we meet this Advent season. Amen.

(Light two purple and one pink candle.)

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.

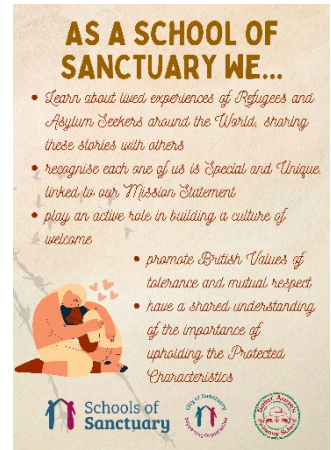
Curiosity is needed to sustain learning. It is what keeps us going. It is what opens up new horizons. It leads us to find God in all things. In the Christian tradition, learning is something to be actively engaged in by probing, seeking, asking, challenging, questioning until the truth is plain – it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

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

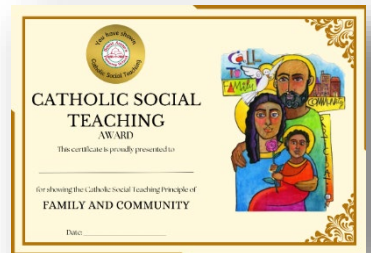
Please see link below for the monthly TenTen R.E Newsletter. The information shared on this newsletter links to the children's Collective Worship in class.

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

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.

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**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.

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

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2020 and 31st 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 15th January 2025.**

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**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**

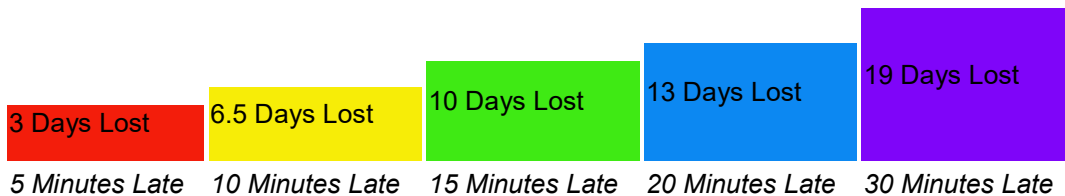
**Late marks and Absences**

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.



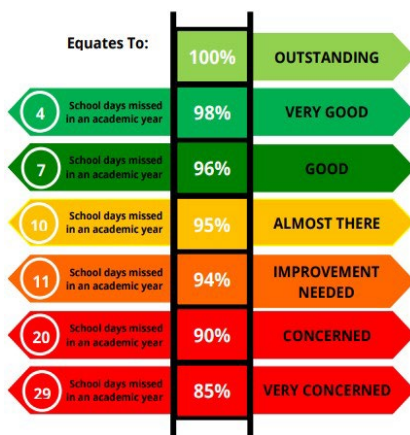
(Over one academic year)

**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**  
**4P**



**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     |

## ADVENT EVENTS

Please see our Advent dates below with more details to follow.

| Year Group                                 | Date/s                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nursery                                    | completed                                                                     |
| Reception                                  | completed                                                                     |
| 1                                          | Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December at 8.50am through the small hall entrance    |
| 2                                          | Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December at 8.50am through the small hall entrance |
| 3                                          | completed                                                                     |
| 4                                          | completed                                                                     |
| 5                                          | completed                                                                     |
| 6                                          | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 8.50am through the small hall entrance  |
| Advent Mass KS2 lead – Yr1 and 2 to attend | Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                                             |
| Christmas Movie Night                      | Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 3.15 - 4.30pm                                |
| Christmas Dinner Day                       | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December                                            |

## CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

We are very much looking forward to our Christmas Movie night on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

The children can come to school in their PE kits that day. They can also bring in to school their pyjamas or dressing gown or a teddy should they wish to do so, however there is no requirement to do this at all.

As you may be aware many of the Christmas films have a PG rating e.g. Elf, Nativity so if your child is staying for the movie then we will take this as your consent to watch the film chosen including if it is a PG.

The event will finish at 4.30pm so please make arrangements to collect your child from their classroom.

If you do not wish your child to attend the event or consent to a PG rated film, please collect as normal at 3.15pm.

Many thanks for your co-operation and we look forward to a St. Anne's night at the movies.



## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

This week, our Key Stage Two Christmas Choir were cordially invited to perform at the Parish Tea Dance and Colebrook Day Centre. We loved having the opportunity to showcase all of our hard work and preparation from Christmas choir after school to members of our local community. To prepare for this special time of year, we selected a variety of hymns and joyful Christmas songs. We definitely managed to spread some festive spirit!



In our last week of Christmas choir, we decided to spread our festive cheer with you all and we created our very own music video with our collection of Christmas songs! Enjoy!



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP

On Monday evening, we welcomed the children of 3R and their families to come along to participate in our First Holy Communion workshop evening. During this time, we gathered together in prayer, discussed the importance of the Blessed Sacrament and reflected on what a special journey the children are embarking on in their faith.



We worked together to create our Chain of Commitment as we are all united by Christ in the Eucharist.



We then spoke about the significance of Reconciliation, creating our own Forgiveness wheels using scripture to help us think about the example set for us in the Bible.



Our time of prayer ended by placing our Commitment Certificates together next to our focal point, showing that we are all working together to help the children strengthen their faith on their Sacramental journey.



Our evening was brought to an end with a special Fish and Chip supper – it was like feeding the 5000!



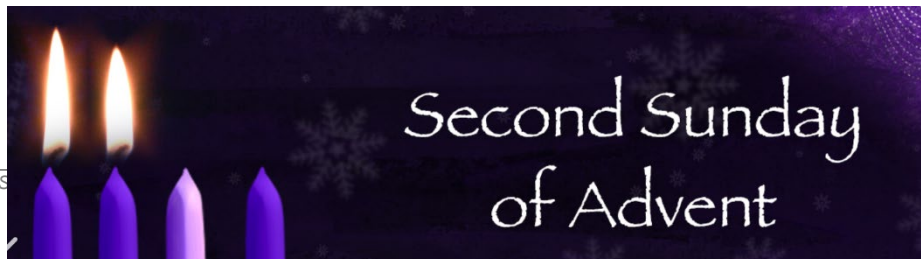
We were so fortunate to share this special evening together! The evening was a great success, we are so thankful to everyone involved in planning the workshop and participating so beautifully. We look forward to welcoming the children making the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in 3L for their workshop on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

# OTES FOR SCHOOLS

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

- Do assumptions do more harm than good? (7-11)
- Should we be more careful about assumptions? (5-7)



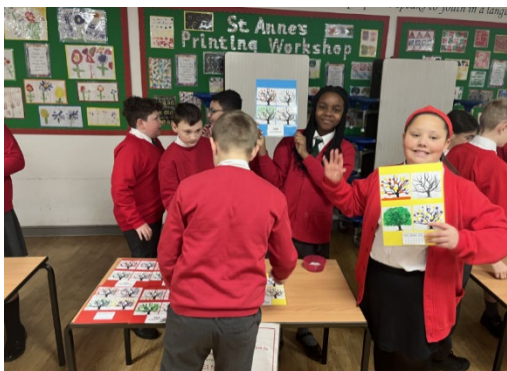
We are in the season of Advent. During Advent, we prepare for His coming – He who brought Light into the darkness – for four weeks, represented by the four candles around the Advent wreath. Last Sunday we welcomed the second Sunday of Advent and the second candle was lit representing peace. Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the “**Bethlehem Candle,**” the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph’s journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus.

**Human Rights Day**

It was lovey to celebrate and discuss Human Rights day and what this means. World Human Rights Day inspires everyone to speak up and take action to end discrimination in all forms, whenever and wherever it happens. Human Rights Day is a day to celebrate the achievements of those who have fought for and protected human rights. It is also a day to reflect on the future and advocate for what needs to be done to make society fairer for everyone.

**Year 6 Enterprise**

The Year 6 enterprise activities have been a great success 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**

In our RE unit of work ‘Advent- Getting Ready’ the children thought about the times that they have to get ready. They know that Advent is the special name for the time when we are getting ready for Jesus’ birthday. They explored the Advent wreath.



**Bambinellis**

The Nursery children, with the help of their families made their own Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) which were blessed by Deacon Stuart. The children will now place them somewhere special in their home.



**Look At Me Now!**

On Monday we invited our last group of families into the Nursery classroom to join us for the ‘Look at Me Now!’ workshop. Together they made a variety of Advent and Christmas arts and crafts.



### The ABC Nativity

Well done to the children who performed in the last of our 'ABC Nativity' shows. They were such superstars, putting so much effort, enthusiasm and joy into retelling the Nativity story through songs and actions. A big well done to all of the Nursery children.



## RECEPTION

### Religious Education

Bambinelli Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when all the children bring their figure of baby Jesus from their nativity scenes to St. Peter's Square to be blessed by the Pope. Our Reception children have made their own beautiful Bambinellis and were delighted when Deacon Stuart came to school to bless them. The children will be taking their Bambinellis home, meaning that Jesus will be present in their home during the Christmas season.



### Maths

We have been enjoying a range of mathematical activities linked to our work around 1,2,3,4,5. We have been exploring how numbers are made, adding one more, taking away to find one less and exploring equal groups. We are becoming wonderful mathematicians.



## Nativity

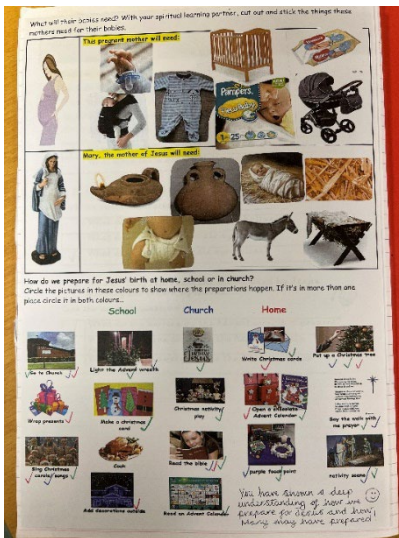
This week Reception performed our amazing Nativity to our friends at school and our families. The children were amazing and we were so proud of all of our little superstars. A big well done to all of you!



## YEAR 1

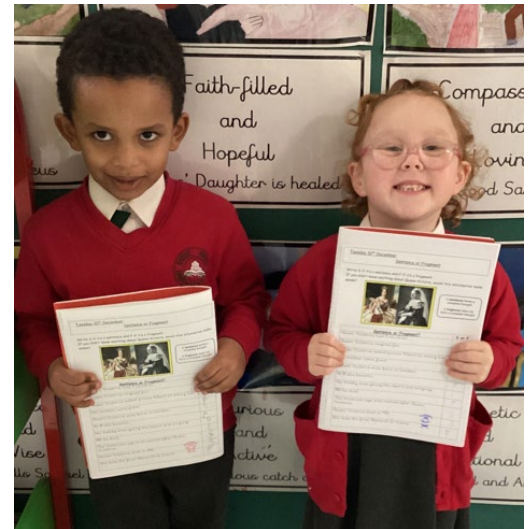
### Religious Education – Preparing for Jesus

This week in RE, we continued learning about Advent. We thought about how Mary got ready for the birth of baby Jesus, despite the challenges of her difficult journey. We also talked about how mums today prepare for a new baby. Although we noticed some differences, we understand that even though Mary and Joseph had very little for Jesus, they still showed Him endless love and care. We also discussed ways in which we prepare for the birth of Jesus in school, at home and at church. We noticed lots of similarities in how different places prepare for this special time.



### Grammar – Great Monarchs

In English we have learnt all about the difference between a sentence and a fragment. We know that a sentence forms a complete thought and makes sense when said aloud or read, however a fragment does not form a complete thought because it is incomplete and does not make sense on its own! To put our knowledge to the test we linked our learning from History about the significant monarch, Queen Victoria to help us identify which statements of her legacy were sentences or fragments. We certainly were not caught out!



## YEAR 2

### Religious Education - Prayer and Liturgy

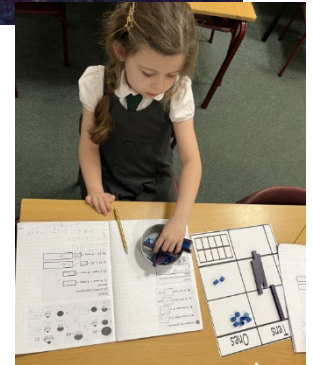
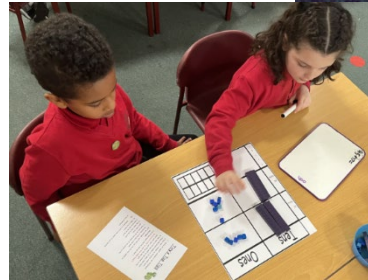


Year 2 would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the family members and carers who joined us for our prayer and liturgy service on last Friday afternoon. It was truly heart-warming to see such a wonderful turnout. The children thoroughly enjoyed coming together with you all, to continue celebrating the Advent season. The leaders of the prayer session worked diligently to learn their words and share the important message of peace and preparation, which we reflect on during the second week of Advent. The gospel reading about St. John the Baptist reminded us of how we prepare for the coming of Jesus, encouraging us to be kind, help others, and seek forgiveness. The children had the opportunity to light a candle, reflecting on *The peace of God* that shines in all of our hearts and guides us each day. It was a truly special time for all involved, and we are grateful for the opportunity to share this meaningful moment together.



**Maths**

This week, the children have been fantastic mathematicians, working hard to add two-digit numbers, both crossing and not crossing ten. Through lots of practical activities, including using tens and one's grids and base 10 equipment, they have developed a strong understanding of how to exchange ten ones for one ten. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they explore this important mathematical concept!



**YEAR 3**

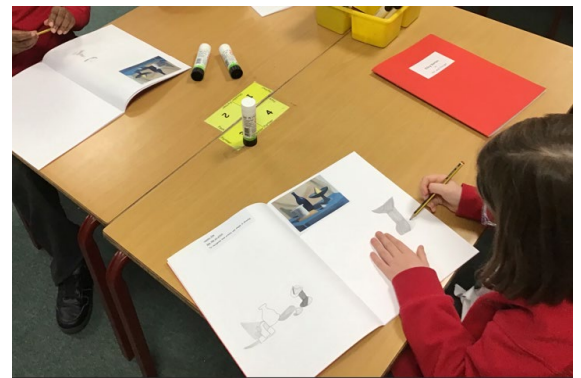
**RSE – Jesus My Friend Story Sessions**

This week the children have discussed and reflected upon the story of the Prodigal Son. The children learnt about this important parable in their unit of Reconciliation. It was a good opportunity to retrieve what they know and reflect on how we can learn from this story. The children had some brilliant ideas and understood that God will always forgive us as long as we are sorry for our sins. The children are really looking forward to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and we are sure they will be thinking about the message from the Story of the Prodigal Son during this special time.



**Art and Design**

The children started their new unit; Growing Artists! They focussed on how artists use shape in their drawings and then looked at some examples. The children used objects to do some life drawings! Check out some of their fabulous art work!!



**YEAR 4**

**Christmas Performance!**

Year 4 started this week with a wonderful performance on Monday morning! They performed a range of hymns, songs and even a festive poem! The children performed beautifully and there were many smiles in the room as they sang some lovely carols. Well done to Year 4 for their fantastic performance – you are all superstars!

### Geography Fieldwork – The River Cole

On Wednesday morning, the children in Year 4 conducted some fieldwork as part of their Geography unit on Rivers. The children were identifying early signs of pollution in the River Cole and were gathering data about what rubbish was around the river. As Stewards of God’s Creation, the children also used this as a perfect opportunity to help our community by picking up litter along the way. The children were very passionate about this and wanted to do their best to make sure that the river was clean.



## YEAR 5

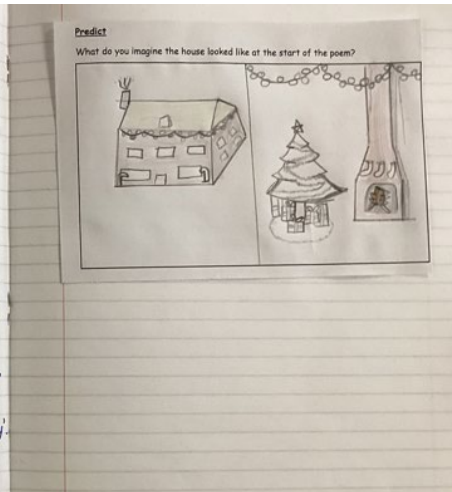
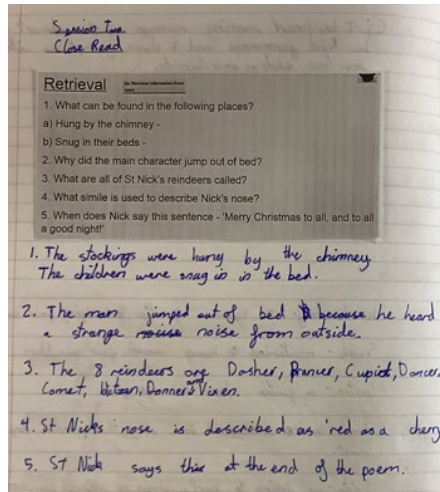
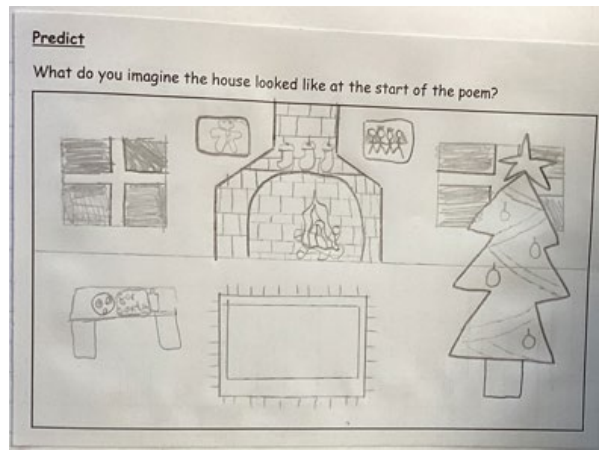
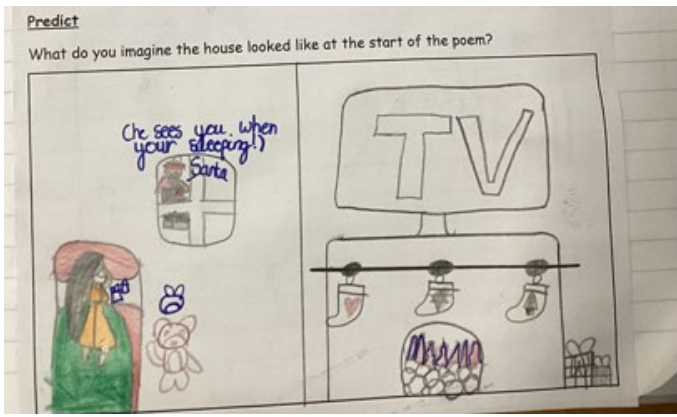
### Religious Education

On Tuesday, we were very lucky to have Deacon Stuart come to speak to Year 5 all about Advent. As we are in our Advent unit, Deacon Stuart took the time to come and help us to answer our BIG Catholic Social Teaching question ‘How can we prepare for Christ to come again? How can we encourage others to do the same?’. Deacon Stuart shared with us many ways that we can prepare for the Second Coming of Christ, and how we can prepare the way for Jesus to come. We must make the paths straight for him, and flatten the mountains, as stated in Isaiah. We talked about what this means, and how we can make it easy for Jesus to come again. In addition, we also talked about John the Baptist and whether his job was easy or not, spreading the word of God in the desert and telling others of Jesus the Messiah who was going to arrive.



### Reading

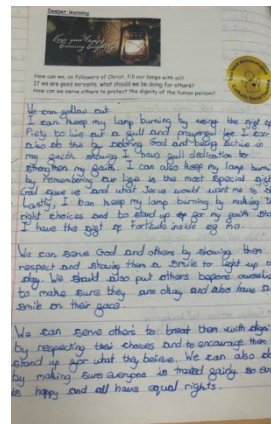
In Reading this week, we are looking at the poem ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas. We have looked at all of the different stanzas which make up this well-known poem, and the wonderful rhyming pattern it has. We used our inference skills to draw a picture of what we think the house looks like in the poem because of the words that are written and the way the author uses imagery. The children have loved unpicking this poem and focusing on different elements and themes which make this festive poem so joyful!



**YEAR 6**

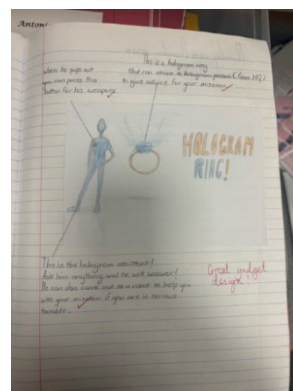
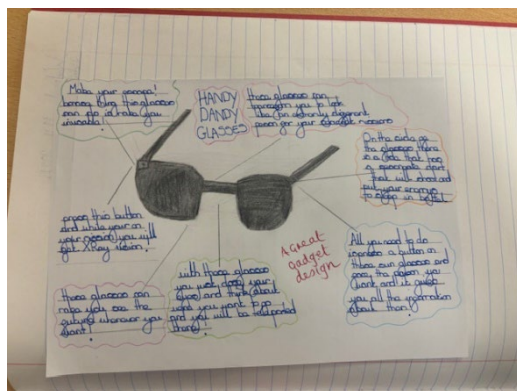
**Religious Education**

The children have been reflecting beautifully on the meaning of Advent and how this is a perfect opportunity to prepare ourselves for the second coming of Christ. The children having been reading different parables which highlights our duty to wait for the Saviour and for our actions to reflect our belief that soon He will come again.



**English**

We are very lucky to have a bunch of inventors in Year 6! During their English unit, the children designed their own super gadget that they will have to use their persuasive writing to try and sell! The children considered the specific details of their gadget that they think would make their gadget a best seller! We cannot wait to read your persuasive writing pieces!



## Design and Technology!

This week, Year 6 had the opportunity to research, design, prepare and make their own pizzas – which were absolutely amazing. Throughout their lessons, the children researched the ingredients needed to make a perfect pizza base. They also decided on the toppings that they would like use. They then made the dough from scratch and prepared and cooked their pizzas.



### ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

## Tips to help you talk about cyberbullying

Internet Matters have collated their tips to help you talk about cyberbullying with your child based on different age categories. The information is divided into four sections:

1. Before you start the conversation
2. Things to talk to them about such as how to deal with cyberbullying
3. What to do next
4. Where to get further help

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/cyberbullying-conversation-starter-guide>

### HEAD TEACHER ACADEMIC AWARDS OF THE WEEK

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|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| RH – Emilia-Rose | RL – Jakub S   | 1I – Ronnie S | 1OC – Avery W | 2B – Zac T    |
| 2R – Michaela K  | 3L – Oscar H-P | 3R – Alfie P  | 4P – Kacie L  | 4OR – Lenai D |
| 5R – Zuriel H    | 5T – James T   | 6M – Luna L   | 6N – Riley L  |               |

### HEAD TEACHER EFFORT AWARDS OF THE WEEK

|                  |                  |                |                |               |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| RH – Whole class | RL – Whole class | 1I – Remmy O   | 1OC – Zoe D    | 2B – Leon P   |
| 2R – Bella V     | 3L – Charlie C   | 3R – Michael K | 4P – Frankie P | 4OR – Kanan W |
| 5R – Freddie P   | 5T – Isabella N  | 6M – Rohan A   | 6N – Ella L    |               |

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

|                |                 |               |               |                |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| RH – Tierney T | RL – Sienna S   | 1I – Oliver B | 1OC – Leela K | 2B – Nigella G |
| 2R – Hudson W  | 3L – Gabriela B | 3R – Jaxon B  | 4P – Jack B   | 4OR – Antosh B |
| 5R – Klaudia C | 5T – Kian T     | 6M – Ayla B   | 6N – Lucas M  |                |

## TERM DATES 2024-2025

| <u>Autumn Term 2024</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <u>Spring Term 2025</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <u>Summer Term 2025</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <u>Autumn 1</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <u>Spring 1</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <u>Summer 1</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – INSET</b><br/><b>Children NOT in school</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Half-Term:</b><br/>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to<br/>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</p>                                                                                 | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – INSET</b><br/><b>Children NOT in school</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Starts: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January<br/>Children return to school</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Half-Term:</b><br/>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to<br/>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Starts: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April<br/>Children return to school</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Half-Term:</b><br/>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to<br/>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</p>                                                                                                                 |
| <u>Autumn 2</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <u>Spring 2</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <u>Summer 2</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Starts: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November<br/>Children return to school</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Term ends: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas Holiday:</b><br/>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup><br/>January 2025</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – INSET</b><br/><b>Children NOT in school</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Starts: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February<br/>Children return to school</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Easter Holiday:</b><br/>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April to<br/>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;">Starts: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June<br/>Children return to school</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Last Day of Term for Children:<br/>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – INSET</b><br/><b>Children NOT in School</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summer Holidays:</b><br/>Start Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</p> |

## 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>                                    |

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**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**

**PUSH ON WELLBEING**

**"GIFT A LUNCH"**

Our GAL Scheme is helping local people who are struggling due to being homeless & the cost of living.

**HAVE A HEART & BUY A...**



**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

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Community Development Worker Service  


## Solihull Family Hubs

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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  
 PYPYRUS - 08000684141  
 Samaritans - 116 123  
 SHOUT - Text SHOUT to 85258  
 Abuse - 0808 2000 247  
 Refuge - 020 7395 7700

**Stay safe this Christmas.**

