



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 18th October 2024

CATHOLIC LIFE

School Virtue for this half term – Curious and Active
Catholic Social Teaching – Family and Community

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

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.

TEN TEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

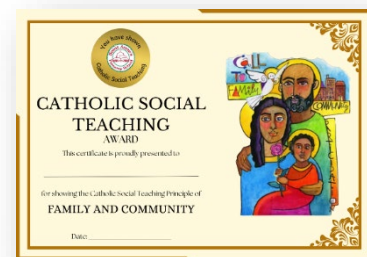
Please see link below for the monthly TenTen R.E Newsletter. The information shared on this newsletter links to the children's Collective Worship in class.

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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Autumn One Focus– Family and Community

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.

Catholic Social Teaching in action – Parish Bazaar

On Thursday 24th October will be a non-school uniform day as part of our half termly well-being focus for the children. If you are able to do so, please can you donate one non-perishable item (such as canned goods, dried foods or grains) for the **Parish Bazaar** on Saturday 9th November. This is an opportunity to support the local community, living out our Catholic Social Teaching principle of care for the poor and vulnerable. Any support would be most greatly received and make a huge difference to someone. Thank you very much in advance for your kindness and generosity. Please return your raffle tickets to the school as soon as possible so they can be folded and prepared for ready for the Parish Bazaar!



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

<https://www.stannessolihull.co.uk/autumn-2024>

PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening will take place on Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd October from 4pm-6.50pm each day; appointments will last 10 minutes each.

We are delighted to continue to use our electronic booking system. You will have received a text with a link to the booking system, appointment slots are now available. Please contact the school if you have not received this communication.

Please follow this link to book: <https://stannescp.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Each appointment is 10 minutes; please ensure you only book one appointment for your child.

St-Anne's are really pleased to share that Solihull community development team will be set up in the main school hall with representatives from different providers. The following providers have been invited and are hoping to attend:

- Act On Energy
- Reimagine Me
- Urban Heard
- MAPA
- Inclusive Sports
- FITCAP
- Ordinary Magic
- Shine Youth
- Big Brum Theatre
- St Basils
- Colebridge
- Citizens Advice
- Castle Brom Scouts
- Solihull College
- Chelmsley Wood Police Cadets
- Kooth
- Shine
- Birmingham Mind
- SOLAR's Mental Health Support Team
- VRP
- Our Voices Heard
- Solihull Parent Carer Voice
- Police – Early Help and Schools
- HAF
- Parenting Team
- Education Inclusion
- Family Hub
- Family Information Service

Please pop in and see the staff and find out more information about the local clubs and services that are available to families.

BOOKFAIR



Bookfair starts **Monday 21st October**
 3:15pm -3:45pm
 Open Throughout Parents Evening

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 11th November to take the individual and family photos. We will send further information before half-term; please make a note of the date in the meantime. Thank you.

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 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 (current year 6) transfer to secondary school in September 2025. **Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is 31st October 2024. Offer day is 3rd 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; 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 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.**

Applying for a Nursery school place for September 2025

Please apply for a Nursery pack via email.

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st 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 16th 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. 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 18th 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 31st 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. 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 30th 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](#)

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The School Nurse Team will be in school to administer the annual flu nasal spray to all children in Reception to Year 6 on Tuesday 26th November. Please ensure that you have completed the online consent form for your child. Please contact the office if you have not received this.

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.

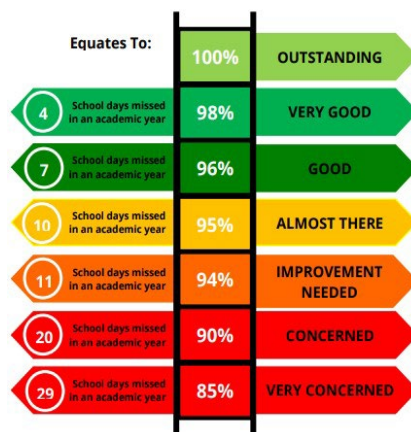


Attendance and Holidays –

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
4P – 98%



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

Year Group	Relevant RE Unit	Date
Reception	St Anne	Friday 9 th May
1	Following Jesus Today	Friday 20 th June
2	Parables and Miracles	Monday 16 th June
3	First Holy Communion Advent/Reconciliation	Friday 2 nd May
4	Sharing in the Life of Christ	Friday 31 st January
5	Pentecost	Monday 19 th May
6	Confirmation (+Confirmation Meeting)	Friday 18 th October

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Personal Development



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

- Are we getting better at talking about periods? (9-11)
- Do we know how to talk about our bodies? (5-9)



The theme for this year is: *Reclaiming Narratives*

This year's theme has a special focus on stories of inspiration about true black heroes and their contributions to society. It has been lovely to see classes combining storytelling and history and highlighting the untold stories and histories of Black people. It is important that we recognise, celebrate and remember the achievements of Black communities locally, nationally and internationally.

October the Month of Mary

October is designated as a month of particular devotion to Mary. It is a powerful time to pray to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Each class focal point has a special focus on Mary and children will be exploring the mysteries of the Rosary and dedicating time to pray the Rosary.



Recycling Week

For recycling week our children have been learning about recycling and sustainability. Within lessons the children have looked at how materials can be recovered from waste and then used again. Beyond learning about the 4R's (reduce, reuse, recycle and recover) children have increased their awareness of climate change and our environmental impact.

Recycling Workshops

We welcomed in Kerry from Veolia who carried out some superb class workshops which inspired our children to think about how their actions can make a difference to preserve natural resources and save energy. The 4R's were explained and children took part in a variety of interactive activities which helped equip children with knowledge and understanding and motivation to take the messages home and make a positive lasting impact on our environment and community around us.





The Children created posters to encourage other people to protect our world by thinking about recycling.

The children took part in a sorting activity (reuse, recycle, throw away) thinking about how we can reuse most items in new ways for example a milk carton could become a bird feeder.



SPORTING EVENTS

Solihull Tenpin Challenge

We are so proud of these children in KS2 who finished 1st place in the Solihull Tenpin Challenge!
Well done Rocco, Kian, Lenai and Ava!



Girls' Football Match

Well done to the Year 6 girls' football team who competed in their first match on Monday. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the match & represented the school in the best possible way.



Religious Education

In Religious Education the children have continued to learn about Creation-God the Creator. They named lots of things that God created and as artists they painted pictures of them. We all gave thanks to God for his wonderful and beautiful creations.



Phonics

During phonics this week the Nursery children have been tuning into everyday sounds. They had lots of fun playing a lotto sound game. They were excited to explore sounds when drumming outdoors. They listened to the different sounds that they could make by drumming wooden sticks on to different surfaces.



RECEPTION

Religious Education

This week during Liturgy and Prayer we have been discussing the different talents that God gave us. We thought of all of our special gifts and how we can use them to help others. Have a look at some of our special talents!

Understanding the World

This week we have been exploring the season of Autumn. We collected and discussed different Autumn objects and listened to the story "Leaf Man" by Lois Ehlert. We enjoyed making our own Leaf Men and taking them on an adventure. We drew pictures to show where our Leaf Man will blow to in the Autumn winds.

Recycling Week

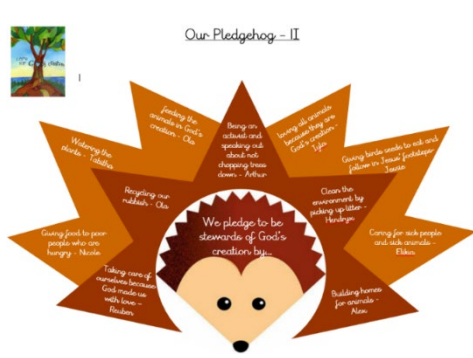
We have enjoyed learning all about recycling. We sorted different objects in to the correct recycling bins and discussed the different materials that objects are made from. We listened to the story "Michael Recycle" and **Reused** some of our "rubbish" to create some junk models.



YEAR 1

Prayer and Liturgy – Catholic Social Teaching

During Prayer and Liturgy, we have reflected on one of our Catholic Social Teaching focuses - Stewardship of God's Creation. The children made a link between the virtue and our class Saint; they explained that as a steward of God's creation, Saint Francis cared for the animals and birds. We created a 'pledge-hog' whereby we shared our wonderful ideas and made a pledge to go forth and live out the ways in which we can be all be stewards of God's creation.



Art & Design – drawing abstract shapes

This week as artists we have focused on 2D shapes to create abstract art. We analysed the work of artists, Kandinsky, Bernal and Bolotowsky and admired their use of different shapes. We took inspiration from them and used 2D shapes as our 'medium'. Carefully tracing around the 2D shape, we overlapped each shape and combined different materials to create an abstract composition.



YEAR 2

Religious Education

In our RE lessons this week we've continued our work on Old Testament Stories and prayers. The children enjoyed learning about the story of Jonah and the big fish. They first learnt the story through a song before reading it from the bible. After the story, together as a class we reflected on the important message it brings us about listening and serving God. We also spoke about God's mercy and forgiveness, when we make a mistake and say sorry. Finally, they produced a thoughtful piece of work linked to Jonah in the story. They answered the following questions. The children enjoyed using our class Bibles to help them.

What did he do?

What did he say?

How did he feel?

What faith did he have?



Design and Technology- Moving Monsters

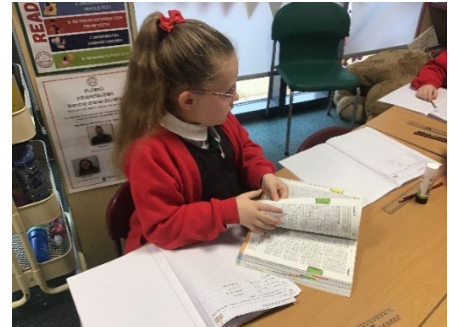
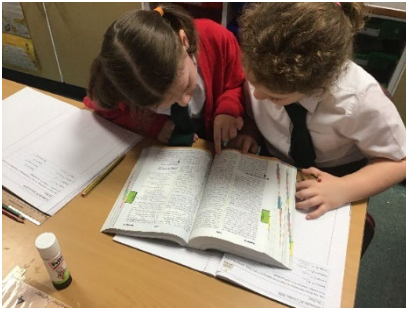
This week, we have started our moving monsters D+T topic. We have looked at different toys and discussed what different mechanisms they have that makes the toy move. We then evaluated the toys with things we liked and things we would change, looking ahead for when we design our own monsters.



YEAR 3

Religious Education

In RE this week, we have been focusing on the skill of Bible referencing. We were given some Bible references which we had to follow to locate the first animal mentioned in each passage. We then learned about the different groups of books in the Bible. We know the Bible is a very special Holy book and we are so excited to use the Bible more independently in our RE lessons.



French

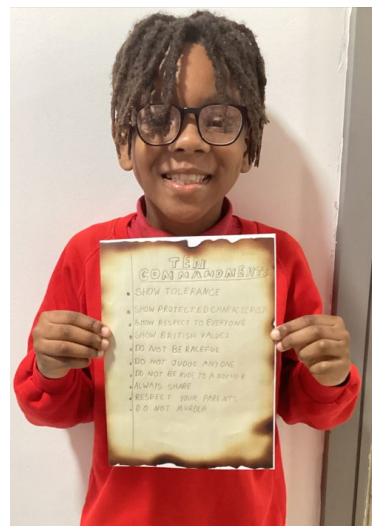
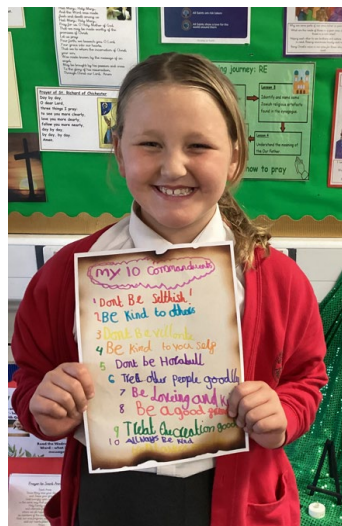
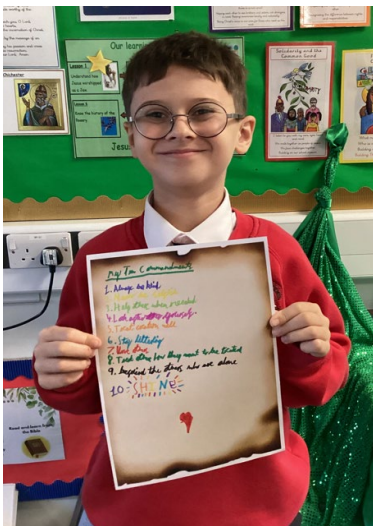
Our lovely linguists in Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying learning French so far this year. We have learnt how to have a conversation in French to ask how someone is and how to respond, how to ask someone what their name is with a reply and numbers. In this week's lesson we have learned how to say, read and spell 10 colours in French. We love learning French.



YEAR 4

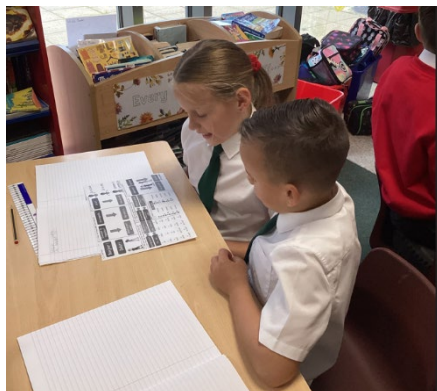
Religious Education – The Ten Commandments

In today's lesson, we learned about the story of God telling Moses the Ten Commandments. We then discussed what each of the Commandments meant and in pairs came up with our own Ten Commandments that we felt were important for people to follow today. The children then wrote these out on tea stained paper.



French

In French this week, the children focused on speaking and pronunciation. Our topic for this term is: Je me presente. In pairs, the children prepared a conversation presenting themselves. They included all of the key vocabulary we have been focusing on throughout this unit. We then performed this to the class!



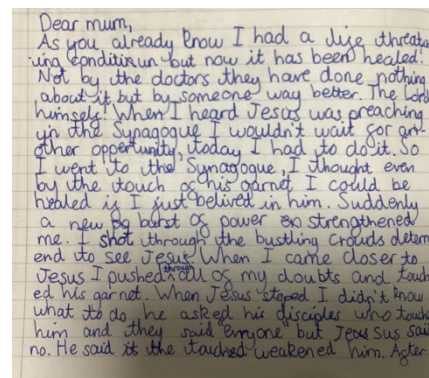
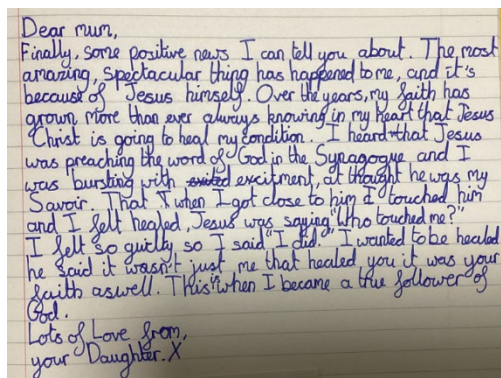
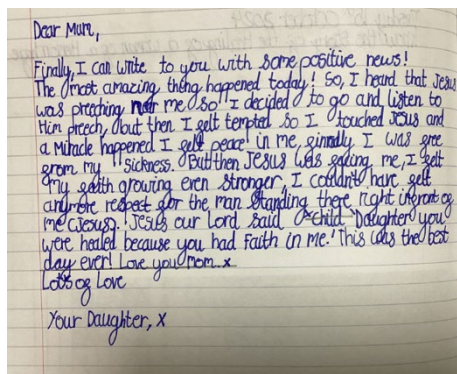
Science – The Digestive System

Year 4 have been working exceptionally hard on their Science assessments. We have produced some amazing and factual double-page spreads focused on our enquiry question: 'What does our body do with the food that we eat?' As biologists, the children ensured they included all of the knowledge they have gained over the last few weeks about this topic and we have been so impressed with the final pieces.

YEAR 5

Religious Education

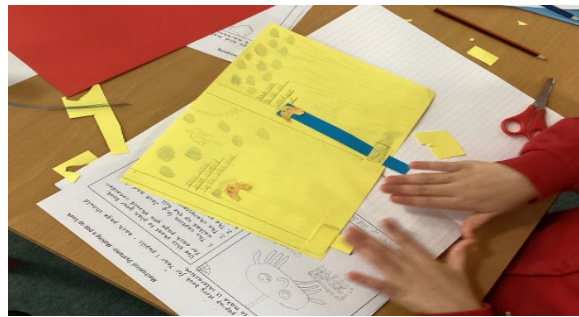
In Religious Education this week, we have now moved into our unit of Jesus' Miracles and the Sacrament of the Sick. The children have been learning about a variety of Jesus' miracles, as well as retrieving information and knowledge about some of the miracles they already know! On Tuesday, the children wrote a letter pretending to be a woman who had experienced a miracle. Their letters were so thoughtful and full of expression, and the children really tried to resonate with somebody who experienced one of Jesus' incredible miracles.



Design and Technology

This week in Design and Technology, the children have been creating their Moving Pop-Up Books. The children have spent a lot of time this half term planning their pop-up book themes, and also the mechanisms they are going to make. This week, the children were able to bring their Pop-Up books to life, using sliders and pop-ups to make their books POP! We are so impressed with the children's creativity and we are sure that the children are also very proud of themselves too. We cannot wait to evaluate our books next lesson.

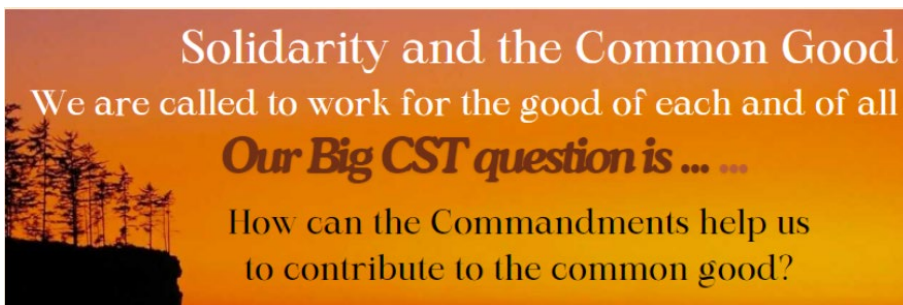




YEAR 6

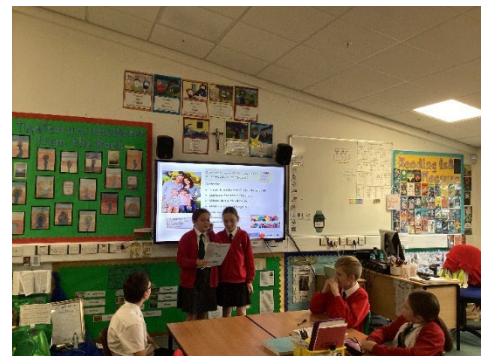
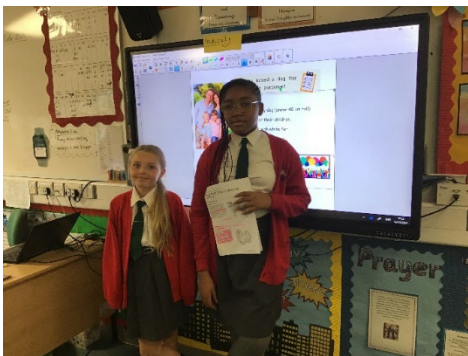
Religious Education

Deacon Stuart visited Year 6 to discuss our Catholic Social Teaching Question. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit and loved the opportunity to explore our faith with an established member of our Parish. An important reflection we shared with Deacon Stuart was when he asked when is the most important time to pray? One of us said our "Morning Offering" which we said together. Deacon Stuart said this to remind us that we are offering all of our work, play and actions to God – this is such an important devotion and highlights how we are following the Commandments and listening to God's calling.



Science

Year 6 began their new topic 'Everything Changes' last week learning all about inheritance! This week, we put our knowledge to the test and considered what dogs were best to breed for a particular family. We looked at the different cards that detailed characteristics of different dog breeds and referred to the success criteria for different families such as they want a small white dog that is good with children and strangers. The children articulated themselves beautifully – a wonderful example of our Oracy October challenges!



ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Learn Through Play with Sesame Street

The Sesame Street website has a whole host of resources, activities, and games from supporting with learning ABCs to discussing tough topics such as grief.

<https://sesameworkshop.org/>

HEAD TEACHER ACADEMIC AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – Vienna M	RL – Willow S	1I – Claire M	1OC – Molly N	2B – Ruby G
2R – Olivier A	3L – Noah D	3R – Ethan T	4P – Jonah G	4OR – Frankie H
5R – Lydia F	5T – Laura H	6M – Poppy B	6N – Rohan A	

HEAD TEACHER EFFORT AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – Emmie H	RL – Naomi A	1I – Reuben O	1OC – Leo S	2B – Quinn B
2R – Finn L	3L – Poppy-Rose	3R – Lottie C	4P – Hugo R	4OR – Lacie-Mae
5R – Jake D	5T – Adaeze A	6M – Nikola C	6N – Harlow-Blossom	

OUTSTANDING VIRTUE CERTIFICATE – ‘CURIOUS & ACTIVE’

RH – Tierney M	RL – Isaac M	1I – Alexander H	1OC – Dhruvi J	2B – Teddy R
2R – Delilah M	3L – Norah K	3R – Tara B	4P – Kacie Lee	4OR – Nellie H
5R – Owen O	5T – Olivia E	6M – Billy B	6N – Louie S	

TERM DATES 2024-2025

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

YEAR 6 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 18 th October	-	RE Inspire Workshop 8:50 Confirmation Meeting afterwards 10:00-10:20
Monday 4 th November	-	First Holy Communion Programme in the school hall at 8.50am
Monday 25 th November	-	Confirmation 6N – 5pm 6M – 7pm
Mon. 12 th – Thurs 15 th May	-	SATS Week
Date to be confirmed	-	Alton Castle Meeting with parents
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th June	-	Kenelm Trust (formerly Alton castle) residential trip
Dates to be arranged	-	Curriculum and SATs Workshop

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 21 st & Wed 23 rd October	-	Parents Evening
Friday 25 th October	-	<i>INSET Day – Children NOT in school</i>
Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov	-	Half-Term
Monday 4th November	-	Children return to school
Monday 11 th November	-	Individual & Family photos
Monday 25 th November	-	Confirmation – Group 1 @ 5pm Confirmation – Group 2 @ 7pm
Tuesday 26 th November	-	Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 6. Details to follow
Mon 23 rd Dec – Fri 3 rd Jan	-	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 th January	-	<i>INSET Day – Children NOT in school</i>
Tuesday 7th January	-	Children return to school
Wednesday 15 th January	-	<i>Reception Application Closing Date</i>
Wednesday 16 th April	-	<i>Reception Offer Day</i>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Children's Services and Skills Directorate
SEND 0-25 Service
Specialist Inclusion Support Service
Autism Team



Autism Education Trust
Training Partner



Understanding Autism for Parents and Carers

The SISS Autism Team are pleased to offer a workshop for parents and carers of autistic children.

The workshops use the key elements of the [Autism Education Trust Making Sense of Autism](#) training module that is delivered to all schools in Solihull, developing this knowledge and understanding to meet the needs of the family.

The workshops are delivered by experienced Specialist Advisory Teachers and Inclusion Support Practitioners from the SISS Autism Team. The team are licensed by AET to deliver the training.

The aims of the workshops are to:

- * **Introduce the current understanding of autism and the 3 areas of difference.**
- * **Develop your understanding of your child's individual profile of strengths and support needs.**
- * **Identify a range of strategies that may support your child and wider family.**
- * **Know what support is available in school and develop a shared understanding of the approaches and language to support working together with your child's school.**
- * **Signposting to wider services and offers in our local area.**

You will receive a range of practical resources for use at home following each session, plus a certificate directly from AET upon completion of the workshop.

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.

If you have not previously attended a workshop with us and would like to join us, **please complete the Booking Form [here](#)** and we will confirm your place via email.

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



PINS

Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

St Anne's Catholic Primary School



Who are SPCV?

We are independent parent carers working together to raise awareness and improve outcomes for all children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities SEND 0-25

Wednesday
20th November
10 am



What we do

We work with organisations that provide services for our families, we share the experiences and ideas of parent carers, giving them a voice and helping to effect positive change.



OFFER MEETINGS FOR PARENT CARERS



COFFEE AND TEA WITH FRESH BISCUITS



PINS

We will come into your school to offer meetings with parent carers of neurodiverse children, to offer termly meeting of the parent carer group for information sharing and opportunities for peer support.



INFORMATION SHARING



PEER SUPPORT

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