



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 4th 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.

'Let All Creation Sing' Retreat Day



Dan and Emily from One Life joined St Anne's on Tuesday for a retreat day celebration of God's Creation. The children prayed, reflected and rejoiced in song! With class based activities and whole school assembly time, the children had a memorable and faith-filled day. It was a magnificent and spiritual day filled with hope, inspiration and a renewed sense of faith. This was a wonderful way to draw the Season of Creation to a close.

Faith in Action:

The Liturgical leaders have distributed a beautiful olive wood candle to each class, as part of the celebration for the Our Father Week, which is taking place across Our Lady and All Saints MAC. These candles will be displayed on the focal points, next to the Lord's Prayer. We continue to focus on the Our Father during the Year of Prayer and consider the importance of the words Jesus taught us. Thank-you to St Anne's Parish for kindly gifting the candles to school.



CAFOD Family Fast Day – Little Way Week

Today is Family Fast Day, which is a time for praying and sharing. At St Anne's we want to say a massive THANK YOU for your generous donations to support the vulnerable in our local community. Through this small act of Kindness during Little Way Week, we will collectively make a huge difference to those in need. We are always over whelmed by the kindness and generosity of our parents and local community. Today, you are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one family of God



TEN TEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

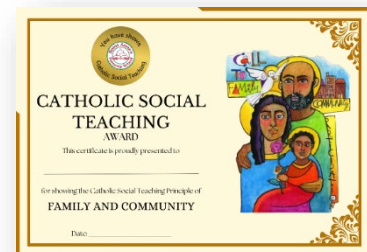
Please see link below for the monthly TenTen R.E Newsletter. The information shared on this newsletter links to the children's Collective Worship in class.

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

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.

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/>

FUTURE OF OUR FAITH



This week, all families have been sent a link to complete a parental survey. As you may be aware, Archbishop Longley has asked all parishes to reflect on the future of our Church here in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. For us here in the Birmingham East Deanery this is pertinent given that we already as you may be aware have some churches that are currently not used. Your child/children benefit from a Catholic Education and as key stakeholders, we would really value your opinions and views as we plan for the future. If you could take a few minutes to complete the form it would be really valuable for us. The survey is anonymous and we ask for your honest feedback. The survey should take less than 3 minutes to complete and if we could politely ask that this is completed on or before Friday 11th October. **Thank you.**

LINK: <https://forms.office.com/e/3xBA8ijgqs>

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](#)

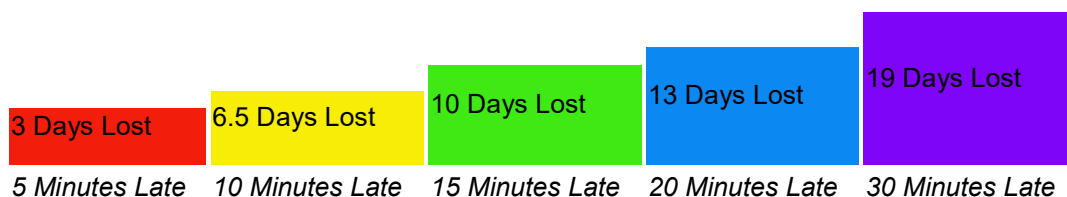
ATTENDANCE

Late marks and Absences

The doors open for children in Reception to Year 6 at 8.30am and close at 8.40am. Children who arrive after this time must go to the School Office where they will be given their late mark. Late marks are monitored and recorded. Children who arrive from 9.10am onwards are marked on the register as a 'U' for unauthorised absence, unless they are absent due to a medical appointment. Children arriving at the School Office prior to 9.10am will receive a late mark, 'L' on the register.

8.40am-9.10am = 'L', which means that your child receives a late mark. We are required to put a reason on the register for children who are late so office staff will always ask for a reason. If it is a personal/confidential reason please just say so; staff will make a note of this.

9.10am and beyond = 'U', which means the morning is recorded as an unauthorised absence.



(Over one academic year)

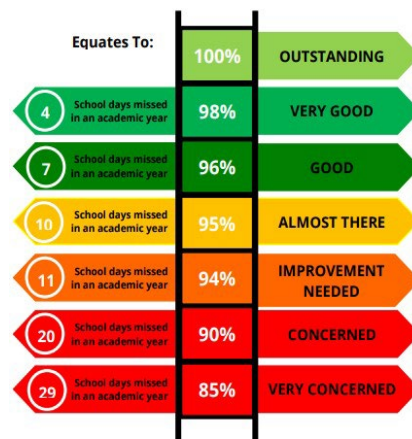
Attendance and Holidays –

Children Absent: If your child is absent from school it is necessary that you contact school on the first day of your child's absence. Contact 0121 779 8060 and choose option 1 before the start of the day. There is an answer phone facility for you to leave your child's name, class and reason for absence. Alternatively, you can email school with your child's reason of absence: parentmail@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk

Following previous correspondence, this reminds you again that all holidays are unauthorised and the Local Authority will fine parents regardless of when holidays are booked because the ruling has always been in place. This is a Local Authority decision; the School cannot over-ride their decision.

WINNING CLASS

4P – 99%



RE INSPIRE PARENT WORKSHOPS

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

VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

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

- Could pre-loved clothes become more popular than buying new? (7-11)
- Would you give away your belongings? (5-7)



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.

National Poetry Day

On Thursday, St. Anne's celebrated the power of poetry! Every year group had a different poem to explore, linking to the theme of 'counting'. Our voices count, we count and so does poetry! Children had the opportunity to listen, perform and complete activities based on their poem.

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.



Our Father Week

During the Year of Prayer, Pope Francis has called us to focus on the Our Father Prayer. For 'Our Father Week' a special emphasis has been dedicated to this prayer across school. Each year group has a special focus line from the prayer to explore and look at the meaning. Lots of meaningful and beautiful prayer and Liturgy activities have been planned across school. At the end of the week the whole school will come together and reflect on the meaning of the 'Our Father Prayer' by joining all lines together in a God's gift Assembly. We look forward to creating a school display showcasing all the children's work.

Buddy Mass

After joining together in Mass to celebrate the feast day of St Francis, Year 1 and Year 6 then came back to school to enjoy a playtime together followed by a delicious biscuit treat! All of the children made us so incredibly proud this morning.



European Day of Languages!

Over the past fortnight, we have celebrated the European Day of Languages at St Anne's! We have so many languages spoken by our staff and children at St Anne's, it is truly incredible. We talked about this through our Phase Assembly of the week, and how important it is to share and appreciate each other's heritage and languages. In our classes, we have celebrated this day by completing the British Council's 'Great French Language Challenge', and also learnt about the different countries around the world that speak French. We had so much fun completing the French Language Challenge in our classes!



BRITISH COUNCIL The Great French Language Challenge

Teach your parent or guardian a phrase in French

Find an app that allows you to practise French and learn five new words

Find out the names of ten French-speaking countries

Learn the 'happy birthday' song in French

Change your social media app settings into French for one hour

Find out the names of ten well-known sports players who are from French-speaking countries

Find out the capital cities of ten French-speaking countries

Write a short paragraph about a French-speaking country you would like to visit and why

Find out about five famous scientists, artists, writers or explorers who are from countries where French is the official language

Listen to a song in French

Cook a dish from a French-speaking country

Try a food item from a French-speaking country you have never tried before

Find out how to say the following phrases in French:
 Excuse me
 Could you repeat that?
 See you later!

Take a look at the top 200 songs in the UK Spotify charts. Are there any songs that are sung in French?

Find a French language video or cartoon on YouTube and watch it

Find out how many countries have French as their official language

To find more school and teacher resources, visit: www.britishcouncil.org/teach-resources

NURSERY

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In Nursery this week the children have been learning all about feelings. The children shared books about happiness and talked about things that make them feel happy too. They made happy faces using loose parts. Look at our beautiful smiley faces!

Jack "I feel happy when I go to the beach and play in the sand."

Mia "I feel happy when I go swimming."

Carter "I feel happy when I play outside in the sun."

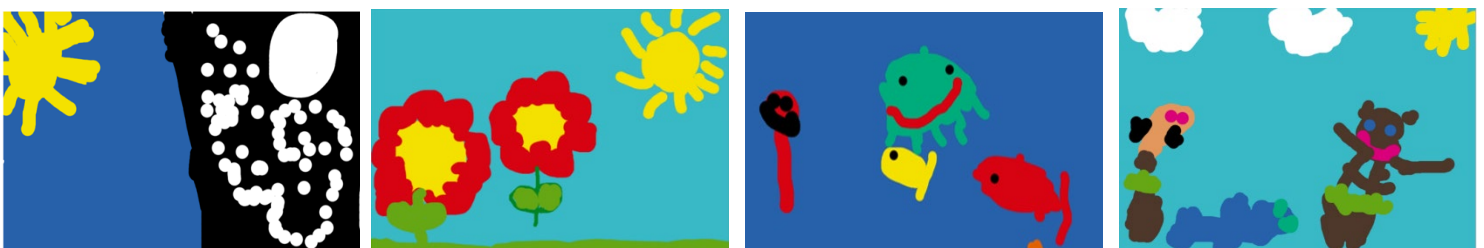
Milan "I feel happy when I go on holiday."



RECEPTION

Religious Education and Liturgy and Prayer

Throughout the week the children have been learning all about the first story in the Bible 'The Creation Story.' Together as a class we listened to the story and sang a Creation song. We thought about our favourite things that God created. We used a paint programme on the iPad to create some wonderful Creation work. Look at what we are thankful for....



Maths

In maths this week we have been thinking about "more and fewer" We played a game with our partners where we chose two pictures and discussed which had more and fewer. We also created our own picture dominoes and discussed which side had more.



PSHE

We have been learning about being a good friend. We listened to the story of the Rainbow Fish and discussed how the fish was lonely when he didn't share with his friends. We thought about what we can do to show friendship to others and created our own Friendship fish.

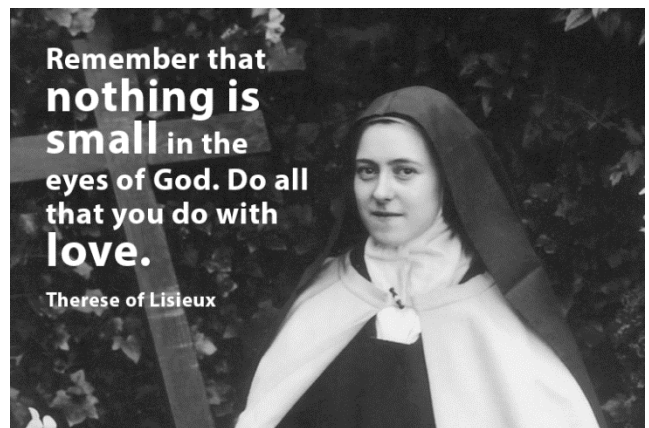


YEAR 1

Prayer and Liturgy - Little Way Week

In celebration of Little Way Week, we learned about St. Thérèse of Lisieux and how she demonstrated God's love through small acts of kindness. Inspired by this, we also explored the story of a young activist named Robby Novak. Like St. Thérèse, Robby Novak reminds us that making a difference in the world doesn't always require grand gestures; it can be done by showing love and kindness in our daily lives. As a class, we discussed how the world might change if everyone followed the 'little way' of kindness and love as modelled by St. Thérèse and Robby Novak. Here are some of our reflections:

Everyone would be a lot more smiley (Ruby)
God's world would be looked after by us all more and would be full of love (Hendryx)
Our class family would always be happy because everyone would smile at each other (Promise)
The world would be filled with love and happiness (Brea-Rae)



Art & Design

This week as artists, we have built upon our prior knowledge of the artist Bridget Riley and her unique style of line drawing, and taken inspiration from water and the artwork of Zaria Forman. The two artists have informed the style of our production of art this week. Whilst listening to a piece of classical music, we let the sound of the instruments orchestrate the movement of our pens. We allowed our drawings to follow the pattern of sounds we were hearing and collectively produced a remarkable abstract piece of art.



YEAR 2

Religious Education

The children have recalled the story of Noah's ark today. We began the lesson by retrieving the children's knowledge of the word promise from year 1. We then did an activity using skittles (sweets) to give the children a clue into the promise that God had made in the story of Noah's ark. After we shared the bible story together and discussed that God's rainbow was placed in the sky as a reminder that He always keeps His promises. The next time you see a rainbow, with your child talk about the promise that God made to Noah, and help them remember that just as God has kept that promise, He keeps all of His promises to them, too.



History

The children have been learning about significant women who have changed our world. This week, we have been learning about Emily Davison, who was a significant Suffragette. She jumped in front of the Kings horse to protest against the unfair treatment of women.



YEAR 3

Prayer and Liturgy

This week, as we celebrate Little Way Week, we took the time to think of others and do little good deeds for them each day, no matter where they are in the world. Using the template of a hand, we promised to do good deeds for others every day and to consider their brothers and sisters around the world.

English – National Poetry Day

On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day by studying a poem named 'One' by James Berry. Inspired by this wonderful poem, we showed our understanding by creating a piece of artwork showing what makes us special and unique – just like our Mission Statement!

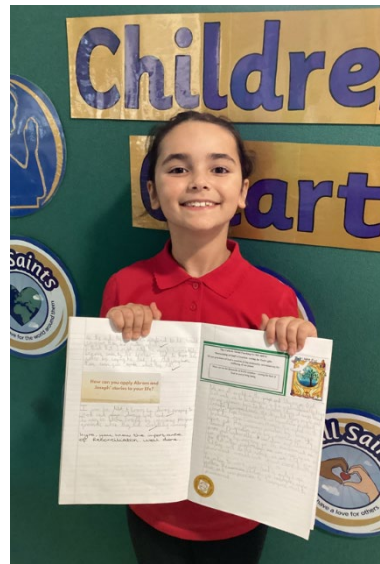
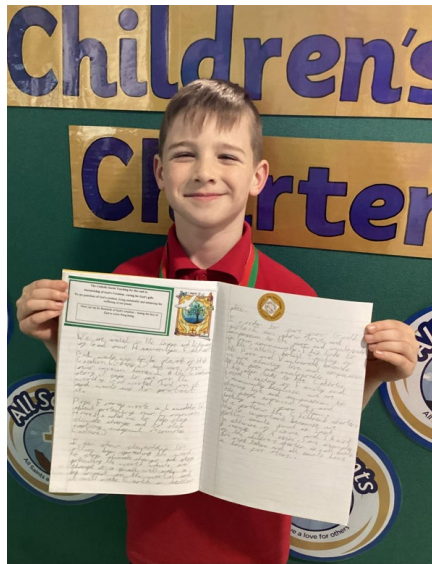
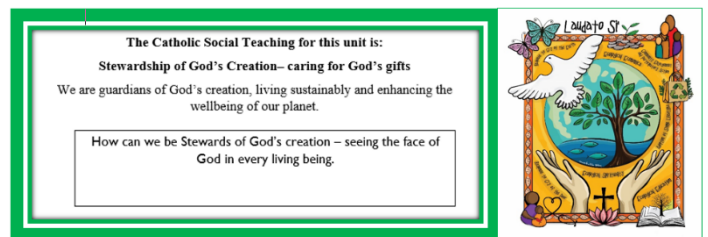


YEAR 4

Religious Education - Answering our Catholic Social Teaching Question

During RE this week, the children have been answering their Catholic Social Teaching question to finalise the end of their Creation topic. The question was:

The children produced some wonderful and insightful answers where they discussed Pope Francis' Laudato Si and how they can care for our world and support the poor and vulnerable in our society. The children understand that we are all stewards and protectors of our world and therefore we have a duty to care for it. We have been so impressed with how thoughtful their responses are.



Little Way Week

Year 4 reflected upon 'Little Way Week' this week. We acknowledged how St Therese has for nature and how she used what she saw in nature to explain how God loves each and every one of us and how God is with us in happy and sad times of our lives. We discussed how proud St Therese would be if she came to visit St Anne's and talked about how welcoming and loving everyone is.

Music

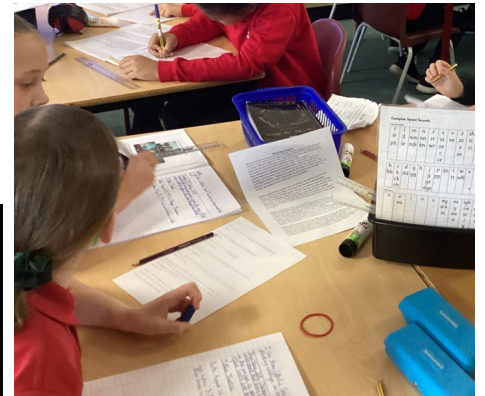
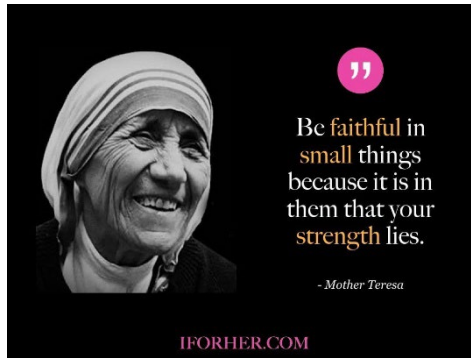
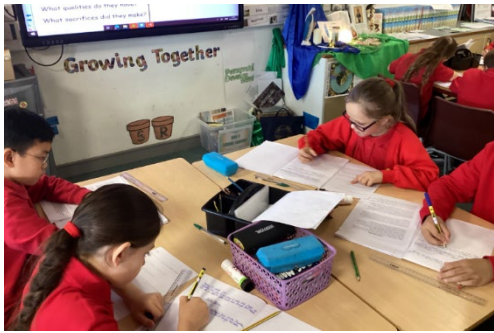
In music this term, our focus is: South Africa. As musicians this week, the children have been learning to read staff notation from left to right and that a minim is worth two beats. The children also learnt that when the notes go up the staff, the pitch gets higher. They then practised playing their own tune on the glockenspiels.



YEAR 5

Religious Education

In our final lesson of our Creation unit, we thought about inspirational people. The children responded to who is inspirational to them in their life and why. Then, we either looked at Mahatma Ghandi or Mother Teresa and described their life and why they are inspirational. We then reflected on how they can inspire us in our lives through their teachings.



Science

In Science, our new topic is Properties and Changes and Materials. Together, we thought about the different properties of things around us and the vocabulary we might use to describe it. The children had to really think about the different properties of materials, particularly in items that we use every day in the classroom. It is fantastic to be curious about different aspects of our world around us as we think about working scientifically!



COMPARE AND CONTRAST GRID		
Choose two objects and use this grid to compare and contrast them.		
Object 1	Comparison	Object 2
glass case	The material the object is made from	glasses
little bit	Hardness	really hard ✓
Yes a lot.	Flexibility	Can't bend ✓
No	Magnetic	No ✓
No	Electrical conductor	No ✓

YEAR 6

Religious Education

This week, the children in Year 6 used water colours to depict a Bible story from the Old Testament. The story of 'The Water from the Rock' tells of Moses striking his staff in the dessert to release water from the stone to share with those who hadn't had anything to drink for three days. As a class, we thought about the meaning of this and concluded the

importance of a strong faith in God and having trust in His plan for all of us; particularly when we are most vulnerable and in need of His guidance and protection.



Physical Education

6M concluded their handball unit applying all the rules, skills and principles into a competitive tournament! It was an excellent display of all the skills the children have learnt, not only in Year 6 but in their previous years at St Anne's!



6N concluded their Health and Fitness topic by developing balance with control. The children identified the muscles working in different activities and pushed themselves to achieve their best. The children completed a balance circuit including a variety of balance challenges, including the stork test!



ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Staying safe online with Google Families

Google have a one stop resource to help you and your family stay safe online. It includes how to set up parental controls and important steps on how to keep your children safe online. You can find out more here:

<https://families.google/>

HEAD TEACHER ACADEMIC AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – Harvey H	RL – Posey-Lu	1I – Remmy O	1OC – Autumn O	2B – Charlie H
2R – Olivia H	3L – Florence B	3R – Jaxon B	4P – Tommy J	4OR – Alvin H
5R – Jackson R	5T – Brogan M	6M – Filip J	6N – Diana P	

HEAD TEACHER EFFORT AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – Robyn B	RL – Sienna S	1I – Harley M	1OC – Shanaya R	2B – Nigella G
2R – Isla Rose	3L – Joseph B	3R – Olly H	4P – Kruz D	4OR – Joshua G
5R – Thaleia B	5T – Olivia Z	6M – Eden W	6N – Harrison F	

OUTSTANDING VIRTUE CERTIFICATE – ‘CURIOUS & ACTIVE’

RH – Jacob M	RL – Aine H-H	1I – Amber H	1OC – Avery W	2B – Allana-Lise
2R – Mia M	3L – Anna S	3R – Arthur L	4P – Amelia M	4OR – Franc B
5R – Hezekiah P	5T – Tymo S	6M – Ella L	6N – Harlow-B	

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

YEAR 6 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 25 th November 5pm and 7pm	- 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
Friday 18 th October	RE Inspire Workshop 8:50 Confirmation Meeting afterwards 10:00-10:20
Sat 5 th October 6:30pm	Confirmation Commitment Mass 6N
Sat 12 th October 6:30pm	Confirmation Commitment Mass 6M

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 5 th October	- Year 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass (Group 1) – 6pm Year 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass (Group 2) – 6pm
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 6th January	- Children return to school
Wednesday 15 th January	- Reception Application Closing Date
Wednesday 16 th April	- Reception Offer Day

PARENT CARER VOICE COFFEE MORNING



Saint Anne's Primary School and
Solihull Parent Carer Voice

Coffee and Chat

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



Please come and join us for Coffee and a chat. This session we will be holding a workshop focusing on sleep!

Venue Saint Anne's Primary School - School Hall
Entrance through the main school office

Date Tuesday 15th October 2024

Time 9:00am – 10:00am





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