



# 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 13<sup>th</sup> September 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

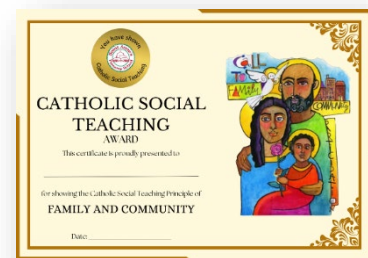
Please see link below for the monthly TenTen R.E Newsletter. The information shared on this newsletter links to the children's Collective Worship in class.

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

[Summer 2024 | St Anne's Catholic Primary School \(stannessolihull.co.uk\)](http://stannessolihull.co.uk)

## CATERING WITHIN SCHOOL

**Please continue to place your child's dinner orders on ParentPay on a Friday for the following week. Thank you for your co-operation with the current changes in school.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Applications for **Reception** and **Secondary** school places for September 2025 must be made via the Council Website: <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions>. If you live outside Solihull you must apply to your local council even if you want to include Solihull schools on your application.

### Information for our Year 6 Parents – applying for a Secondary School place for September 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please note that when you apply for a **Nursery** or **Reception** place we follow the Admissions policy and we can only consider your child as Catholic if you have provided a baptismal certificate **before** the closing date for applications. We cannot accept that you intend to get your child baptised, even if the child's siblings are already baptised. Therefore, it is really important that if you are looking to organise a baptism this takes place before the closing dates for admissions.

If you wish your child to be baptised one parent must be a Catholic. If you wish to contact our Parish Priest, his telephone number is 0121 770 3283.

## COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

For queries such as reporting children's absence, requesting information or other general questions, please contact us via [parentmail@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:parentmail@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk). This is a dedicated parent email address which is monitored throughout the day. Messages sent here will be sent on to the relevant staff member(s) if necessary.

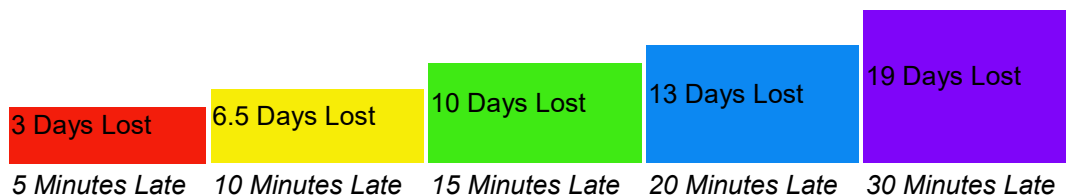
If you have any queries at all or if it is an urgent message, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on 0121 779 8060.

**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.

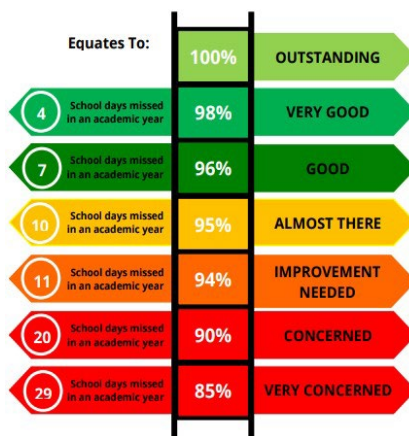


(Over one academic year)

**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.



**PE TIMETABLE SEPTEMBER 2024**

Year	Day
Nursery	Wednesday
Reception	Thursday
Year 1	Monday & Tuesday
Year 2	Monday & Wednesday
Year 3	Monday & Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday & Thursday

# P.E


Children come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day.

A reminder that P.E kit consists of red polo shirt, black jogging bottoms and trainers. Children must come in wearing their school jumper/cardigan.


In addition to their school jumper /cardigan children may come to school with a plain black sweatshirt/hoodie on top of their school jumper/cardigan. Wearing a black hoodie should not replace a school red cardigan/jumper.

In school they take their black hoodie off with their coat and keep it for the PE lesson.

**PE DAYS for Boys**  
 Black plain loose joggers (not designer/no logos, no patterns, no stripes)  
 RED POLO SHIRT (PE round necked top not required )  
 Red school jumper as normal  
 Plain trainers (not fluorescent ) dark colours where possible.



**PE DAYS for girls**  
 Black plain loose joggers (not designer/no logos/no patterns/no stripes)  
 RED POLO SHIRT (PE round necked top not required )  
 Red school cardigan/red school jumper as normal  
 Plain trainers (not fluorescent ) inexpensive , dark colours where possible.



## 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 <sup>th</sup> May
1	Following Jesus Today	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
2	Parables and Miracles	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
3	First Holy Communion Advent/Reconciliation	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
4	Sharing in the Life of Christ	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January
5	Pentecost	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
6	Confirmation (+Confirmation Meeting)	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October

## PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

A super well done to Grace, Niamh and Isla in 5R for her completion of the Reading Challenge! What a fantastic achievement, and it's wonderful to see your love of learning and reading!



## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Jigsaw PSHE

This week we continued work on our new Jigsaw puzzle 'Being Me in My World.' This unit covers a wide range of topics including a sense of belonging, welcoming others and being a part of a school community, wider community and global community. It also looks at children's rights and responsibilities, working and socialising with others and pupil voice. This puzzle links wonderfully to each classes work this week on the school Mission Statement and its special meaning.



Over the next two weeks in phase assemblies and classes the children learn about how we are all connected through the things we eat, drink and wear. Pupils are equipped with the knowledge and skills to shape a more compassionate and sustainable world.



On Friday 13th September, it is "Roald Dahl Day". The children had opportunities to discuss the author and his many wonderful stories that are still so popular today. Within reading for pleasure sessions across the day classes displayed books and the children explored his stories. Teachers also took time to read a chapter as part of story time. It was so lovely to hear lots of children talking about their recent experiences of 'Matilda the Musical.'

### NURSERY

The nursery children and their families had a wonderful morning at the 'Welcome to Nursery' stay and play session. The children were excited to play with all the activities on offer and they enjoyed playing in the outdoor area too. The children made their own feelings faces which will help them to talk about the feelings happy and sad.



### RECEPTION

Reception children have been having lots of fun settling in to their new classroom. We look forward to having them all in class with us next week! Here are some of the things we have been up



Visiting the prayer garden



Exploring the outdoor area



Getting to know my classroom and creating emotion faces to share our feelings about starting big school.

## YEAR 1

### RE – St Francis

This week in Year One, we have learnt all about Saint Francis of Assisi, who is the patron Saint of animals. St Francis is our class Saint, and so his story has inspired us to reflect on how we can show love and care for all of God's creatures and creations. After learning the story of St Francis, we recalled key events of his life and drew beautiful pictures to represent them. Linking in with our Catholic Social Teachings, we discussed how we can be Stewards of God's Creation every day, just like our class Saint.



### Science – Materials

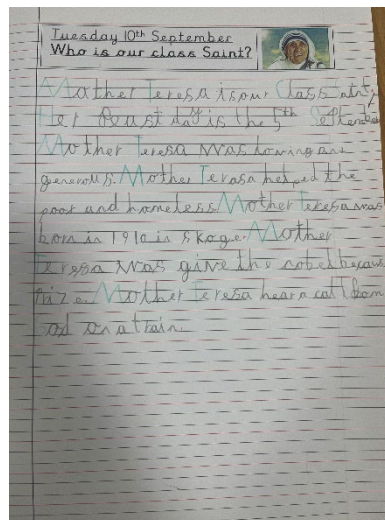
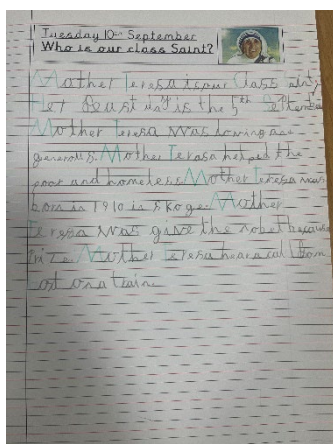
As scientists this week we've been learning to identify and name various materials. We took a close look at wood, metal, and plastic, and discovered objects around the school made from these materials. We also talked about how some objects, like spoons, can be made from different materials, such as wood or metal. After examining and handling the items, we reflected on their properties and considered how each material felt.



## YEAR 2

### RE- Class Saint

This week the children have learnt about our Class Saint Mother Teresa. They enjoyed hearing about her life story, her dedication and how she inspired others with her compassionate and loving nature. After learning lots about her, the children then produced a wonderful piece of written work about her. They then ended the lesson reflecting on how they can be even better servants of God.



### Science

This week, the children have been making careful observations of the different animals that they can find in our school habitat. They went and explored our forest area to find different living things. Through careful observation the children found many creatures. Some of these were worms, snails, spiders, and a woodlouse. When arriving back to the classroom the children drew and labelled a detailed picture of one living thing they had found.



## YEAR 3

### Religious Education

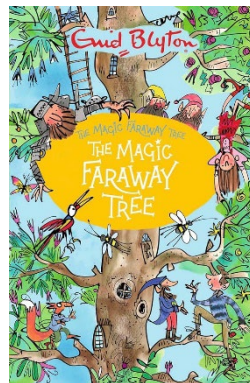
We have been learning about Baptism this week in RE. We explored signs and symbols of Baptism and their importance to the Catholic faith. After watching a video of someone receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, we recreated the Rite of Baptism in small groups. We know our Earthly Saints in Year 3 would make excellent Godparents one day!

We have also created some prayerful artwork of our school Saint (St. Anne) which we are going to share with other schools in our Our Lady and All Saints MAC family.



### Reading

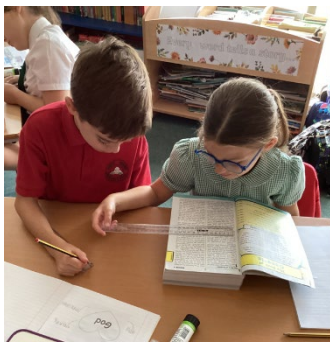
In reading, we have been reading the Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton! We focused on this particular classic as we have loved reading it in story time – especially reading about the rebellious main character, Rick! We used our fluency checklist to make sure we were reading accurately, reading at a suitable pace and using our storyteller voices to add expression!



## YEAR 4

### RE – Creation

Year 4 have started their Creation topic in RE. The children used the Bibles to find the Creation story in the Old Testament. We discussed how God made us in His image and likeness and what in particular was created on each day. The children then created a storyboard to represent the story and then linked this to our Catholic Social Teaching: Stewardship of God's Creation.



### Music with Mr Wong

The year 4 children enjoyed their first session with Mr Wong this week. The children learned various different songs and rhythms and counted the beats in the songs they were singing. They worked together to create their own actions and put them against songs.



### PE – Handball and Swimming

The children have started Handball this week – we began by focusing on throwing and catching while we are on the move. We practised different skills and ensured we showed kindness and honesty to our team-mates. Well done to 4O'R who had their first swimming lesson this week! The children all had a super first lesson and we are very proud of them! They represented St. Anne's brilliantly! We cannot wait to see how the children progress and develop their skills throughout the year.



## YEAR 5

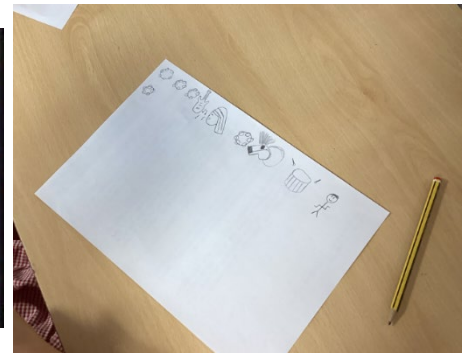
### Religious Education

In Religious Education, we are learning all about Creation. This week, we have looked at different Creation myths from around the world. In particular, we have focused on the Benin Creation Myth because it links to our History Topic! The children decorated pictures of Cowrie Shells to display their knowledge of traditional African Artwork, and more specifically, their Creation story. The children have shown a super interest in the Creation story of different faiths and cultures and their art work was absolutely fantastic!



### Music

In Music, we are looking at Ancient Egypt, which the children already know and remember so much about from their History topic in Year 3! This week, we looked at how we can represent notation through hieroglyphics. The children drew pictures to create their own song and then asked their partner to try to play their song using body percussion. It was a very fun lesson, and it was interesting to see how different people translate and interpret hieroglyphics differently to others!



## YEAR 6

### Religious Education

During our Religious Education lesson, we had the opportunity to study the Bible and focus on the contents and history within this special book. We explored the differences between the Old Testament and the New Testament. We also looked at the different types of literature found within the Bible such as poetry, wisdom literature and parables.



### Roald Dahl Day

To celebrate Roald Dahl day, the Year 6 children took part in Reading for pleasure and selected a variety of different Roald Dahl books to read with their partners. We watched a video which told us about the life and many achievements of Roald Dahl.



### Music

During their Music lesson, the year 6 children had the opportunity to listen to the Hebrides by Mendelsohn. They then came up with a list of words to describe the music. They then recited their favourite words and phrases alongside the soundtrack of the Music. Some of the words that they chose are listed below:



### ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

#### Family Quiz for Online Wellbeing Tips

The NSPCC have created a quiz that can be completed as a family to help you have discussions together and find out about the NSPCC's top tips for positive online wellbeing.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keepingchildren-safe/online-safety/onlinewellbeing/positively-online/quiz/>

### HEAD TEACHER ACADEMIC AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – N/A	RL – N/A	1I – Nicole Z	1OC – Leela K	2B – Roman D
2R – Liam D	3L – Matilda F	3R – Michael K	4P – Frankie H	4OR – Petal M
5R – Freddie P	5T – Harry-Rae	6M – James R	6N – Kaiden-Li	

### HEAD TEACHER EFFORT AWARDS OF THE WEEK

RH – N/A	RL – N/A	1I – Jessie A	1OC – Lillie-Rose	2B – Ayomide A
2R – Aleona G	3L – Joel M	3R – Sofia F	4P – Jack B	4OR – Penny-Lou
5R – Gracie-May	5T – Jayden T	6M – Amiinah B	6N – Savannah Y	

### OUTSTANDING VIRTUE HALF-TERM MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE – 'CURIOUS & ACTIVE'

RH – N/A	RL – N/A	1I – Hudson T	1OC – Leo S	2B – Blake W
2R – Hudson W	3L – Ralphie D	3R – Julia Z	4P – Frankie P	4OR – Jude K
5R – Kema A	5T – Meadow H	6M – Brooke M	6N – Brooke M	

### UNIFORM DONATIONS

St Anne's are still accepting uniform donations.

If you have any uniform, school shoes, PE kit, coats, gloves, hats and scarves that could be reused by someone else and you are happy to donate to school we will gratefully receive it. All uniform donated will be washed and ironed and hung in the meeting room by the entrance for families to access at any time. We are also trying to improve our stock of spare clothes in school so some of the uniform donated may replenish this too. Thank you all for your support with this.

### 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>

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

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Leaders' Mass at 9.15am in church
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 5pm and 7pm	-	Confirmation 6N – 5pm 6M – 7pm
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
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	-	RE Inspire Workshop 8:50 Confirmation Meeting afterwards 10:00-10:20
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> October 6:30pm	-	Confirmation Commitment Mass <b>6N</b>
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> October 6:30pm	-	Confirmation Commitment Mass <b>6M</b>

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Year 4 Parish Mass
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Year 5 Parish Mass
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Year 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass (Group 1) – 6pm Year 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass (Group 2) – 6pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	-	INSET Day – Children NOT in school
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	-	Half-Term
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	-	<b>Children return to school</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Individual & Family photos
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Confirmation – Group 1 @ 5pm Confirmation – Group 2 @ 7pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 6. Details to follow
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	-	Christmas Holidays
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	-	<b>Children return to school</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Reception Application Closing Date
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Reception Offer Day

#### ST ANNES COFFEE MORNING



Saint Anne's Primary School and Solihull Parent Carer Voice



Solihull Parent Carer Voice

### Coffee and Chat

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

The Carers trust will be attending the session to advise how they can support Parent/Carers. Meet the SPCV Team and the SENCO – new parents welcome!

**Venue**

Saint Anne's Primary School - Saints building at Saint Anne's Primary School entrance is via Nineacres Drive only.

**Date**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Time**

9:00am – 10:00am



## SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING



# John Henry Newman Catholic College 2024 Open Evening

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Talks by Principal Mrs. Kate Clarke will take place at 5:00p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. (please book seats upon arrival).

Doors open at 4:45pm

office@jhnc.org | 0121 770 5331

### Heart Speaks to Heart

## 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](mailto:sisstraining@solihull.gov.uk)