

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 5th December 2025

St Anne's Catholic Primary School

A school that welcome children of all backgrounds and all faiths

School places are available for Nursery and Reception



Ofsted
OUTSTANDING
in all areas



We are open 8am - 6pm to assist families who require childcare.

Please contact school office for admission enquiry



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Link to both OFSTED and CSI reports

[Ofsted Reports and Catholic School report | St Anne's Catholic Primary School](#)
[St. Anne's Catholic School Inspection Report](#)

1. Overall effectiveness – 1 (OUTSTANDING)
2. Catholic Life & Mission – 1 (OUTSTANDING)
3. Religious Education – 1 (OUTSTANDING)
4. Collective Worship – 1 (OUTSTANDING)

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School has been graded "OUTSTANDING" across all areas of the inspection. This is a truly exceptional outcome and a wonderful achievement for our school and school community. This important external validation sits alongside our recent OUTSTANDING Ofsted Report, received and shared in March.

The report is detailed and reflects our mission as a school. Some comments from inspectors include:

"St. Anne's is a welcoming and inclusive community where every child is known, loved and cared for".

"Pupils know they are unique and loved and take immense pride in being part of the school family".

"Governors are passionate, committed and highly knowledgeable".

"The curriculum is carefully planned and delivered with genuine passion by teachers who are deeply committed to nurturing each pupil's spiritual growth".

The report also reflects the outstanding offer to pupils at St. Anne's through the expertise, dedication and commitment to Catholic education. This extends to all staff at our school, including teachers, support staff, governors and of course, each and every pupil at our school.

The inspection process was thorough and robust. All aspects of school life were inspected and assessed thoroughly with a focus on the 3 areas of Catholic Life & Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship.

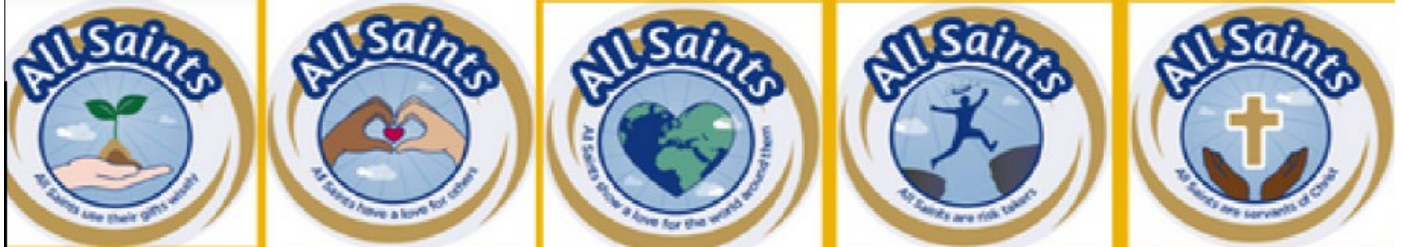
Inspectors observed how **"Christ is at the heart of St. Anne's"** and that **"leaders and Governors have an inspiring vision for outstanding Catholic education and are exceptionally driven to make God known to all"**. This extends to all staff in school who are devoted to ensuring that your child receives the highest quality Catholic education possible.

This wonderful news places St. Anne's as one of the top performing Catholic schools within the Archdiocese and indeed across the country.

The partnership between home and school is vital to the success of our pupils, and I want to thank you for your trust, encouragement, and commitment. Together, we have ensured that St. Anne's Catholic School continues to thrive and serve future generations. As we move forward, we will continue to build on this success, remaining ambitious for all our pupils, and staying true to our mission to recognise how unique and special our children are.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

CATHOLIC LIFE



School Virtue for this half term – Learned and Wise

Our pupils are taught that understanding the Word of God is the way for making the most important decisions in life. Through learning, observation and from the Holy Spirit's inspiration, we can come to understand the truth. Our pupils are taught that we are wise because we know that life is about the journey; not the goal. They know that they should treat everyone how they want to be treated. They are wise because they follow the school mission; that everyone is special and unique.

In our Liturgical Calendar we are currently in Advent

ADVENT EVENTS

Date	Event	Time & Location
Monday 1 st December	Yr3 Advent Service & Carols	complete
Thursday 4 th December	Yr5 Advent Service & Carols	complete
Friday 5 th December	Yr4 Advent Service & Carols	complete
Monday 8 th December	Yr6 Advent Service & Carols	8.50am (Hall)
Tuesday 9 th December Wednesday 10 th December Thursday 11 th December	NURSERY Look at me now / Nativity (in small groups – parents will be advised of which days)	8.50am (Nursery)
Friday 12 th December	Yr2 Advent Service & Carols	8.50am (Hall)
Tuesday 16 th December	Advent Mass	9.15am (Church)
Wednesday 17 th December	Reception Advent Service & Carol Service	8.50am (Hall)
Thursday 18 th December	Yr1 Advent Service & Carol Service	8.50am (Hall)

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING PRINCIPLE

The half term focus for Catholic Social Teaching is: 'Dignity of the Human Person'

Every person is precious and deserves respect, simply because they are human. Our dignity is something no one can take away, and it calls us to treat ourselves and others with care and fairness.

Recognising the dignity of each person means standing up against injustice, being kind, and making sure everyone has what they need to live a full and happy life.

"Every person is valuable; when we respect each person's dignity, we build a world of justice, love, and hope."

Beginning of Advent

This week, our school community marked the beginning of Advent—a special time of preparation, reflection, and joyful anticipation. As we lit the first Advent candle, we focused on our Word of the Week: Hope. This candle reminds us that even in uncertain times, hope is the light that guides us forward. In this Jubilee Year, a year centred on renewal and spiritual growth, we are encouraged to recognise the many ways hope inspires us to act with kindness, faith, and purpose. Throughout the week, pupils will be reflecting on how they can bring hope to others in their daily lives, helping us all to begin this Advent season with hearts open and ready for the journey ahead.



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/

JUBILEE HOMEWORK



During the Jubilee Year, we will be holding monthly competitions for our school community if you would like to join in. Winning entries will be shared in God's Gift assembly and phase assemblies.

<p>February Artwork: Create a piece of artwork which represents HOPE to you. Entries will be sent to someone as a sign of hope afterwards (i.e. refugees, elderly, parishioners, hospitals and care homes)</p>	<p>March Poem of hope: Create a poem which fills you with HOPE, makes you think about something hopeful or explores something you hope for in the future.</p>	<p>April Sound of hope: Could you record a sound that makes you feel hopeful, or record yourself singing a song which makes you feel full of HOPE? Perhaps you could make up your own song.</p>	<p>May Letter of hope: Write a letter to Pope Leo telling him what you HOPE for and what change you want to see in the world. Perhaps you could share what you would do to make this happen?</p>	<p>June People of hope: Nominate the people of HOPE around you. (Think back to your 'person of hope' task over Easter) Who makes you want to achieve or makes you feel happy and loved?</p>
<p>July - August Holiday of hope: Can you share a photo of how you have shared HOPE in your community? Perhaps you could use the adventures of 'Peter the Pilgrim' to inspire you. Could you go on a pilgrimage with your family?</p>	<p>September Story of hope: Can you create a short story, of no longer than 400 words, which explores the theme of HOPE?</p>	<p>October Scene of hope: Could you take a photo of something which represents HOPE to you, or makes you feel hopeful?</p>	<p>November Heroes of hope: Design an icon for a saint that inspires you (use the Jubilee icon as inspiration) What do they represent? How did they show HOPE?</p>	<p>December Wreath of hope: Create an Advent wreath for your classroom with message of HOPE on the leaves</p>

Please see below for December's Building the Kingdom homework

Building the Kingdom Homework



December's Big Question:

Advent is a time for preparing our hearts. What is one small way you can help make the world more loving, like God's Kingdom, during Advent?

Advent is a special season when we reflect on how we can bring more love, peace, and kindness into the world. It is a time of waiting and preparation as we remember Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and look forward with hope to His Second Coming.

For homework, the children are invited to think about how they can prepare their hearts during Advent. They may choose one of the following activities:

- Create a poster
- Write a prayer
- Complete a small act of kindness
- Make an Advent-themed art piece

Thank you for supporting your child during this meaningful season.

Please hand your homework in to your class teacher by the end of December



CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

**Christmas Dinner Day Tuesday 9th
December**

Children can wear a Christmas item- this could be a Christmas jumper, head wear, tinsel etc



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Applications for **Reception** school places for September 2026 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.

Applying for a Nursery school place for September 2026

Please apply for a Nursery pack via email or at the school office.

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 you can apply for 30 hours free Nursery education in a Solihull school starting in September 2026. These applications are now made directly to schools and not via Admissions. St. Anne's application forms are available now. 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 2026' 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 2026 applications is 28th November 2025.

If your child is Catholic then their Baptism certificate must be received in the school office by this date. You will be advised of the outcome of your application by email on Monday 15th December 2025.

Please note that when you apply for a **Nursery** or **Reception** place we follow the Admissions policy and we can only record 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. However, we accept children of all faiths at St Anne's.

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 or by emailing: stanne-chelmsleywood.bham@rcaob.org.uk

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

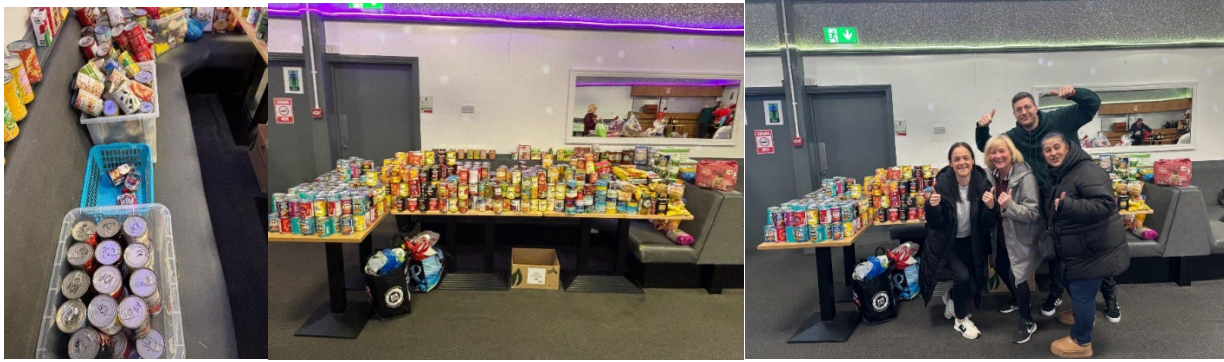
Christmas Choir Light Up Chelmsley Wood!

The Christmas Choir delivered a wonderfully festive performance at the Chelmsley Wood Christmas Light Switch On this Saturday, filling the town square with joyful harmonies and Christmas cheer. They created a warm, magical atmosphere as families gathered to celebrate the start of the Christmas season. The choir's enthusiasm and talent shone brightly, helping to make this year's event truly memorable for all who attended.



Saint Anne's Parish Bazaar

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone for your incredible support towards this year's Parish Bazaar. We are delighted to share that the event raised an impressive total of **£3,049.57!** Thanks to the enthusiasm and generosity of our school community—through the sale of tins, groceries, and raffle tickets—school contributed over a quarter of this remarkable amount. Our staff also led our much-loved traditional pantry stall, beautifully stocked with donations from the children's *Bring a Tin* day, and it proved to be a fantastic success. This is a wonderful achievement, and the funds raised will make a meaningful difference in supporting the parish and its work. Well done and thank-you to everyone for your efforts, and to our amazing families, children, and staff for their continued support.



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVE HOMEWORK

We are very proud of Anesha who achieved a Distinction Award on her first Keyboard Exam from the Yamaha Music School.



NURSERY

Religious Education

In RE this week the nursery children have been learning about 'Advent - Getting Ready'. They noticed that the focal point material has now changed to purple and know that it is a getting ready time. They have explored the Advent Wreath and know it is a symbol of Advent. They have enjoyed opening the doors on the Nativity Advent calendar each day.



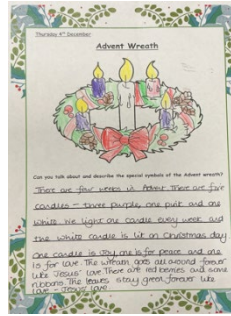
Phonics and Music

In Phonics and Music, the nursery children have been learning to tune into the sounds that instruments can make. They have been learning to listen and match instrumental sounds. They had great fun playing a variety of percussion instruments and can play them fast and slow, loud and quiet. They can play the instruments to accompany the song 'Everybody Play with Me'.



Religious Education

We were excited to begin our Advent unit of work and loved learning the song “Awake, Awake” in preparation for the birthday of Jesus. We looked at the first candle on the Advent wreath and talked about all of the things that we were hopeful for. We also created our own Advent wreaths and enjoyed learning our Advent “Walk with me” prayer.



We have been busy learning the Nativity story, we enjoyed creating our own class story map to retell the events of the very first Christmas. We have enjoyed telling the story to our partners and learning some special songs to celebrate Jesus’ Birthday.



Maths

We have been exploring shapes with 4 sides. We looked at different shapes and played lots of sorting games linked to the amount of sides each shape has. We found real life objects showing 4 sides and explored folding paper shapes to find shapes hidden inside.



YEAR 1

Religious Education

IN our Advent unit Year One children enjoyed learning all about Gaudete Sunday and its special message of joy. They discovered that during the third week of Advent we rejoice because Jesus, the Light of the World, is coming soon. Together we spoke about how Gaudete Sunday reminds us to celebrate the happiness and hope that Jesus brings into our lives. Each child wrote their own reason for rejoicing during Advent, and we received some truly thoughtful responses – including being grateful that God gave us the gift of Jesus, and feeling joyful because His birth is near. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their faith and reflect on the meaning of this blessed season.



Art & Design – Drawing

As artists this week we have communicated what we see, feel, and think through the use of colour and texture. Using our sight and touch senses, we observed different leaves before replicating them through art. We used a pencil to draw the outline of the leaf, and the lines that run throughout to form depth of shape and texture. We then blended colouring pencils in autumnal colours to bring the drawings to life.



YEAR 2

Religious Education

This week in RE, the children explored another New Testament story about waiting for someone very special. We listened and watched the Bible story “**Zechariah and the Birth of John the Baptist**” and talked about how Zechariah and Elizabeth felt as they waited for their baby, why Zechariah found it hard to believe the angel, and how God showed He had a plan for them.

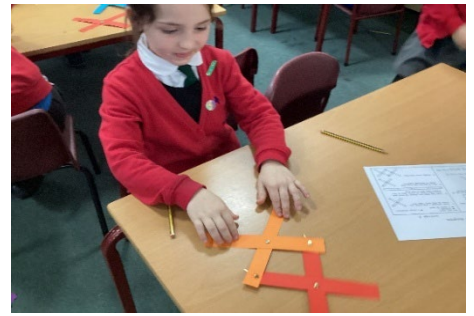
The children used a simple **beginning–middle–end grid** to retell the story and reflect on the key moments. We also revisited our **big question** for the unit and the CST principle of **Solidarity and the Common Good**, thinking about how God asks us to care for everyone.

The class showed thoughtful discussion and excellent listening as they deepened their understanding of this special story.



Design Technology

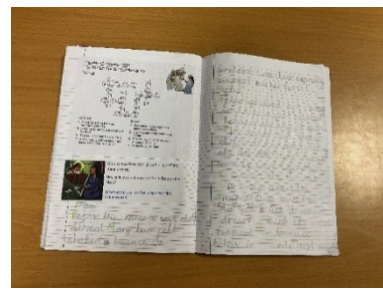
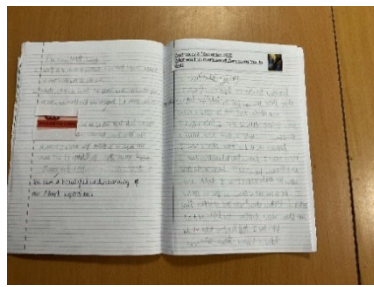
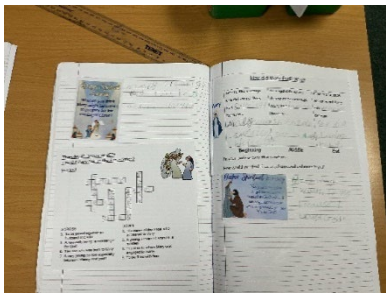
This week in Design and Technology, we began building up our knowledge in preparation for making our own moving monsters. First, we explored how simple mechanisms work, focusing on how split pins and carefully cut card pieces can be used to create movement. The children then experimented with different ways to attach and arrange their monster’s parts so that the arms, legs, or other features could move smoothly and effectively.



YEAR 3

Religious Education

In RE, the class learned about the Annunciation of Mary. Together, they discussed what the angel Gabriel’s message meant and explored how Mary might have felt before, during and after this important moment. Children shared thoughtful ideas about emotions such as surprise, confusion, courage and trust, showing real empathy and understanding as they reflected on this special story.



Art

This week, Year 3 had a fantastic time exploring life in prehistoric times by making their own natural pigments. Using turmeric, coffee, paprika and charcoal, the children carefully mixed and tested each colour before using them to create their very own cave-style paintings. They loved experimenting with the textures and tones, and the results were wonderfully atmospheric.



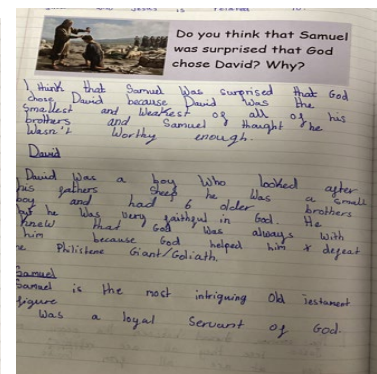
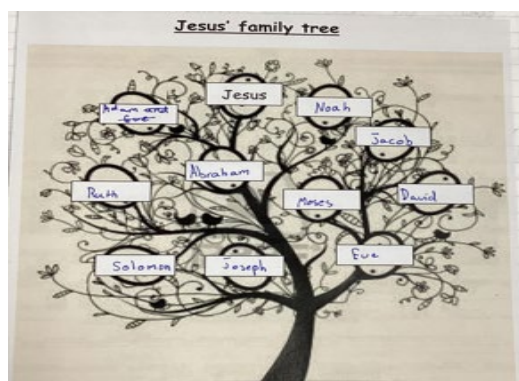
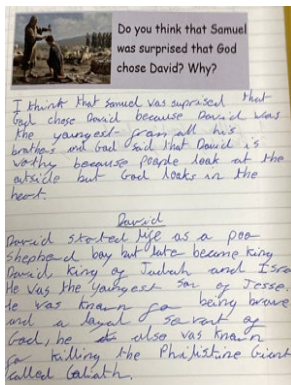
YEAR 4

Religious Education

This week in Year 4, we have continued our journey through Advent with the **Jesse Tree**, exploring the important people in Jesus' family story and learning how their faith helps guide our own. Our focus has been on two key figures: **Samuel** and **David**.

The children learned that **Samuel** was a prophet who listened closely to God and helped others understand God's plans. We then explored the story of **David**, chosen by God not because of his size or strength, but because of his heart.

As we add Samuel and David's symbols to our Jesse Tree, the children are gaining a deeper understanding of Advent and the people who prepared the way for Jesus. Their thoughtful discussions and reflections have shown wonderful maturity and growing faith.



Geography

This week in Year 4, we've been developing our **oracy skills** through our Geography topic, focusing on our big essay question: **"Why do we need to protect rivers?"**

The children have been practicing speaking clearly, listening carefully, and building on each other's ideas as they explore this important environmental issue.

During group discussions, pupils shared thoughtful reasons why rivers matter — from providing clean drinking water and homes for wildlife, to helping grow our food and giving us beautiful places to enjoy.

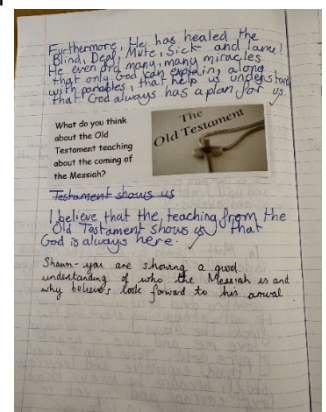
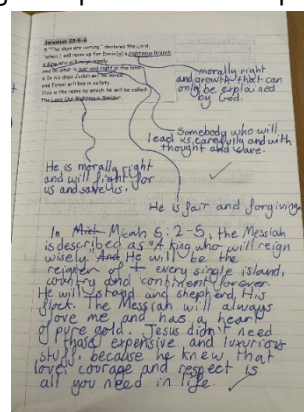
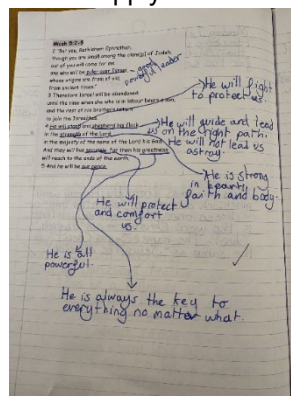
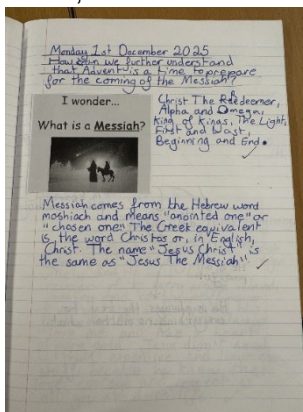
All of this oracy practice is helping the class prepare for their upcoming essay, where they will bring together their ideas about how people, animals, and the environment all depend on healthy rivers.



YEAR 5

Religious Education

This week in RE, Year 5 have been learning that Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Messiah and explored why John the Baptist's message is important during the Advent season. We have read from important scriptures and Gospels in the Bible and analysed the key messages. The children then considered how these messages can relate to their own lives, and how we can ensure we apply them during this special season of preparation.



Advent Service

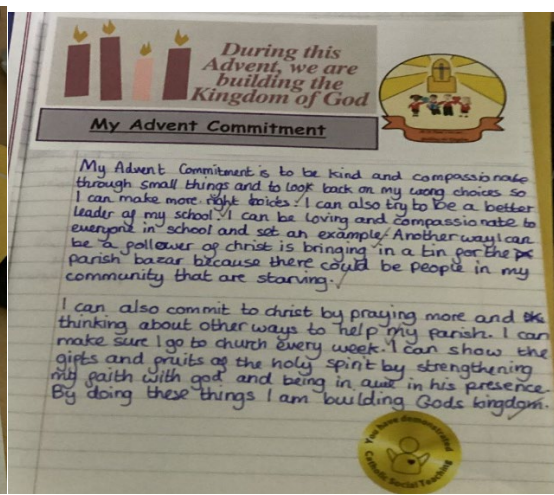
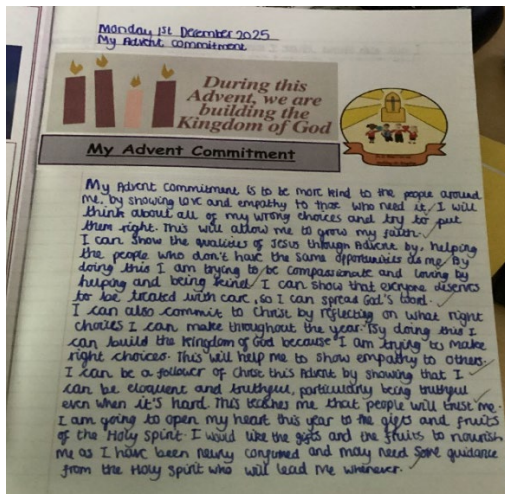
On Thursday, the Year 5 children performed their Advent Service to family and friends, and we couldn't be prouder! The children sang beautifully and performed with confidence and pride, sharing the true meaning of the Advent season. Their hard work and preparation really shone through. A huge thank-you to everyone who was able to join us—your support means so much to the children and helped make the service even more special. Well done Year 5! You should be exceptionally proud of yourselves



YEAR 6

Religious Education

Year 6 began their Advent unit of work this week and reflected on how they can commit to being a better follower of Christ during the season.



Science

Year 6 have continued with their topic 'Everything Changes' 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. Great team work scientists!



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-2025>

HEAD TEACHER ACADEMIC AWARDS OF THE WEEK

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| RH – Darcie-Mae A | RL – Gracie-May B | 1I – Ava L | 1OC – Isaac M-S | 2B – Leo S |
| 2M – Thomas H-D | 3TR – Mia M | 3SR – Luca J | 4P – Jaxon B | 4R – Joseph B |
| 5S – Chase B | 5T – Nellie H | 6M – Mia B | 6N – Jayden T | |

HEAD TEACHER EFFORT AWARDS OF THE WEEK

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| RH – Ezra G | RL – Varick K | 1I – Sienna G | 1OC – Maxim C | 2B – Ruby B |
| 2M – Oliver B | 3TR – Finn L | 3SR – Ruby G | 4P – Milly K | 4R – Albie F |
| 5S – Nancy M | 5T – Penny-Lou H | 6M – Niamh W | 6N – Tymo S | |

OUTSTANDING VIRTUE AWARD – 'LEARNED & WISE'

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| RH – Ifechukwu E | RL – L'Mayah R | 1I – Emmie H | 1OC – Cavarlli G | 2B – Zoe D |
| 2M – Alexander H | 3TR – Matthias B | 3SR – Quinn B | 4P – Thomas B | 4R – Poppy S |
| 5S – Ava B | 5T – Tiffany M | 6M – Gracie-May | 6N – Seran L | |

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.

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

SCHOOL NOTICES

Please remember that there is no parking available in the School grounds or outside the school gates for families. All families are expected to park at Asda or the Church when bringing children to/collecting children from school. This also applies when bringing children to school late, collecting early or dropping things off for them.



The on-site car park is for school staff and external visitors.

Please do not use the approach to school as a drop off point as this leads to congestion and can be very dangerous for pedestrians. The school does not own this land or the parking spaces outside of the school gates.

It has come to our attention that some parents and family members are parking inconsiderately on double yellow lines, across driveways of local residents or on pavement and walkways where children and families are walking to school. Please can we ask that parents park considerately and appropriately outside of school in order for all young children to access and enter school safely.

ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Staying safe online

The digital world offers incredible opportunities but also presents risks. Equip your family with these strategies so you can all stay safe online:

- **Safety settings:** Use parental controls on devices and apps to limit access to inappropriate content. Some general safety settings include the following:
 - **Enable parental controls:** Activate parental control settings on devices, apps, and browsers to filter content and restrict access to inappropriate material.
 - **Set strong privacy settings:** Adjust privacy settings on social media and other platforms to make sure that personal information is only visible to trusted individuals. For example, choose 'Friends Only' instead of 'Public' for posts and profiles.
 - **Activate safe search filters:** Use tools like Google SafeSearch or similar features on other search engines to block harmful content from appearing in search results.
 - **Set time limits on devices:** Utilise screen time or digital wellbeing features on devices to set daily usage limits for apps and overall device use.
 - **Enable two-factor authentication (2FA):** Turn on 2FA for accounts to add an extra layer of security by requiring a second verification step, such as a code sent to a phone or email.
- **Teach privacy skills:** Help your child understand what personal information they should never share online (such as location, passwords). [Password Monster](#) is a great resource to test the strength of your passwords.
- **Spot fake news:** Use tools like [Childline's games](#) to teach your child to identify misinformation.

TERM DATES 2025-26

Autumn 2	Spring 1	Summer 1
<p>Last Day of Term for Children: Friday 19th December Early collection available at 1pm</p> <p>Christmas Holidays: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 02nd January 2026</p> <p>Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET Children NOT in School</p>	<p>Starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026</p> <p>Last Day of Term for Children: Friday 13th February Half-Term: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Spring 2</p> <p>Monday 23rd February – INSET Children NOT in School</p> <p>Starts: Tuesday 24th February Children return to school</p> <p>Last Day of Term for Children: Friday 27th March</p> <p>Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April</p>	<p>Starts: Monday 13th April Children return to school Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May</p> <p>Last Day of Term for Children: Friday 22nd May</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Half Term:</p> <p>Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Summer 2</p> <p>Starts: Monday 1st June Children return to school Last Day of Term for Children: Friday 17th July</p> <p>Monday 20th July – INSET Children NOT in School Summer Holidays Starts: Tuesday 21st July</p>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8 th December	-	Year 6 Advent Service & Carols
Tuesday 9 th December	-	Nasal Flu Vaccine in school & Christas Dinner Day
Tues 9 th , Wed 10 th & Thurs 11 th Dec	-	Nursery Look at me now/ Nativity (parents advised on selected day)
Friday 12 th December	-	Year 2 Advent Service & Carols
Monday 15 th December	-	Christmas Movie Night
Tuesday 16 th December	-	Advent Mass
Wednesday 17 th December	-	Reception Advent Service & Carols
Thursday 18 th December	-	Year 1 Advent Service & Carols
Friday 19 th Decemeber	-	Last Day of Term for children -Early pick up available at 1pm
Mon 22 nd Dec 2025 – Fri 2 nd Jan 2026	-	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January 2026	-	INSET Day – Children NOT in school
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	-	Children return to school – Start of Spring 1
Mon 16 th February – Fri 20 th February	-	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February	-	INSET DAY – Children NOT in school
Tuesday 24 th February	-	Children return to school – Start of Spring 2
W/c 23 rd Feb	-	Year 6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle
Tues 24 th Feb – Fri 27 th Feb	-	Year 5 Bikeability
Mon 30 th March – Fri 10 th April	-	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April	-	Children return to school – Start of Summer 1
Monday 4 th May	-	Bank Holiday (Children NOT in school)
Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May	-	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	-	Children return to school – Start of Summer 2
Friday 17 th July	-	Last Day of Term for children
Monday 20 th July	-	Summer Holidays (Inset day for staff- children not in school)

SOLIHULL NURSES

Parent/Carer Support:

The School Nursing Service accept referrals from parents/carers, for advice and support regarding their child, by contacting the team on 0121 726 6754.

School Nursing Service also has a Chat Health SMS Service for parents and carers, which is a Confidential Parent Texting Service, on 07480 635 496, available Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.



SISS AUTISM TEAM PARENT WORKSHOP

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SISS Autism Team Parent Workshop. Understanding Autism for Parents of school-aged children.

The SISS Autism Team are pleased to offer a workshop for parents and carers of children in Solihull Mainstream Schools with an autism diagnosis, or who have been accepted for an autism assessment.

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 staff from the SISS Autism Team, all of whom 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 in North Solihull, Central Solihull & South Solihull, plus one online opportunity.

You can choose the option that works best for you – all dates and venues are available to book now. Please see below for details.

Please do not attend if you have not completed the booking form below and received a confirmation email.

Eligibility to attend the workshop:

- Your child has an autism diagnosis **or** has been accepted onto the waiting list for an assessment.
- Your child attends a mainstream school in Solihull.
- You can attend both face-to-face days.

Spring term

North – Riverside Family Hub – 21.4.26 & 28.4.26. 9.00am – 3pm
Final Teams Online session – 1.5.26. 9am – 12pm

Summer term

South – Shirley Heath Family Hub – 2.6.26 & 9.6.26. 9am – 3pm.
North – Riverside Family Hub – 2.6.26 & 9.6.26. 9am – 3pm.
Online – via Microsoft Teams – 8.5.26, 15.5.26, 22.5.26, 5.6.26. 9am – 12pm
Final Teams Online session – all 3 groups – 12.6.26. 9am – 12pm

If you have not previously attended a workshop with us and would like to join us, please complete the Booking Form here: [Autism Parent](#)

[Workshops Booking Form – Fill in form](#)

and we will confirm your place via email.

For any queries, please contact your school SENCo.

Neurodiverse & Non-Visible Disability Football Sessions



How about...

Football sessions, all about fun?

No pressure or trials, just lots of football?

Joining a group of players already enjoying football, where the only rule is,

“Just Be You!”

Then join a session at Knowle Football Club, we would love you to be part of our team!

—Take a picture and give it to whoever looks after you! —



Parents & Carers

When: Every Saturday from Noon (& possibly 1pm)

Location: Knowle FC, Hampton Rd, Knowle. B93 0NX

All coaches certified and DBS checked. £6 a session.

Sessions have run through the summer. We are ready to grow the sessions for 5-18 year olds who can enjoy football without the pressure or expectations of a 'team'.

For any questions, or simply to book ...

stuart@lanyon.co.uk / 07968 874455 www.knowlefc.co.uk



Solihull Coffee Morning



Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

Led by an Autism specialist from Autism West Midlands who can offer advice, guidance and training.

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Light refreshments will be provided.

Most second Wednesdays of every month.
Not during school holidays.

Wednesdays
November 12th 2025
December 10th 2025
January 7th 2025

10am - 12pm

Room 4

Solihull Methodist church, Blossomfield Rd, Solihull B91 1LG