



# St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

To Live, Love and Learn together, as Witnesses for Christ

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## Friday 12th September 2025

This half term, we are growing to be *eloquent* and *truthful* in what we say of ourselves, the relations between people and the world.

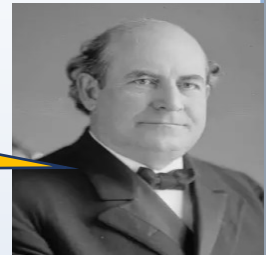
Our Catholic Social Teaching focus for this half term is...



God made us to be part of communities, families and countries, so all people can help each other.

Eloquent speech is not from lip to ear, but rather from heart to heart.

(William Jennings Bryan - American Lawyer.)



In the words of Pope Leo XIV...

When the heart is full, it cries. And this is not always a sign of weakness; it can be a profound act of humanity.



Yesterday, we came together for a wonderful Mass led by Year 4. It was the perfect way to begin our Autumn term.

Year 4, along with all classes set a beautiful standard for the year ahead, and we are incredibly proud of the way they embodied the spirit of our school in both word and worship!



# Secondary School Open Evenings

Faith is our Foundation



We welcome prospective pupils and their families to attend our

## OPEN EVENING

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 5.30pm-8.00pm

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THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER  
**4pm to 7pm**  
office@jhnc.org | 0121 770 5331  
**Heart Speaks to Heart**

# Holy Communion and Confirmation dates



We are excited to confirm the dates for these very special Sacraments

Saturday 9th May- First Holy Communion 12pm

Tuesday 23rd June- Confirmation 7pm

As always the Sacraments require preparation and attendance at Commitment Masses

Holy Communion Commitment Mass will be on Sunday 30th November at 11am

Confirmation Commitment Mass will be on Sunday 1st February at 11am

It is vital that all participants are present at Mass as much as possible to support them on their faith journey.



# New KS2 Prayers

## Morning Prayer

O Jesus,  
through the most pure heart of Mary,  
I offer you all my prayers,  
thoughts, works and sufferings of this day  
for all the intentions of your most Sacred Heart.  
Amen.



## Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts  
which we are about to receive  
from your bounty.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## Grace After Meals

We give you thanks, Almighty God,  
for all your benefits,  
who live and reign, world without end.  
Amen.



## Prayer at the end of the day

Lord Jesus Christ, as we come to the end of this school day,  
Help us to reflect and to pray:  
For the difficulties I have known, I ask for your help.  
For the blessings I have received; I thank you.  
May I seek to be an instrument of your peace in my home today.  
Each day is a gift. May I look forward to a new start tomorrow.  
May the journey of my life be an experience of your love,  
your compassion, your forgiveness and your peace.  
Amen.





We are incredibly proud to share the exciting news that one of our pupils, Buddy, has been signed by professional football academy, Birmingham City.

This is a remarkable achievement that reflects not only his outstanding talent on the pitch, but also his dedication, discipline, and love for the game!

We know this is just the beginning of a very exciting journey, and we look forward to following Buddy's progress in the months and years ahead. St Andrew's school community is cheering you on every step of the way!

# Nursery and Reception



Our Nursery and Reception children have been incredible, completing their first full week! They have settled beautifully and are already adapting to School life by following routines and using impeccable manners.

Mass for children and young people  
with special needs and disabilities

**Saturday 4th October**

11am

St Thomas More Church,  
130 Horse Shoes Lane,  
Sheldon,  
Birmingham  
B26 3HU



All are welcome to our special  
mass - from all parishes

All volunteers are  
DBS checked

Wheelchair  
accessible



Please join us after mass in the  
parish centre for refreshments



ASPENS

# Bluerunner

Please ensure that you have registered for Blue Runner- even if your child does not have School Meals

You can register using the link below

<https://olaas.myschoolmealorders.com/login>

Please let us the School office know if you have any problems.

## Menu for next week

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

# LUNCHTIME

WORLD

Week 1

Spring Summer

2025

21/04/25, 12/05/25,  
02/06/25, 23/06/25,  
14/07/25, 04/08/25,  
25/08/25, 15/09/25,  
06/10/25

	THE MAIN EVENT	MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish	RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads	BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets	DESSERT TROLLEY
MONDAY	All Day Breakfast	Cheesy Masala Pizza Naan and Wedges	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Jammy Crumble Bar
TUESDAY	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Mexican Bean Wrap with Rice	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Biscuit
WEDNESDAY	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable and Stuffing Loaf with Roast Potatoes	Carrots and Cabbage	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Banana Loaf Cake
THURSDAY	Greek Meatballs with Diced Potatoes	Falafels in Pitta with Diced Potatoes	Vegetable Medley	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Carrot Cake
FRIDAY	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chins	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips	Peas	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Chocolate Brick

DAILY SALAD BOWL,  
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,  
YOGHURTS AND  
CUT FRUIT

AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA  
TWIRLER

AVAILABLE  
EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta  
Hot Pasta  
topped with  
Homemade  
Tomato Sauce &  
Cheese

# Term Dates



## School Year 2025 / 2026

### Autumn term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 01 September 2025

Half Term Holiday: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Term Ends: Friday 19 December 2025

End of Term Holiday: Monday 22 December 2025 - Friday 02 January 2026

### Spring term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 05 January 2026

Half Term Holiday: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Term Ends: Friday 27 March 2026

End of Term Holiday: Monday 30 March 2026 - Friday 10 April 2026

### Summer term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13 April 2026

(May Day: Monday 04 May 2026)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Term Ends: Monday 20 July 2026

End of Year Holiday Starts: Tuesday 21 July 2026

### INSET Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

# Important Dates

These dates will be updated each week and any dates that change will be highlighted in yellow.

Date	Year Group	Event
Tues 23rd September	Year 6	Year 6 Parent meeting 3.45pm
Fri 24th October	All	INSET Day- Closed to pupils
Fri 24th October	All	Break up for October Hal term
Mon 3rd November	All	Children come back
Sun 30th November	Year 3	Holy Communion Commitment Mass at 11am
Sun 1st February	Year 6	Confirmation Commitment Mass at 11am
Saturday 9th May	Year 3	First Holy Communion at 12pm
Tues 23rd June	Year 6	Confirmation at 7pm

## PE Days

Monday	Nursery, Year 3 & Year 6
Tuesday	Year 2 & 4
Wednesday	Year 2 & 3
Thursday	Reception, 1 & 5
Friday	Year 1, 4 & 5

# Attendance and Punctuality



Our KSI attendance winners were Year 1.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 3.

Punctuality Winners: Year 1

Well done to our class winners this week.

Well done for the brilliant Attendance and Punctuality this week.

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence. Excl Holidays
Reception	97.24%	0
Year 1	99.17%	0
Year 2	96.25%	0
Year 3	99.11%	0
Year 4	90.95%	0
Year 5	98.21%	0
Year 6	89.67%	0

- Parents who have children with attendance lower than 90% will be alerted via a letter and called into school for a meeting with our Educational Welfare Officer .

- If a child's attendance is below 90% then school will ask for proof of appointments, medical or other evidence.

- We track and analyse patterns in attendance regularly and if you are inclined to have certain days of the week off on a regular basis it will be picked up.

- If for any reason you are concerned about your child's attendance and would like some support then please contact the school office.

- Thank you to parents and children who make such an effort to arrive at school everyday and on time...Well done!

Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	0	0
Year 1	0	0
Year 2	0	0
Year 3	0	0
Year 4	1	0
Year 5	0	0
Year 6	1	0



If we have not heard from a parent concerning a child who is absent by 9:30am, we will make a telephone call to ensure the child is safe.

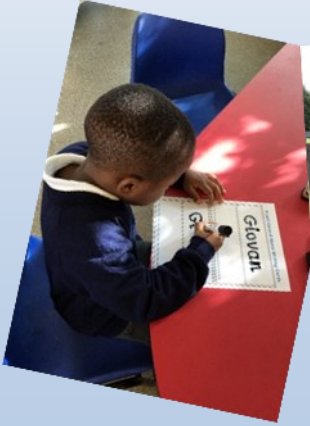
It is imperative that school are contacted if a child is not able to attend school. If we still are unable to make contact, then the Educational Welfare Officer will be informed and a home visit may need to be made to the family home.

# Nursery

Our first full week in nursery has been fantastic and so much fun. The children have explored our classroom, learning our class routines and classroom rules. The children have been learning all of their new friend's names and sharing all of the lovely activities together.

We have been singing nursery rhymes, number songs, reading stories and learning how we make the sign of the cross. The children have been exploring using paint, sand, water play and drawing.

We have also been practicing how we write our names this week. I am so proud of all of you well done you are all doing amazing!



# Reception

What a fantastic start Reception have had!

Over the past couple of weeks, we've enjoyed exploring our role-play kitchen, practising writing our names, having fun outdoors, singing plenty of nursery rhymes, and so much more.

We have also had really fun creating our own potions and perfumes! Everyone has settled in beautifully!



# Year One

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the year and have settled into their new classroom beautifully!

This week, we have been learning all about ourselves. We explored the different parts of our bodies and what they are called, as well as sharing what makes us unique - from the things we like to the homes we live in. In maths, we refreshed our number bonds to 5 and 10 and showed great confidence in our learning.

Well done, Year 1, on such a brilliant first week - we are so proud of you!



# Year Two

Year 2 have had a fantastic week! In English, we started our new book *Meerkat Mail*. The children made lots of thoughtful predictions using Talking Chips with their Kagan tables, which sparked some brilliant discussions. We then worked together to recall key events from the story, creating fun actions to help us remember them. It's been wonderful to see everyone so engaged and enthusiastic about their learning!

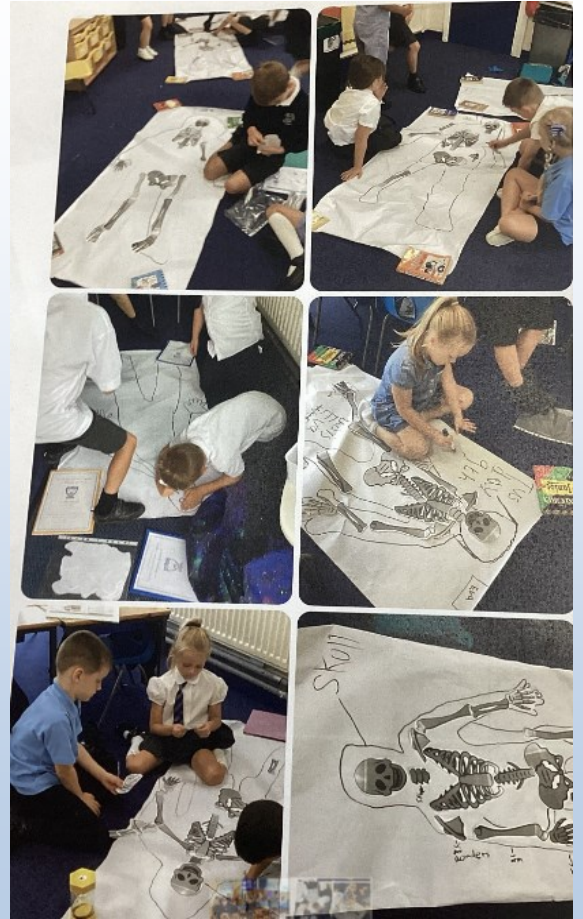


# Year Three

Year 3 have been learning all about the human skeleton.

The children had great fun working together to build a life-sized paper skeleton.

They were amazed at how many bones we have and enjoyed discovering how the skeleton helps us to move, stay upright, and protect our organs.



# Year Four

This week, year four led our first school mass of 2025-2026, in celebration of St. Joseph. The children read with confidence and reverence, helping the school community reflect on the life and example of this humble and faithful saint.

Through prayers, readings, and hymns, they reminded everyone of St. Joseph's quiet strength, his trust in God, and his role as a protector of the Holy Family.

It was a beautiful and prayerful celebration, and Year 4 should be very proud of their contribution.



# Year Five

What a fantastic first few weeks back Year 5 have had!

The children have settled in wonderfully and shown real maturity as they've embraced the Year 5 curriculum. In maths, they created their own confectionery-themed questions and enjoyed an exciting addition relay race to practise speed and accuracy with the column method. In English, they were introduced to author Jamila Gavin and began exploring *The Purple Lady*, researching her life to write thoughtful biographies.

It's been a brilliant start, and we can't wait for the term ahead.



# Year Six

Year 6 led the Rosary with Reception class in our Prayer garden.

Our first celebration of the word in Year six.





Please join us for our PTA AGM on Friday, 26th September, to learn about how we support the school, the funding we offer, and the events we host and support.

We are actively looking for new members and volunteers.

It is also an opportunity to be part of our community and get involved with the school and its events for your children.



It's back with a bang!

Join us on Friday 7th November for our St Andrew's PTA fireworks display: 5 - 8 pm

We have an early bird ticket price offer, so don't miss out, ensure you book your tickets now!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/standrewscatholicprimaryschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=102715>



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