



St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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Our Lady and All Saints
Catholic Multi Academy Company
Strong in Faith

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Friday 19th September 2025

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

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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.

Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain't goin' away.

Elvis Presley



In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



I appreciate everyone, whoever they are, what they come with, and I listen to them.

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.



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 2

Spring Summer
2025
28/04/25, 19/05/25,
09/06/25, 30/06/25,
21/07/25, 11/08/25,
01/09/25, 22/09/25,
13/10/25

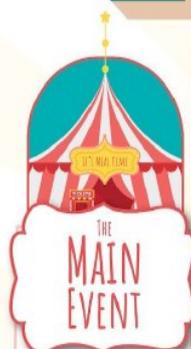
MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



THE
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EVENT

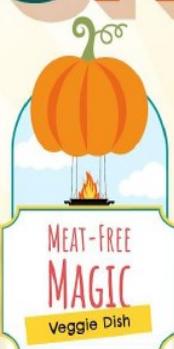
Beef
Bolognese
Pasta

Chicken Korma
Curry with Rice

Roast Gammon,
Skin on Roasties
and Gravy

Chinese Style
Chicken Noodles

Battered Fish
and Chips



MEAT-FREE
MAGIC
Veggie Dish

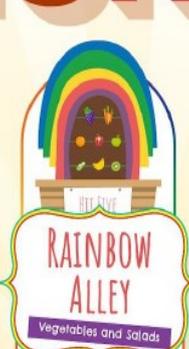
Cheese and Potato
Pie

Vegetable
Korma Curry
with Rice

Maple Roasted
Sweet Potato Filo
Pie with Skin on
Roasties

Veggie Chinese
Style Noodles

Cheese & Onion
Burger
and Chips



RAINBOW
ALLEY
Vegetables and Salads

Sweetcorn
and Peas

Sweetcorn

Mixed Greens

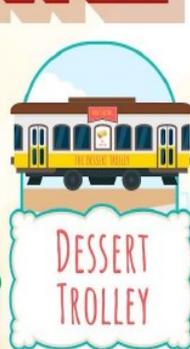
Carrots and
Green Beans

Baked
Beans



BIG
TOPPING
Filled Jackets

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo



DESSERT
TROLLEY

Jam Sponge
and Custard

Banana
Muffin

Oaty
Cornflake
Crunch Bar

Cinnamon
and Apple
Cupcake

Vanilla
Cookie



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
Thu 25th September	Year 6	Year 6 Leading Mass 10am
Fri 26th September	All	PTA Non uniform Day in return for bottles for Christmas Fair
Fri 26th September	All	PTA AGM
Fri 3rd October	Reception	Reception RE Inspire Workshop at 9.15am
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
Fri 7th November	All	PTA Fireworks
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
Mon 6th July- Wed 8th July	Year 6	Year 6 Residential

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 Reception.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 3.

Punctuality Winners: Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year Five.

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	97.93%	0
Year 1	96.68%	0
Year 2	96.99%	0
Year 3	99.29%	0
Year 4	91.19%	0
Year 5	99.21%	0
Year 6	97.10%	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	3	0
Year 2	0	0
Year 3	1	0
Year 4	0	0
Year 5	0	0
Year 6	5	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.

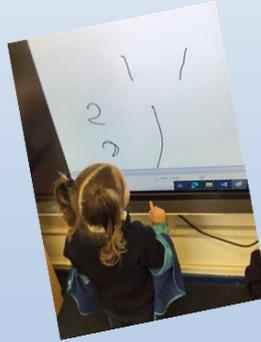
Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning all about our class Saint, Mary, talking about how special she is and making blue handprints to represent the colour Mary wears.

We have been having lots of fun learning the number one and how we write it. We have made our very own number one number block too.

As our Topic this term is 'All about me' we have been painting self-portraits and talking about all of our different features and coloured hair/eyes etc. We are really enjoying exploring our outdoor area and having lots of fun activities out.

Well done to all of the nursery children this week I am very proud of you all.



Reception

We've had another fantastic week in Reception, filled with fun and learning! The children loved making their own playdough, carefully measuring out the ingredients and kneading the dough until it was just right.

We've been exploring mark-making in lots of different ways - from creating patterns in the sand to drawing and doodling on our big drawing table. There's also been lots of construction fun as the children built some incredible towers, showing great teamwork and problem-solving skills.

In maths, we've been using five frames to count pieces of fruit, helping us to practise our counting and number recognition.

It's been a week full of creativity, exploration, and excitement - we can't wait to see what adventures next week will bring!



Year One

Year 1 have had a wonderful week focusing on all things tiger related, inspired by our book of the week 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'.

The children had lots of fun learning about tigers, creating habitats for them, painting pictures of tigers and even role playing an afternoon tea in our Cafe.



Year Two

Wow! What a fantastic week we've had in Year 2!

We've been very busy in maths, exploring the expanded form of tens and ones.

We also practised positioning and estimating numbers on a number line up to 100.

To make it even more fun, we created a "human number line," where we started with the first and last numbers and then worked together to estimate the numbers in between.

We also enjoyed a beautiful prayer and liturgy service, reflecting on the symbol of the cross and Jesus' love. Some of our children read scripture so thoughtfully, well done!

Keep up the wonderful work, Year 2.



Year Three

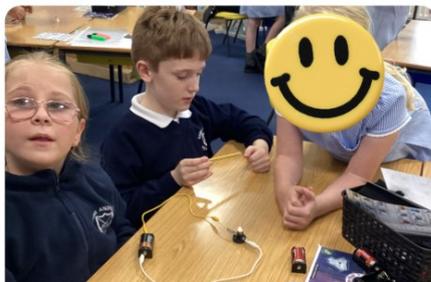
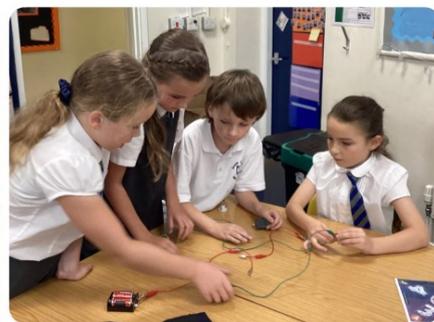
This week in RE, Year 3 have been learning about the sacrament of Baptism. The children enjoyed role-playing the rite of Baptism to help them understand its special meaning for Catholics. They explored the different signs and symbols and reflected on why Baptism is such an important sacrament in the Church.



Year Four

It's been a busy but brilliant week in Year 4, filled with hands-on learning and creativity! The children explored electricity in science by making their own circuits, and delved into the past in history as they investigated the fascinating - and often tough - jobs of Victorian children.

A wonderful week full of energy, curiosity, and reflection - well done, Year 4!



Year Five

Year 5 have had such a busy and exciting week!

In RE, the children have been exploring the creation stories in the Book of Genesis. Using their artistic talents, they produced two stunning interpretations of the stories, carefully showing the differences and similarities through their artwork.

In Maths, we have been working with numbers up to 1,000,000. The children were especially fascinated when linking this learning to the world of football! They investigated the capacities of different stadiums, looked at the weekly wages and transfer values of players, and even explored how many online followers famous footballers have. This real-life context really brought their Maths learning to life!



Year Six

Year 6 are really enjoying their new History topic on World War Two. This week, we have learnt more about the Battle of Britain and have got into character as the RAF pilots who fought in the skies against the German Luftwaffe. We have some excellent actors in our class who really embraced their new roles! Well done, Year Six.





PTA AGM
Annual General Meeting
Everyone is welcome!
Stay informed and get involved.

Friday
26th September
6 - 8pm Lyndon Pub Function Room

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>

Friday 7th November 2025

Fireworks Extravaganza

Join us for an unforgettable evening of lights and excitement under the night sky!

Don't miss the amazing show!



NON UNIFORM DAY
26TH SEPTEMBER

IN EXCHANGE FOR A BOTTLE DONATION

Christmas
tombola

Please donate generously.
Any item you'd like to win at our Christmas tombola

WHERE:
Children to bring them to their classrooms

Please do ensure all bottles are sealed and in date, for after Christmas.

Friday 26th September is non-uniform day in exchange for a alcoholic or non alcoholic bottle, ready for our annual Christmas fair.

More details of our fair to be shared soon!



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