



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 26th 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.

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



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

Being educated , eloquent and knowing how to talk for yourself makes you go a long way.



(Tinie Tempah-English Musician.)

In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



Season of Creation reminds us that, together with prayer and determination, concrete actions are necessary if this "caress of God" is to become visible to our world .



We love to celebrate our children's success in and out of school and here is one of our shining stars who has danced her way to an extraordinary achievement - winning the Golden Buzzer at the National Entertainment Awards that grants her and her dance friends the opportunity to perform at the iconic O2 Arena in London! Dancing at the O2 Arena is a dream for many - and she's making it a reality. We couldn't be prouder of her determination and passion. Congratulations, Eva!



Just in case you missed the excitement on our Instagram page...here is Tommy, the 26 year old tortoise! He managed to escape from his home and become trapped behind our playground fence.

Luckily, our eagle-eyed KS2 children spotted him and alerted staff, who came to the rescue!

Tommy is now safely home and ready to hibernate!



We love sharing and celebrating all of the wonderful things happening in and around school linked to learning and achievements of your children, so if you are not yet following us...head over to Instagram and give our page a follow!

You'll have a peek into our Catholic Life, learning, achievements, friendships and fun, that we are so very proud of!

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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 3

Spring Summer
2025
05/05/25, 26/05/25,
16/06/25, 07/07/25,
28/07/25, 18/08/25,
08/09/25, 29/09/25,
20/10/25

MONDAY

BBQ Sweetcorn
Pizza Slice
with Wedges

Macaroni
Cheese

Green Salad

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Strawberry
Ice Cream

TUESDAY

Mild Chilli Con
Carne with Rice

Vegetable Bean
Chilli with Rice

Sweetcorn

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Marble
Cookie

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken,
Stuffing, Skin on
Roasties and Gravy

Cheese and
Onion Slice
with Skin on
Roasties & Gravy

Carrots
and Peas

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Sweet Potato
Brownie

THURSDAY

Jerk Chicken Wrap
with Rice

Sweet Potato
Coconut Bean Stew
with Rice

Sweetcorn

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Apple
Flapjack

FRIDAY

Golden Fish
Fingers
and Chips

Vegetable Fingers
and Chips

Baked
Beans

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Brookie
(Brownie &
Cookie Mix)

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
Thu 2nd October	Year 2	Year 2 leading Mass 10am
Fri 3rd October	Reception	Reception RE Inspire Workshop at 9.15am
Thu 9th October	Year 3	Year 3 leading Mass 10am
Mon 13th October		Nursery and Reception Open Morning 9.30am
Thu 16th October	Year 5	Mass of Thanksgiving for the Harvest - Year 5 leading 10am
Tue 21st October		Nursery and Reception Open Morning 9.30am
Thu 23rd October	Year 1	Year 1 leading Mass 10am
Fri 24th October	All	INSET Day - Closed to pupils
Fri 24th October	All	Break up for October Half 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 Year Two

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 5.

Punctuality Winners: Year One

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	98.28%	0
Year 1	88.97%	0
Year 2	98.33%	0
Year 3	98.21%	0
Year 4	88.33%	0
Year 5	99.29%	0
Year 6	91.40%	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	2	0
Year 1	0	0
Year 2	1	0
Year 3	2	0
Year 4	4	0
Year 5	1	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 about our feelings and what we might do if we feel sad/angry. The children have made a beautiful feelings tree together.

We have enjoyed our PE session in the hall doing multi skills and being five little children in a flying saucer.

Nursery have been learning all about creation and have made thank you letters to God for his creations of the world, we chose one thing God created and drew a picture.

Nursery have continued to have lots of fun exploring the outdoor area, we have been making tea doing lots of pouring/tipping, we have made an obstacle course for balancing and explored lots of natural autumn materials such as pumpkins, pinecones, conkers and acorns.

We have had a fun filled and busy week and I am very proud of you all well done.



Reception

Reception have had a fantastic week full of fun, creativity, and learning!

We've been focusing on mark making, exploring lots of different tools and techniques. The children enjoyed using chalk to make bold drawings, paint with cars to create colourful tracks, and, of course, practising with pencils and pens to develop their fine motor skills.

In maths, we've been learning to compare different objects. The children had great fun comparing the sizes of teddy bears, using scales to discover which items were lighter or heavier, and even linking our learning to our All About Metopic by drawing self-portraits.

Our creative activities have been exciting too! We've built paper towers, experimented with balance and construction, and made our very own 'Soup of the Day' using citrus fruits - it smelled amazing!

What a brilliant week of hands-on learning and exploration.



Year One

Year 1 have had a wonderful week learning about all things Autumn related. We started the week reading our story focus 'Leaf Man' and followed the journey of the autumn leaves. We've had lots of fun making play dough hedgehogs, writing letters to the leaf man and posting them at the post office, adding together autumn potions and going on an autumn sound hunt!



Year Two

What a busy and exciting week we've had in Year 2!

In English, we explored the features of a newspaper report through a fun One Stray Kagan activity. We also worked on character descriptions to prepare for writing our very own newspaper reports. To do this, we needed to practise using inverted commas and to help us visualise them, we used dried macaroni pasta as our quotation marks and even had a go at writing on the tables!

In Maths, we brought our learning to life by looking at numbers in real-world contexts. We ordered our house numbers from smallest to greatest and from greatest to smallest. We even sorted and ordered the odd and even numbers, which the children found especially exciting.

It has been a fantastic week of learning. Well done Year 2, I am super proud of you, as always!



Year Three

In Maths this week, Year 3 have been exploring how numbers change when we find 1, 10 or 100 more or less. The children used tens frames and place value charts to help them see how each digit changes. They enjoyed working practically with these resources and developing their confidence with place value.



Year Four

This week, Year 4 have been busy working as scientists in their electricity topic. The children carried out an exciting investigation to find out which materials are electrical conductors and which are insulators.

Working in small groups, they used a simple circuit with a bulb to test different everyday objects such as metal spoons, coins, rubber bands, wooden sticks, and paperclips. The children predicted which materials would let the electricity flow through and then tested their ideas.

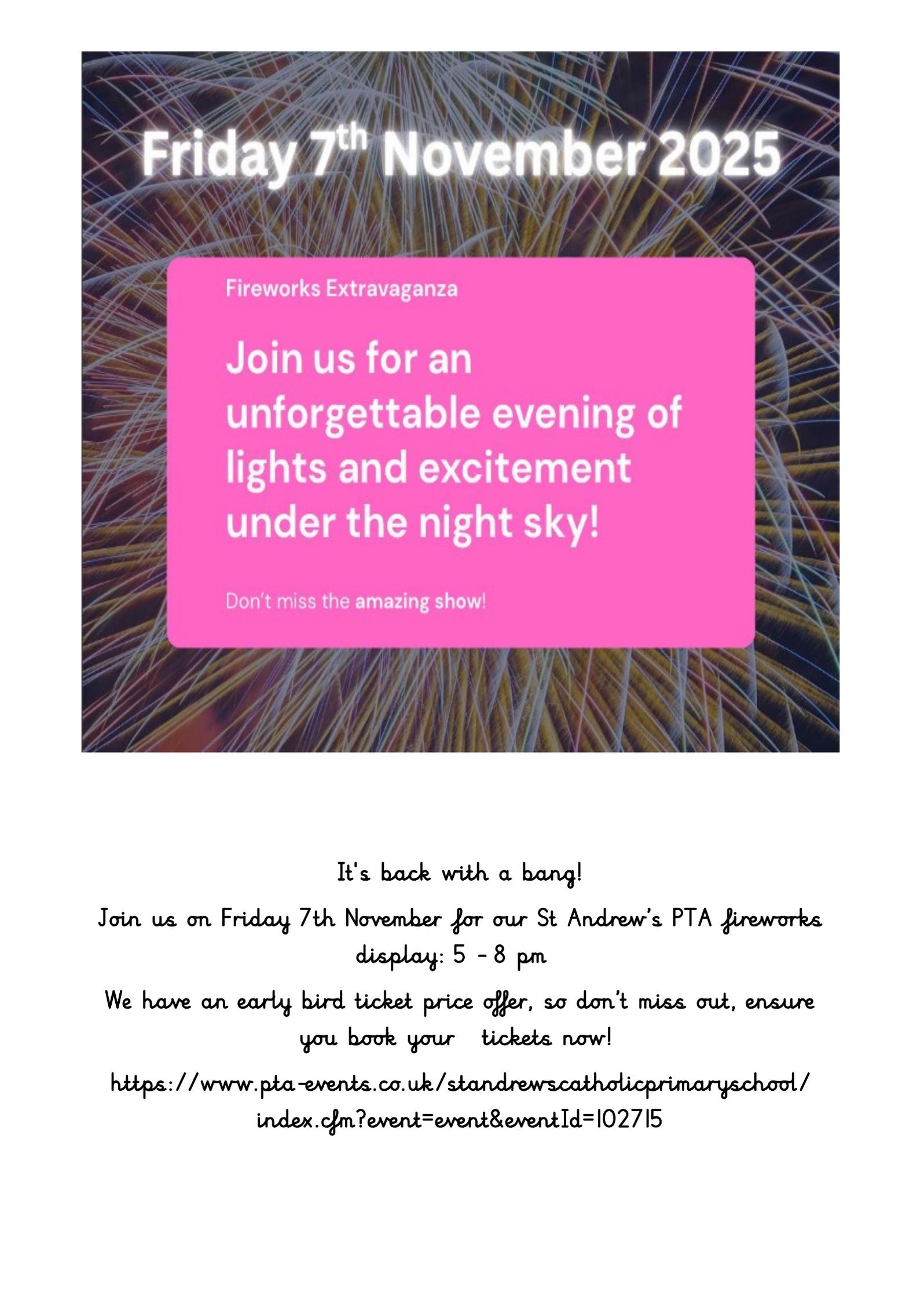
There was lots of excitement when the bulb lit up - showing that the material was a conductor - and surprise when it stayed dark for the insulators. The class discovered that most metals are good conductors, while materials like plastic, rubber and wood are insulators that help to keep us safe.



Year Six

Year 6 have had a very busy week! From rescuing Tommy the Tortoise, hot-seating Moses in the desert, creating artwork on the Blitz, completing their third swimming lesson, leading Mass and most importantly, getting their Reception buddies...it's been non-stop! We can't wait to see you being amazing role models to your faith buddies this year. Well done on a jam-packed week, Year 6.





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!

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!

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