



St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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Friday 3rd October 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.

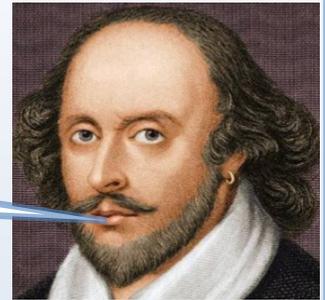
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Our Catholic Social Teaching focus for this half term is...



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

No legacy is so rich as honesty.



(William Shakespeare - English Playwrite.)

In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



When it seems we have hit rock bottom,
let us remember that this is the very
place from which God is able to begin a
new creation.

This creation is made of people raised up,
hearts forgiven and tears wiped away.



Today we say goodbye and thank you to two members of staff who have been such a valued and loved part of our school community.

Mrs Holka and Mrs James, thank you for your dedication, kindness and positivity. You will be greatly missed by children, staff and families. We wish you the very best of luck as you move on to new adventures!



Dear St. Andrew's Families,

It is with sadness that I share the news that I will be leaving St. Andrew's School on Thursday, 9th October.

After seven wonderful years working here, and 14 amazing years as a St. Andrew's parent, watching my three beautiful children grow through this school, the time has come for me to say goodbye.

It has been an absolute privilege to be part of this incredible community. I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful children and families over the years. The memories I've made here will stay with me forever.

I will miss seeing all the children's smiling faces each day and the warmth and kindness of our St. Andrew's family.

Please do come and see me before I go - I would love the chance to say goodbye in person.

With heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes,

Mrs Speakman (Becky) X





It's that wonderful time of year where we begin to think about gathering food for those in need to take as offerings during our Harvest Mass.

If you are able to donate tinned, dried or packaged foods (no fresh foods) over the coming weeks, please send into school from next week.

All donations are greatly appreciated and thank you in advance!

Our Harvest Mass will take place on Thursday 16th October at 10am.

This will also be Fr Christopher's final Mass with us as he embarks on his new journey to Holy Name of Jesus, Great Barr.

He will be missed but we wish him all the luck and success in his new Parish!



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

LEARN TO SKATEBOARD

HALF TERM

OCTOBER

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WED 29

BEGINNERS INDOOR SKATEBOARD TASTER SESSION

Sessions run 1.5 hours; equipment provided if needed.

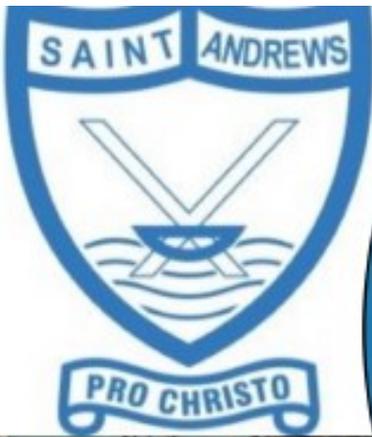
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AGES 6-10

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September 2026
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Christ

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7.45am- 6.00pm

Contact us to find out more

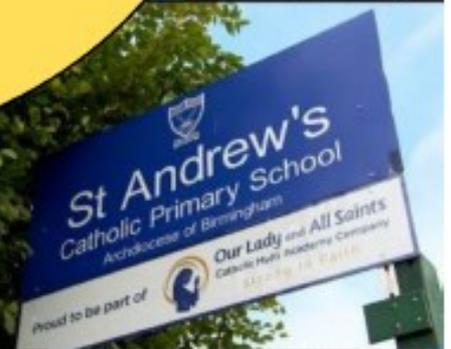
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ASPENS

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 Chips	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
Thu 9th October	Year 3	Year 3 leading Mass 10am
Mon 13th October		Nursery and Reception Open Morning 9.30am
Wed 14th October	All	Parents Evening 3.45-6.45pm
Thu 15th October	All	Parents Evening 3.45-6.45pm
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
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 and Year Two

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	94.14%	0
Year 1	92.96%	0
Year 2	97.33%	0
Year 3	97.62%	0
Year 4	92.45%	0
Year 5	98.67%	0
Year 6	96.45%	0

Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts

We monitor attendance closely and work with our Educational Welfare Officer to support families.

Children with attendance below 90% may receive a letter and be invited to meet with the officer.

We may request evidence for absences and track patterns carefully.

Holidays during term time cannot be authorised except in exceptional circumstances, in line with school policy and government guidance.

If you need support with attendance, contact the school office.

We would like to thank the majority of families who work hard to ensure their children attend every day and arrive on time - well done for your commitment to learning!

Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	2	0
Year 1	0	0
Year 2	0	0
Year 3	2	0
Year 4	3	0
Year 5	2	0
Year 6	4	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 very busy, we have been investigating the world around us that God created so we went out on a creation walk around our school playground. Nursery have been practising their balancing and jumping skills in PE this week too.

We have been continuing to explore our outdoor area with wheels, crates and autumn materials. Our story this week is 'The Paper Dolls' by Julia Donaldson so we have made our very own paper doll designs in class. Nursery have been learning all about the number three this week, we have made three with cubes and we have been mark making number three with water/brushes and chalk outside.

We have had a fun filled and busy week and you have all been fantastic explorers well done.



Reception

This week Reception have been exploring the Creation story in lots of exciting ways! To help deepen their understanding, we set up different classroom stations to represent the seven days of Creation. The children loved moving between the stations and experiencing the story in a hands-on way.

We were also blessed with a very special visitor in our prayer garden, a huge heron! The children were fascinated to see it up close.



Year One

This week Year 1 have been enjoying lots of exciting activities based around The Rainbow Fish. We have been practising our independent writing, fishing for single sounds and building words, and even having a go at some bubble printing in art. In science, we explored our taste buds by trying some super sour lemons, a big challenge for many of us!

The children have worked so hard and had so much fun what a fantastic week of learning!



Year Two

Year 2 have had a fabulous and busy week! We have been exploring different shades and tones in art, practising our pencil control and pressure and wow, what amazing artists we have in our class. On Thursday, the children led their very first Mass, and what a beautiful job they did! Every child was so reverent and such a wonderful role model for the rest of KS1. A huge thank you to all our families who joined us for Mass, it was so lovely to see so many of you there.



Year Three

Year 3 have been learning how to estimate on a number line up to 500. To bring this to life, the children worked together to create a giant human number line across the classroom! This helped them think carefully about where different numbers should go and to practise their estimating skills in a fun and active way.



Year Four

It's been an exciting week in Year 4! The children were thrilled to finally get hands-on with their instruments, learning how to use their very own mouthpieces and making a fantastic start to their music journey.

We also celebrated World Poetry Day by creating our own playful poems, filled with creativity and imagination. To end the week, the children took part in a role play of the story of Joseph, where they thought carefully about their facial expressions and body language to bring the story to life.



Year Five

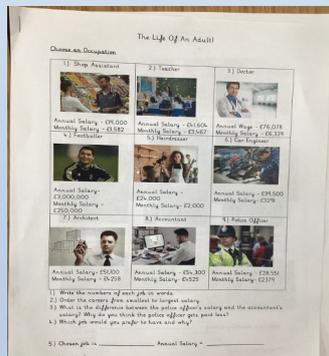
Year 5 Step into the World of Adulting!

This week, Year 5 have had a fantastic time exploring the world of finance through a practical and engaging maths project. The children should feel incredibly proud of how hard they've worked and the mature way they approached the challenge.

As part of the project, pupils selected an occupation and calculated their monthly income after a 20% tax deduction. They then had to budget for essential living costs such as council tax, electricity, and even mortgage payments!

It didn't take long for them to realise how quickly money disappears - and that luxuries like takeaways aren't always affordable on a tight budget!

This maths project gave them a real insight into the responsibilities that come with adult life. Well done, Year 5!



Year Six

It's been another busy week in Year 6! Today, we were lucky enough to listen to the true stories of two real life evacuees. 93-year-olds Cecily and Maureen came in to tell us about their experience of evacuation during WW2.

It was a great learning opportunity and we loved hearing from some primary sources! Thank you Cecily and Maureen. Well done to Year 6 on a great week.



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!

Early bird offer ends soon, so why wait, book now!
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/standrewscatholicprimaryschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=102715>

What we have funded

- School trip to see The Snowman £2230
- Holy Communion £213
- Sports day ice lollies £15
- Year 6 leavers party £375
- Nursery graduation gowns £149.63
- Easter chocolate treats £25
- School music lessons £3945

The infographic features a central yellow starburst with the text "What we have funded". Surrounding it are seven items, each with an illustration and a price. The items are: School trip to see The Snowman (£2230) with a yellow school bus; Holy Communion (£213) with hands holding a chalice and the Saint Andrew's school crest; Sports day ice lollies (£15) with three colorful lollies; Year 6 leavers party (£375) with a globe character; Nursery graduation gowns (£149.63) with a child in a graduation gown; Easter chocolate treats (£25) with a chocolate egg; and School music lessons (£3945) with children playing musical instruments.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's do more together, to fund even more initiatives for our children!
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