



# St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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Friday 10th 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.

Being honest may not get you a lot of friends, but it will get you the right ones.



(John Lennon - British Musician)

In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



Charity has the power to change reality; it is a genuine force for change in our history.



# GOOD LUCK!



This week we've said goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Mrs Speakman as she embarks on a new and exciting chapter!

We can't thank her enough for her hard work, commitment, friendship and compassion over the last seven years.

She has been a welcoming face and constant source of comfort to staff and families alike. We want to wish her the very best of luck for the future...you'll be fabulous!



Our choir had a truly wonderful time performing for the elderly residents this week.

The joy and warmth shared through music made it a memorable experience for everyone involved.

To make the occasion even more special, we were delighted to meet the Mayor of Solihull herself, who took the time to chat with our singers and express her appreciation for the performance.

It was a heartwarming event that reminded us of the power of music to bring people together across generations.



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!

**Instagram - Standrewsschoolb92**

# 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.



# LEARN TO SKATEBOARD

**HALF TERM**

**OCTOBER**

**SOLIHULL**



**LIMITED AVAILABILITY**

**ONLY £5**

**WED 29**

## **BEGINNERS INDOOR SKATEBOARD TASTER SESSION**

Sessions run 1.5 hours; equipment provided if needed.

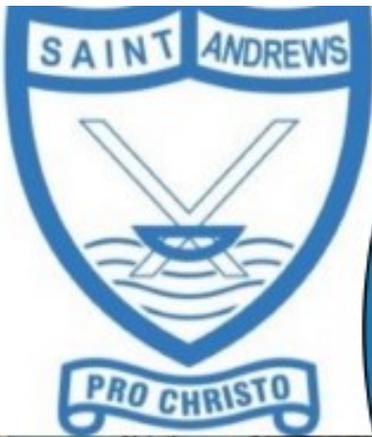
## **QUALIFIED SKATEBOARD INSTRUCTORS**

25+ years of high-level skateboarding experience.



**AGES 6-10**

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**



September 2026  
NURSERY PLACES

AVAILABLE  
15 and 30 hour  
places available

To Live, Love and Learn  
together as Witnesses for

Christ

Wraparound  
available from  
7.45am- 6.00pm

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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

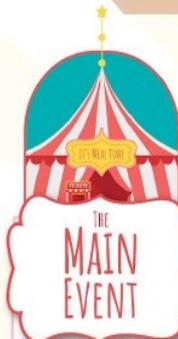
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Week 2

Spring Summer

2025

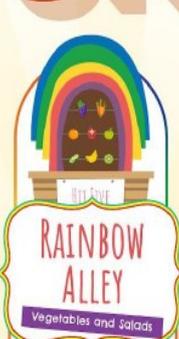
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09/06/25, 30/06/25,  
21/07/25, 11/08/25,  
01/09/25, 22/09/25,  
13/10/25



**THE MAIN EVENT**



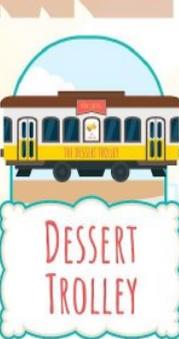
**MEAT-FREE MAGIC**  
Veggie Dish



**RAINBOW ALLEY**  
Vegetables and Salads



**BIG TOPPING**  
Filled Jackets



**DESSERT TROLLEY**



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

AVAILABLE DAILY

MONDAY

Beef Bolognese Pasta

Cheese and Potato Pie

Sweetcorn and Peas

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Jam Sponge and Custard

TUESDAY

Chicken Korma Curry with Rice

Vegetable Korma Curry with Rice

Sweetcorn

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Banana Muffin

WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties and Gravy

Maple Roasted Sweet Potato Filo Pie with Skin on Roasties

Mixed Greens

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Oaty Cornflake Crunch Bar

THURSDAY

Chinese Style Chicken Noodles

Veggie Chinese Style Noodles

Carrots and Green Beans

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Cinnamon and Apple Cupcake

FRIDAY

Battered Fish and Chips

Cheese & Onion Burger and Chips

Baked Beans

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Vanilla Cookie



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
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	Year 5	RE Inspire Workshop 9.15am
Tue 21st October		Nursery and Reception Open Morning 9.30am
Tue 21st October	Year 6	History Workshop 2.30pm
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
Mon 1st December	KS2	Theatre trip to see Cinderella
Wed 14th January	Reception to Year 6	Wonder Dome in school
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 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	92.07%	0
Year 1	91.33%	0
Year 2	92%	0
Year 3	95.42%	0
Year 4	88.78%	0
Year 5	98.93%	0
Year 6	93.55%	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	2	0
Year 2	1	0
Year 3	2	0
Year 4	5	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.

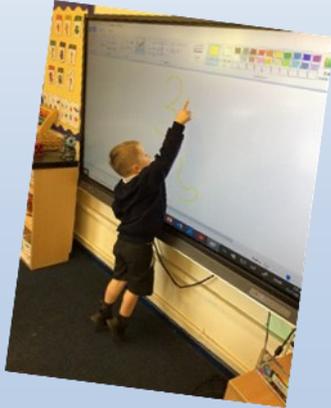
It is imperative that school are contacted if a child is not able to attend school. If we still are unable to make contact, then the Educational Welfare Officer will be informed and a home visit may need to be made to the family home.

# Nursery

This week in nursery we have been very busy exploring lots of autumn activities. The children have really enjoyed going on a walk to collect lots of autumn materials so we can practice our cutting skills by cutting the leaves. The children have explored lots of tuff tray messy play activities such as coloured rice with pots/spoons/funnels and scoops. Nursery have practised rolling and catching a ball in PE this week and we have been learning how to move around the hall as different animals.

Nursery have been doing lots of mark making this week we are focusing on number 3, the children have took turns writing on the whiteboard and we have had water/ paintbrushes and chalk in the outdoor area too.

In RE this week we have focused on how we grow and change, we have looked and discussed our baby photos in class and played a game of who is it? The children really enjoyed guessing and seeing their own baby photos.



# Reception

This week, Reception have enjoyed learning and forming their new phonics sounds - everyone worked really hard! We've also been practising our decoding skills and reading some new words together.

Last week, Reception had a wonderful time during our RE workshop with family members. We sang songs and created lots of beautiful crafts together - it was a lovely experience for everyone!



# Year One

Year 1 have loved their Supertato themed learning this week. The children have had lots of fun in our role play area retelling the story with our very own vegetable characters. They have created some wonderful artwork and even tried potato printing! In maths we've been working very hard to order three numbers from smallest to biggest with great success, well done year 1!



# Year Two

What a busy and exciting week we've had! In English we retold the classic tale of The Gingerbread Man and wow, what fantastic storytellers we have in our class! The children brought the story to life with great expression, sequencing, and imagination. In Science, we explored food chains and learned how animals depend on each other for survival. The children enjoyed building their own food chains. Maths, we worked on adding and subtracting one-digit numbers from two-digit numbers using pictorial methods. It was wonderful to see the children using visual strategies to solve problems and build their confidence with number facts. Well done to everyone for a week full of learning and enthusiasm!



# Year Three

In English this week, Year 3 have been exploring fractured fairy tales.

The children enjoyed investigating how Little Red Riding Hood might feel as she walked through the forest and used their ideas to create their own descriptive forest settings.

They thought carefully about using powerful adjectives and sensory language to bring their writing to life.

# Year Four

This week has been fun-filled for Year 4, with lots of exciting learning and activities! In music, the children had the chance to play their first sounds on their instruments - it was wonderful to see how much they had learned and how proud they were of their achievements. They also transformed their classroom into an election hall, listening to speeches from their classmates who wished to be elected before casting their votes in a true display of democracy. It has been a fantastic week of creativity, confidence, and teamwork!



# Year Five

## Year 5 Science: Investigating Water Resistance

Year 5 have been busy exploring forces in Science this half term, with a focus this week on water resistance. Pupils took part in a hands-on investigation to find out whether the shape or weight of an object affects how much water resistance it experiences. They worked brilliantly as young scientists, making predictions, testing their ideas, and drawing conclusions from their results.



# Year Six

Year 6 have worked hard this week. They particularly enjoyed their Computing lesson where we learnt about the history of computers, how they were invented and how they have changed over time. We loved playing some old school arcade games and making PowerPoints about how computers were used to crack codes in World War Two.



# Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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
School music lessons £3945	Sports day ice lollies £15
Easter chocolate treats £25	Year 6 leavers party £375
	Nursery graduation gowns £149.63

The infographic features a central yellow starburst with the text 'What we have funded'. Surrounding it are eight items, each with an icon and a price. The items are: School trip to see The Snowman (£2230) with a school bus icon; Holy Communion (£213) with a chalice icon and the Saint Andrew's Catholic Primary School crest; Sports day ice lollies (£15) with an ice cream cone icon; School music lessons (£3945) with an icon of children playing instruments; Year 6 leavers party (£375) with a globe icon; Easter chocolate treats (£25) with an Easter egg icon; Nursery graduation gowns (£149.63) with a graduation cap icon; and a central starburst icon.

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