



# St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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Friday 17th 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.

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.

I think my confidence stems from honesty. I'm brutally honest about everything—even myself. I tell it as I think it is.



(Alia Bhatt - British Actress)

In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



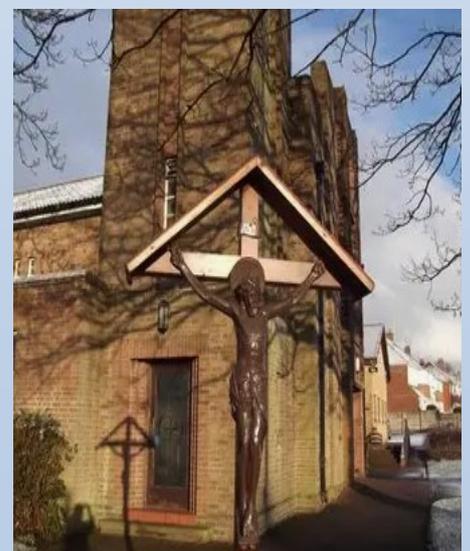
Those who suffer know how great even a small gesture of affection can be and how much relief it can bring.

# Harvest

Yesterday, our Harvest Mass was a truly beautiful celebration of gratitude, community, and faith. Year 5 led with deep reverence, reading with confidence and singing with voices of angels!



And what a congregation there was! The hall was filled to the brim, a testament to the love and respect our community holds for Fr. Christopher who celebrated his final Mass with us before beginning a new chapter at his new parish. His presence and support have been a blessing, and we send him on his next chapter with our prayers and deepest gratitude.





We are very grateful to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Mass this year. Your generous donations will be delivered to Fire Side Foodbank, where they will offer nourishment and comfort to those experiencing homelessness in our community.

This support is a living example of the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Option for the Poor, which reminds us to place the needs of the most vulnerable at the heart of our actions.

Thank you!



We love sharing and celebrating all of the wonderful things happening in an 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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We are bursting with pride for Caoimhe, who has triumphed in a major Irish dancing competition, showcasing extraordinary talent, dedication, and grace.

Her hard work and passion earned her a well-deserved victory on a national stage.

Well done, St Andrew's are cheering you on every step of the way!



# 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.

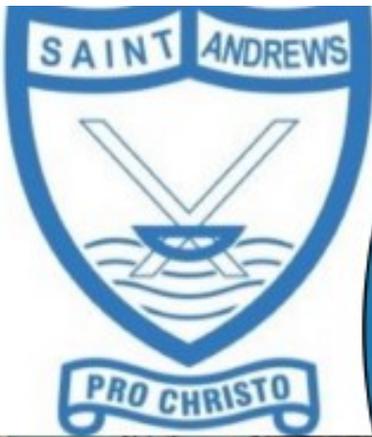
## **QUALIFIED SKATEBOARD INSTRUCTORS**

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  
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7.45am- 6.00pm

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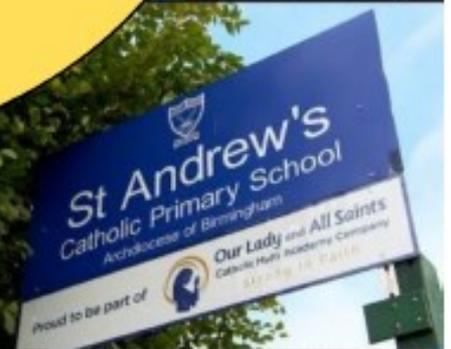
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# Menu for next week

WORLD

Week 3

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

## LUNCHTIME

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

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



**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

BBQ Sweetcorn  
Pizza Slice  
with Wedges

Macaroni  
Cheese

Green Salad

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Strawberry  
Ice Cream

Mild Chilli Con  
Carne with Rice

Vegetable Bean  
Chilli with Rice

Sweetcorn

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Marble  
Cookie

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

Jerk Chicken Wrap  
with Rice

Sweet Potato  
Coconut Bean Stew  
with Rice

Sweetcorn

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Apple  
Flapjack

Golden Fish  
Fingers  
and Chips

Vegetable Fingers  
and Chips

Baked  
Beans

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Brookie  
(Brownie &  
Cookie Mix)



**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
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 3

Punctuality Winners: Year One, Year Two 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	92.76%	0
Year 1	90%	0
Year 2	94.67%	0
Year 3	97.59%	0
Year 4	97.33%	0
Year 5	95.71%	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	3	0
Year 1	0	0
Year 2	0	0
Year 3	5	0
Year 4	5	0
Year 5	0	0
Year 6	7	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 the children have been learning all about Autumn and which wildlife animals hibernate, we have made clay hedgehogs, explored autumn materials and made pumpkin potions outdoors. We have looked at the four seasons and discussed which season we are in.

In RE this week, we have made a paper plate collage/painting of things that God made. We have been learning all about Harvest and explored in the tuff tray using soil/baskets/spades/fruits and vegetables.

Nursery have also been thinking about the amount three! We have listened and roleplayed the story of Goldilocks and the three bears, using three bears, three bowls, three chairs and three beds.

The children have had a fantastic week well done to you all.

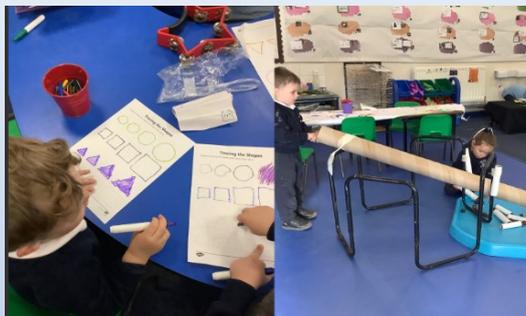


# Reception

This week in reception we went on a shape hunt around our classroom and outdoor area, spotting circles, squares, rectangles, and triangles in real-life objects. The children loved sharing what they found and describing the features of each shapes.

In our investigation area, we had lots of fun rolling conkers down our big tube to see how fast they travelled! The children enjoyed predicting which conkers would roll the fastest and testing out their ideas.

To finish the week, we designed and built our very own paper city! We used 3D shapes to inspire our buildings and talked about how different shapes fit together to make structures.



# Year One

Year 1 have loved learning about the gruffalo this week. We've been making play dough gruffalo's, cooking up scrambled snake in our play kitchen, writing wanted posters and building our very own monster it's been lots of fun!



# Year Two

This week in Year 2, we've been exploring the traditional tale Goldilocks and the Three Bears in our English lessons. The children have enjoyed sequencing the story and even taking part in some fun role play to help bring the characters to life.

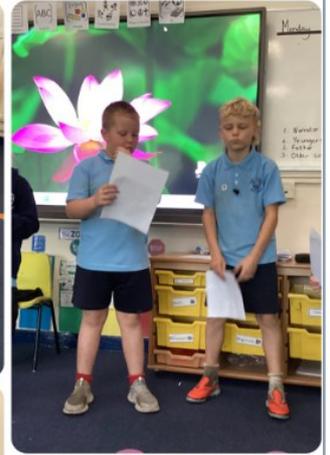
In PE, we have been working on developing our yoga skills. The children have been practising a variety of poses with increasing control and balance. As a creative challenge, we used our yoga poses to invent and perform our very own jungle story – a brilliant combination of movement and imagination!



# Year Three

Children in Year 3 have enjoyed learning about the story of the Prodigal Son in their RE lessons this week.

They brought the parable to life by role-playing the story in front of their classmates, helping them to understand its message about forgiveness and unconditional love.



# Year Four

What a busy and wonderful week it's been in Year 4! We've been showcasing our creativity in English by planning and writing our very own fable stories - complete with clever morals and imaginative characters. In Music, we've been practising Hot Cross Buns on our brass instruments, and the sound of budding musicians has filled the hall!

In Computing, we've been exploring Scratch, learning how to use conditions and variables to make our own interactive projects - the children have really enjoyed experimenting and problem-solving like true programmers. It's been a fantastic week full of creativity, teamwork and new skills!



# Year Five

I'm incredibly proud of Year 5 this week!

A few weeks ago, the children entered a poetry competition run by Young Writers. This week, we received some fantastic news - every single one of their poems has been selected for publication in the upcoming anthology "I Have a Dream - Creative Stars."

This is an outstanding achievement! Young Writers told us that it's very rare for all entries from one class to be chosen, but they were so impressed by the quality and creativity of the poems that they simply had to include them all.

We're now eagerly counting down to December 8th, when the book will be officially published!



# Year Six

This week in Science, Year 6 have continued to explore the topic of Living Things, focusing on the work of Carl Linnaeus, the scientist who developed the classification system we still use today. Pupils have researched his life and shared fascinating facts about how living things are grouped and named.

In Art, they have been putting their mathematical skills to the test by using scaling techniques to carefully enlarge drawings, producing detailed and impressive results.



# 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
- 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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