



# St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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Thursday 23rd 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.

Silence is sometimes more significant and sublime than the most noble and most expressive eloquence, and is on many occasions the indication of a great mind.



(Joseph Addison - British Writer and Politician)

In the words of Pope Leo XIV...

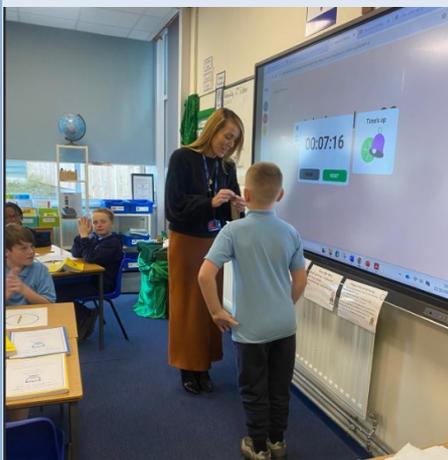


Nothing emboldens the wicked so greatly as the lack of courage on the part of the good.



A big Happy Diwali to everyone in our school community who celebrated yesterday! We hope your day was filled with bright lights, colourful decorations, delicious food, and lots of joy with family and friends. May the year ahead bring you happiness and success!

Thank you for sharing your amazing knowledge with your class this week, Deep! You demonstrated confidence, understanding of your faith and eloquence, one of our focus values this half term.



A huge congratulations to our Head Boy and Head Girl Bradley and Grace, who we know will represent St Andrew's brilliantly! Also thank you to all the pupils who wrote a letter of application..... You made it extremely difficult for Mrs Hipkiss to come to a decision.



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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# 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.

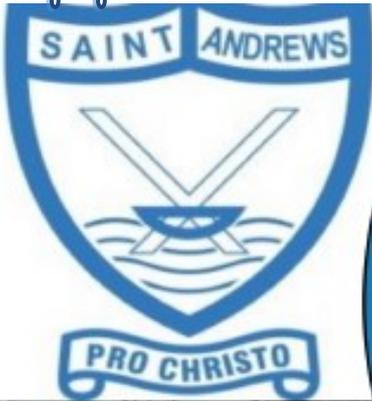


## Prayer at the end of the day

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.



# Applications close 12th December 2025



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**LATEST NEWS**

# SILHILL FC GIRLS 2025/26

Silhill FC is now running football teams and sessions for girls in schools years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 and we're looking for players who want to get started playing and enjoying football!



We have an U8s and U10s team entered into the CWGFL league this season looking for players to come and join our existing squads, and we also run U6 Girls Academy sessions too!

## COME AND JOIN US!



Years 4 & 5 on Tues 5.50pm - 6.50pm



Olton Primary School, Solihull, B92 7QF



Contact Craig Element - **07788412304**



Years 1, 2, & 3 on Tues 5.30pm - 6.30pm



Sessions by coach Brandon Williams



contact Colin on **07782296720** or email [info@silhillfc.co.uk](mailto:info@silhillfc.co.uk)



*#UpTheSils*



**RESPECT**



# 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
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 
Tue 11th November	Year 6	Remembrance Prayer Service 11am
Thu 20th November	Year 3	Trip to Hindu Temple
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 & 5 Swimming
Thursday	Reception, 1 & 5
Friday	Year 1, 4 & 6



# Attendance and Punctuality



Our KSI attendance winners were Year 1.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 5.

Punctuality Winners: Year 2 and Year 5.

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	93.51%	0
Year 1	94.67%	0
Year 2	93.67%	0
Year 3	96.21%	0
Year 4	95.67%	0
Year 5	97.14%	0
Year 6	96.77%	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.

Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	1	0
Year 1	5	0
Year 2	0	0
Year 3	2	0
Year 4	4	0
Year 5	0	0
Year 6	4	0

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!



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 busy decorating biscuits to look like themselves, we have explored with mirrors and discussed what colour eyes, hair and skin we have and how God created us all different.

We have learnt all about Diwali and how it is celebrated. The children have made plastic shakers using different materials such as rice and pasta.

For PE this week the children got to go on the outdoor equipment they were very excited to go on the climbing frame and red slide.

We have had a fun filled and fantastic first half term and we hope you have a lovely week off and are ready for more learning and exploring when we come back to school.



# Reception

This week, Reception had lots of fun working with their buddies to create their very own rosary beads! We've also been focusing on our phonics using flashcards to identify the initial sounds of different objects and exploring numbers by finding one more and one less up to 5.

As a class, we took time to reflect on our school values and expressed our creativity through painting and other fun art activities. It's been a week full of learning, reflection, and imagination.



# Year One

Year 1 have loved learning about our story Winnie the Witch and all the silly things she gets up to.

They have also enjoyed starting to learn their number bonds to 10 in lots of fun and exciting ways! What a wonderful half term they have had. Keep up the good work year 1!



# Year Two

Year 2 have had a thoughtful and creative week of learning!

In RE, the children produced some beautiful artwork as they reflected on Mary's thoughts and feelings at the Cross. They showed wonderful empathy and understanding, thinking carefully about how Mary might have felt during a difficult time in Jesus' life.

In English, we have been busy expanding our vocabulary by using thesauruses to find exciting new words. The children then used these words to create detailed expanded noun phrases to describe the 'Big Bad Wolf.'

We were so impressed with their imaginative language and how confidently they shared their ideas during our class discussions.



# Year Three

Our pupil expert enthusiastically taught us about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. We explored India on a map, learnt about the beautiful Akshardham Temple, and discovered the story of Ravana, the ten-headed demon king. We also discussed the importance of creating colourful Rangoli patterns to welcome the goddess Lakshmi and bring good luck.

To finish, we enjoyed learning a joyful Diwali song celebrating light, happiness, and togetherness.



# Year Four

Year 4 have had a fantastic final week of the half term! The children have worked incredibly hard and shown great enthusiasm in everything they've done.

From tackling tricky challenges in lessons to showing brilliant teamwork and creativity, they've made the most of every moment.

It's been a joy to see how much they've achieved and how proud they are of their learning. Well done, Year 4 - you've truly earned a restful and fun-filled break!

# Year Five

I'd like to start by saying a big thank you to all the parents and loved ones who attended our RE workshop this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and it was wonderful to see their learning come to life as they created such beautiful and imaginative Gardens of Eden. Your support and enthusiasm made the session extra special. Thank you for helping make it such a success!

This week, Year 5 have worked incredibly hard to master cycling on the roads. The children learned how to keep safe on the roads before then venturing onto the roads and making everyone at St Andrew's very proud. They were all extremely sensible, showing just how confident and mature they have become. Well done, Year 5!



# Year Six

Year 6 had two workshops this week which was a lovely way to finish off this half term.

The first involved making rosary beads with our Reception faith buddies and the second involved us making Anderson shelters as part of our History topic on WW2.

Thank you to everyone who helped us to organise these events and to the Y6 parents who put their creativity to work in supporting us with our crafting!

Well done on working hard this half term Year 6. We wish you and all your families a safe and relaxing break.



# 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>

The infographic features a central yellow starburst with the text "What we have funded". Surrounding this are seven items, each with an illustration and a price:

- School trip to see The Snowman: £2230 (Illustration: yellow school bus)
- Holy Communion: £213 (Illustration: hands holding a chalice)
- Sports day ice lollies: £15 (Illustration: three colorful ice lollies)
- Year 6 leavers party: £375 (Illustration: a globe character with confetti)
- Nursery graduation gowns: £149.63 (Illustration: a child in a graduation gown)
- Easter chocolate treats: £25 (Illustration: a chocolate Easter egg)
- School music lessons: £3945 (Illustration: three children playing musical instruments)

At the top right is the Saint Andrew's Catholic Primary School crest with the motto "PRO CHRISTO".

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