



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
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Strong in Faith

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Friday 7th November 2025

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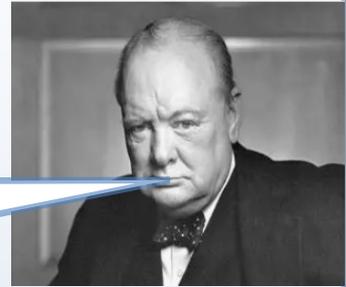
This half term, we are growing to be Learned and Wise. Learning how God wants us to live our lives, young or old we should not stop learning about what God wants of us. Wise knowing what God wants us to do and putting it into practise.

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



Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.



Winston Churchill

In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



The quest for peace by people of good will surely become easier if all acknowledge the indivisible relationship between God, human beings and the whole of creation.



It is with huge excitement and pride that we share the news that Hattie has been officially signed by Birmingham City Football Club as Goalkeeper.

As you can imagine this has come after lots of hard work and dedication and we can't wait to be Hattie's number one fans as she progresses with the team.



Next week is Anti-bullying week. It is a special time for our school to come together and stand up against bullying.

As part of our recognition and support of the power of good, we invite you to wear odd socks on Monday 10th November!



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.

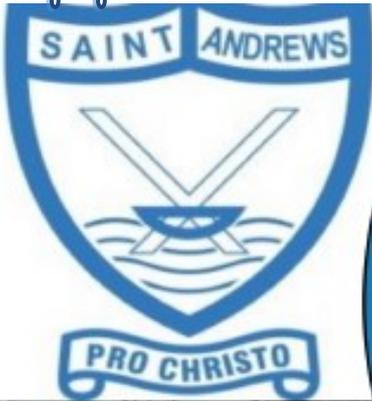


Prayer at the end of the day

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



September 2026
NURSERY PLACES

AVAILABLE
15 and 30 hour
places available

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Wraparound
available from
7.45am- 6.00pm

Contact us to find out more

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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

Date	Year Group	Event
Fri 7th November	All	PTA Fireworks 
Mon 10th November	All	PTA Christmas raffle sale 
Tue 11th November	Year 6	Remembrance Prayer Service 11am
Wed 12th November	Reception - Year 6	Flu Immunisations
Wed 12th November	All	PTA Meeting 
Tue 18th November	Reception and Year 1	Read, Write Inc Meeting 9.15am
Thu 20th November	Year 3	Trip to Hindu Temple
Mon 24th November	Year 4	Year 4 RE Inspire Workshop 2.15pm
Fri 28th November	All	PTA Christmas Fair 
Sun 30th November	Year 3	Holy Communion Commitment Mass at 11am
Mon 1st December	KS2	Theatre trip to see Cinderella
Mon 1st December	KS2	PTA Christmas Colour Hamper 
Tue 9th December	Nursery and Reception	Nursery and Reception Nativity 2.30pm
Fri 12th December	All	PTA Christmas Boutique 
Fri 12th December	Year 1 and Year 2	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 2.30pm
Wed 17th December	All	PTA Christmas Raffle Draw 
Wed 17th December	KS2	KS2 Carol Concert 2.15pm
Fri 19th December	All	Children break up for Christmas holidays
Mon 5th January	All	INSET DAY - School not open to Children
Tue 6th January	All	Children return
Wed 14th January	Reception to Year 6	Wonder Dome in school
Sun 1st February	Year 6	Confirmation Commitment Mass at 11am
Fri 12th February	All	Break up for Half term
Mon 23rd February	All	INSET DAY - School not open to Children
Tue 24th February	All	Children return
Fri 27th March	All	Break up for Easter Holidays
Mon 13th April	All	INSET DAY - School not open to Children
Tue 14th April	All	Children return
Saturday 9th May	Year 3	First Holy Communion at 12pm
Fri 22nd May	All	Break up for Half term
Mon 1st June	All	Children return
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 2.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 5.

Punctuality Winners: Year 1

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	93.53%	0
Year 1	88.75%	0
Year 2	96.67%	0
Year 3	89.22%	0
Year 4	94.17%	0
Year 5	95.54%	0
Year 6	92.74%	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	1	0
Year 2	0	0
Year 3	3	0
Year 4	5	0
Year 5	2	0
Year 6	3	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

Welcome back Nursery for the first week after half term. We have had a fun filled week making our own firework rockets and exploring and making firework pictures using lots of different materials such as paint and messy coloured foam. We have a new roleplay area which focuses on Percy the Park keeper and the jobs he does to keep the animals safe. We have read stories about Percy and made wildlife animal masks this week.

Nursery have been learning who cares for us and how to care for a baby this week we have learnt through lots of roleplay using dolls/bath/water/nappies etc.. The children have really enjoyed paying mummy and daddy together.

In PE this week we have played listening obstacle games and practiced our throwing and catching skills using bean bags.



Reception

This week our reception children have had lots of fun thinking about people who care about them.

We have talked about a broad range of special helpers in our lives such as mummies and daddies, doctors, vets and policemen.

We then role played all these lovely ideas in our provision. Our focus story this week was Owl Babies by Martin Waddell. In the story three little baby owls wake one night to find their mummy has flown away.

They feel worried, they wonder what she is doing, they support one another and then, happily, their mummy returns. Using this story we explored how the baby owls felt and we invited the children to reflect on their own feelings: Who helps me when I feel worried? Who cares for me?



Year One

This week, Year 1 have been exploring the theme of Harvest, using the much-loved story *The Scarecrows' Wedding* as their inspiration. The children enjoyed retelling and role-playing the story, taking on the characters and bringing the tale to life through expressive performance.

Working together, the class created wonderful collaborative artwork inspired by the characters and the farm setting. They also designed and made their very own scarecrow characters, each one unique and full of personality!

As part of our harvest celebration, the children took part in a range of themed games and activities there was plenty of laughter, teamwork and creativity throughout.

Well done, Year 1!



Year Two

Year 2 have been busy writers this week! We explored the features of a playscript and then wrote our own versions. The children loved acting them out, following their scripts and stage directions just like real performers!

In Geography, we used atlases to discover where the North and South Poles are and to learn more about these icy places.



Year Three

Year 3 have had great fun dissecting owl pellets this week to explore what owls eat.

The children carefully examined the pellets and identified tiny bones from the owl's prey, such as mice and voles. They were fascinated to see real evidence of the food chain and enjoyed being 'nature detectives' for the afternoon!



Year Four

Year 4 have had a super busy and exciting week!

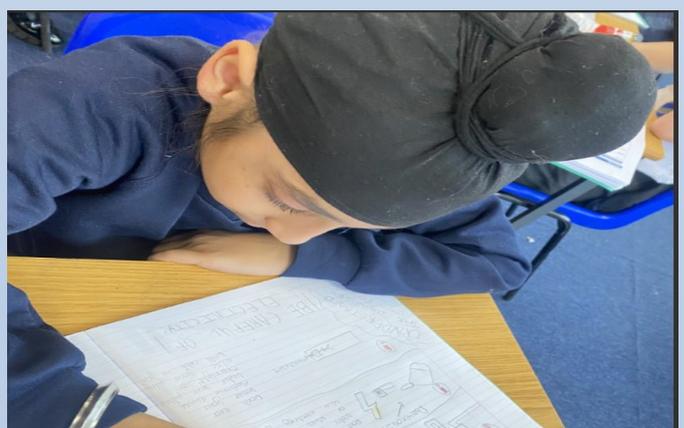
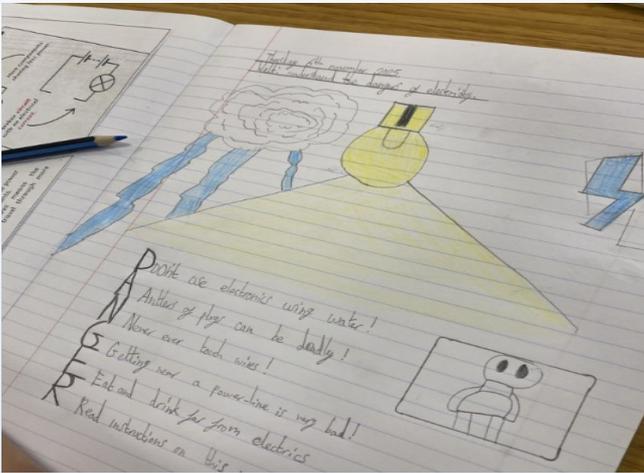
They have been learning how to read musical notation in music, putting their problem-solving skills to the test with an area treasure hunt around school in maths, and showing their creativity by producing beautiful rainforest artwork in geography.

What a fantastic week of learning and fun!

Year Six

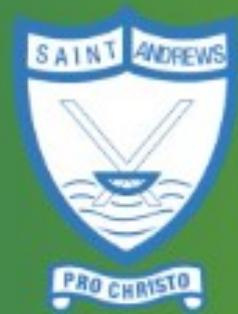
It's been a busy and exciting week in Year 6! The children have begun exploring Archie's War and have really enjoyed uncovering the variety of text types used in the story, for example comic strips, letters, postcards, and newspaper clippings.

As an introduction to our science unit, Electricity, they've also put their creative talents to work by designing informative, safety posters for their Reception buddies, helping them understand the dangers of electricity. Their hard work and thoughtful approach have made for an impressive start to the term.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUTUMN TERM



SEPT

26th - Christmas bottle donation &
non-uniform day
26th - AGM



OCT

15/16th - Book Fair
23rd - Break the rules



NOV

7th - Fireworks Display
10th - Christmas raffle sale
12th - PTA Meeting
28th - Christmas Fair



DEC

1st - Christmas Colour Hamper
12th - Christmas Boutique
17th - Christmas Raffle Draw



Save the dates!

Join us for our Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Carols, food vendors, drinks, plenty of festive games and of course the main man himself....Santa!

3.30 - 6 pm

ST ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL,
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SCHOOL HALL

Let the festivities commence!!

We are shaking things up this year with fun games led stalls and of course the main man himself that is Santa! We hope to see you all there to start the festivities!

St Andrew's PTA
CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE
Friday 12th December
It's that time of year again...
The boutique allows the children to choose 2 gifts (1 male, 1 female) for their loved ones.
Our PTA elves will then help to wrap and label them for your children to take home.
It only costs £6 per child.
It is a lovely experience for your children to take part in.
Thank you!

One of our favourite events of the year!!

If paying by cash, please put in a sealed envelope with your child's full name and year group on. You can also pay by BACS (please reference your child's name and year group with any online payment) to:

The Parent Teacher Association of St Andrews Catholic School

Sort Code: 20-84-13

Account Number: 23258734

If you do not want your child to partake, please, do email the PTA at standrews-pta@hotmail.com AND please do inform your child of this decision. If you would like for your child to partake, but struggling financially, please do send us a quick email and we will ensure your child has a gift for their loved ones.



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