



St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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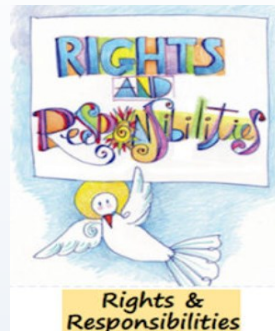
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Friday 9th January 2026

This half term we are learning to be Curious and Active.

Curious about everything and taking increasing responsibility for our own learning; and active in our engagement with the world, changing what we can for the better.

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



Curiosity will conquer fear even more than bravery will.

(James Stephens - American Actor)

In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



Know how to ask yourselves where you are going, and why. Safeguard the heart: relationships come before opinions, people before programmes. Do not waste time and opportunities: "to quote an Augustinian expression: our present is an intuition; a time we live and must take advantage of before it slips through our fingers."

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A big welcome back to all our children and families!

The first week back to our Spring term has most definitely had more of a wintery feel, than Spring!

Our first week back has been beautifully rooted in faith as we gathered to celebrate the Epiphany and drew a close to the Jubilee Year.

Our school Mass was a true reminder of God's guidance in our own lives, inviting us to begin this new term with open hearts and a renewed sense of purpose and hope.

The children have returned from their break with wonderful enthusiasm embracing their learning and friendships. Their excellent start to the term has earned them a delightful surprise: a snow day!

Have a magical time in the snow and a very restful weekend.



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.



Applications close 16th January



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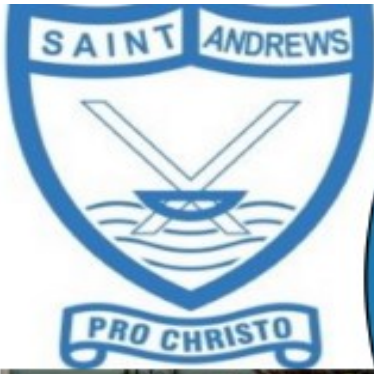
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Give your child the very best start in our school-run Nursery, where learning is joyful, purposeful and rooted in our Catholic values. Our experienced and dedicated team provides a warm, welcoming environment that nurtures each child's development and sense of belonging.

Places are filling fast and only a small number of places are still available - contact us today to secure your child's place.



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
Wed 14th January	Reception to Year 6	Wonder Dome in school
Fri 16th January	Nursery and Year 1	Nursery and Year 1 trip to Church
Sun 1st February	Year 6	Confirmation Commitment Mass at 11am
Fri 13th February	All	Break up for Half term
Mon 23rd February	All	INSET DAY- School not open to Children
Tue 24th February	All	Children return
Tue 10th March	All	Individual School Photos
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
Thu 21st May	Year 6	Trip to the Cathedral
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 & 4 -Swimming
Thursday	Reception, 1 & 5
Friday	Year 1, 5 & 6



Attendance and Punctuality



Our KSI attendance winners were Reception.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 3.

Punctuality Winners: Year 2

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	93.45%	0
Year 1	87.67%	0
Year 2	87.67%	0
Year 3	97.74%	0
Year 4	94.33%	0
Year 5	90.71%	0
Year 6	94.84%	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	4	0
Year 1	3	0
Year 2	0	0
Year 3	1	0
Year 4	3	0
Year 5	2	0
Year 6	4	3



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

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to Nursery!

We have had a fantastic first week back seeing all of our friends. The children have been exploring all about bears this week, focusing on the story of Goldilocks and the three bears and doing lots of roleplay indoors and outdoors.

We have explored in the cold snow outdoors this week having lots of fun making patterns in the snow.

Nursery have also been working very hard learning their phonic sounds this week in their phonics groups, I am very proud of them for their excellent listening and taking part so well done to all of you.



Reception

What a fantastic first week back we have had in Reception! We have loved exploring our story of the week, The Three Little Pigs, using it as inspiration to build houses from different materials in our construction area.

The children have also enjoyed making their own playdough, creating potions in maths by following instructions, and painting hoops outside.



Year One

This week in PE, Year 1 have been developing their gymnastics skills. The children practised the Core 7 gymnastic movements, focusing on balance, control and coordination. They worked hard to perform moves such as pike, straddle and squat and showed great concentration when linking movements together. It was wonderful to see their confidence growing as they practised each skill.

In Maths, the children have been exploring different ways to make and represent the number 10. They used a range of practical resources, including cubes, counters and ten frames, to build and show 10 in different ways. The children also discussed how the same number can be represented in multiple forms, developing their understanding of number bonds and place value.

Well done, Year 1, for your fantastic learning and positive attitudes this week!



Year Three

In Art this week, Year 3 have been exploring prehistoric art. Inspired by the bold shapes and styles of early cave paintings, the children learned how people long ago used simple lines and marks to represent animals and their world. They experimented with observing shapes and creating their own prehistoric-inspired paintings, thinking about scale, proportion and texture as they worked. It was a creative way to link history and art, helping the children understand how humans have used art to express themselves for thousands of years.



Year Four

Year 4 have had a fantastic week, beginning our first swimming lesson with lots of enthusiasm and confidence.

In RE, we spent time reflecting on Pope Leo's messages and how we can live them out in our daily lives.

In English, we have launched our exciting new unit on Myths, exploring magical stories and heroic characters.

Have a lovely snow day everyone.

I look forward to seeing your pictures of your snowmen!

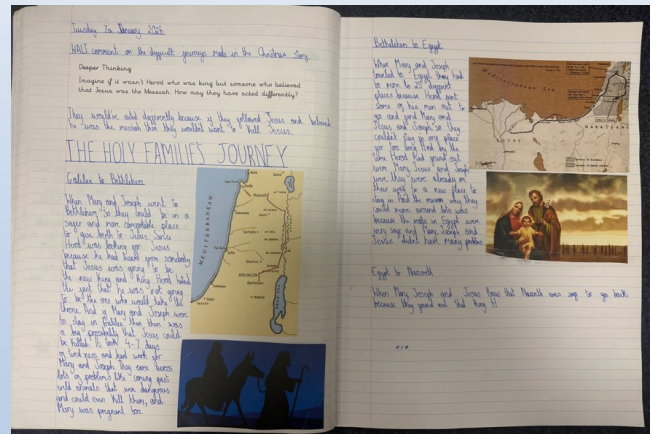
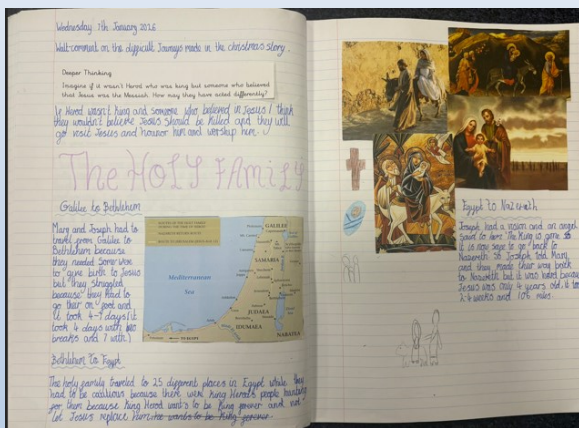
Year Five

Year 5 have got straight back into it this week!

On their first day back, they led a beautiful Mass and made us all extremely proud.

In RE, we have been learning about the Holy Family and the journeys they undertook - travelling to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus and later fleeing to Egypt to escape King Herod.

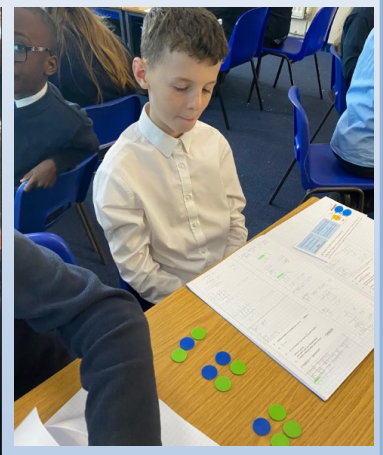
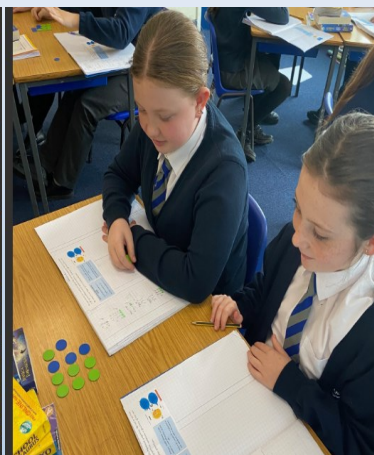
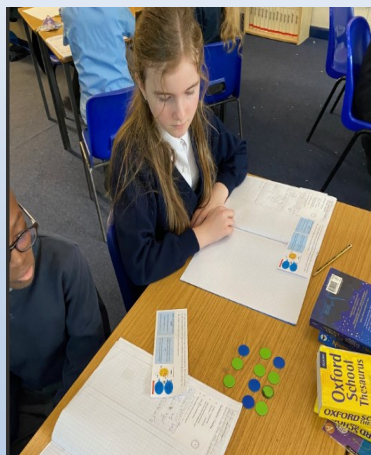
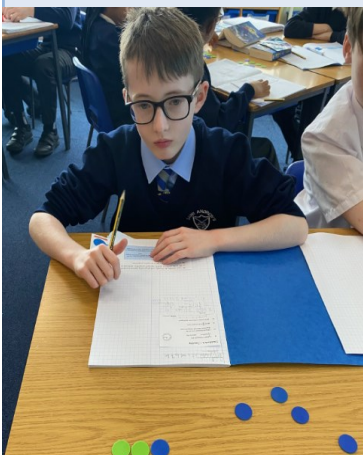
The children demonstrated their understanding by creating a fantastic double-page spread, showcasing their knowledge and creativity.



Year Six

Happy New Year to you all - we hope you had a fantastic break with family and friends. Year 6 have had a focused start to a very important term. In Maths, we have started a new topic about Ratio and Proportion which we have explored practically through the use of objects, paint and different apparatus. We look forward to lots of new learning in the weeks ahead.

Well done on a positive start to 2026, Year 6!





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