



# St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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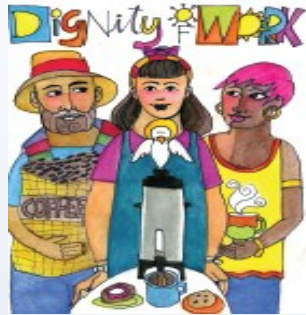
Friday 24th April 2026

This half term we are learning to be Grateful and Generous.

Grateful for our own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for blessings of each day;

and Generous with our gifts, both now and in the future.

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



Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer.



(Maya Angelou - American Poet & Civil Rights Activist.)

In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



Be generous in sharing what you learn and what you have, for the good of all.



# Please Remember

## OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAINTAIN A SMART, SAFE AND RESPECTFUL SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.



### NO MAKE-UP

Please do not wear make-up to school.



### NO FALSE, PAINTED OR GEL NAILS

Nails should be natural. No false, painted or gel nails allowed.



### NO TRAINERS

Please wear the correct school shoes as part of our uniform.



### NO JEWELLERY OTHER THAN STUD EARRINGS AND WATCHES

For safety and uniform standards, only stud earrings and watches are allowed.



Thank you for supporting our *school values and expectations.*



## MASS DATES

*For Summer Term*

- ✝ Thursday 23rd April – Whole School Mass led by Year 5
- ✝ Thursday 14th May – Whole School Mass led by Year 4 (no Year 6)
- ✝ Thursday 21st May – Key Stage 1 Mass led by Year 2
- ✝ Thursday 4th June – Whole School Mass led by Reception and Year 6 Buddies.
- ✝ Thursday 18th June – Key Stage 2 Mass led by Year 3
- ✝ Thursday 25th June – Whole School Mass led by Year 5
- ✝ Thursday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers Mass

*Witnesses For Christ*



We are pleased to share with you the dates for our Masses for the Summer term.

Please note, Masses start at 10:30am.

If for any reason this time changes, we will communicate this by email.



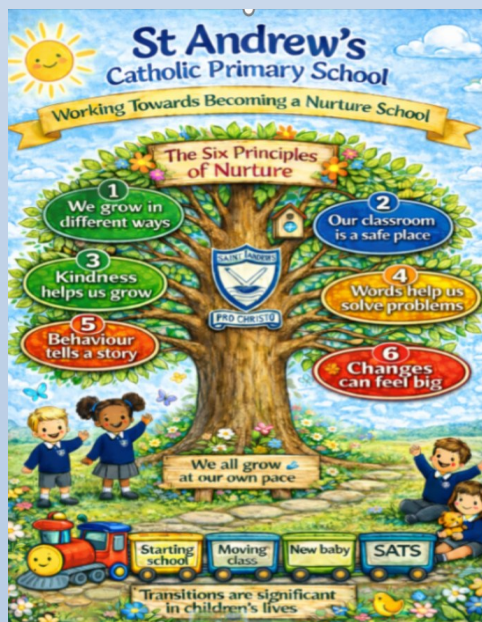
We love sharing and celebrating all of the wonderful things happening in and around school linked to learning and achievements of your children, so if you are not yet following us...head over to Instagram and give our page a follow! You'll have a peek into our Catholic Life, learning, achievements, friendships and fun, that we are so very proud of!

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We are loving our beautiful Nurture Champions Tree in school. It's giving us even more to celebrate and identifying true role models throughout our Nurture school!

Congratulations to our Nurture Champions for this week; your positive, compassionate behaviour, actively helping to make others feel safe, using strong communication and language skills to help solve problems within the classroom and being positive role models helps our school to be the happy place it is!



Dear all,

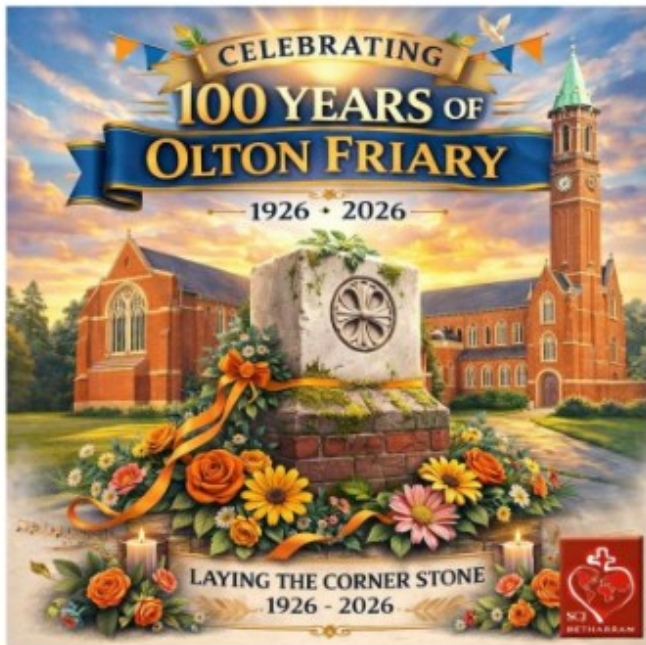
We would like to share an event invite for OLC and Olton Friary.

This Sunday we will be celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the Olton Friary. There will be two celebratory Masses taking place at 9:00am and 11:00am, both celebrated by Archbishop Longley.

Children from Our Lady of Compassion will be leading the 9:00am Mass by retelling the history of the Olton Friary, supporting the liturgy through song, and reciting the poem 'On this Foundation Stone We Stand'.

If any directors, staff, families, or schools within the MAC would like to join us for this very special occasion, they would be more than welcome to attend either Mass.

For more details, please visit Olton Friary's website: <https://oltonfriary.org.uk/hire-and-events/events/centenary-celebrations/>



Following the 6.30pm mass, an evening buffet will be served

After the 9am & 11am mass, tea and cakes will be served in the Parish Hall

Also after the 11am mass, tours of the Church and Friary will be available, subject to availability.

**Please RSVP to:** [info@oltonfriary.org.uk](mailto:info@oltonfriary.org.uk)

You are warmly invited to join Olton Friary Parish in the centenary celebrations of the laying of the foundation stone.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 6.30pm**

Thanksgiving Mass concelebrated with Capuchin Franciscans, Jubilee songs and readings from 6.15pm

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 9am** Celebration Mass with Archbishop Longley

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 11am** Celebration Mass with Archbishop Longley, The Mayor of Solihull, MP for Solihull West & Shirley and local councillors

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 6pm** Celebration Mass with Rev Canon Jonathan Veasey

All masses are preceded with Jubilee songs and readings

# 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.



# School Uniform- Summer

Our Summer uniform can be worn from the term following the Easter holiday through to the end of the first Autumn term in October

**Please label all your child's clothing**



## **Boys Uniform**

A school logo white polo shirt or a white short sleeve shirt with a tie (Option to wear Blue polo shirt in years 5&6 )

Grey Trousers or Shorts with Sensible black Shoes



## **Girls Uniform**

Blue and white Gingham summer dress/playsuit.

White shirt/polo with grey skirt/trousers (Option to wear blue shirt in years 5&6)

Tie can also be worn  
Appropriate socks and sensible black shoes

Please ensure that your child has a cap and sun cream for the warmer months

## **Uniform- other**

Long Hair must be tied back on all occasions

No trainers except for PE

Studs and Watches are the only Jewellery items that can be worn- expect on PE days

Excessive haircuts are not permitted i.e.. Tram lines and coloured hair

No makeup or nail varnish



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# Term Dates



## School Year 2025 / 2026

### Autumn term 2025

~~Term Starts: Monday 01 September 2025~~

~~Half Term Holiday: Mon 27 Oct 2025 to Fri 31 Oct 2025~~

~~Term Ends: Friday 19 December 2025~~

~~End of Term Holiday: Mon 22 Dec 2025 - Fri 02 Jan 2026~~

### Spring term 2026

~~Term Starts: Monday 05 January 2026~~

~~Half Term Holiday: Mon 16 Feb 2026 to Fri 20 Feb 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: Friday 17th July 2026~~

### INSET Days

~~Monday 1st September 2025~~

~~Friday 24th October 2025~~

~~Monday 5th January 2026~~

~~Monday 23rd February 2026~~

~~Monday 13th April 2026~~

~~Thursday 7th May 2026 (Polling Day)~~

# Important Dates

Date	Year Group	Event
Wed 29th April	Year 3	First Holy Communion Retreat Day 9:45am-3:45pm
Thu 7th May	All	INSET Day- Closed for Voting
Sat 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
Fri 19th June	Year 2	Trip to Mary Arden's Farm
Tue 23rd June	Year 5	Trip to Harry Potter World
Tues 23rd June	Year 6	Confirmation at 7pm
Fri 26th June	Nursery & Reception	Trip to Thinktank
Mon 6th July- Wed 8th July	Year 6	Year 6 Residential

## OUR PE DAYS ARE:

Monday	Nursery, Year 3 & 6
Tuesday	Year 2, 5 & 4
Wednesday	Year 2 & 3
Thursday	Reception, Year 5 & 1
Friday	Year 1, 4 & 6



# Attendance and Punctuality



Last week, our KSI attendance winners were Reception.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 3.

**Punctuality Winners:** Reception

Well done for the brilliant Attendance and Punctuality this week.

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence. Excl Holidays
Reception	99.12%	0
Year 1	94.17%	0
Year 2	96.90%	0
Year 3	99.14%	0
Year 4	96.46%	0
Year 5	94.44%	0
Year 6	98.39%	2
Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	1	0
Year 1	4	0
Year 2	2	0
Year 3	2	0
Year 4	4	0
Year 5	4	0
Year 6	4	2

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY – EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Being in school **every day and on time** is vital for children's learning, wellbeing **and safety**. We understand that mornings can be difficult for some families, and we are committed to working **supportively and proactively** to help every child attend regularly.

### IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING REMINDER – FIRST DAY CONTACT

**School must be contacted on the FIRST day of absence.**

If we have **not heard from a parent by 9:30am**, school will make contact to ensure your child is **safe and well**.

If we are unable to make contact, the **Educational Welfare Officer (EWO), Lynette**, will be informed and further checks may be made, including a home visit if required.

## LATES ADD UP – MORE THAN YOU THINK

Arriving late has a real impact on children's learning and emotional wellbeing.

**Just 10 minutes late every day means:**

- **50 minutes of learning missed each week**
- **Over 30 hours missed across a school year**

**✗** The equivalent of **almost a full week of school lost**

Lateness can also be unsettling for children and affect confidence, routines and friendships.

## WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If attendance or punctuality is becoming difficult, **please talk to us early**. Support is available through:

- **Mrs Brady – Child & Family Support Worker & Attendance Lead**
- **Educational Welfare Officer**
- **Inclusion Team**

**Family Hubs**, offering drop-in sessions and practical support for families who are struggling

Please refer to the **timetables sent out last week**, or contact Mrs Brady to discuss how we can support your family.

## MONITORING & WORKING TOGETHER

We monitor attendance closely and track patterns carefully. Where attendance falls below expected levels, families may be invited to meet with school and the EWO so that we can **work together to improve attendance**. Term-time holidays cannot be authorised except in exceptional circumstances, in line with school policy and government guidance.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the many families who ensure their children attend school **every day and arrive on time**. Your commitment makes a huge difference to learning, wellbeing and success.

# Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning more about minibeasts and our story this week is the very busy spider. The children have made a big web outdoors using lots of big construction materials and played a game called catch the fly.

In PE this week the children really enjoyed playing the beehive game, where the bird has to catch the bees before they get the pollen to the beehive it was lots of fun.

In RE this week, we have discussed about what brings us joy and happiness, the children have been drawing a picture of what makes them feel joy.

In Math's, the children have been experimenting with different ways of making 5 with cubes and different mathematic resources.

Fantastic week Nursery well done have a great weekend.



# Reception

This week we have had lots of fun exploring outdoors. The children enjoyed building huge towers and counting how many crates they used. We then pretended the towers were rockets and counted down together for take-off!

We also loved watching the animation *Baby Soup Dragon*, where we explored different feelings and talked about the importance of sharing. In addition, the children had a great time dressing up as chefs, waiters, and customers in our kitchen restaurant, using their imagination to role-play different scenarios.



# Year One



This week, Year 1 enjoyed a special RE Inspire Workshop where we welcomed parents into school to celebrate Easter together. The children worked with their parents to create beautiful Paschal candles, learning about their meaning and the importance of Easter. It was lovely to see so much creativity and teamwork. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us, we really appreciate your support!

# Year Two

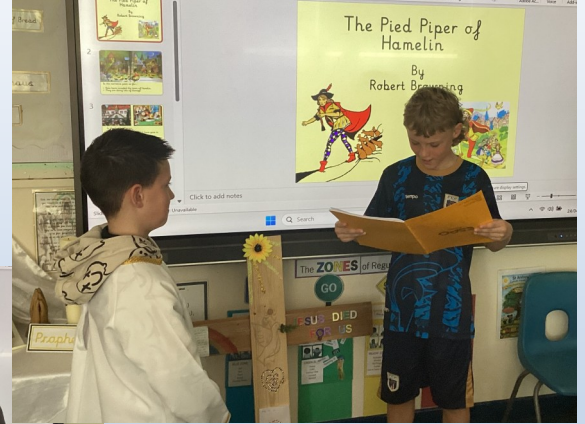
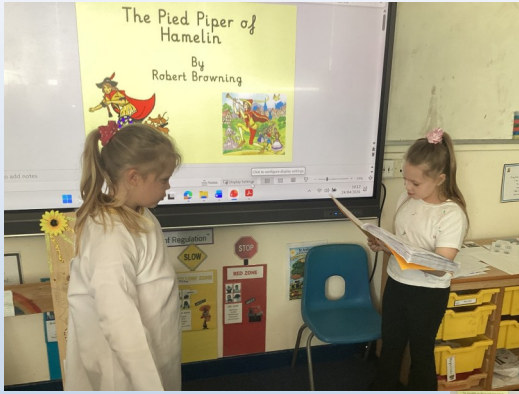
This week in Year 2, we led a beautiful Easter workshop where we explored the lovely gardens described in the Bible. The children learned about the meaning of Easter and the peaceful, joyful images found in these stories.

We would like to say a big thank you to all our parents, carers, and grandparents for coming in to support us. Your help was greatly appreciated as we worked together to create our wonderful Easter gardens. The children were very proud of their creations, and it was a special time shared by all.



# Year Three

In English this week, Year 3 have been practising how to write and read persuasive letters. Taking on the role of citizens from the town of Hamelin, the children wrote to the Mayor to persuade him to put a stop to the rat problem from *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*. They worked hard to use strong arguments and persuasive language, and confidently shared their letters with the class.



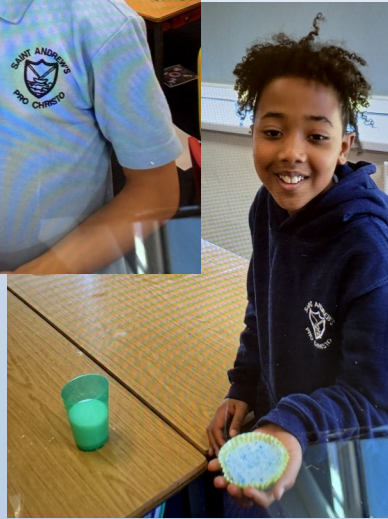
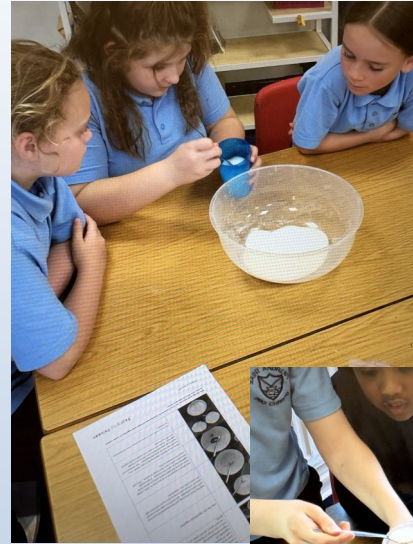
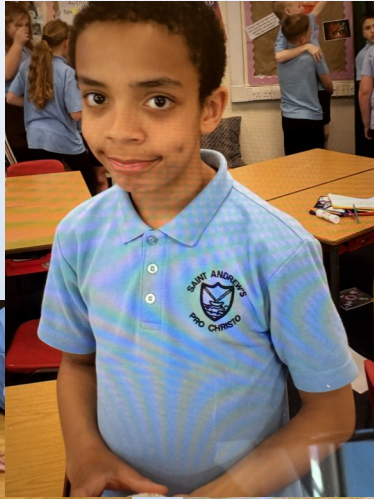
# Year Four

Year 4 have loved learning in the sunshine where they visited our school pond to see what they could find living in our outdoor environment.



# Year Five

Year 5 have been fantastic scientists this week! They worked collaboratively to explore the ingredients needed to create a bath bomb reaction. After building their understanding, they got creative by designing and making their own bath bombs - carefully mixing the ingredients, choosing their own colours, and selecting an essential oil scent. They were excited to take them home and try them out in their own baths!



# Year Six

Year 6 took part in a debate this week in R.E and had to question whether or not they agreed with Thomas doubting in Jesus' Resurrection. We had some excellent speakers who argued very articulately for their teams! This week was also 'mock SATs' week for Year 6; the whole Y6 team would like to say a huge well done to all pupils for persevering with the past exam papers and having such a good attitude to learning and improvement.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SUMMER TERM



MAY

9th - Holy communion  
breakfast: Y2 Parents to support  
22<sup>nd</sup> - PTA meeting



JUN

19th - Father's Day Boutique  
26<sup>th</sup> - Summer fair chocolate donation &  
non-uniform day



JULY

3rd - Summer fair cake donation &  
non-uniform day  
4th - Summer Fair  
16th - Colour run and party & non-  
uniform day





## PTA NEWS

Something BIG (and colourful!) is coming...

Save the date: 16th July 2026

Our first ever Colour Run is on its way and you won't want to miss it!

Full details dropping next week...

Get ready to run, laugh, and get covered in colour!

Watch this space...

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**PLAY** and develop your skills

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Solihull Sports Hub is a new community programme based at Tudor Grange Academy Solihull, offering a range of evening and weekend sports sessions for children and adults.

We are offering *free taster sessions* at our venue at Tudor Grange Academy Solihull, allowing children and parents to experience our full sessions outside of school.

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