



# St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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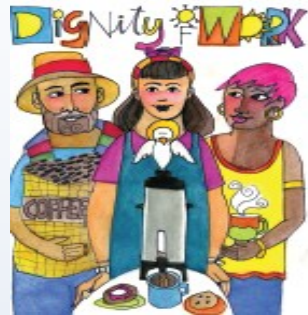
Friday 8th May 2026

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...



Work is important in God's plan for adults and their families, so jobs and pay should be fair.

Nothing brings me more happiness than trying to help the most vulnerable people in society.

(Princess Diana - former Princess of Wales)



In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



Let us pray together that everyone from large producers, to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

# 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!

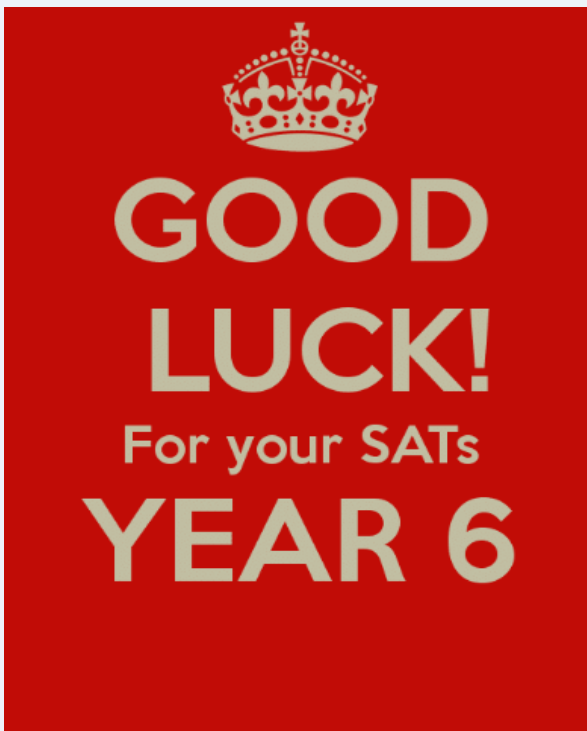
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Good luck to all of our wonderful Year 3 children who are making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 9th May.

We are so excited to join you as you take this special next step on your faith journey. May your day be filled with love, joy and many happy memories with your family and friends.

We will be keeping you all in our prayers and cannot wait to celebrate with you!

If you would like to support our Year 3 children, Mass will be at St Thomas More Church at 12pm.



Good luck to all our amazing Year 6 pupils as you head into SATs next week!

You have worked so hard, shown great determination, and made so much progress—we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. This is your chance to show just how much you've learned, but remember, these tests are only a small part of who you are.

Go in with confidence, take your time, and do your very best—that's all anyone can ask. Don't forget to get plenty of rest, keep those positive minds strong and we'll see you for a team breakfast each morning to give you the fuel you need!

# 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)~~

~~Monday 20th July 2026~~

# Important Dates

Date	Year Group	Event
Sat 9th May	Year 3	First Holy Communion at 12pm
Mon 11th May	Year 1	Celebration of the Word - the Month of May 2:50pm
Thu 21st May	Year 6	Trip to the Cathedral
Fri 22nd May	All	Break up for Half term
Mon 1st June	All	Children return
Sun 7th June	Year 3	Mass of Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion - 11:00am at St Thomas More Church
Tue 16th June	Year 6	RE Inspire Workshop 2:15pm
Fri 19th June	Reception	Celebration of the Word - Fathers 2:50pm
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	Nur & Rec	Trip to Thinktank
Sun 28th June	Year 6	Mass of Thanksgiving for Confirmation - 11:00am at St Thomas More Church
Mon 6th - Wed 8th July	Year 6	Year 6 Residential
Mon 13th July	Year 6	Trip to Cineworld

## 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 Key Stage 1 attendance winners were Reception.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 4.

**Punctuality Winners:** Year 1 & 2.

Well done for the brilliant Attendance and Punctuality this week.

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence. Excl Holidays
Reception	97.14%	0
Year 1	95.00%	0
Year 2	91.79%	0
Year 3	94.83%	0
Year 4	97.50%	0
Year 5	96.67%	0
Year 6	88.39%	0
Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	7	0
Year 1	2	0
Year 2	2	0
Year 3	7	0
Year 4	12	0
Year 5	5	0
Year 6	7	1

## 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), Sonia**, 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

Nursery has had a super week this week. We have our very own caterpillars in Nursery; we are watching them grow bigger each day, it's so exciting!

The children have also been thinking about our class saint Mary as May is the Month of Mary.

We have been joining in with lots of fun outdoor activities this week as we are having nicer weather. The children have played ball games with the parachute and building houses and obstacle courses with big construction materials.

As we have been focusing on the story 'The bad-tempered ladybird', we have been painting our own paper plate ladybirds in class.



# Reception

This week, Reception have had a wonderful time learning about the soldiers and the importance of VE Day. We focused on the story 'Peace Lily' to help deepen our understanding and encourage thoughtful discussions. The children enjoyed decorating pieces of a celebratory banner and explored lots of inspiring resources in the writing area to support their ideas and creativity. Although it has been a slightly unusual week with only three days together, we have certainly made the most of our time with lots of learning, fun, and memorable activities!



# Year One

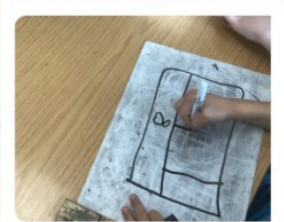
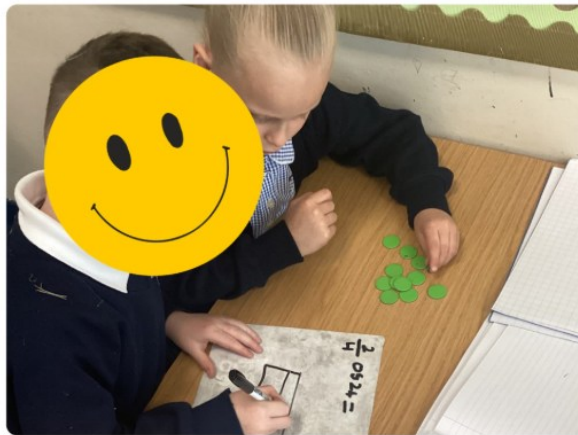
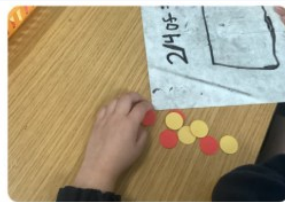
During Deaf Awareness Week, our Year 1 children enjoyed learning about British Sign Language (BSL). They had great fun practising how to sign their own names and supporting each other along the way.

This activity helped build awareness of different ways people communicate, while encouraging kindness, inclusion, and respect. Well, done year 1!



# Year Two

In Year 2, we have been focusing on fractions. This week we have been learning about  $\frac{2}{4}$  and finding the amount of two quarters. We know that we must remember to look at two equal groups when finding  $\frac{2}{4}$  of an amount. We used our practical resources to help us consolidate our learning and build our confidence with fractions.



# Year Three

This week in Year 3, we have been preparing for our First Holy Communion. The children have been practising reverently in school for this very special sacrament and have enjoyed learning the hymns they will sing during the celebration. They also had the opportunity to taste the unconsecrated host, helping them to better understand the significance of the Eucharist. It has been a joyful and reflective week as the children continue their faith journey in preparation for receiving Holy Communion.



# Year Four

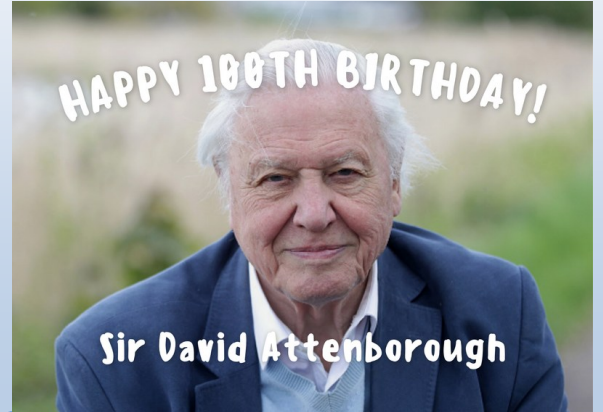
This week in Maths, Year 4 have been learning all about money and have really enjoyed putting their skills into practice. One of our favourite activities was comparing supermarket prices to see which shop had the best deals! The children worked brilliantly together, using their adding and comparing skills to solve real-life money problems, and there were lots of great discussions along the way.



# Year Five

This week, Year 5 have been busy learning about area. They were set the challenge of finding different items and estimating their area using their mathematical skills.

Furthermore, we have enjoyed a lovely Friday afternoon celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday. The children created fantastic information texts all about his life, achievements and work helping people understand and protect our planet.



# Year Six

It's been a jam-packed three days of final SATs preparations and revision for Year 6. We are very proud of how hard they have worked and hope they have a good rest over the weekend so they are ready and raring to go on Monday.

Thank you Mrs Kinsella for providing us with delicious ice-creams to celebrate the end of our SATs preparations and congratulate us on our hard work. See you bright and early on Monday morning for a sausage sarnie to fuel us for our papers!



# 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

## Father's Day Boutique!

Our little shoppers will have the chance to pick out a special surprise for someone amazing this Father's Day

£3.50 per child - cash or BACS



We are SO excited to launch our very first PTA Family Colour Run!

16th July 2026 3:30 - 6:00pm

Bring the whole family along for an afternoon packed with colour, fun, and laughter!

If you'd like to take part, simply register via our events portal: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/standrewscatholicprimaryschool/index.cfm?>



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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.

All sessions are delivered by experienced, qualified coaches and focus on fun, participation, and confidence-building.

Please see above a flyer promoting our brand-new sports programme launching at Tudor Grange Academy Solihull.



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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS

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## **Tudor Grange Leisure Centre**

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**9.00am – 4.00pm**

Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

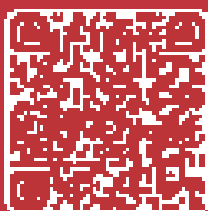
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