



# St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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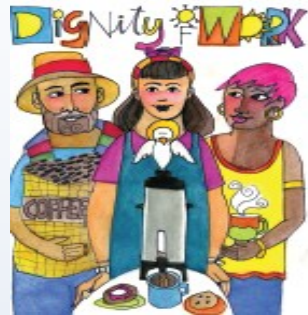
Friday 15th May 2026

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.

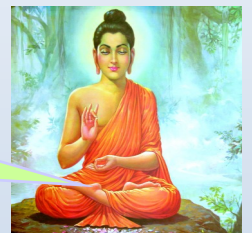
Our Catholic Social Teaching focus for this half term is...



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

If you light a lamp for somebody, it will also brighten your path.

(Buddha - Spiritual Leader and founder of Buddhism)



In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



Invest the reassurance of your life in love and mercy.

# 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 2 Mass led by Year 2 CANCELLED
- ✝ 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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What a week for our fantastic Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs assessments!

The children have worked incredibly hard and shown such determination throughout this busy period. They have been resilient, focused, and committed to achieving their very best, making sure they used every last second of time wisely to support their learning and progress.

We are extremely proud of the positive attitudes, perseverance, and maturity they have shown each day. Their effort and dedication have truly shone through, and they should all feel very proud of themselves.

Well done, Year 6 – you have been fantastic!





We can't forget to thank our amazing staff for supporting our children through what could be a very stressful time for them.

Thank you to staff from across school who have made supporting our Year 6 children, a priority.

And a special thanks to our Year 6 team: Mrs McElwee, Mrs Lockington and Mrs Kinsella, for your never-ending hard work, enthusiasm and determination to ensure that Year reach their true potential!

Mrs McElwee's Celebration Breakfast went down extremely well and finished this week off perfectly!

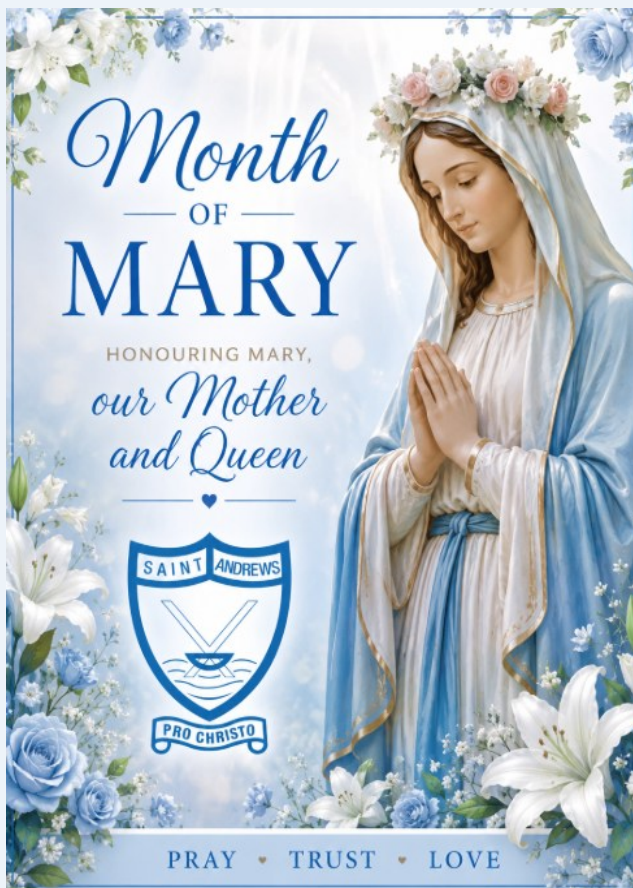




The Year 3 children celebrated a truly beautiful and memorable First Holy Communion, filled with joy, reverence, and happiness. It was wonderful to see so many family members and friends gathered together to support the children on such a special occasion, and we thank everyone who joined us to make the day so meaningful. With the sun shining brightly in their honour, the celebration felt even more joyful and blessed.

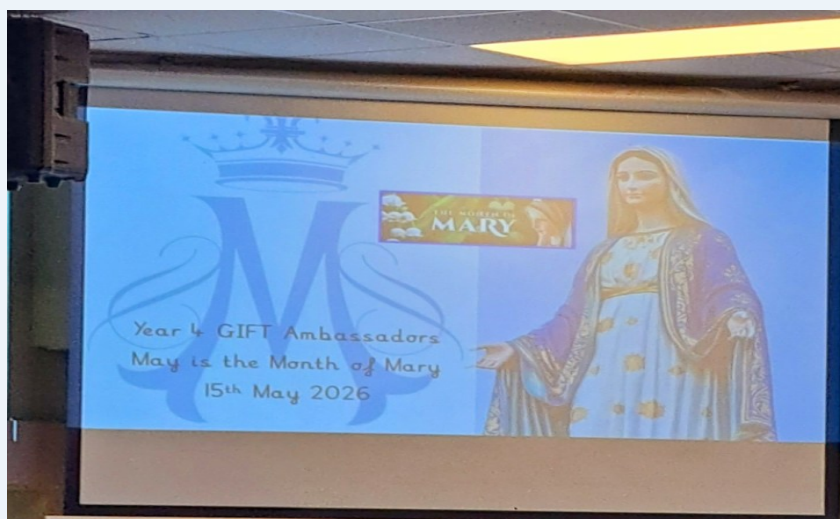
We are incredibly proud of the children and the faith, respect, and enthusiasm they showed throughout the day. We look forward to continuing this special Faith journey with them as they grow ever closer to God and continue to live out His love in their daily lives.





Our Year 5 pupils led us in a truly beautiful Celebration of the Word as we gathered together to honour May, the Month of Mary.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together in faith and devotion, reflecting on Mary's love, kindness, and example. We are proud of the Year 5 children for leading the celebration so beautifully and helping us all to grow closer to God through prayer and reflection.



# 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
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

Another week of being busy bees at Nursery this week. The children have been making special candles to present Alleluia and put them on our prayer focus with pride. This week we have been learning about how to copy simple repeated constructions by building rockets using wooden blocks of all different shapes. We had lots of fun making tall and short rockets using triangle, square and rectangle shapes. The children this week have been joining in with our silly soup song and learning all about rhyming words, I was very impressed with all the different rhyming words the children found around our environment. Also, this week the children have explored the life cycle of a frog and have had lots of fun making a pond to play with. We have also been having lots of water fun in our outdoor area using jugs/buckets, funnels, spoons, and many more materials to move water. So very proud of all your hard work this week. Well done.



# Year One

In Maths, Year 1 have been learning all about quarters. We have explored what a quarter means by sharing shapes and objects into four equal parts. The children have also begun finding a quarter of an amount by sharing into four equal groups. They have worked hard using practical resources and are becoming more confident with this important skill, well done, Year 1!



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# Year Two

This week in Year 2, we have been busy in History learning all about William the Conqueror. The children particularly enjoyed taking part in a Quiz Quiz Trade, which helped them to deepen their understanding of the timeline and key events

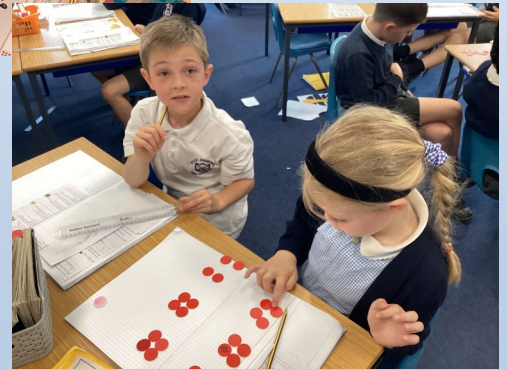
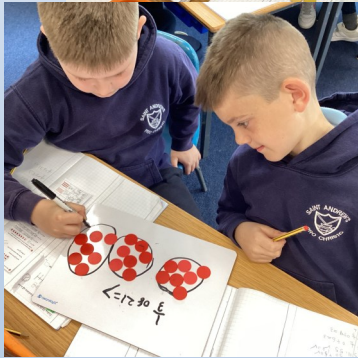
leading up to the Battle of Hastings. All of this learning has been excellent preparation for our exciting History workshop taking place next Tuesday, where the children will continue to develop their knowledge and bring the topic to life.



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# Year Three

This week in Maths, Year 3 have been learning how to find non-unit fractions of amounts. The children worked hard to solve reasoning and real-life fraction problems, using their understanding to explain their answers clearly. They showed great perseverance, confidence and teamwork as they tackled a range of challenging questions.



# Year Six

Congratulations, Year 6 - you have completed your SATs and we are so very proud of you! Each and every pupil showed positivity, determination and an excellent work ethic throughout a challenging week. Well done to you and thank you to all the families for your continued support. We had a great trip to Jubilee Park today and enjoyed our celebratory breakfast this morning. Hope you all have a well earned rest this weekend!



# 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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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.

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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