



# St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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Friday 5th June 2026



This half term we are learning to be attentive and discerning.



We are growing to be attentive to our experience and to our vocation; and discerning about the choices we make and the effects of those choices.

Listen to the people who love you. Believe that they are worth living for even when you don't believe it yourself.

(Taylor Swift- American singer/songwriter)



In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



The world becomes better if we give up a little security and comfort in order to choose what is good.

**SPORTS DAY**  
**DATES**

★ **Key Stage 1**  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

★ **Key Stage 2**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

★ **Both have a 9:30am start on the**  
**Key Stage 1 playground.** ★

**SAINT ANDREWS**  
**PRO CHRISTO**

**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~~ **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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We are delighted to share some wonderful news with our St Andrew's family!

Mrs McElwee is expecting a baby, due in October 2026!

We couldn't be happier for her as she prepares to embark on this exciting new chapter.

We know you will join us in congratulating Mrs McElwee and wishing her and her family every happiness in the months ahead.

Of course, Mrs McElwee needs to get some practise in and what better way to do this than to have some hands on experience....

And that's where beautiful Lily Worswick came in!

Now 9 weeks old, you can imagine the cooing throughout school when we all met Lily for the first time this week.

She is perfect in every way and we can't wait for Mrs Worswick and Lily to visit us again soon!



# 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~~

# Term Dates



## School Year 2026 / 2027

### Autumn term 2026

Term Starts: Tuesday 01 September 2026

Half Term Holiday: Mon 26 Oct to Fri 30 Oct 2026

Term Ends: Friday 18 December 2026

End of Term Holiday: Mon 21 Dec 2026 - Fri 02 Jan 2027

### Spring term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 04 January 2027

Half Term Holiday: Mon 15 Feb to Fri 19 Feb 2027

Term Ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

End of Term Holiday: Monday 29 March - Friday 09 April 2027

### Summer term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 12 April 2027

(May Day: Monday 03 May 2027)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 31 May to Friday 04 June 2027

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2027

### INSET Days

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 12th February 2027

Thursday 6th May 2027 (Polling Day)

Wednesday 21st July 2027

# Important Dates

Date	Year Group	Event
Sun 7th June	Year 3	Mass of Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion - 11:00am at St Thomas More Church
Tue 9th June	Year 4	Cricket Festival
Wed 10th June	Year 2	Celebration of the Word - Grandparents 2:50pm
Mon 15th June	Year 4	Celebration of the Word - 2:50pm
Tue 16th June	Year 5	Cricket Festival
Wed 17th June	Year 6	RE Inspire Workshop 2:15pm
Fri 19th June	Reception	Celebration of the Word - Fathers 9:15pm
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
Thu 25th June	Year 4	Geography Workshop 2:15pm
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 29th June	Year 6	Trip to the Mosque
Tue 30th June	KS 1	Sports Day - 9:30am
Wed 1st July	KS 2	Sports Day - 9:30am
Thu 2nd July	Nursery	Sports Day - 9:30am
Mon 6th - Wed 8th Jul	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, 4 & 5
Wednesday	Year 2 & 3
Thursday	Reception, Year 1 & 5
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 5.

Punctuality Winners: Year 1.

Well done for the brilliant Attendance and Punctuality this week.

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence. Excl Holidays
Reception	96.07%	0
Year 1	86.67%	0
Year 2	95.00%	0
Year 3	94.83%	0
Year 4	93.93%	0
Year 5	95.19%	0
Year 6	92.58%	0
Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	5	0
Year 1	0	0
Year 2	3	0
Year 3	4	0
Year 4	12	0
Year 5	7	0
Year 6	8	6

## 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

This week in Nursery the children have been so excited to see our very own caterpillars come out of their cocoon as butterflies. The children helped release the butterflies into the garden.



Also, this week we have focused on 'The Rainbow Fish' story. The children made a scale each and chose a friend to share it with. We discussed the importance of sharing and making friends. The children crafted their own Rainbow fish and took turns to talk about how they made it and what they used in a show and tell circle time.



In our outdoor area we have made a beach shop and the children have loved roleplaying the shopkeeper and customers.



In RE this week, we have discussed Pentecost and the Holy Spirit. The children have taken turns to blow out candles and talked about how we can't see the Holy spirit, but it is all around us.

# Reception

What a wonderful week we have had in Reception!

Our first week back after half term has been full of fun and exciting learning. Leading our Buddy Mass with Year 6 was lots of fun and the children did an amazing job! True role models.



In Literacy, we focused on the story Stone Soup, exploring the characters and discussing the importance of sharing and working together. We also learned all about healthy eating and had great fun creating our own faces using printed copies of different foods!

In Maths, we have been using the rekenrek to support our counting and develop our understanding of number. The children have enjoyed using this resource to build confidence and accuracy.



One of the highlights of the week was visiting Nursery to see their butterflies. The children were fascinated by the life cycle and loved observing the butterflies up close.

We are looking forward to another exciting week ahead!

# Year One

Year 1 became disciples of Jesus this week as they re-enacted the story of Pentecost. The children made flame headbands and walked around greeting one another in different languages. They learnt how to say "hello" in 11 languages and shared these with each other, just as the disciples spread the good news of Jesus.



# Year Five

Year 5 have been exploring space and scale in Art as part of their installation art unit, inspired by the work of artist Cai Guo-Qiang. The children had great fun creating dramatic explosion-style paintings, experimenting with stencils and carefully considering their placement to create striking effects. Their creativity, teamwork and artistic flair shone through, and the finished pieces look like true masterpieces!



# Year Six

Year 6 led a beautiful Mass with their Reception buddies this week and also had a wonderful day at St Anthony's for their Confirmation Retreat led by One Life Music. This retreat day was an important step in their Sacramental Preparation. Well done for participating with such reverence, Year 6.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*SUMMER TERM*



MAY

9th - Holy communion  
breakfast: Y2 Parents to support



JUN

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



JULY

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





# Summer FAIR

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

Help make our Summer Fair  
a fun and memorable day  
for our community!



MEET NEW  
PEOPLE



MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE



SUPPORT OUR  
COMMUNITY



BE PART OF  
SOMETHING  
GREAT!

We  
  
Our  
Community!



TO VOLUNTEER OR LEARN MORE,  
PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!



# 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?>



**TRY** new sports  
**DISCOVER** what you love  
**PLAY** and develop your skills



## EVENING AND WEEKEND SPORTS CLASSES FOR CHILDREN (3-18) AND ADULTS

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AND GET YOUR FREE T-SHIRT



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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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS

SWIMMING, MULTI-SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, BOUNCY CASTLE, PERFORMING ARTS, GAMING,  
LASER TAG, NERF WARS, LEGO BUILDING & MUCH MORE!

**OPEN EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY**



## **Tudor Grange Leisure Centre**

Blossomfield Road, Solihull, B91 1NB

**9.00am – 4.00pm**

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

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12

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