



# St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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Friday 12th June 2026

loving hopeful  
attentive curious  
faith-filled wise  
generous grateful  
eloquent discerning  
intentional compassionate  
truthful active

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.

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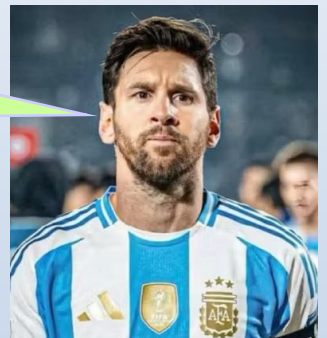
Our Catholic Social Teaching focus for this half term is...



We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideology difference. Our love for our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace.

The day you think there is no improvement to be made, is a sad one.

(Lionel Messi- Argentine professional footballer )



In the words of Pope Leo XIV...



Christ is God's answer to our human hunger, because his Body is the bread of eternal life.

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# 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.**

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## 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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Year 2 enjoyed a truly special end to their day on Wednesday as they welcomed their grandparents into school for a beautiful Celebration of the Word. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, gratitude and love, celebrating the precious role that grandparents play in the lives of our children.

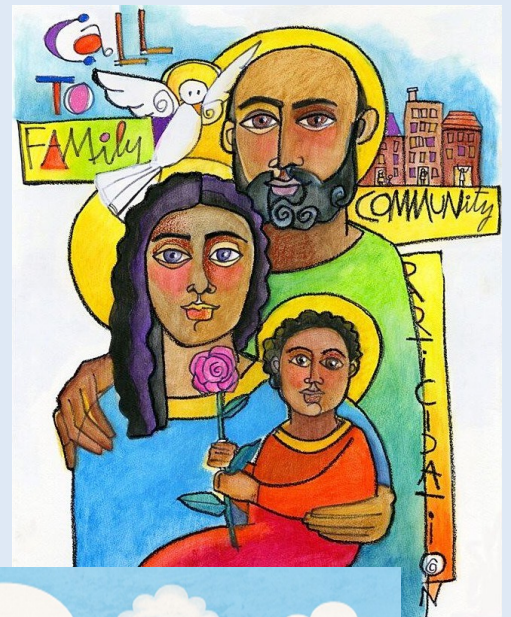
The children led the celebration with such reverence, confidence and pride, sharing thoughtful reflections on why their grandparents are so special and how deeply loved and appreciated they are. The afternoon was a beautiful example of our Catholic Social Teaching principles Common Good and Community in action, bringing generations together to celebrate faith.

Not even the torrential rain could dampen the joy and warmth that filled the hall! Thank you to all the grandparents and family members who joined us.





This week in RE reception have been looking at people who help us. Our key question to deepen our learning was 'Why is it important that people help us?' Using images, the children looked at different people within our community who help us and we discussed what might happen if they were not there.



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Oliver Jones, Austin Masters and Tommy Owens, who play for Hampton U8 Football Club showed brilliant determination and teamwork throughout the day, winning 4 out of 5 group stage games to secure a place in the knockout round. The boys got through to the semi-final on penalties and then went onto win the final 1-0 and lift the trophy!

School, families and friends are all very proud of your achievement boys - congratulations!



What a fantastic way to kick off the FIFA World Cup!

Yesterday, the children arrived at school proudly sporting their favourite football kits and sportswear, bringing a splash of colour, excitement and plenty of sporting spirit to the day. There were lots of discussions about favourite teams and predictions for the tournament!

Who do you think will lift the trophy this year?!





It's giving us even more to celebrate and identifying true role models throughout our Nurture school!

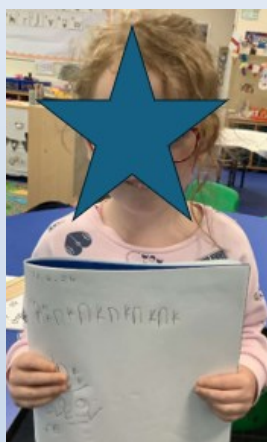
Congratulations to our Nurture Champions for this week...

Stanley, your kindness has been recognised by those around you!

Elijah has been so sensible when moving to his new Kagan seat even though it can be a big change, and has shown what a really helpful Kagan partner he is.

Faith has demonstrated that we all grow in different ways. She has been working incredibly hard to improve her letter formation and is doing wonderfully well through working hard and being determined—your teachers are very proud of you!

In Year 3, Josie has been observant this week, noticing when another pupil was finding their Maths work difficult and kindly offered help and encouragement. Eva-Rose has shown care for others by helping to tidy up and making sure the classroom remains a safe place for everyone. Luca has shown kindness and compassion by sharing with another pupil when they were feeling upset.



# CAKE AND BOOK SALE

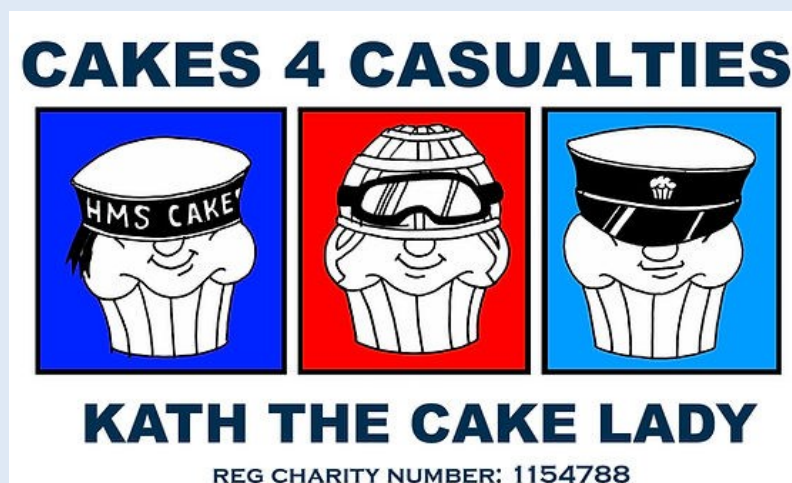
**WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2026**



**Please support Kath our Cake Lady  
by making cakes we can sell.**

**Books and cakes on sale for  
10p and 20p.**

**Kath supports injured soldiers at the QE**



# 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
Mon 15th June	Year 4	Celebration of the Word - 2:50pm
Mon 15th June	School	Class Photos
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	Residential to Whitemoor Lakes
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 Year 1.

Our Key Stage 2 attendance winners were Year 3.

Punctuality Winners: Year 3.

Well done for the brilliant Attendance and Punctuality this week.

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence. Excl Holidays
Reception	92.41%	0
Year 1	94.48%	0
Year 2	93.57%	0
Year 3	94.14%	0
Year 4	91.48%	0
Year 5	88.52%	0
Year 6	86.77%	0
Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	6	1
Year 1	2	0
Year 2	1	0
Year 3	0	0
Year 4	8	0
Year 5	7	1
Year 6	5	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

The children have a busy week in nursery this week. We enjoyed our last week of our under the sea topic.

The children have enjoyed our story of the week 'sharing a shell' by Julia Donaldson. The children have made craft Anemones and houses for their hermit crabs using junk modelling materials.



We have also made salt dough together and designed our own shells to take home and keep.

In RE this week, we have focused on thinking about God's family and who loves and cares for us in our community. We have looked at and discussed photos of people showing love to one another.

Next week we start a new topic and have a lot of exciting new activities to explore.



As we are celebrating the world cup this summer, the children came dressed in their football kits and the children decorated England biscuits to eat.

# Reception

This week in Reception, our focus has been Piper, a heartwarming short film about a young bird who learns to overcome his fear of the ocean.

Inspired by the story, we took part in a range of exciting activities. We worked together outdoors to create our own bird nests, thinking carefully about what birds need to build a safe habitat. Using playdough and feathers, we designed and made our own exotic birds, exploring different colours, textures, and features.



In the writing area, we wrote postcards to Piper, offering words of encouragement and advice to help him feel brave when facing his fears. We also learned about a variety of animal habitats, discussing where different animals live and how their environments help them survive.

On Thursday, we had lots of fun celebrating the start of the world cup, designing our own football shirts and having our own sweepstake!

It has been a wonderful week of creativity, exploration, and learning about courage and the natural world.

# Year One

This week, our Year 1 children had a wonderful afternoon celebrating the World Cup 2026! The classroom was transformed into a global adventure, with each activity station representing a different country. The children showed fantastic creativity as they built their own Eiffel Towers using sticks inspired by France, carefully crafted Japanese origami cats, and designed vibrant carnival masks just like those seen in Brazil. They also explored Aboriginal dot painting from Australia and worked together to construct impressive pyramids out of LEGO, inspired by Egypt. To finish the day, the children collaborated beautifully to colour a large mural, which is now proudly displayed in our classroom. It was a fantastic way to learn about different cultures while having lots of fun!



# Year Two

This week, Year 2 led a beautiful Grandparent Celebration of the Word. We reflected on all the reasons our grandparents are so special to us, sharing thoughtful prayers. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents join us for this special occasion, and there were certainly a few teary eyes in the room as we celebrated the love and importance of these precious relationships.



# Year Three

Year 3 has been busy with lots of exciting learning recently.

In Science, we have begun growing our own plants and are carrying out an investigation to discover what factors affect plant growth. The children have been making predictions and thinking carefully about how to conduct a fair test.



We also enjoyed getting into the sporting spirit by dressing up in preparation for the World Cup celebrations.

In Design & Technology, the children have been developing their computing skills by learning how to write a program for the virtual micro. They successfully created code to make the LED display flash on and off, showing great problem-solving and perseverance throughout the lesson.



# Year Four

Today, we had a wonderful experience learning about Judaism. We were joined by Rabbi Zvi, who taught us all about the Jewish faith and helped us explore its beliefs, traditions and customs. The children listened attentively, asked thoughtful questions and enjoyed making connections between Judaism and what they already know. It was a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of different faiths and celebrate respect for diversity.



# 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?>



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**PLAY** and develop your skills



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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.

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**OPEN EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY**



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**9.00am – 4.00pm**

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

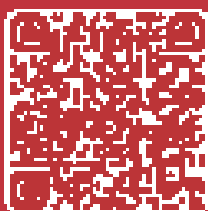
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