



St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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

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Friday 10th July 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.

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.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

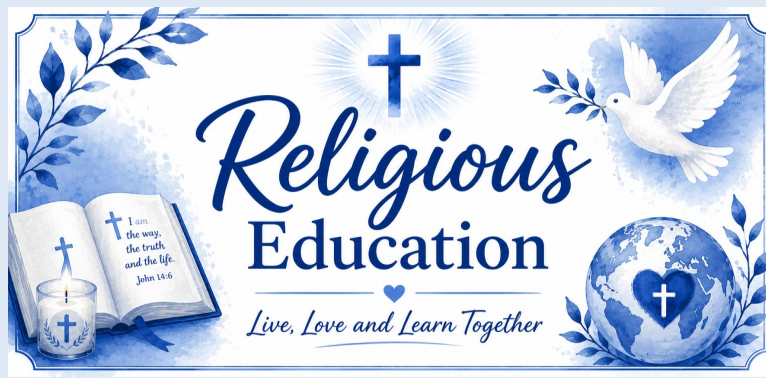


(Martin Luther King Jr.)

In the words of Pope Leo XIV...

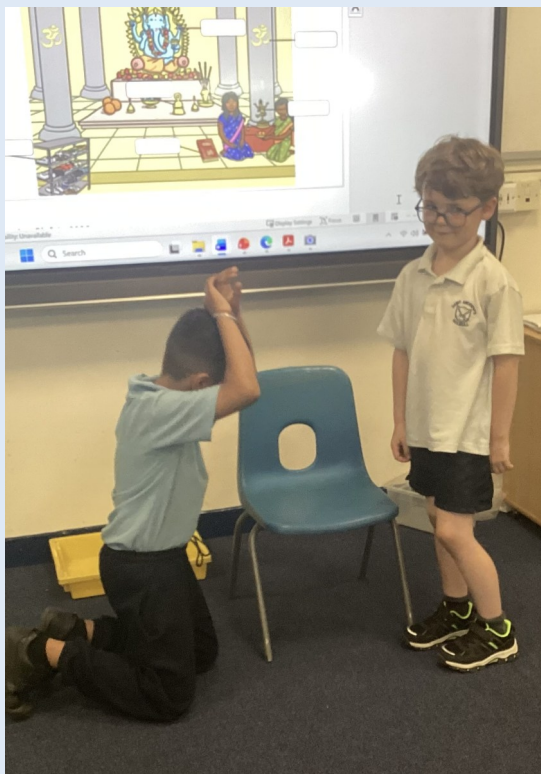


We are called to bear witness to our joyful faith in Jesus the saviour.



This week in RE, Reception continued our unit on Prayer. We began by thinking about the different ways we communicate with others and how prayer is a way of communicating with God.

To link with this learning and our summer theme, our writing area was transformed into a Travel Agents! The children loved taking on different roles as they phoned customers, booked holidays, checked passports and completed holiday checklists. Through their imaginative play, they had lots of opportunities to develop their communication, speaking and writing skills while having great fun planning exciting summer adventures!



In RE, Year 3 continued learning about Hinduism. The children have been building on their understanding of Hindu beliefs and traditions, exploring some of the important features found in a Hindu mandir (temple) and learning more about how Hindus worship. They asked thoughtful questions and showed great respect and curiosity throughout our discussions.

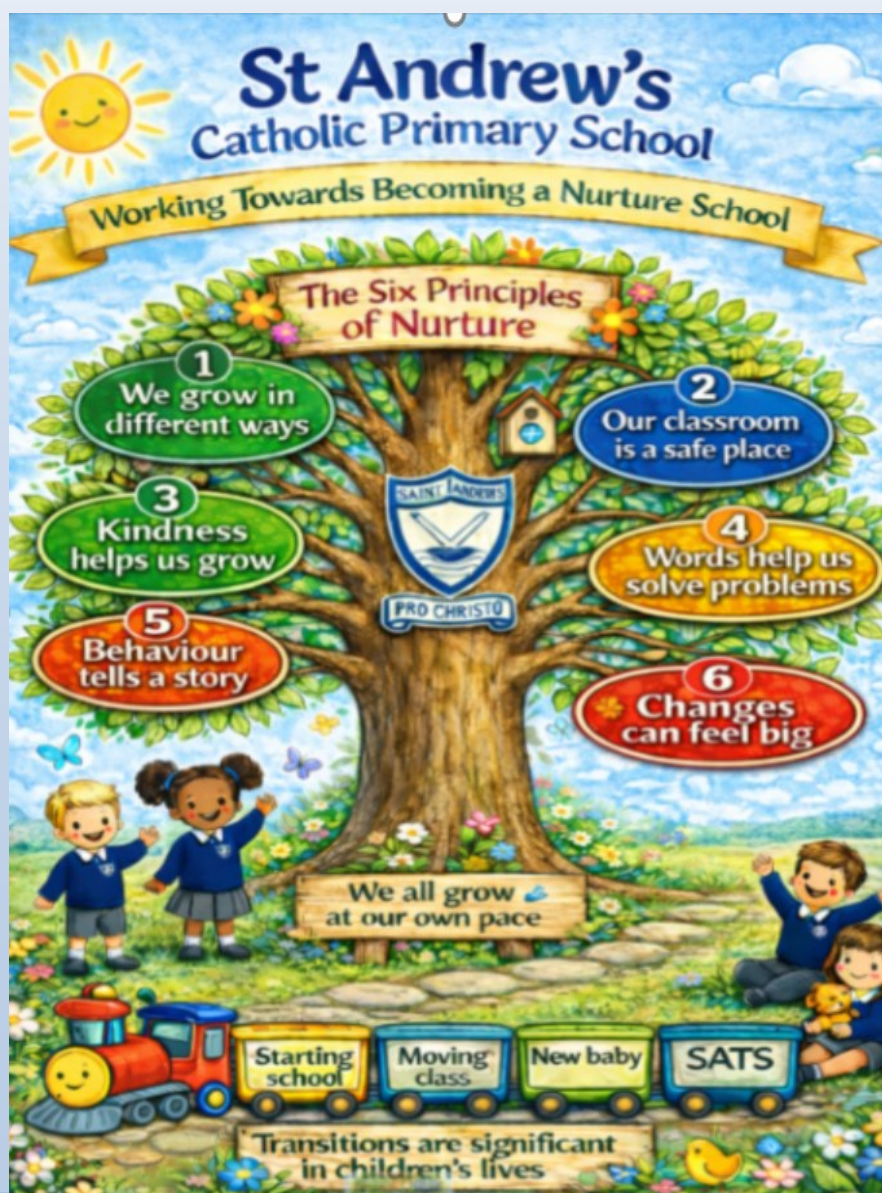


We are loving our beautiful
Nurture Champions Tree in school.

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...

Congratulations to our Nurture Champion, Aria L (Year Four), for showing care for God's creation by helping to keep our school environment clean, tidy and welcoming for everyone. Her thoughtful actions reflect the nurture principle that the classroom offers a safe base, demonstrating kindness, responsibility and respect for our shared community. Well done for being such a positive role model, Aria L!



Hi from a very sunny and hot Orlando!

Caoimhe danced yesterday and placed 7th at her first North American Nationals out of 115 competitors from America, Ireland, England and Australia! She was the top placing English girl too. Her goal was to recall, then when she got the recall she was hoping for top 20 so she definitely exceeded her goal!



She's so excited to come back to school on Wednesday to tell you all about her first nationals experience.

Thank you to all the staff at St Andrews who are so supportive of Caoimhe and her sport - it truly means a lot to our family.



Aria would to share some photos of her gymnastics competition yesterday - she competed against four other clubs, in which she won individual Gold on Vault and individual Silver on beam, and a Judges certificate for her bar routine!



We would like to say a huge **congratulations** to Oliver Jones and Tommy Owen for taking part in the All Britain Championships on 3rd July for their Gaelic football team, Sean MacDermotts.

The boys worked incredibly hard throughout the competition and showed fantastic determination and teamwork, winning all of their matches. We are extremely proud of their achievement and the wonderful effort they put in. Well done, Oliver and Tommy!



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 13th July	Year 6	Trip to Cineworld
Tue 14th July	Year 1	Trip to Resorts World Cinema

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 3.

Punctuality Winners: Year 3.

Well done for the brilliant Attendance and Punctuality this week.

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.

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence. Excl Holidays
Reception	90.00%	2
Year 1	84.83%	0
Year 2	96.79%	2
Year 3	94.48%	2
Year 4	92.96%	0
Year 5	91.85%	0
Year 6	91.61%	3
Class	Lates before registers close	Lates after registers close
Reception	4	1
Year 1	5	2
Year 2	2	0
Year 3	5	2
Year 4	5	0
Year 5	6	0
Year 6	5	3

🕒 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 have had a very hot but fantastic week this week. We have performed our lovely graduation, the children have worked hard to learn the songs and actions and really enjoyed performing for their parents/carers. A big well-done to you all!

The children have been learning all about space this week. They have been creating rockets blasters and space collages.

We have roleplayed being in a rocket outside and blasting into space. The children have investigated the planets, and which ones have more than one moon.

We are looking forward to our last week in Nursery and all the fun activities we are going to be sharing together. Have a lovely weekend.



Reception

This week in Reception, we have had lots of fun making the most of the warm weather by spending plenty of time learning outdoors.

The children particularly enjoyed our water play, where they explored which containers could hold the most water while also using it to help keep cool in the sunshine! They also had great fun designing and completing their own obstacle courses, developing their physical skills and teamwork.

In Maths, we learnt how to play dominoes, using them to practise counting, matching numbers and recognising patterns.

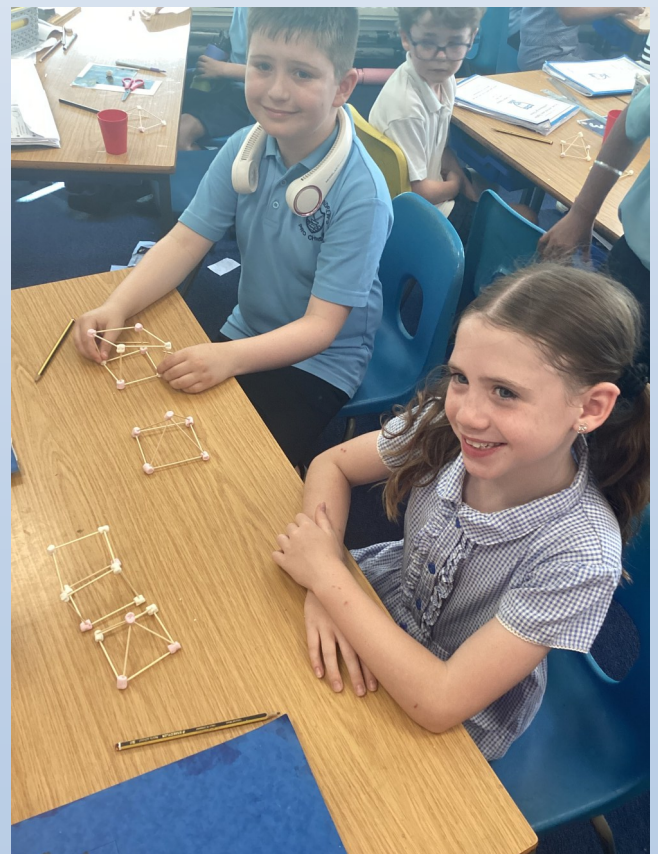
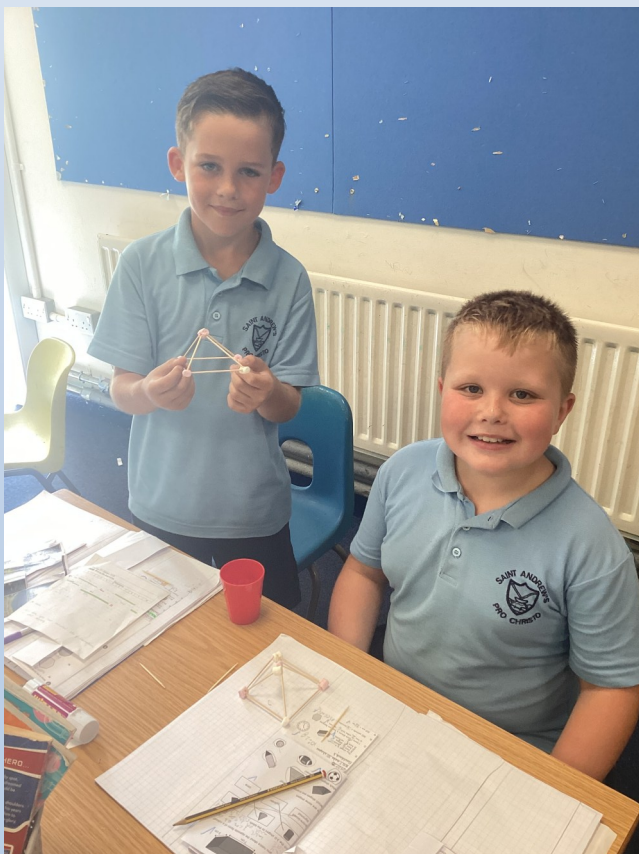
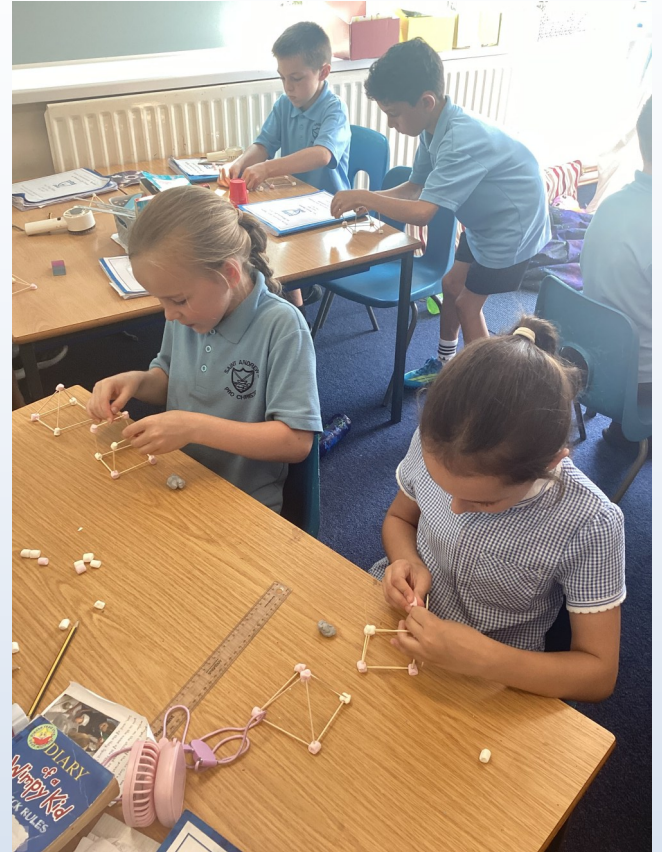
For our writing this week, we focused on the beautiful animation Deep Rooted. The children thought carefully about the tree's feelings throughout the story and used their ideas to write about how the tree might have been feeling at different points.

It has been another wonderful week of learning, and we are so proud of all the children's enthusiasm and creativity.



Year Three

In Maths, the children have been investigating the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. They explored the different faces, edges and vertices of a range of 3D shapes before putting their knowledge into practice by creating their own cubes and pyramids using marshmallows and sticks. It was a fun, hands-on activity that helped bring their learning to life!



Year Six

Our Year 6 children had an amazing time on their residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes. From soaring through the trees on the zip wire to working together on the giant paddle boards, the children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, courage, and teamwork. It was a fantastic experience filled with fun, adventure, and unforgettable memories.

A huge thank you to all the staff who attended and generously gave up their time to make this trip possible. Your support, encouragement, and dedication helped make the residential such a wonderful success.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER TERM



MAY

9th - Holy communion
breakfast: Y2 Parents to support



JUN

19th - Father's Day Boutique
26th - 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



You're Invited to Our PTA AGM!

Have you ever wondered what the PTA does behind the scenes? Or perhaps you'd like to get more involved in helping create amazing experiences for our children?

Our Annual General Meeting is the perfect opportunity to:

- Hear how we've done over the past year
- Find out about our plans and events for the year ahead
- Share your ideas and have your say
- Meet the current committee in a relaxed and friendly setting

We're also looking for enthusiastic people to join our team and we revote our committee members.

You don't need any previous experience, just a willingness to support our wonderful school community. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference.

Even if you're not looking for a committee role, please come along to hear what we've achieved together and what's planned next. Everyone is welcome!

We'd love to see as many faces as possible.



The poster features a light pink background with a large blue megaphone on the right side. At the top, the text 'You're Invited to Our' is written in a pink script font, flanked by two sets of three short pink lines. Below this, 'AGM' is written in large, bold, dark blue capital letters, and 'Meeting' is written in a large, pink script font. To the right of 'AGM' is a small gold heart. Further right is a dark blue circular badge with a gold icon of three people and the text 'YOUR PTA, Your Voice, OUR COMMUNITY' in white and pink. Below the main title, the text 'YOUR CHANCE TO HEAR, SHARE AND HELP SHAPE THE YEAR AHEAD!' is written in dark blue, with 'SHAPE THE YEAR AHEAD!' in pink. Below this, three icons (calendar, clock, and location pin) are shown in pink circles, each followed by a label and a date/time/venue in a pink script font. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains a pink heart icon, the text 'EVERYONE WELCOME!' in white, and 'TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE' in gold, followed by a small pink heart.

You're Invited to Our

AGM

Meeting

YOUR CHANCE TO HEAR, SHARE
AND HELP **SHAPE THE YEAR AHEAD!**

DATE: *Thursday 8th October*

TIME: *6 - 8 pm*

VENUE: *Lyndon Pub Function Room*

EVERYONE WELCOME!
TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE

Let's end the school year in colour and style!

Places are limited, so don't miss out!

Registration tickets include:

- Colour Run T-shirt
- Finisher's medal

Extra colour powder and sunglasses will be available to purchase on the day.

Get ready to tackle our mini assault course around the school field before being covered in a rainbow of colour!

Reminder: All sponsorship forms and cash must be returned by Wednesday 15th July, or sponsorship can be paid via BACS by the same date.

Pop it in your diary, invite your family and friends, and let's make our first-ever Colour Run one to remember!

COLOUR RUN

END THE YEAR
IN STYLE!

16TH JULY
3.30 - 6PM

DJ MUSIC BURGERS AND MORE!

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LET'S MAKE MEMORIES! ♥

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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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9.00am – 4.00pm

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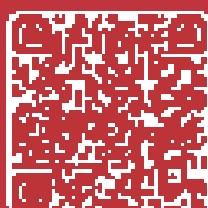
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