

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



We will prepare the way by loving, living and  
learning with the Lord

## Friday 2nd May 2025



It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Pope Francis, a figure of immense significance in our Catholic faith. His legacy as a compassionate and influential pope will endure, particularly through his unwavering commitment to those less fortunate, including the homeless and asylum seekers. Pope Francis's poignant reminder that "every person has a face, a name, and a story" resonates deeply, reminding us of the value of each individual's unique identity and experiences.

Moreover, Pope Francis's dedication to environmental stewardship stands as a testament to his visionary leadership. He consistently encouraged, especially among the youth, a recognition of our transient role as guardians of our planet, emphasising our collective responsibility to preserve it for future generations.

As we navigate this period of transition, we turn our attention to the forthcoming conclave. From next week, we shall invoke the guidance of the Holy Spirit to support the members of the conclave in their critical task of selecting a new Pope, who will assume the mantle of leadership for our Church.

In this time of reflection and anticipation, let us unite in prayer and contemplation, honouring Pope Francis's legacy while looking forward to the future of our faith community.



# Reflection

## Third Sunday of Easter

After Jesus had died and risen again, the disciples were out fishing in their boat, when Jesus appeared on the beach. They hadn't managed to catch anything, so Jesus told them to throw out their net again. This time they managed to catch lots and lots of fish. The disciples then headed back to the beach and they shared some breakfast with Jesus. They must have been so happy and excited. But maybe a little nervous too? Sitting together to eat is a great way to get to know or to catch up with people and can be lots of fun.

All around the world, people come together to eat and share food with one another. But there are lots of people who struggle to get enough food to eat for themselves and their families.

Even though there is enough food in the world for everyone to have what they need, it is not shared fairly. Some people have more than they need and some people do not have enough.

So, this week as we sit together and eat with others, let's think about all the other people around the world who are doing the same thing. Pray for them and hope that we can work together to make sure that everyone has their fair share of food.

## Our Virtues

Compassionate  
and  
Loving

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

## Catholic Social Teaching

### The Dignity of Work

The economy must serve the people, not the other way round. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected – the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organisation and joining of unions, to private property and to economic initiative.

## Our Pope's Prayer Intention

In May we are inspired by Pope Francis to pray for working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.





# Year One Inspire Workshop

## May the Month of Mary

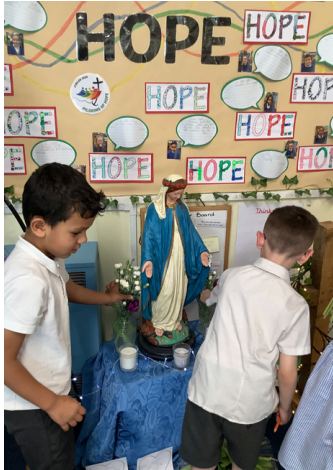
1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

The month of May is a time to honour Mary, pray to her, and seek her intercession.

Year One children and their parents/ carers started off with a five minute meditation, before saying prayers. The children discussed their previous learning before writing a prayer for Mary.

They placed their prayers, flowers and pictures on and around their May Alter.

Thank you to all our parents/carers who joined us.





# Good Shepherd Mass

I had the privilege of accompanying four of our Year Five children to the annual Father Hudson's Caritas, Good Shepherd Mass, at St. Chad's Cathedral, on Wednesday.

The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menzes and was made up of representatives of all of our Our Lady and All Saints MAC schools.

It was a lovely occasion to come together and to celebrate Mass, whilst acknowledging the funds that we have raised, collectively as a MAC, which will now be used to enable Father Hudson's Caritas to continue their wonderful work.

Thank you to our Year Five representatives who were excellent ambassadors for our school; showing reverence and excellent behaviour throughout.





Anna Fox from our caterers Aspen's, will be leading a food tasting event for all Key Stage One parents/ carers on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, at 2.00pm.

This event will be held in our school dining room. Please join us to take the opportunity to taste the foods on offer for your children; to learn more about healthy eating and to voice any questions, opinions or concerns that you might have.





# Awards

## Star of the Week

Our Star of the Week for Early Years and Key Stage One is  
Johnathan D



Our Star of the Week for Key Stage Two is Tiffany B

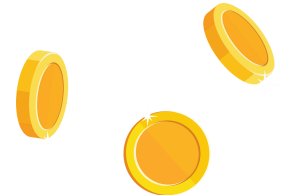


## Virtues



Nursery	-
Reception	Reeva T
Year 1	Evie- May L
Year 2	John O
Year 3	Arlo B
Year 4	Lyla K
Year 5	Saffire M
Year 6	Kaci- Rae G

## Star Readers



Nj L and Tia - May B





# Celebrations



## Birthdays

Tommy K Year 4  
Joshua J Year 6  
Isla-Mae M Year 3  
Lilly-Mae M Year 4  
Chapani K Year 3



We wish you a very happy birthday from everyone at St. John's!

## Ready to Learn

Our most punctual class, this week, who were in everyday, on time and ready to learn is...

# Year

# Reception

# Well Done

## Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week is...

# Year

# 5

# 99.6%





# School Parking enforcement

Please see the following message from the local Police:

‘In October 2024 I sent an email and information regarding school parking and the laws around it for you to disseminate to parents/careers. The team have seen little improvement and continue to get complaints from the local residents and the wider community. We have decided to take robust action and will no longer take a lenient approach by words of advice. All drivers committing a road traffic offence will receive a ticket through the post. Please pass this message onto parents/careers via the appropriate channels to avoid these fines’.



## Ordering Meals on Blue Runner

A reminder to please continue to pre-order your child's meals on Blue Runner. Thank you to everyone that has already activated their account. If you do still need to activate your account and need help, please pop into/ or call the school office.

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
by Aspens

# LUNCHTIME

WORLD  
Week 3

	 <b>THE MAIN EVENT</b> <small>by Aspens</small>	 <b>MEAT-FREE MAGIC</b> <small>Veggie Dish</small>	 <b>RAINBOW ALLEY</b> <small>Vegetables and Salads</small>	 <b>BIG TOPPING</b> <small>Filled Jackets</small>	 <b>DESSERT TROLLEY</b>
<p><b>Spring Summer 2025</b> 05/05/25, 26/05/25, 16/06/25, 07/07/25, 28/07/25, 18/08/25, 08/09/25, 29/09/25, 20/10/25</p>					<p><b>DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE</b></p> <p><b>DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT</b></p> <p><b>AVAILABLE DAILY</b></p>
<b>MONDAY</b>	BBQ Sweetcorn Pizza Slice with Wedges	Macaroni Cheese	Green Salad	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mild Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Vegetable Bean Chilli with Rice	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Marble Cookie
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Cheese and Onion Slice with Skin on Roasties & Gravy	Carrots and Peas	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Sweet Potato Brownie
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Caribbean Chicken and Pineapple Stew with Rice	Sweet Potato Coconut Bean Stew with Rice	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Apple Crumble and Custard
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips	Vegetable Fingers and Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Brookie (Brownie & Cookie Mix)

**PASTA TWIRLER**  
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

**Topped Pasta**  
Hot Pasta  
topped with  
Homemade  
Tomato Sauce &  
Cheese

W1



**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

# LUNCHTIME

## World Spring Summer 2025

### Allergy Free

**Week Three**

Spring Summer 2025  
05/05/25, 26/05/25, 16/06/25,  
07/07/25, 28/07/25, 18/08/25,  
08/09/25, 29/09/25, 20/10/25

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Option 1	<b>BBQ Sweetcorn Wedges</b> served with Green Salad	<b>Mild Chicken Biryani</b> with Green Beans	<b>Roast Chicken,</b> Skin on Roasties Served with Carrots, Peas & Gravy	<b>Caribbean Pineapple Chicken Rundown</b> with Wholegrain Rice and Sweetcorn	<b>Veggie Bean Patty,</b> Chips & Beans
Option 2	<b>Jacket Potato</b> with Beans & Green Salad	<b>Veggie Beans</b> with Rice and Green Beans	<b>Mushroom &amp; Sweet Potato Sausages</b> Skin on Roasties with Carrots, Peas & Gravy	<b>Caribbean Sweet Potato Coconut Bean Stew</b> with Wholegrain Rice and Sweetcorn	
Jacket Potatoes	<b>Crispy Skin Jacket Potato</b>				
Dessert	<b>Apple &amp; Orange Wedges</b>	<b>Jelly Selection</b>	<b>Peach and Pineapple Jelly</b>	<b>Watermelon Wedges</b>	<b>Rocket Lolly</b>

Please ensure dishes in this menu are created using the relevant recipe book for this allergy diet. Any dishes above without a orange background are the same as the core menu.



Ready to serve





# Online Safety



**STAY SAFE  
ONLINE!**



## **BE A GOOD COMMUNICATOR!**

Remember your manners!  
Don't say something in an email,  
text or online conversation that you  
wouldn't say in person.



## **Be in the circle of trust!**

Agree with your friends not  
to post photos or videos that  
may embarrass you or them  
now or in the future.



## **STAY SECURE!**

Always keep your personal  
information private. Don't share  
your full name, address,  
passwords, school, email  
address or phone numbers with  
anyone you don't know online.



## **MANAGE YOUR FRIENDS LIST!**

Only accept people as  
friends that you really know.  
Remember you can always  
unfriend anyone who is  
inappropriate, rude or mean.



## **STAY SAFE!**

Never meet up with an internet  
friend without talking it through  
with your parents or guardian.



## **BE BRAVE!**

Listen to your feelings and act if  
you feel uncomfortable. Always  
speak to a trusted adult about  
anything you see or hear online  
that makes you feel sad,  
scared or confused.



## **BE SMART!**

At school only access sites that  
support your learning. At  
home have fun by choosing  
sites and games that are  
age appropriate.

**! IF ANYONE UPSETS YOU ONLINE KEEP THE MESSAGES AND  
SHOW THEM TO A TRUSTED ADULT. !**



## Term Dates

### Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April 2025

Half Term Holiday: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term Ends: Friday 18 July 2025

INSET Day - Monday July 21st

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - KS1 parents/ carers food tasting

Wednesday 7th May - Year 3 Inspire Workshop

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Non-uniform day (red, white and blue)

Wednesday 26th May - Year 6 Inspire Workshop

**Monday 12th May - Year 6 SATs Week**

Saturday 14th June - 10.00am - First Holy Communion

Tuesday 24th June - Sports Afternoon

# Family Helpline

Early Help support for families  
and professionals in Solihull

**0121 788 4327**

Live from 3 March 2025

Available Monday-Thursday 09:00-16:30,  
Friday 09:00-16:00

Our dedicated team of duty workers support  
with topics such as:

- Parenting and family guidance
- School attendance and support in coordinating Early Help assessments and plans
- Signposting to local services such as Solihull Family Hubs
- Child behavioural issues and social development
- Health and emotional wellbeing
- Referrals to Family Support Workers

For safeguarding concerns, such as if a child is at risk of being harmed, call the Solihull Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0121 788 4300



Working  
for Children  
and Families  
in Solihull



**Solihull**  
METROPOLITAN  
BOROUGH COUNCIL



## Sensory Craft: sensory activities for parents with SEND children

Are you keen to help your child with learning?

Do you like sharing ideas and making things?

Would you like support for creating sensory activities?

Come and join our friendly family learning group at Elmwood Family Hub, 37 Burtens Way, Smiths Wood, B36 0UG on Tuesdays, 9.30am – 11.30am, starting 29th April 2025.

There will be lots of opportunities for discussion and making resources to use with your children. Best of all, this fabulous opportunity is completely FREE!

Activities include:

- Making sensory activities for use at home
- Messy play ideas.

To join us, please contact Elmwood Family Hub to sign up.

Please note: only people who have been resident in the UK (or another EU country) for at least 3 years are eligible for this government funded course.



**SUMMER TERM 2025**  
 Open to all Solihull parents and carers



**BEING A PARENT GROUPS**

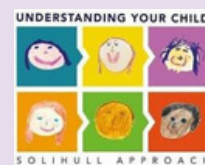
Led by trained parent volunteers, the groups provide you with the tools to help manage challenging behaviour, improve communication, and build a positive relationship with your child.

The Being a Parent groups start with a welcome session & then run weekly for a further 8 sessions:

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Virtual via Microsoft Teams	6pm – 7.30pm	6/5/25 – 8/7/25
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**UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD**

Led by Solihull professionals, the group aims to help you to manage challenging behaviour and improve communication, as well as building and understanding your relationship with your child. The group target age is 4-11 years unless specified, delivered face-to-face for 10 sessions:



<b>TUESDAY</b>	Shirley Heath Outreach Hub (B90 3DS)	1pm – 3pm	29/4/25 – 8/7/25
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Three Trees Community Centre (B37 7TR)	5pm – 7pm	w/c 28/4/25 – 7/7/25

**FIVE TO THRIVE**

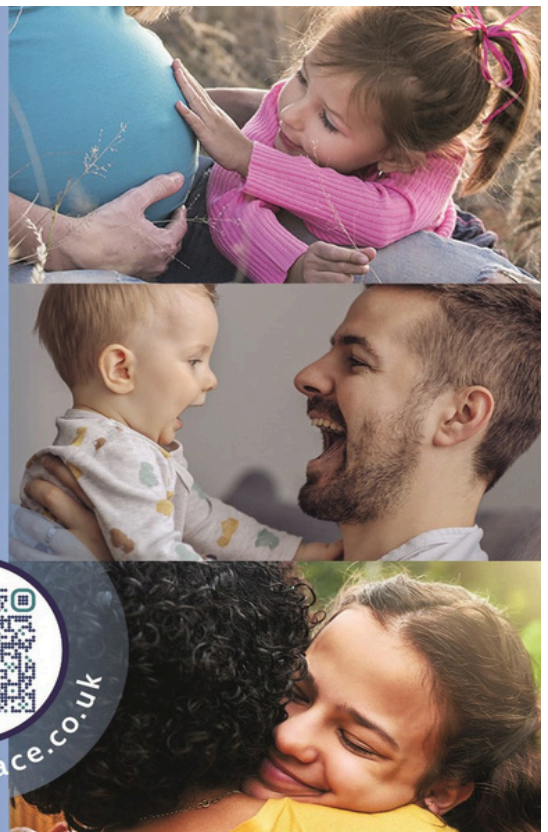
For parents with children aged up to 2 years, the FIVE TO THRIVE building blocks explore practical things you can do to enhance your child's brain development, increase confidence in parenting and meet local parents.



<b>TUESDAY</b>
The Bridge, Shirley (B90 3AG)
12.30pm – 2.30pm
7/1/25 – 11/2/25
25/2/25 – 1/4/25

Book your place now, or find out more by contacting Solihull Parenting Team at: [bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net](mailto:bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net) or book via the Eventbrite QR code below:





# Supporting emotional health and wellbeing from 0-19+

Free online courses for all parents, carers, grandparents and teens

- Antenatal and postnatal baby bonding
- Understanding your child or young person
- Your child or young person with additional needs
- Teenager's feelings and brain development
- And lots more specialist courses

Designed by clinical psychologists in partnership with practitioners and parents

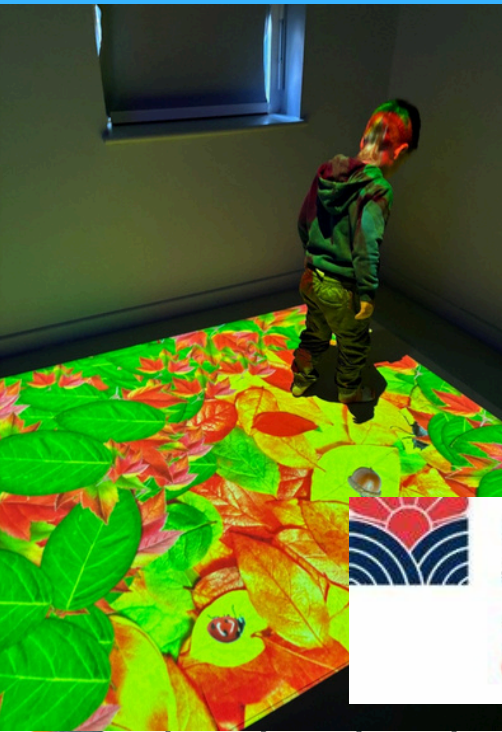


Residents of SOLIHULL

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# SENSORY PLAY



Solihull College  
& University Centre

FRIDAY 12:30-2:30PM  
STARTING 2ND MAY 2025

ELMWOOD FAMILY  
HUB



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

EMAIL:

JESSICA.ORTON@SOLIHULL.AC.UK

# Solihull SENDIAS Workshops

Do you have a child with special educational needs (SEN)? Would you like to learn more about statutory SEN processes relating to SEN support in schools or EHC Plans? Solihull SENDIAS will be delivering workshops at

an ge o f S E N D r e l a t e d t o p i c s w i t h a  
ELMWOOD Family Hub, covering a r  
focus on what the law says and what you can do about it when things go  
wrong.

## WHERE?

Elmwood Family Hub

37 Burtons Way, Birmingham,  
B36 OUG

## When?

10- 11:20 AM

## What's on?

- Thursday 24th April 2025  
**SEN Support in Schools**
- Thursday 22nd May 2025  
**EHC Needs Assessment**
- Thursday 26th June 2025  
**Appeals to the SEND Tribunal**
- Thursday 25th July 2025  
**Annual Review Process**
- Thursday 28th August 2025  
**Equality Law, Exclusions and Reduced Timetables**

For further information, advice and support, get in touch with us at:

Email: [Solihullsendias@family-action.org.uk](mailto:Solihullsendias@family-action.org.uk)

Phone: 0121 0121 516 5173