

St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



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

Friday 6th June 2025



As we start this final half term of the year, I'm pleased to look back on our great return after the recent break. This time of year is always challenging, but it's also one of the most rewarding for everyone in our school community.

This Sunday marks the significant Feast of Pentecost, which brings the season of Eastertide to its conclusion. This occasion commemorates the disciples receiving empowerment through the Holy Spirit, a transformative event that equipped them for their mission ahead. In contemplating this sacred celebration, I am reminded of the profound spiritual journey our pupils undertake throughout their time with us.

I really hope that each of our children feels the Holy Spirit's guidance in their everyday lives, helping them reach their full potential in everything they do. As we come to the end of another brilliant academic year, I want to encourage our pupils to recognise and celebrate their amazing achievements. They've grown so much - not just in their learning, but in how they've developed physically and spiritually too.

The hard work and commitment shown by our whole school community continues to inspire me, and I'm excited to see our pupils continue to flourish throughout this final term.



Reflection

Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday is the feast of Pentecost. We remember that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with his disciples. Pentecost means 50 in Greek as the Holy Spirit came to the disciples 50 days after Easter.

Sunday's gospel is part of the last conversations Jesus had with his disciples before he died and so he was preparing them to live without his leadership. He told the disciples that if they loved him, they would do as he has asked them.

Jesus asked them to love one another as he has loved them. And he said that God would send the Holy Spirit to be with them forever and to help them. The Holy Spirit would teach the disciples everything they need to know once Jesus had left and would remind them of Jesus' words while he was with them.

In some versions of this gospel story Jesus says that God will "make a home" in anyone who listens to his word. God lives with us in our hearts. God is always there, and the Holy Spirit is always guiding us to do what is right.

This week let's remember that God is always with us and try to listen to God's words to us. Let us be guided by the Holy Spirit, who was given to the disciples on the first Pentecost and is still with us today, to show our love for God and for other people.

Our Virtues

Faith-Filled
and
Hopeful

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

Catholic Social Teaching

Solidarity and the Common Good

In Catholic Social Teaching, both solidarity and the common good are interconnected and essential for building a just and flourishing society. Solidarity is about working together to address inequalities and promote the dignity of all, while the common good emphasises the need for a society where everyone's well-being is prioritised.

Our Pope's Prayer Intention

In June, we are inspired by Pope Francis as we pray for each one of us to find consolation in a personal friendship with Jesus, and that from his Heart, we may learn to have compassion for the world.





A big thank you to the PTFA for all their hard work fund raising, so far they have raised £511.50 for our school

If you have any hobbies and would like to have a stall at our Summer or Christmas fayre please let the PTFA committee know and they will happily help.



Awards

Star of the Week

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

Rudy L



Our Stars of the Week for Key Stage Two is Mikel B

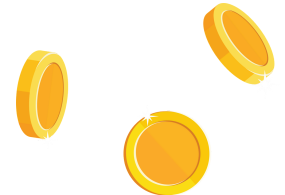


Virtues



Nursery	Ellie- Rose T
Reception	Jaiden B
Year 1	Haris A
Year 2	Axel C
Year 3	Jack L
Year 4	Olly S
Year 5	Saffire M
Year 6	Issac A

Star Readers



Isabella J	Shay M- W
Pearl B	Rosalea B
Elizabeth B	Ryan M
Freddie- Jay L	





Celebrations



Birthdays

Niamh W Y1

Koby J Y2

Aisha M Y6

Mia D Y4

Natalia D Y4



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

4 & 5

Well Done

Attendance

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

Year

1

97.8%

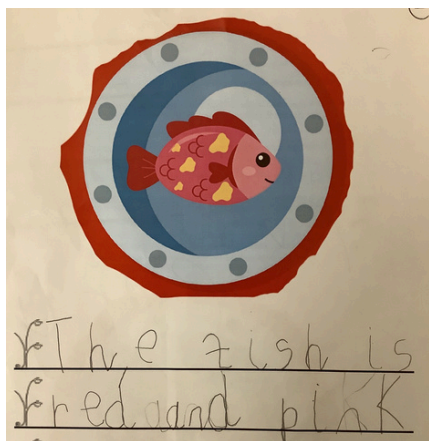
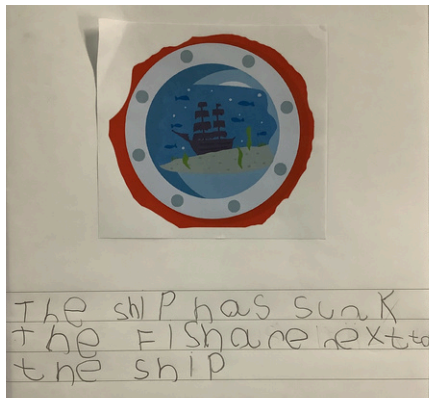
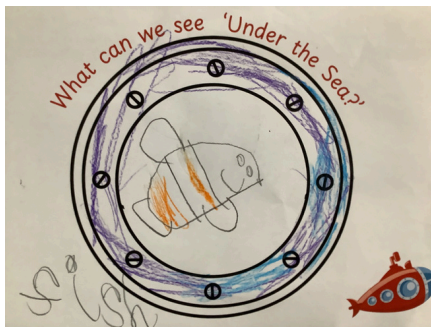
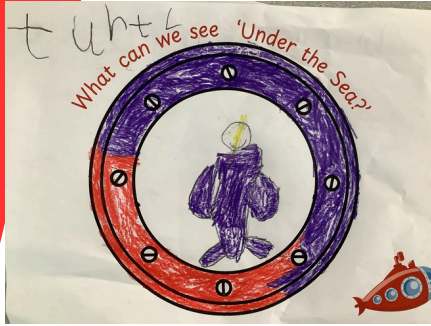




Celebrating Learning

Early Years

This week we have started our new topic 'Under the Sea'. We have enjoyed learning facts, using our imagination, writing and being creative. What a busy week we have had!





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’.



Subject Superstars

English

Year 2

Zoe in Year 2 created a fantastic version of the story 'The Dragon Machine'. Zoe focused on using descriptive vocabulary and expanded noun phrases.

George found his first dragon on a wet Thursday. He soon realised they were everywhere! So he came up with an idea to create a big dragon machine. Unnoticed, unseen, and unheard just like George, to follow back to dragon land. Brave George looked in the library and found a map of where dragons belong. So he built a dragons machine so the dragons can follow him back

home. Unfortunately the dragon machine crashed on the very hard ground and the dragons left sad George feeling lonely. There was an emptiness where George should've been. They found George in the messy wreckage of his big dragon machine. They were pleased to see George so they bought him a dog and a big cake. They didn't notice it wasn't a dog it was a dragon!

Year 6

As the frosty sun pierced through the bare branches of the ancient woods, Hare and Bear trod leisurely along the snow-covered path. The air was filled with the crisp scent of pine, mingled with the earthy aroma of damp soil beneath the frost. Sparkles of bright sunlight danced on the icy ground, casting shimmering patches of light as they walked.

"Do you hear that?" Hare exclaimed, his eyes wide with excitement. "I think I heard a woodpecker! They're so brave to peck at the frozen tree trunks!"

Bear

Bear, plodding along (with heavy paws), paused and raised an eyebrow.

"I do; it sounds like a drumbeat! But I guess I'd better hurry; winter always makes me sleepy."

With a heavy heart, Hare felt the weight of this truth.

"But Bear, you'll miss Christmas! The snow men, the berries, the laughter!" His ears drooped in depression as he considered the dazzling decorations he would hang on the tree alone.

"Don't worry, little friend," Bear replied softly, offering a reassuring smile. "I'll be back before you know it. Perhaps we can have a grand feast when I wake?"

As they continued their journey, the vibrant world around them filled with the sounds of cracking ice and the rustling of creatures preparing for the long, cold nights ahead.

Alfie in Year 6 created a narrative and focused particularly on the development of the setting and characters.



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 1

	 THE MAIN EVENT <small>Vegetarian</small>	 MEAT-FREE MAGIC <small>Veggie Dish</small>	 RAINBOW ALLEY <small>Vegetables and Salads</small>	 BIG TOPPING <small>Filled Jockets</small>	 DESSERT TROLLEY	
<p>Spring Summer 2025 21/04/25, 12/05/25, 02/06/25, 23/06/25, 14/07/25, 04/08/25, 25/08/25, 15/09/25, 06/10/25</p>						 DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE
MONDAY	All Day Breakfast	Cheesy Masala Pizza Naan and Wedges	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Biscuit Bars	 DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY
TUESDAY	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Mexican Bean Wrap with Rice	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Classic Trifle	
WEDNESDAY	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable and Stuffing Loaf with Roast Potatoes	Carrots and Cabbage	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Banana Loaf Cake	 PASTA TWIRLER AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Topped Pasta Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese
THURSDAY	Greek Meatballs with Diced Potatoes	Falafels in Pitta with Diced Potatoes	Vegetable Medley	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Carrot Cake	
FRIDAY	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips	Peas	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Coconut Crisp Bar	

W1



THE GOING VIRAL SPIRAL

Childnet International

No way she posted that
1 hour ago

Attention Seeker!
1 hour ago

How embarrassing
30 minutes ago

Ha ha. Thanks for sharing
6 hours ago

Wonder if she knows how many people have seen it?
7 minutes ago

Who would let that pic be online
1 hour ago

More please!
1 day ago

She's gonna flip when she sees that
1 hour ago

Like it!
2 hours ago

I think I know that girl
6 hours ago

Everyone knows THAT girl!
Just now

SHARE WITH RESPECT

On social media think about...

- ...what you share,
- ...who you share it with,
- ...who might see it in the future,
- ...how it makes you and others feel,
- ...what impression it gives.

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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

First Confessions (Y3) Wednesday 11th June- 3.30pm

Friday 13th June - Non- uniform day

Saturday 14th June - 10.00am - First Holy Communion

Tuesday 24th June - Early Years Sports Day (morning)

Tuesday 24th June - Sports Afternoon

Wednesday 9th July - Year 6 Leavers' Production- 9.15am

Wednesday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 9.15am



Family Support

Solihull
Family Hubs



A Family Hub is a place where children, young people and families can go for services, advice and to meet other families. Raising a family, being a parent or carer, or navigating life as a young person can be a challenge so staff in the hubs can put you in touch with different services in the area.

There are 4 Family Hubs in Solihull

- Elmwood- Smiths Wood
- Evergreen- Kingshurst
- Riverside- Chelmsley Wood
- Hatchford Brook- Elmdon

Scan here for more information on the Family Hubs website



Family Hubs are open to everyone and there will always be a safe space available for you if you need it. You can get help with many things from:



- parenting support and social activities
- seeing a midwife or a health visitor
- activities for young people
- support for children and young people with additional needs

The Solihull Start for Life Offer is a guide for everyone involved in a child's life from pregnancy to 2 years old. It includes information, advice, services and places to go to keep healthy, happy and safe in the first 1,001 days.

Email us: familyhubs@solihull.gov.uk

Call: 0121 704 6017

Follow us on Facebook: Solihull Family Hubs

Scan here for the Solihull Start for Life



Download the Solihull Family Hubs App, available on Apple Store and Google Play Store



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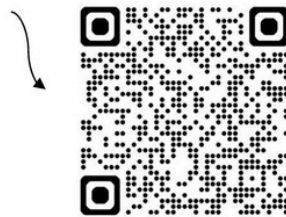
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www.solihull.gov.uk/family-hubs

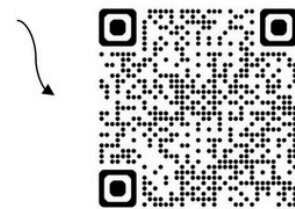


The Solihull Family Hubs app is available to download from the Apple Store and Google Play Store. It includes information on sessions at each of our hubs, online resources and much more. **Take a look today!**

Google Play



App Store





Family Support



COMMUNITIES COUNTERING HATE

A **FREE**, unique, 90-minute workshop designed to inform, engage and empower young people & educators to build resilience against extremism & radicalisation.



The workshop features a diverse mix of interactive workshops, role-play, and multimedia presentations.

Delivered by experienced trainers specialising in far-right extremism and radicalisation, featuring up-to-date, case-based content.



TOPICS COVERED

Cultural Richness: Learn about the historical and cultural contributions of immigration to the UK.

Date: Wed 26th March

Time: 3:30pm- 5pm

Address: Elmwood Place, 37
Burtens Way, Smith's Wood,
B36 0UG

WHO IS THIS FOR?

- Young People (Ages 11-19)



For more info, contact: kanika@groundswell.world

**GROUNDSWELL
PROJECT**

Groundswellproject.org



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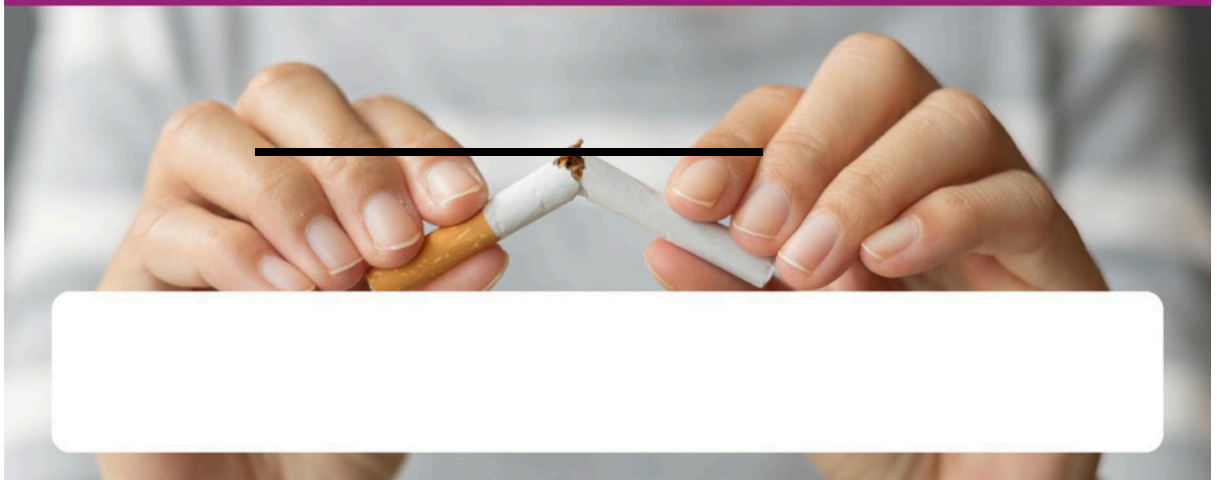


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Are you ready to Quit Smoking?

Smokefree Solihull are committed to helping you
quit smoking for good



**YOU ARE 3 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO QUIT
WITH SUPPORT FROM OUR PRACTITIONERS!**



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For more information call us on:
0121 740 1212
or visit our website:
www.smokefreesolihull.co.uk





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





Family Support



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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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'In it together'

15 spaces
each session



Are you thinking of applying for PIP/DLA?
Do you have an upcoming review?
Is your child moving over from DLA to PIP?
Or do you just want to get more info for the future?
[PREBOOK supersencic@gmail.com](mailto:PREBOOKsupersencic@gmail.com)

A step by step guide to applying for PIP and DLA

Disability Living Allowance DLA	Personal Independence Payment PIP
<p>Riverside Wed 7th May 9:30-12pm</p> <p>Elmwood Fri 4th July 9:30-12pm</p> <p>Hatchford Wed 24th Sep 9:30-12pm</p>	<p>Hatchford Wed 25th June 9:30-12pm</p> <p>Riverside Mon 4th Aug 12-2:30pm</p> <p>Elmwood Fri 3rd Oct 9:30-12pm</p>



Solihull College & University Centre

Community Education and Family Learning



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 Burtons 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.



Family Support



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:

TUESDAY	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:

TUESDAY	Shirley Heath Outreach Hub (B90 3DS)	1pm – 3pm	29/4/25 – 8/7/25
WEDNESDAY	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.

TUESDAY

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 or book via the Eventbrite QR code below:



Family Support



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

ELMWOOD FAMILY
HUB



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

EMAIL:

JESSICA.ORTON@SOLIHULL.AC.UK

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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 g e 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 0UG
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

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