

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

## Wellbeing Award for Schools

I'm delighted to share that this has been a fantastic week at St John's. We're absolutely thrilled to announce that our school has been awarded the prestigious Wellbeing for Schools Award. This recognises the excellent work we do to support the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils, staff, and families. It's a wonderful recognition of the caring, supportive community we've all worked so hard to build together.

The process was very rigorous and demanding, so I want to give huge thanks to Mrs Dixon who led this with such dedication and success.

However, I do need to address something that's been troubling. We've had more instances, this week, where some parents/ cares have taken to social media to criticise the school. This really doesn't sit well with our values or the supportive community we're trying to build.

At St John's, we genuinely have an open-door policy - our Senior Leadership Team are available at the start of each day, we'll arrange meetings as quickly as we can, and you can always reach your child's class teacher through Class Dojo. There are plenty of ways to talk through any concerns you might have, in a constructive and appropriate manner.

It's disappointing when people choose to air grievances on social media instead. This goes against the Home/School Agreement that all families have signed and isn't a fair way to communicate. Mentioning staff or children by name is particularly inappropriate and could lead to us involving our MAC solicitors – Browne Jacobson.

Using social media to spread negativity just doesn't reflect who we are as a school community. Please, if you have concerns, come and talk to us face-to-face. I'm also grateful to the many supportive parents who were shocked by these inappropriate comments and brought them to our attention, as their own experiences at St John's have been overwhelmingly positive.



# Reflection

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Jesus wanted the disciples to care about the people that they met and whether they were hungry or not. He wanted God's love to be shown through the disciples. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, blessed them, broke them up and asked the disciples to share them around. Through God's grace, everyone, all 5,000 people, eat the bread and the fish, and there was plenty left over. Twelve baskets full! Do you remember to thank God for the food that you eat every day? And what about the people who grow, harvest, prepare, sell, and cook your food? Do you thank them? Even though there is enough food produced in the world to feed everyone, there are many people who go without food every day – both here in the UK and in other countries. Just like Jesus asks the disciples to feed the crowd in today's reading, we are also asked to do whatever we can to make sure that everyone has enough to eat. This week let's give thanks for the food that we have. Let us remember to thank God for all that we have been given, as well as thanking and praying for all the people who are involved in getting the food we eat from the farm to our table. Let us also try to do one thing this week to help make the world a fairer place, so that everyone has enough to eat.

## Our Virtues

Faith-Filled  
and  
Hopeful



## 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.





# Year 4 Conkers Trip

On Tuesday Year 4 had a brilliant day at Conkers: using maps to navigate, a 4D cinema experience, trainrides, den building and fire making!

We were so proud of how the children represented our school, engaged in their activities and most importantly had fun!





## Year 3 Warwick Castle Trip



What a wonderful day Year 3 had at Warwick Castle. It really brought our Wars of the Roses topic alive. After learning about the House of Lancaster and House of York in class, we picked our side. It was the RED ROSE for us! We also loved seeing the bird of prey show. The birds swooped so low we could almost touch them.





# Year 3 Bread Making



Year 3 had the opportunity to learn how to make bread this week. They learned how to knead the dough then they molded it into a shape of their choice.





# Skills Builder Careers Zoom

This week Years Five and Six took part in a Skills Builder Careers Zoom. Four different volunteers told them about their jobs and they were then given the opportunity to ask them questions. This was a great opportunity to practise their speaking and listening essential skills. It also fitted perfectly with our whole school focus on the consideration of vocations.





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  
Conor McS



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

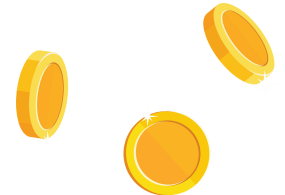


## Virtues



Nursery	Aderinsola A
Reception	Achiever E
Year 1	Noah P
Year 2	Rian R
Year 3	Ryan B
Year 4	Faateh A
Year 5	Diyana R
Year 6	Ryan M

## Star Readers



Hallie	Reeva
Hunter W	Evie- May L
Bella L	Arlo B
Faateh A	Jax R





# Celebrations



## Birthdays

Kelsie K Rec  
James H Year 6  
Willow T Year 3  
Connor B Year 1



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**

**Well Done**

## Attendance

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

**Year**

**1**

**98.9%**



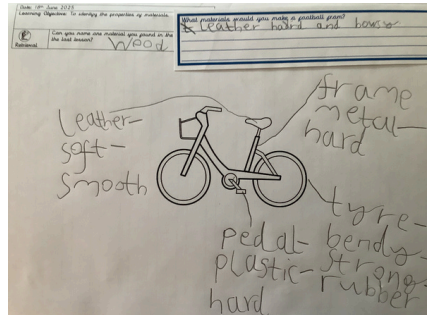
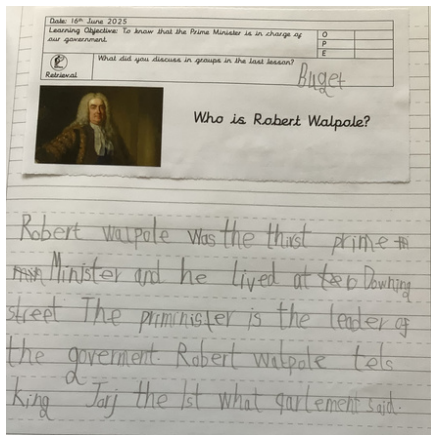


# Celebrating Learning

## Year 1

In Year One, we have been learning about Parliament and Prime Ministers.

This week we learned about Robert Walpole, the first Prime Minister.



In science, we labelled the materials a bicycle is made from and discussed why each material is chosen for that specific purpose - materials and properties.

Creating a story map for 'The Magic Bed' text. Sequencing the story and adding a different adventure.



### Refuge Week - Simple Acts.

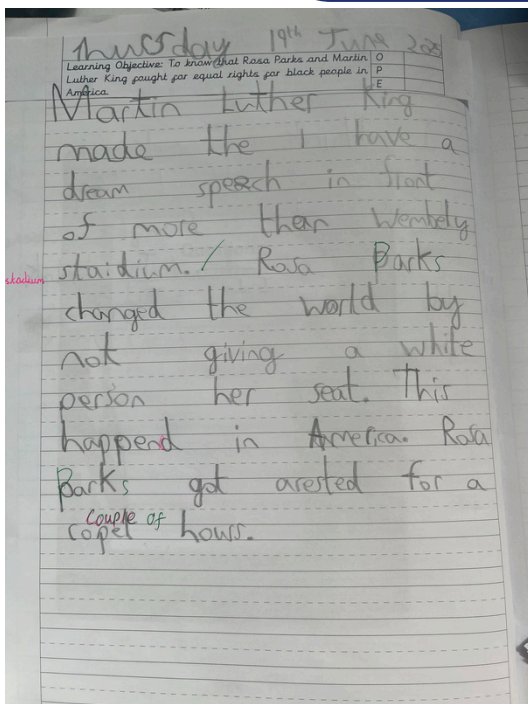
We share the Earth's resources, climate and challenges. Spending time with nature, reflecting on the beauty around us and connecting with all life, renewing our sense of purpose.



### Learning something new

We also learned some simple phrases in a language spoken by others in Year 1. A simple way to show respect and making someone feel welcome.

## Year 2



This week we have enjoyed our 'Powerful Voices' unit in History and learning all about the influence of Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks. We were inspired by their bravery and are very thankful for the impact they had on the world.



## 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>Vegetables and salads</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>
<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)

**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

**DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE**

**DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY**

**PASTA TWIRLER AVAILABLE EVERY DAY**  
**Topped Pasta**  
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

W1



# GET PEDALLING

## Solihull



### FREE 2 Day Learn to Ride Course

**FUN cycle training available for children aged 8+**

A two-day course for children to have fun learning to ride, gain basic cycle skills and grow in confidence on their bikes.

**North Solihull Sports Centre Athletics Track – July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Tudor Grange Cycle Track – July 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**

We encourage riders to bring their own bike/helmet. However, there is a chance to borrow equipment if needed, please let us know upon booking.

Please note, there are a limited number and sizes of children's bikes and will they be allocated on a first come first served basis

Book via: <https://solihull.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>



If you would like further information please email [bikeability@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:bikeability@solihull.gov.uk)





## STAY SAFE ONLINE!



**MAKE UP A USERNAME.**

DON'T USE YOUR REAL NAME.

**THINK**  
carefully before you say something online or post or send an image.



Everything can be **SHARED**

Don't be scared to unfriend or block people who upset you. Report people if necessary.



**Question everything you read online.**

If you think someone knows your password:

**CHANGE IT!**



WATCH OUT FOR PEOPLE PRETENDING TO BE

**SOMEONE THEY'RE NOT**

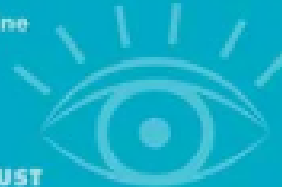
Try to only have online friends who are your **REAL** friends.



There's a lot of fake stuff out there!

If you see something online that **UPSETS** you or makes you feel **UNCOMFORTABLE**:

**TELL AN ADULT YOU TRUST**



PEOPLE YOU MEET ONLINE ARE **STRANGERS**. DON'T ARRANGE TO MEET THEM IN REAL LIFE.

Don't share your passwords, even with friends.

**STAY PRIVATE ON SOCIAL MEDIA**



**BE CAREFUL & KIND ONLINE!**

Don't say anything online that you wouldn't say in real life. Before you post, think whether you would be happy for your family to see it.

**MAKE YOUR PASSWORDS HARD TO GUESS. DON'T USE YOUR NAME. MIX THINGS UP WITH CAPITAL LETTERS, NUMBERS, QUESTION MARKS AND EXCLAMATION MARKS.**





## 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 24<sup>th</sup> June - Early Years Sports Day (morning)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Afternoon

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June - non- uniform (sweets and chocolates)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - non- uniform (gifts)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - non- uniform (cakes)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fayre

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Production- 9.15am

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:familyhubs@solihull.gov.uk)

Call: 0121 704 6017

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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!**

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