

St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



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

Friday 8th July 2025



As we reach the end of another fantastic year, I want to share some highlights from our penultimate week that really showed our wonderful Catholic community coming together to work in collaboration and harmony.

Our Year Six Leavers' production was outstanding. The children put on excellent performances with fantastic acting and beautiful singing. It was amazing to see how much they've grown during their time at St John's - not just academically, but in confidence and as young people. A huge thank you to Mrs Jackson, Mrs Richmond, and Mrs Hastings for all their hard work in helping our pupils shine.

Wednesday's Summer Fayre was a great success with an excellent turnout from our school community. Thank you to our PTFA and all the staff who helped make it such a special day.

Looking ahead to our final week, we have more celebrations coming up: the Year Six Leavers' Assembly, our whole school beach day, and the Year Six Leavers' Mass. These will be lovely opportunities for our community to come together one last time this year.



Reflection

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This wonderful parable from Luke's Gospel really gets to the heart of what it means to care for others. When Jesus tells this story to answer "Who is my neighbour?", he's showing us that being a good neighbour isn't about who lives next door - it's about how we treat anyone who needs our help.

What strikes me most about the Good Samaritan is how he didn't just feel sorry for the injured man - he actually did something about it. He stopped, helped, and even paid for the man's care. That's the kind of practical love Jesus wants us to show.

The story challenges us to look beyond our usual circles and comfort zones. The Samaritan helped someone who would normally have been considered an enemy.

It reminds us that every person we meet deserves our kindness and respect. I hope this story encourages all of us - pupils, staff, and families - to look for ways we can be Good Samaritans in our own community. Sometimes it's the small acts of kindness that make the biggest difference.

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 July "Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel."





Year Six Production

As the school year is coming to an end, Year 6 have been working tirelessly over the last month to rehearse for their production 'Sherlock meets Cinderella'. They performed in front of the whole school on Tuesday afternoon for the dress rehearsal before putting in their final performance in front of their special adults on Wednesday morning and what a show they put on! Showcasing their fine acting and singing skills, they put on a fantastic show, really putting their all into every part they could. We are so proud of the effort they put into it and we hope they are making some lasting memories before they part ways for Secondary School.





JHNCC Open Evening



John Henry Newman Catholic College 2025 Open Evening

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

4pm to 7pm

office@jhncc.org | 0121 770 5331

Heart Speaks to Heart



To help out with our planned Beach Day on 17th July, our PTFA are asking for donations of buckets, spade, sandpits and water trays. Thank you



Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Fair on Wednesday. We raised £464.85, which is fantastic and will benefit all of our children, next year!



Awards

Star of the Week

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



Our Star of the Week for Key Stage Two is Isla- Mae M

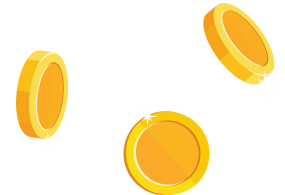


Virtues



Nursery	Ariela S
Reception	Pearl D
Year 1	Dolly- Mae W
Year 2	Koby J
Year 3	Abigail M
Year 4	Yasser A- S
Year 5	Scarlett H
Year 6	Tiana N- S

Star Readers



Jed T	Owen H
Ire T	Michael N
Zainab H	Jasmine McN





Celebrations



Birthdays

Evangeline F Year 3
Kaci-Rae Green Y6



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 2

Well Done

Attendance

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

Nursery

100.0%





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>2025</small>	 MEAT-FREE MAGIC <small>Veggie Dish</small>	 RAINBOW ALLEY <small>Vegetables and Salads</small>	 BIG TOPPING <small>Filled Jackets</small>	 DESSERT TROLLEY
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					
MONDAY	All Day Breakfast	Cheesy Masala Pizza Naan and Wedges	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Biscuit Bars
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
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

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

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Celebrate Wimbledon

Thursday 17th July

Norrie's Hamburger & Chips
Raducanu's Veggie Sausage &
Chips

Tennis Ball Baked Beans
Or
Green Grass Peas

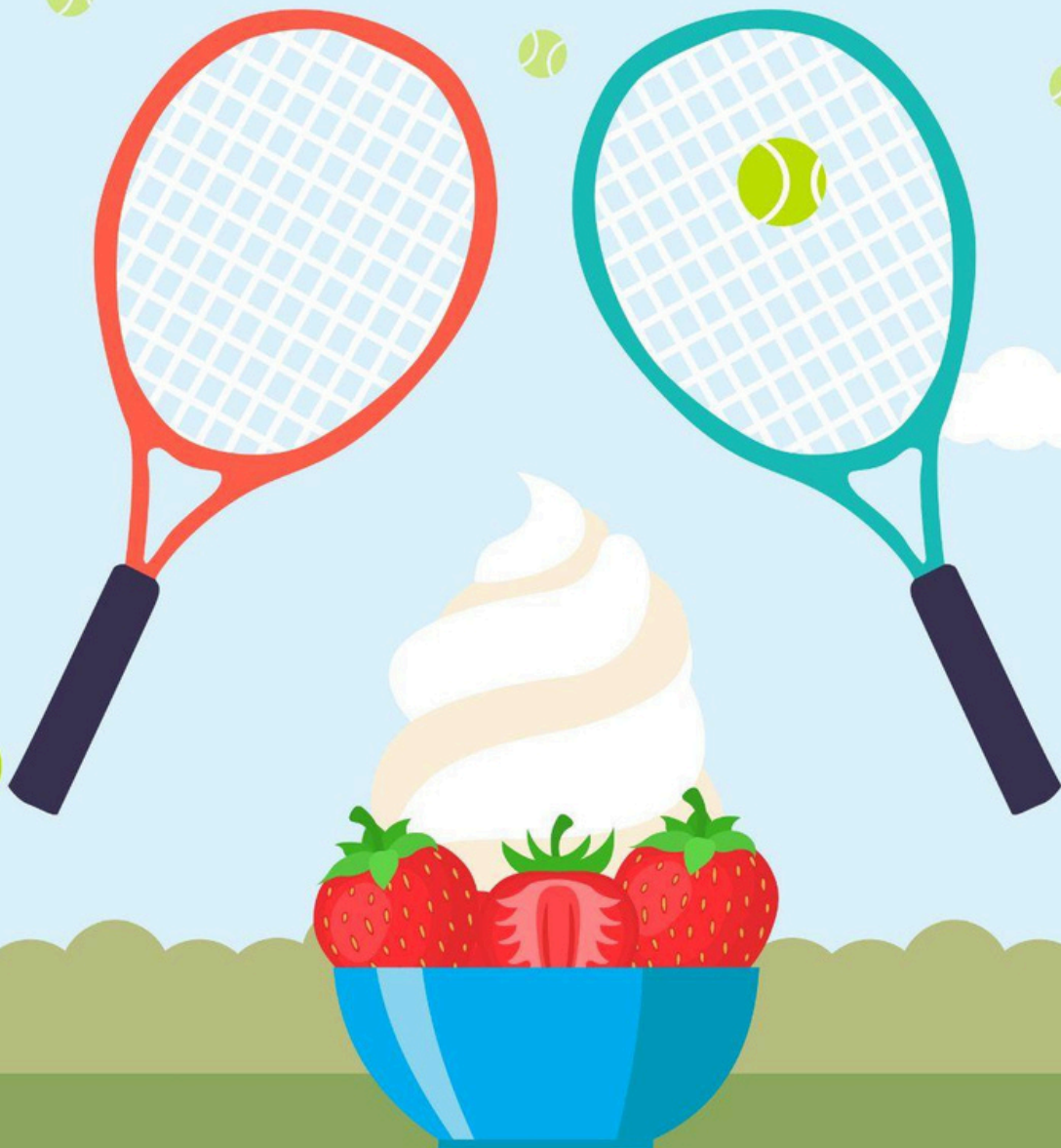
**Strawberry Ice Cream with
Strawberry Sauce**

Jacket Potato
Topped Pasta





Celebrate Wimbledon





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 22nd & 23rd or 28th & 29th

Tudor Grange Cycle Track – July 24th & 25th or 30th & 31st

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





Online Safety

A PDF of these Q&A's can be found here: www.A-PDF.com to remove the watermark.



7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE DOING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICES, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

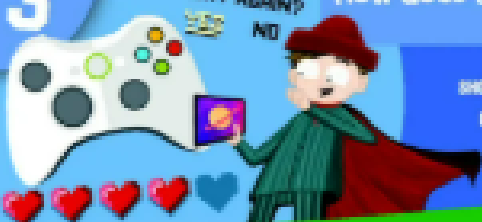
Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY. ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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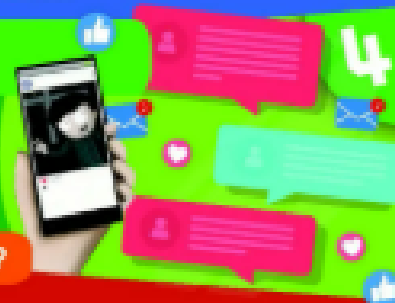


How does this game/app work? Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILE YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME, OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOME THINGS THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM, IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS CAN BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE DANGER MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE, TALKING TO MEET A PERSON YOU MEET THAT YOU THINK IS A FRIEND'S FRIEND. THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT REAL LIFE RELATIONSHIPS.



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Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHOSE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY BLOCKBOLD KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHO PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED AUDIENCE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL, OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHICH AT HOME.



Term Dates

Summer Term 2025

Term Ends: Friday 18 July 2025

INSET Day - Monday July 21st

Autumn Term 2025

INSET Day - Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September - Children return to school

Diary Dates

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

Thursday 17th July - PTFA Beach Day

Friday 18th July - Year 6 Leavers' Mass



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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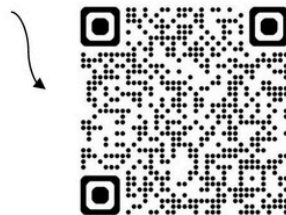
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Scan here for more information on the Family Hubs website or visit:
www.solihull.gov.uk/family-hubs



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





Community Events

Chelmsley Wood Open Day

6th August 2025
11am-2pm



Chelmsley Wood Police Station,

 Ceolmund Crescent,
Birmingham, B37 5UB

- Police Puppies
- Streetwatch
- Crime prevention stand
- Firearms
- Displays
- Police Museum
- Cadets
- Forensics
- Recruitment
- Traffic
- and lots more!



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

