

St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



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

Friday 12thth September 2025



NATIVITY
OF THE
BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

This week began with a special celebration as we observed the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday. This important day gave our school community a wonderful opportunity to reflect on Mary's role in our spiritual lives. While we often think of Mary as nurturing and compassionate, it's also important to recognise her incredible strength, faith, and courage in accepting God's plan for her.

Although the Bible doesn't specifically record Mary's birth, the Church has chosen the 8th of September for this celebration, placing it exactly nine months after the Feast of the Immaculate Conception—a thoughtful and meaningful arrangement.

Monday has also been established as an annual celebration day for all schools within the Our Lady and All Saints Multi-Academy Company. This special day allows us to come together and celebrate the many achievements that have come from our work as a united family of schools, sharing the same faith and educational goals.

These celebrations help strengthen our commitment to supporting both spiritual growth and academic excellence in our pupils.



Our Lady and All Saints
Catholic Multi Academy Company
Strong in Faith



THE ARCHDIOCESE of BIRMINGHAM



Reflection

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

In this Sunday's reading we hear that God loved the world so much that he sent us Jesus, to help bring us closer to him. God sent us his Son, even though he knew that Jesus would be put to death on the cross. God knew that Jesus Christ would rise again three days later.

Through his death and resurrection Jesus gave us all new life. He is the saviour of the world.
This is what we celebrate today.

God does not just love you and me, God loves everybody. God loves all people whether they are rich or poor, no matter where they live or where they come from. No matter whether they are healthy or ill, no matter the colour of their skin. We are all God's children. We are part of one global family.

We were made by God to love God and one another. God intended for us all to live our lives the best way that we can, but sometimes we do not make the right choices. Together we can build a better world where God's love for all shines through and all people have what they need to flourish.

Our Virtues

Eloquent
And
Truthful

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

Catholic Social Teaching

Family and Community

God made us to be part of communities, families, and countries, so all people can share and help each other. We are called to work for the good of each and of all. As humans we are not created to live alone, community is clearly linked in the history of humankind. One way for us to practise solidarity is to participate in pursuing the common good for a community. Every member of society has a duty to develop this common good and every member has a right to enjoy the benefits brought about by it.

Our Pope's Prayer Intention

For our relationship with all of creation
In September, let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.





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



Awards

Star of the Week

Our Star of the Week for Early Years and Key Stage One is
Evie- May L



Our Star of the Week for Key Stage Two is Millie- Mai P

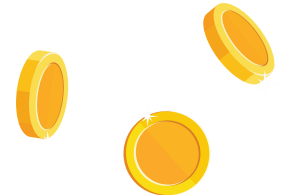


Virtues



Year 1	Luna Q
Year 2	Kupa N
Year 3	John O
Year 4	Arlo B
Year 5	Ava- Rose L
Year 6	Taylor S

Star Readers



Evie- Rose W





Celebrations



Birthdays

Johnathan D Year 3
Achiever E Year 1
Layla H Year 2



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 5

Well Done

Attendance

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

Nursery &

Year 5

100%





Menu

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

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

THE MAIN EVENT

MEAT-FREE MAGIC
Veggie Dish

RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Salads

BIG TOPPING
Filled jackets

DESSERT TROLLEY

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

All Day Breakfast

Chicken Tikka
Masala with
Rice

Roast Pork,
Roast Potatoes
and Gravy

Greek Meatballs
with
Diced Potatoes

Golden Fish
Fingers or
Salmon Fingers
and Chips

Cheesy Masala
Pizza Naan
and Wedges

Mexican Bean
Wrap with Rice

Vegetable and
Stuffing Loaf with
Roast Potatoes

Falafels in Pitta
with
Diced Potatoes

Cheesy Bean Wrap
with Chips

Baked Beans

Sweetcorn

Carrots and
Cabbage

Vegetable
Medley

Peas

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Beans,
Cheese or
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Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Jammy
Crumble Bar

Toffee Biscuit

Banana Loaf
Cake

Carrot Cake

Chocolate
Brick

W1



Theme day Menu

FOOD FESTIVAL

WELCOME BACK

18th September

**Chicken Nuggets with
Seasoned Wedges**

**Vegetable finger with
Seasoned Wedges**

Carrots & Peas

**Sparkle
Sprinkle Cookie**

Topped Pasta, Jacket Potatoes &
Sandwiches are also Available



Family Support



Attendance Support

Chloe and Liz will be completing weekly drop in sessions in the north and south of Solihull. They will be offering attendance advice, support and guidance.

Drop in session details:

Tuesday 12-1.30pm @ Elmwood Place

Wednesday 9.30-11.30am @ Monkspath Juniors and Infants School

Located in the bungalow to the left of the school building.

There is no need to make an appointment. Just drop in during the drop in times above.

Does your child worry about going to school?

Do you feel you have tried everything to ensure your child attends school but nothing seems to be working?

Do you feel there has been a relationship breakdown with your child's school?

Do you have general questions around school attendance?

Then please attend one of our drop in sessions for attendance support.

Elmwood Place
37 Burtons Way,
Birmingham
B36 0UG



Monkspath Juniors and Infants
5 Farmhouse Way,
Shirley,
Solihull,

If you have any questions please email attendanceenquiries@solihull.gov.uk



Online Safety

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

#WakeUpWednesday



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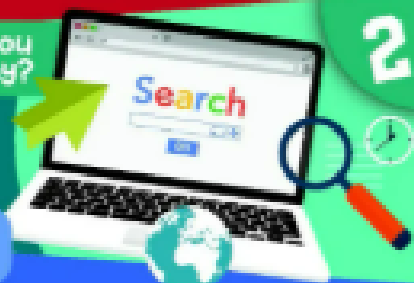


Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

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.

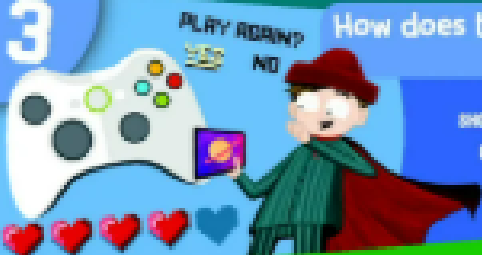
Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

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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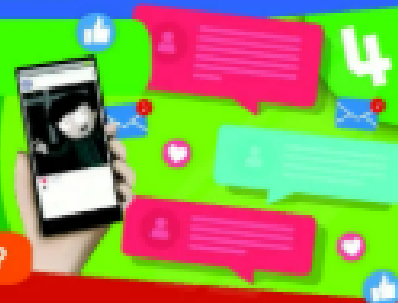


How does this game/app work? Can I play?

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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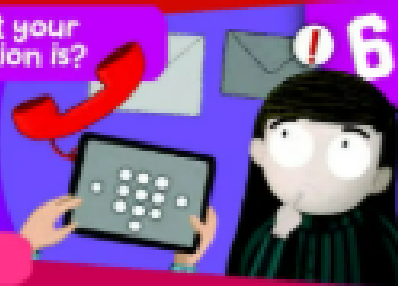


Do you know where to go for help?

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.

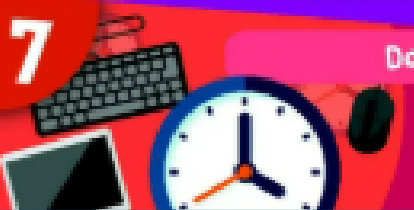
Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY BLOCKADY 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

Autumn Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 1st September 2025

Half Term Holiday: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

Term Ends: Friday 19th December 2025

End of Term Holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 5th January 2026

Half Term Holiday: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026

Term Ends: Friday 27th March 2026

End of Term Holiday: Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13th April 2026

(May Day: Monday 4th May 2026)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Term Ends: Monday 20th July 2026

End of Year Holiday Starts Tuesday 21st July 2026

Inset Days

Monday 1st Sept

Friday 24th Oct

Monday 19th Jan

Monday 23rd Feb

Monday 15th June

Monday 20th July



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.

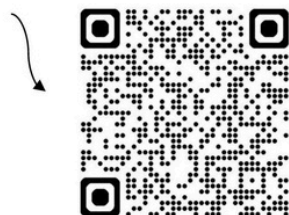
Scan here for more information on the Family Hubs website or visit:

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

