

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



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

## Friday 26th<sup>th</sup> September 2025



Our Year Six children had a wonderful experience this week when they attended a Catholic retreat at Alton Castle. This is such a special opportunity, which was further enhanced this year because our children had the whole castle to themselves!

The retreat is an important time for team building but also for everyone to join together in quiet reflection and joint and individual prayer.

Alton Castle is a beautiful, calm place and I hope it was a place where our lovely Year Six children have made lifelong memories.

Thank you to Mrs Dixon, Mrs Richmond and Mrs Thacker for giving their time...  
and their sleep, to make this lovely experience possible.



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



THE ARCHDIOCESE *of* BIRMINGHAM



# Reflection

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The rich man wears fine clothes and feasts every day on the best food that he can get. He has more than he needs.

Lazarus sits outside the rich man's gate. He is poor and he is hungry. He is also sick. He wishes that he could eat the leftovers that fall from the rich man's table.

God created the world with enough food for everyone. But we are not sharing fairly. Some of us are like the rich man and we have more food than we can eat. Some of us are like Lazarus and go to bed hungry every night.

We can take no more than we need, share what we have and call on people in power to make sure that everyone has the food that they need.

Every single person in the world is special. We are all loved by God. And every single person in our big global family has the right to enough food to live a healthy life.

God calls us to give what we can, of our time and our talents and our money, and to do all that we can to help each other get enough to eat. God asks us not to ignore each other, but to help one another.

## Our Virtues

Eloquent  
And  
Truthful

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

## 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.





# Awards

## Star of the Week

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



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

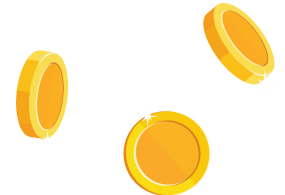


## Virtues



Nursery	Ariel S
Reception	Dawud A
Year 1	Achiever E
Year 2	Inara G
Year 3	Jasper B
Year 4	Ivan W
Year 5	Faateh A
Year 6	-

## Star Readers



Victoria N





# Celebrations



## Birthdays

Oscar H Year 6  
Kade D Reception  
Noah P 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

# 100%



## 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 Jockets</small>	 <b>DESSERT TROLLEY</b>	 <small>DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT</small> <b>AVAILABLE DAILY</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	BBQ Sweetcorn Pizza Slice with Wedges	Macaroni Cheese	Green Salad	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Strawberry Ice Cream	
<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>	Jerk Chicken Wrap with Rice	Sweet Potato Coconut Bean Stew with Rice	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Apple Flapjack	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips	Vegetable Fingers and Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Brookie (Brownie & Cookie Mix)	 <b>PASTA TWIRLER</b> <small>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</small> <b>Topped Pasta</b> <small>Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce &amp; Cheese</small>

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Tell us your  
**FAVOURITE  
MEAL**

**Thursday 2nd October**

**Chicken Nuggets served  
with Chips**

**Pizza Margherita served  
with Chips**

**Peas**

**Ice-Cream**

Topped Pasta, Jacket  
Potatoes & Sandwiches 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](mailto:attendanceenquiries@solihull.gov.uk)



# Online Safety



TOP TEN TIPS TO

## STAY SAFE ONLINE

1



Don't share your personal information

2



Only talk to people that you know

3



Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online

4



Only accept friend requests from people you know personally

5



Always think carefully about what you post

6



Report inappropriate content immediately

7



Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts

8



Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are

9



10



Only share images that you'd be comfortable with your friends and family seeing

10



Never share your passwords



# Diary Dates

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Slip into Slippers Day (non uniform)**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Harvest Mass led by Year Four**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Parents'/ Carers' Evening**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October - School photographer**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Anti- Bullying Week**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November- Year Six Confirmation Mass**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Non- uniform day - donate gifts**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November - non- uniform donate bottles**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - non- uniform- donate chocolate**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - non- uniform - donate cakes**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fayre**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day**



# 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](http://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

