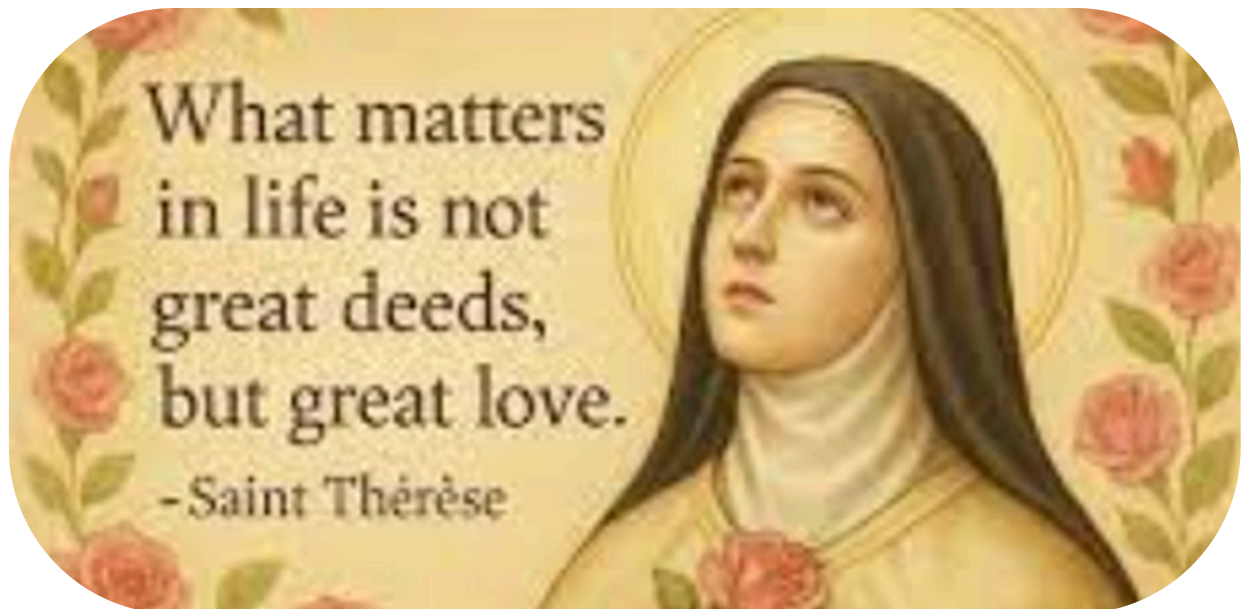


St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



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

Friday 3rd October 2025



This week, all our classes have been exploring 'Little Way Week', led by the inspiring teachings of St. Therese of Avila.

Our children have been really engaged, leading activities that bring to life the saint's key messages of humility, compassion, and service. It has been wonderful to see them connecting with these deep spiritual ideas in such meaningful ways.

Each class has approached the week with creativity and enthusiasm, helping our pupils understand how St. Therese's teachings can really make a difference in their everyday lives. From thoughtful discussions to hands-on activities, we've made learning about faith both fun and profound.

This aligns beautifully with the aims of our school; nurturing our pupils' hearts and minds, helping them grow not just academically, but spiritually too.



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



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Reflection

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's gospel, the disciples ask Jesus to give them more faith.

Jesus says that even if they had faith like a mustard seed, they could tell a mulberry tree to move from where it is in the ground and plant itself in the sea.

A mustard seed is tiny. So, Jesus is saying that even if we only have a small amount of faith, we can do amazing things. Even if we can't move trees, we might be able to make big changes to the world around us.

We all have times when things are difficult. It can be hard to keep our faith in God at these times. Even the disciples had moments when they did not think they had enough faith.

Yet this reading gives us hope – even if we have just a tiny little bit of faith, with God's help, we can make real changes to the world around us.

Our Virtues

Eloquent
And
Truthful

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

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 collaboration between different religious traditions
In October, let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

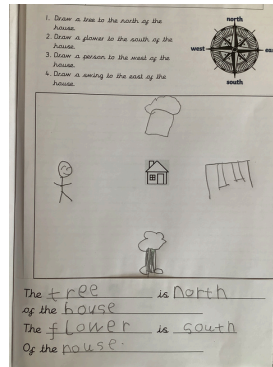
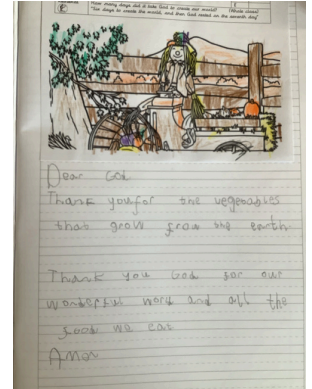




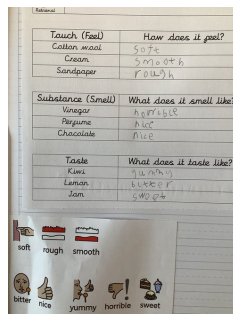
Celebrating Learning

Year 1

Year 1 made 'Creation Wheels' to share the story of 'Creation' with their families. The children also wrote Harvest thank you prayers.



In science, we used our senses to smell, feel and taste.



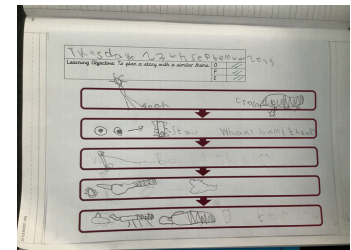
Geography - we are learning about 'Locations'



Year 1 joined in with the whole school learning about 'Restart a Heart'. A valuable life skills.

Year 2

This week we have been thinking of special gifts and talents that God has given us to use, just like in the Bible story 'David and Goliath' - David's gift was strength and courage and he used this to defeat the giant.



We have also enjoyed planning and writing our own stories in English, using actions and pictures to help us retell the story orally.





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 Roy K- T

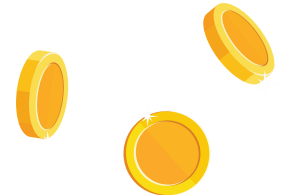


Virtues



Nursery	Aderinsola A
Reception	Xena W- Y
Year 1	Victoria N
Year 2	Louis M
Year 3	Zoe M
Year 4	Jack L
Year 5	Tommy K
Year 6	Amelia N

Star Readers



Achiever E	Kaiden A
Mercy O	Yaseer A- S





Celebrations



Birthdays

Inara G Year 2
Jeydan J Year 1
Archie W Year 6
Olivia H Year 3
John O Year 3



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...

Year 4

99.1%






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

<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>	 THE MAIN EVENT	 MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish	 RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads	 BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets	 DESSERT TROLLEY	 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	
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	
						 PASTA TWIRLER AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Topped Pasta Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

W1



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



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 15th October - Parents'/ Carers' Evening**
- Thursday 16th October - School photographer**
- Monday 10th November - Anti- Bullying Week**
- Thursday 13th November- Year Six Confirmation Mass**
- Friday 14th November - Children in Need**
- Friday 21st November - Non- uniform day - donate gifts**
- Friday 28th November - non- uniform donate bottles**
- Friday 5th December - non- uniform- donate chocolate**
- Wednesday 10th December - non- uniform - donate cakes**
- Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Fayre**
- Wednesday 19th 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.

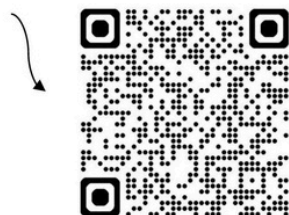
Scan here for more information on the Family Hubs website or visit:

www.solihull.gov.uk/family-hubs



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

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



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for Children
and Families
in Solihull

