

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



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

## Friday 10th October 2025



This week I have the chance to reflect on the events of our recent Mission Week, which we celebrated under the theme of 'Loving Week'. This was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to deeply engage with our core mission and live out our values in meaningful ways.

Throughout the week, our pupils demonstrated creativity and compassion. Each class embraced the theme of love through diverse and inspiring activities. Pupils composed love-themed poetry, exploring the depth and beauty of expressing care through words. They also showed entrepreneurial spirit by selling friendship bracelets, symbolising connection and solidarity. Additionally, our pupils created remarkable artwork centred on the powerful message to 'love one another'.

These activities were a real representation of our school's ethos. They served as a powerful reminder of the special, caring environment we nurture at St. John's. By focusing on love, kindness, and appreciation for the world around us, our pupils embodied the very essence of our mission.

Such moments reinforce why our school is such a unique and special place.



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



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# Reflection

## Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear that Jesus gave the amazing gift of good health to ten men who all had an illness called leprosy.

While all ten men were happy to receive the gift, only one of them gave thanks to Jesus and praised God.

Though the nine other men were really happy to be healed, they didn't return to Jesus to give thanks for what he had done. Only one man went back to show how grateful he was for the gift of health and a new life with his family.

Like the man who returned to Jesus, we should praise and thank God for all the amazing things that we have been given. When we recognise all that we have, as a gift from God, it is easier to share. Next week, let's focus on how we can share the many gifts, talents, and chances that God has bestowed upon us, with others.

## 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.





# Loving Week

## Early Years

During Loving week, we talked about ways that we show love to others.



We made a handprint of hearts and spoke about the ways we show love to someone



We made heart collages,



## Year 1

Loving Week - Year 1 discussed how we show love and how have others showed love to us.



Song 'I love the sun'.

The children put actions to the song about loving God's World. Year 1 shared how they show love and how others show love to them. They put their thoughts on paper hearts to display on our loving tree,





# Awards

## Star of the Week

Our Star of the Week for Early Years and Key Stage One is  
Nathan O



Our Star of the Week for Key Stage Two is Riley T

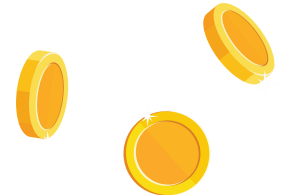


## Virtues



Nursery	Oluwatumininu O
Reception	Ophelia K
Year 1	Reeva T
Year 2	Frederika S
Year 3	Ruairi T
Year 4	Hope M
Year 5	Marley R
Year 6	Kelyna K- T

## Star Readers



Hallie K	Jerusha N- J
Ava- Rose L	





# Celebrations



## Birthdays

Ava D Year 4  
Lennon K 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 1 &  
Nursery**

**Well  
Done**

## Attendance

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

**Nursery  
99.1%**



## Ordering Meals on Blue Runner

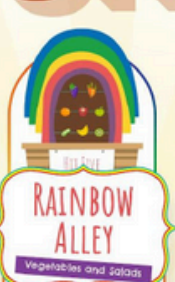



A reminder to please continue to pre-order your child's meals on Blue Runner. Thank you to everyone that has already activated their account. If you do still need to activate your account and need help, please pop into/ or call the school office.

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
by Aspens

# LUNCHTIME

WORLD  
Week 2

	 <b>THE MAIN EVENT</b>	 <b>MEAT-FREE MAGIC</b> Veggie Dish	 <b>RAINBOW ALLEY</b> Vegetables and Salads	 <b>BIG TOPPING</b> Filled Jackets	 <b>DESSERT TROLLEY</b>	 DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT <b>AVAILABLE DAILY</b>
<p><b>Spring Summer 2025</b> 28/04/25, 19/05/25, 09/06/25, 30/06/25, 21/07/25, 11/08/25, 01/09/25, 22/09/25, 13/10/25</p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p>Beef Bolognese Pasta</p>	<p>Cheese and Potato Pie</p>	<p>Sweetcorn and Peas</p>	<p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p>	<p>Jam Sponge and Custard</p>	
<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p>	<p>Chicken Korma Curry with Rice</p>	<p>Vegetable Korma Curry with Rice</p>	<p>Sweetcorn</p>	<p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p>	<p>Banana Muffin</p>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p>	<p>Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties and Gravy</p>	<p>Maple Roasted Sweet Potato Filo Pie with Skin on Roasties</p>	<p>Mixed Greens</p>	<p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p>	<p>Oaty Cornflake Crunch Bar</p>	
<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p>	<p>Chinese Style Chicken Noodles</p>	<p>Veggie Chinese Style Noodles</p>	<p>Carrots and Green Beans</p>	<p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p>	<p>Cinnamon and Apple Cupcake</p>	
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p>	<p>Battered Fish and Chips</p>	<p>Cheese &amp; Onion Burger and Chips</p>	<p>Baked Beans</p>	<p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p>	<p>Vanilla Cookie</p>	 <b>PASTA TWIRLER</b> <b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b> <b>Topped Pasta</b> Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

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# 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





Starts WC 3<sup>rd</sup>  
November

# Wonderlicious

WIN A GOLDEN TICKET

**30 GOLDEN TICKETS**  
must be found

**£1.50** per  
chocolate bar

**Prizes Include:**

**Tickets to Christmas**

**Fayre, Wear own clothes  
to school, tuck shop**

**vouchers and many more  
prizes!**



Please send your child with their money in a named envelope and they will be sent home with a chocolate bar, any golden tickets must be given to Mrs Dixon for prizes to be claimed. 1 BAR PER CHILD (The PTA will then sell any left over bars at the tuck shop on the 7<sup>th</sup> November.)





# Diary Dates

- 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

**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 27nd 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 20nd 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





## 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



Working  
for Children  
and Families  
in Solihull

