

St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



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

Friday 17th April 2026



As we continue through the Easter season, we find ourselves at a natural point of reflection and renewal. The start of a new term presents us with an opportunity to build upon the considerable achievements we have already realised, whilst also considering areas where we know improvements can be made. This is a timely moment to contemplate the profound sacrifice that Jesus made for us and to celebrate the joy of the resurrection. Such reflection prompts us to consider how we might make the very best use of the gift of life that Jesus has given to each of us.

I am pleased to report that the vast majority of our children have returned with considerable enthusiasm and a refreshed commitment to hard work.

Their positive attitude has been evident across the school and is very encouraging. For a very small number of children, we continue to provide targeted support as they re-establish the strong rules and routines that underpin our school environment. This consistent approach ensures that we maintain the harmonious, healthy and happy school community to which we are deeply committed.

As we move forward into this term, I am confident that our collective efforts will enable every pupil to thrive and to make meaningful progress in their learning and personal development.



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



THE ARCHDIOCESE of BIRMINGHAM



Reflection

The Third Sunday of Easter

Two followers of Jesus are walking along on their way to a place called Emmaus. Jesus was crucified two days before and the men are confused because the women have just come back from Jesus' tomb saying that it is empty.

The two followers meet another man along the road and they walk with him. The man explains the Scriptures to them so that they can understand that Jesus is risen from the dead.

Finally, they persuade the man to come and eat with them. The man takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and shares it with his friends. Suddenly they realise who it is, their friend Jesus

We are all made in the image of God and Jesus is in each person, but often we forget this. We do not always take the time to recognise how special and important each one of us is.

But our eyes can be opened, just like the disciples in this story. If we take the time to get to know others, to share with them, perhaps we will come to see Christ in these people, our brothers and sisters.

It doesn't matter how different we are to someone else, whether someone is tall or short, has brown skin or white skin, is rich or poor, quiet or loud, Jesus is in us all. And we are called to love one another as we love Jesus.

After the meal, the disciples rushed back to Jerusalem to tell other people what had happened. Let us also by our actions show that we believe that Jesus is risen and is always with us.

Our Virtues

Grateful
and
Generous

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

Catholic Social Teaching

The Dignity Of Work

The dignity of work has been a key principle of Catholic social teaching from the very beginning. Catholic Social Teaching believes that work is dignified, special and very important. Therefore, workers must always be respected – this includes fair wages and fair working conditions. Jesus himself was a worker. He became “like us in all things, devoted most of the years of his life on earth to manual work at the carpenter’s bench.”

Our Pope's Prayer Intention

For April 2026, Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention is for priests going through times of crisis in their vocation; may they receive the accompaniment they need, and may their communities support them with understanding and prayer.





**ST JOHN
THE
BAPTIST
SCHOOL**

www.sjb.solihull.sch.uk



SEPTEMBER 2026 NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE

WHERE LEARNING COMES TO LIFE!

- We offer a high quality education for all children.
- We provide a nurturing, safe and vibrant learning environment.
- Our children feel loved, safe and happy.
- We provide fun, hands-on learning indoors and outdoors.
- We provide rich, meaningful first hand experiences in which children are encouraged to be curious, creative and active learners.

We have a newly developed outdoor provision. Please arrange to come and have a look at our amazing provision.



Scan the QR code to see our wonderful provision.

For more details or to arrange a visit contact the school office on 0121 770 1892 or email office@sjb.solihull.sch.uk

**15 & 30
HOUR PLACES
AVAILABLE FOR
3 & 4 YEAR
OLDS**



Well Done!

Thank you
for taking part in our

Ready, Steady... Read!

We have raised

£601.20

We have

£961.92

to spend on books
for our school

In partnership with
USBORNE





Awards

Star of the Week

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

Mia W



Our Star of the Week for Key Stage Two is Harley D

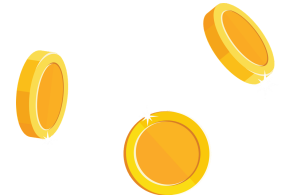


Virtues



Nursery	Aderinsola A
Reception	Ellie- Rose T
Year 1	Achiever E
Year 2	Evie- May L
Year 3	Logan R
Year 4	Willow T
Year 5	Jacob N
Year 6	Tiahnah B

Star Readers



Kade D	Aarie M
Leon W	Ellie- Rose T
Ophelia K	Freddie E
Jed T	





Celebrations



Birthdays

Kane S Year 6

Isla E Year 3

Emerald B Reception

Theo M Year 1

Jenson-Jay N Year 5



We wish you a very happy birthday from everyone at St. John's!

Ready to Learn

Our most punctual classes, this week, who were in everyday, on time and ready to learn are...

Nursery

Year 2

Year 6

Well Done

Attendance

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

Nursery

100%





Breaktime Snacks

Please ensure that, if you choose to send your child with a morning breaktime snack, it is healthy, and inline with our Healthy Eating Policy.

We have seen a large increase in children bringing packets of crisps and chocolate bars for their snack.

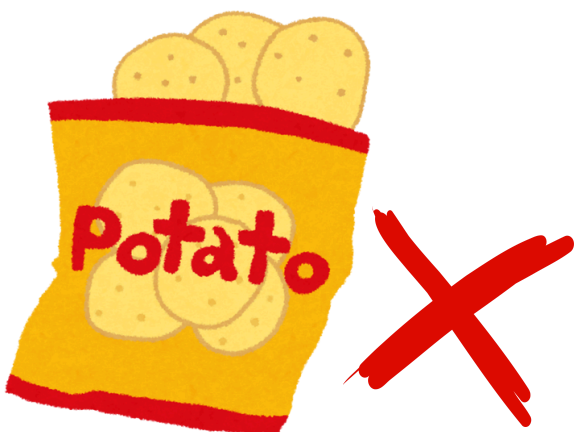
This is not permitted.

Morning snacks should ideally be fresh fruit, or dried fruit or fruit based bars. Any children with crisps or chocolate will be asked to return the item to their bag to take home.

Please be reminded that we offer bagels and free fresh fruit to our children, each day, so there are always alternatives.

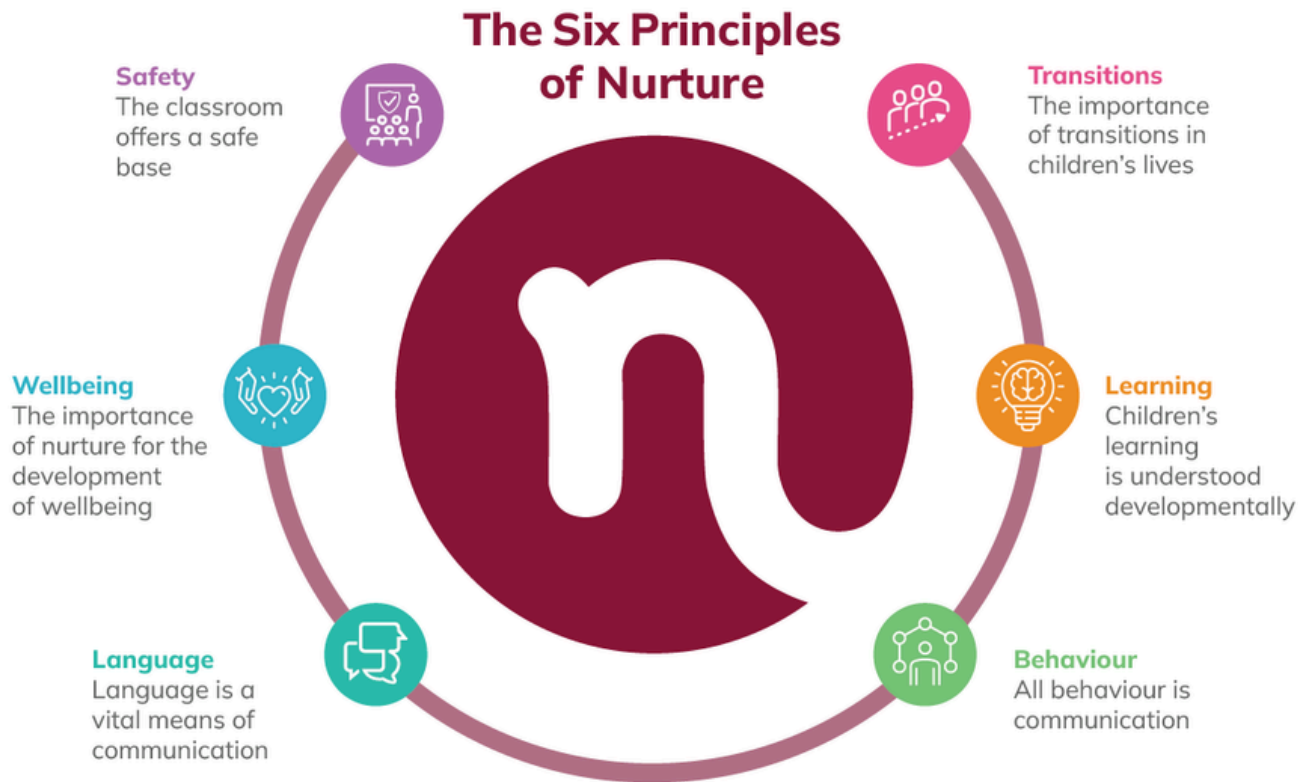
Another problem which has resulted in the increase in unhealthy snacks, is an increase in litter on our school site. Where possible, we ask that snack choices avoid items that are contained in plastic bags or wrappers.

Thank you for your support in this matter.





Principles of Nurture



Our school is proud to be working in partnership with Nurture UK to embed the Six Principles of Nurture across our whole community. Through this collaboration, we are strengthening our commitment to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where every child feels valued, understood, and ready to learn. By implementing these principles in our daily practice, we aim to promote emotional wellbeing, positive relationships, and a nurturing culture that enables all pupils to thrive both academically and personally.



Inclusive ∞ coffee morning

Does your child or a child you care for have additional needs or disabilities?
Do you feel your child or a child you care for may have an additional need?

Join us for our inclusive coffee mornings to chat to likeminded parents and carers.

We will be meeting on the following dates
from 8.45-10.15

- Wednesday 15th April
- Wednesday 6th May
- Wednesday 3rd June
- Wednesday 1st July

Children you may have at home are more than welcome to attend

Please let us know if you have any access requirements or need any support to attend



Lunch Menu

FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

WEEK 1

Spring/Summer 2026

13/04/26, 04/05/26, 25/05/26,
15/06/26, 06/07/26, 27/07/26,
17/08/26, 07/09/26, 28/09/26,
19/10/26



THE MAIN EVENT



MEAT-FREE MAGIC

Veggie Dish



RAINBOW ALLEY

Vegetables and Salads



BIG TOPPING

Filled Jackets



DESSERT TROLLEY

LUNCHTIME

PRIMARY FUSION



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
THE MAIN EVENT	Macaroni Cheese	Butter Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
MEAT-FREE MAGIC	BBQ Veggie Wrap with Rice	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Bean Chilli with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips
RAINBOW ALLEY	Broccoli	Sweetcorn	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans and Peas
BIG TOPPING	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
DESSERT TROLLEY	Maple Oaty Cookie	Chocolate Concrete Cake	Carrot Cake and Custard	Chocolate Cinnamon Cake	Vanilla Shortbread

What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?



DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE

AVAILABLE DAILY

DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT



PASTA TWIRLER

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

TOPPED PASTA
HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH
HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE
& CHEESE



Attendance



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Important Information About School Absence

Help us to avoid unauthorised absence, which can lead to future legal action.

Reporting Absence

Parents must report absences by 9.00am on the first day.

You must contact and leave a message via the school office

- Call: 0121 770 1892
- OPTION 1 – TO LEAVE A MESSAGE

Do not send messages on Class Dojo. The school office will not see these messages.

Ongoing Absence

If your child is absent for more than 2 days, please keep in regular contact with the school. Parents must respond to text messages from school or CSAWS.

Unauthorised Absence

If no message is received and the school has tried to contact you, the absence may be marked as unauthorised.

Medical Appointments

Please share medical evidence for appointments so we can record the absence using a medical code.

We hope your child is happy and settled at school.
Please let us know if you need our support – we are here to help.

Children's tips and advice



Follow our tips and advice to stay safe on the road.

To stay safe on the road you should:

- Always use the [Green Cross Code](#) STOP, LOOK, LISTEN!
- Always hold an adult's hand when you are near the road
- Wear a seat belt when travelling in the car and use the [right child or booster seat](#)
- Make sure you are properly trained to ride your bike on the road
- Always wear a cycle helmet and bright reflective clothes when on your bike
- Be [bright and be seen](#) whenever you are near a road
- Put away your headphones or mobile phone when crossing the road
- Always walk on the pavement or footpath where there is one
- Know and understand the [school crossing signs](#)

Learning the Green Cross Code

It's never too early to start teaching children the [Green Cross Code](#), encouraging children to stop, look, listen and think with you before crossing the road. It can be a fun activity to teach children while you're on the school run or a walk to the park. And your good habits crossing the road can soon become theirs.

But remember they still need your help. Younger children find it difficult to judge the speed and distance of traffic – so they don't know when it's safe to cross the road. And, they won't always remember road safety rules, especially if they're distracted or spot a friend across the road.

Think

Find the safest place to cross. Where possible use a pedestrian crossing.

Avoid crossing between parked cars, at bends in the road or close to the top of the hill to make sure drivers can see you.

Stop!

Stand on the pavement near the kerb and make sure you can clearly see the traffic.

Don't get too close to the traffic and give yourself lots of time to look around.

Look and listen

Look in every direction and be sure to listen carefully for things you can't yet see.

Sometimes you can hear dangers before you can see them.

Wait

Wait until it's safe to cross. If traffic is coming, let it pass. If you're not sure, don't cross.

Only cross when there is a safe gap and plenty of time to cross. Remember, traffic may seem far away but it may be moving quickly.

Look and listen again

When it is safe, walk straight across the road. Don't run. Keep looking and listening.

Look out for bicycles, scooters and motorcyclists travelling between lanes of traffic and do not cross diagonally.



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



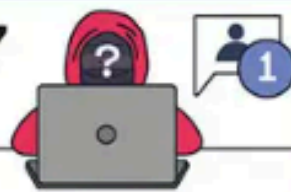
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Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts



7

Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are



8

Report inappropriate content immediately



9

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



10

Never share your passwords





Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th April 8.45am Parent Carer Coffee Morning



Term Dates

Spring Term 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



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

