St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

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

Friday 16th October 2026



Our Year 6 pupils returned from their residential trip to Alton Castle, where they had a fantastic time and behaved excellently throughout. Mrs Dixon believes this may have been the best group she has ever taken there. It is a real credit to our oldest pupils that they have been such successful ambassadors for our school. The residential offered opportunities for physical and adventurous activities and for developing teamwork. Equally important, it provided time for personal and reverent faith reflection, which lies at the heart of our Catholic community.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 also took part in a highly successful and enjoyable STEM workshop, held as a whole day event on Thursday. This outstanding opportunity enriched our curriculum and promoted a consideration of vocations.

I would like to thank all staff involved in making these experiences possible and to congratulate every pupil who contributed so positively.

Reflection

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pharisees didn't like Jesus and so they tried to find a way to trick him.

At the time, the Romans ruled the area where Jesus lived. The people did not like the Romans, and they did not want to have to pay money to them in taxes. But the Pharisees knew that if Jesus said this out loud, he would get into trouble.

So, the Pharisees asked Jesus if it was right to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor.

Jesus told them to "pay the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor, and pay God what belongs to God."

So, in this story, when he tells them to pay the Emperor what belongs to him and God what belongs to God, Jesus is reminding us that we have two main responsibilities. One is to love God and to try to live our lives the way God wants us to. The other responsibility is to care for each other and to make sure that everyone has their fair share of the good things that God has given us.

God has given us a world filled with good things. While some of us have all that we could wish for, others of us do not have a house to live in, enough food to eat or safe water to drink.

How can we share what we have so that everyone has their fair share of what God has given us?

Our Virtues

Compassionate and Loving



Catholic Social Teaching

Family and Community

The person is not only sacred but is a social being in relationship with other people. How we organise our societies in economics, politics, law and policy directly affects our capacity to build community. Marriage, family life and relationships are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened. All people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking the common good and well-being of all.

Our Pope's Prayer Intention

October - For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



Awards

Star of the Week

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



Our Star of the Week for Key Stage Two is Mya W







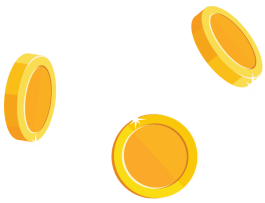
Mission Awards



Aarie M Theo B	For being a Christ centred pilgrim of hope.
Freddie E	For having a thirst for knowledge
Kupa N	For having a kind heart
Zoe M	For having a kind heart
Abbasyn H	For having a kind heart
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Star Readers





Year 1	Mercy O
Year 2	Louie M
Year 3	Jerusha N- J
Year 4	Ava D
Year 5	Lilly M
Year 6	Maigan B

Celebrations



Birthdays



Emmanuella C - Year

Jax R - Year 6

Anna K-D - Year 6

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...

Year 2

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Nursery



Attendance

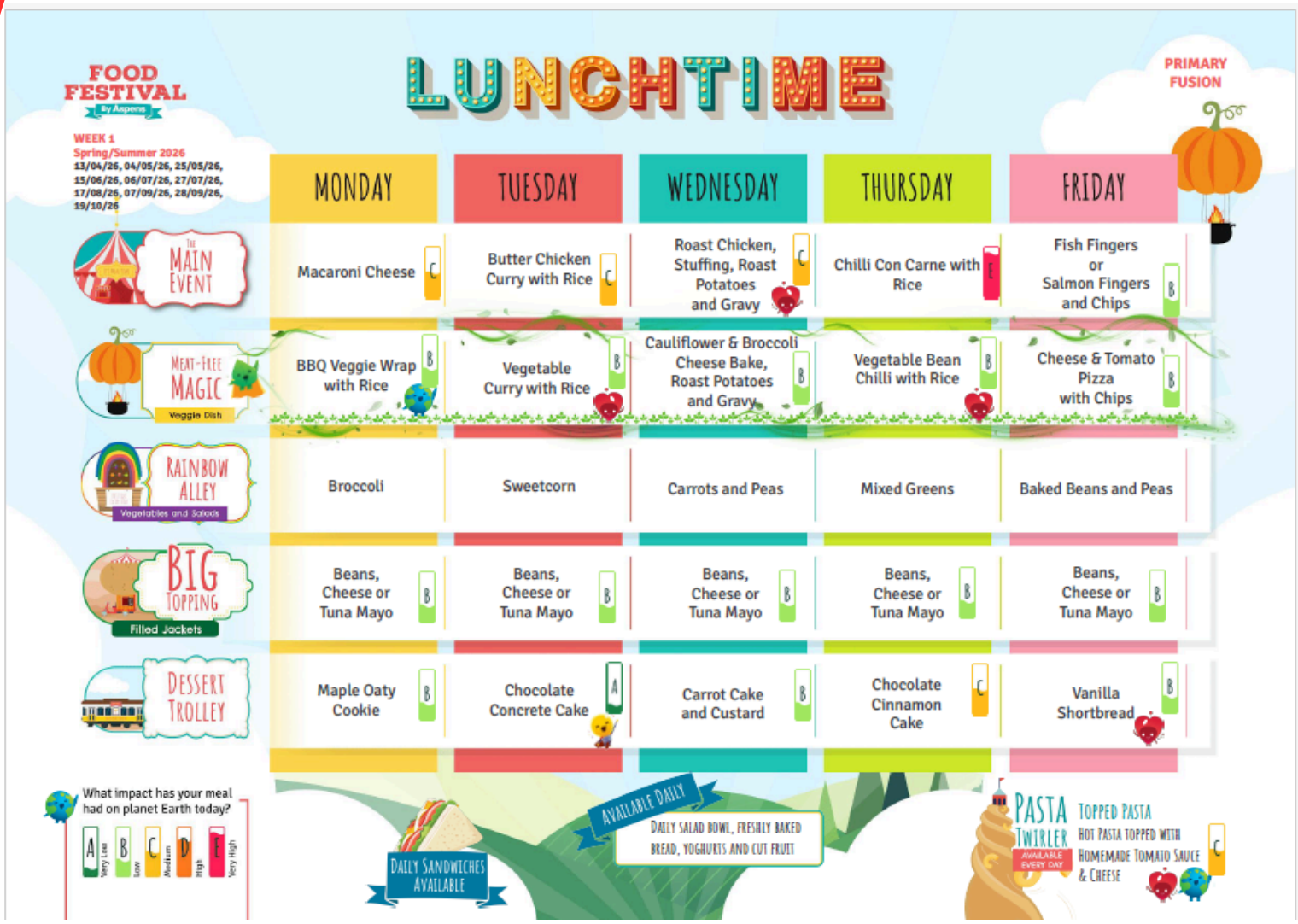
The class with the highest attendance this week is...

Year 2

100%



Lunch Menu


FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens
LUNCHTIME
PRIMARY FUSION
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
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
THE MAIN EVENT
Macaroni Cheese C
Butter Chicken Curry with Rice C
Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy C
Chilli Con Carne with Rice E
Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips B
MEAT-FREE MAGIC
Veggie Dish
BBQ Veggie Wrap with Rice B
Vegetable Curry with Rice B
Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake, Roast Potatoes and Gravy B
Vegetable Bean Chilli with Rice B
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips B
RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Salads
Broccoli
Sweetcorn
Carrots and Peas
Mixed Greens
Baked Beans and Peas
BIG TOPPING
Filled Jackets
Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B
Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B
Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B
Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B
Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B
DESSERT TROLLEY
Maple Oaty Cookie B
Chocolate Concrete Cake A
Carrot Cake and Custard B
Chocolate Cinnamon Cake C
Vanilla Shortbread B
What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?
A Very Low
B Low
C Medium
D High
E Very High
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 C

Park and Stride



We are promoting the carpark at the Sports and Social club on Mull Croft as alternative parking away from school and are displaying railing banners showing the location of the alternative parking and suggested routes. Leaflets have been handed out to parents/ carers this week and more are available in school if needed. Thank you to those who have already shared that they are supporting this initiative as away of improving safety for our children.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL

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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

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.

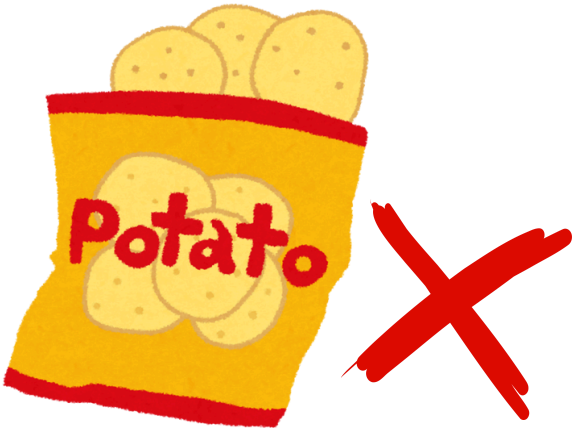
This is not permitted.

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.





Online Safety



Term Dates

2026 - 2027

Autumn Term

Term begins: Tuesday 1st September

Half term: 26th - 30th October

Term ends: Friday 18th December

Spring Term

Term begins: Monday 4th January

Half term: 15th - 19th February

Term ends: Thursday 25th March

Summer Term

Term begins: Monday 12th April

Half term: 31st May - 4th June

Term ends: Wednesday 21st July

Inset Days 2026/ 2027

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September

Monday 2nd November

Monday 18th January

Friday 12th February

Monday 21st June

Admissions

Newsletter information:

School name is consulting on its admission arrangements for 2028-29 from 1st October 2026 to 20th November 2026. ~Please note the revised consultation date. You can find a copy of the proposed admission arrangements on our website. If you have any comments or views you should send them to Laura Grice, OLAAS Governance Lead at gricel@olaas.co.ukor 5pm on 20th November 2026.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 21st October - Parent/ carer consultation evening

Wednesday 9th December - Christmas Fayre

Saturday 12th December- Living Nativity (St. Anne's School)