St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

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

Friday 2nd October 2026



This week, we have been celebrating Little Way Week, a period inspired by the words and life of St Therese of Lisieux. The concept of the Little Way encourages us to recognise that small actions, undertaken with genuine care and intention, can create meaningful impact within our community.

Throughout the week, our pupils have demonstrated a remarkable understanding of this principle. We have witnessed numerous instances where children have independently chosen to make positive contributions to our school environment. Many have taken the initiative to pick up litter without prompting, whilst others have consistently shown respect and kindness to their peers. These seemingly modest gestures have collectively created a happy and settled atmosphere across the school.

What has been particularly encouraging is the voluntary nature of these actions. Our pupils have internalised the message that they possess the power to effect positive change, and they have responded with genuine enthusiasm and commitment. This week has exemplified the very best of our Catholic values in practice.

As we move forward, we remain committed to nurturing this spirit of service and compassion. We are determined to continue encouraging our pupils to embrace the Little Way philosophy, recognising that consistent, thoughtful actions form the foundation of a thriving, harmonious Catholic community.

Reflection

Twenty- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A man takes good care of his vineyard. He plants grapes in it, builds a fence and a tower and a press for making wine from the grapes. Then, when he goes away, he asks some other people to look after it for him. These people are his tenants.

When the time comes for the wine to be ready, the man sends his people to collect it. But the tenants do not want to share, and they hurt those who have been sent.

Eventually the man sends his son because he thinks the tenants will respect and listen to him. But the tenants treat the son no better than they treated the others.

The tenants were greedy and wanted to keep all the wine for themselves. They didn't want to share it with anyone, not even the man who owned the vineyard.

Jesus told this story so that people could understand more about God and what Jesus had come to do on earth. The different characters in the story represent God, the prophets – who were God's messengers to the people – and Jesus.

Like the man who gave the vineyard to his tenants to look after, God has given us the earth and all that is in it. God also sent his son Jesus to show us how to live.

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 Daniel O



Our Star of the Week for Key Stage Two is Conor McS







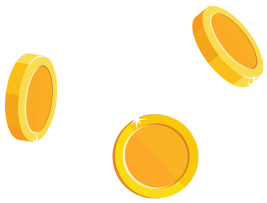
Mission Awards



Lily B	For being a Christ centred pilgrim of hope.
Luna Q	For being a Christ centred pilgrim of hope.
Bella L	For having a hunger for justice.
Hunter T	For having a kind heart
Lily- Rose J	For having a kind heart
Jax R Tady L Thomas O	For being a Christ centred pilgrim of hope.

Star Readers





Haris A	Jed T

Celebrations



Birthdays



Noah P - Year 3

Inara G - Year 3

Jeydan N-J - Year 2

Ella B - Reception

John O - Year 4

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...

Years 2, 4

&

Nursery



Attendance

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

Nursery

100%



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.

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.

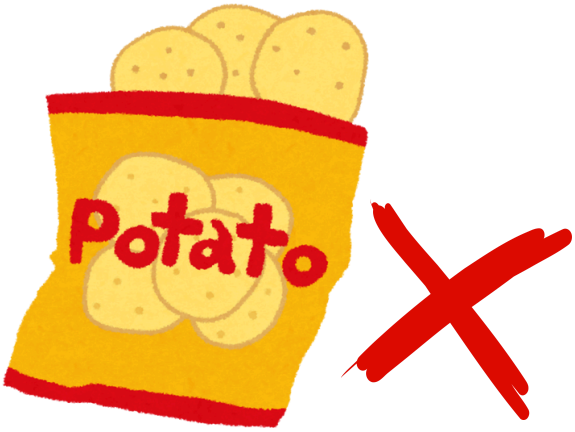
This is not permitted.

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.

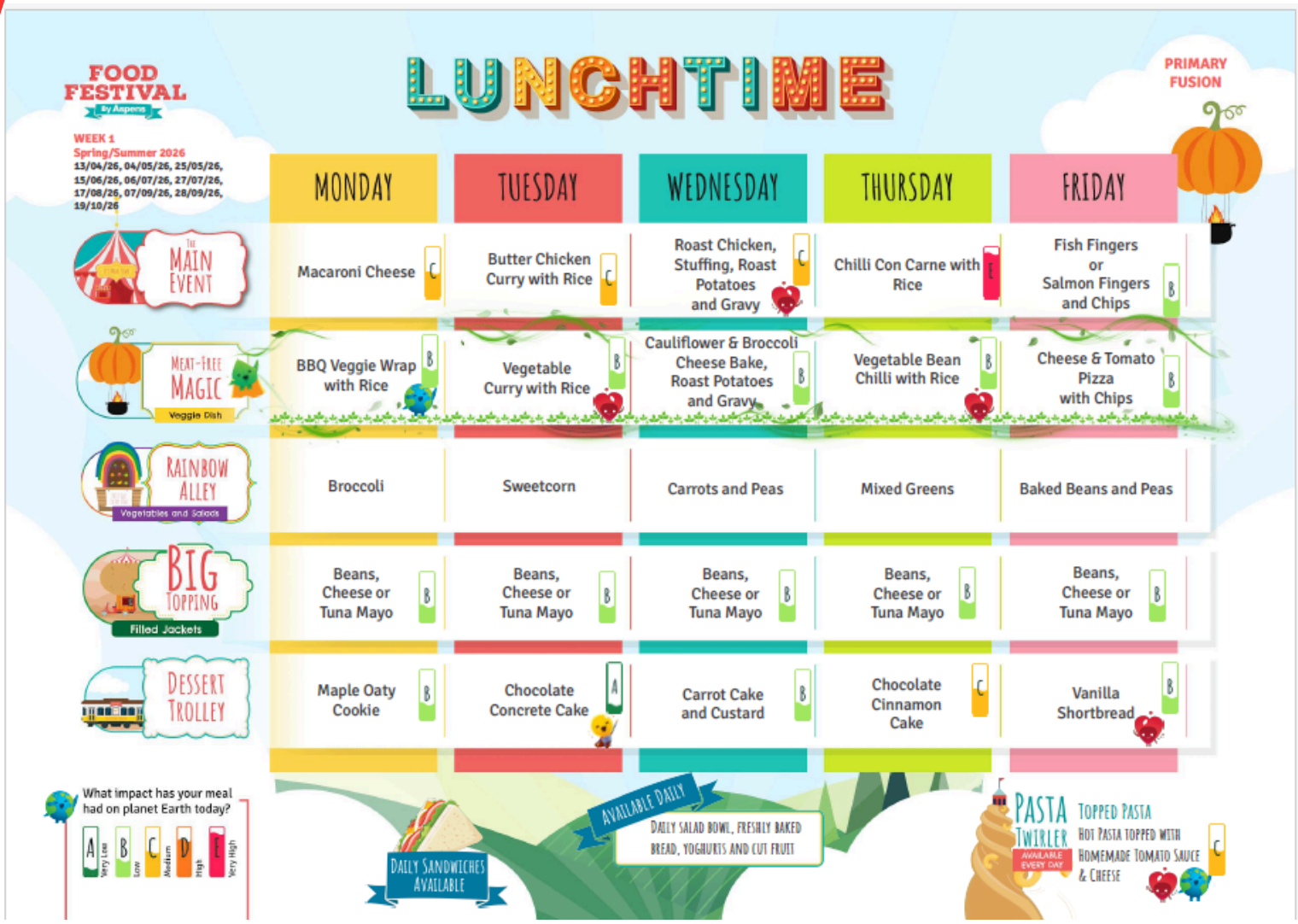
Another problem which has resulted in the increase in unhealthy snacks, is an increase in litter on our school site. Where possible, we ask that snack choices avoid items that are contained in plastic bags or wrappers.

Thank you for your support in this matter.





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
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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

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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

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

Diary Dates

Wednesday 21st October - Parent/ carer consultation evening