St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

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

Friday 25th September 2026



As we progress through the autumn term, I am pleased to report that most of our pupils have settled well into the school routines and rhythms that support their learning and development. This transition period is crucial in establishing the foundations for a successful academic year, and I am grateful for the commitment demonstrated by both our pupils and staff in achieving this.

Our Catholic mission remains at the heart of everything we do. This Sunday's Gospel from St Matthew reminds us that we must demonstrate our faith through our actions and choices, living as followers of Christ rather than merely professing our beliefs. This message resonates deeply within our school community and guides our daily practice.

A particularly heartening example of faith in action occurred following an RE lesson in Year 6, which explored our role as stewards of creation. Three boys were so inspired by the teaching that they chose to spend their break time litter picking, demonstrating their commitment to caring for our planet and embodying the values we seek to instil. Such moments exemplify the character and compassion we hope to nurture in all our pupils.

Updates

Year 1 & 2



This week, Year 1 and 2 took part in a blind tasting food workshop.They had to identify certain food by their smell, taste or texture. There were also a few visual tricks employes, such as guessing the flavour of blur jelly!

New Toilets



We are so pleased to show you are newly refurbished toilets. The old one's had been in place since the 1970s. This project was part of our MAC-wide estates strategy and we're very thankful for this wonderful upgrade!







Reflection

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A man had two sons, and he asked them both to go out and work in the vineyard.

The first son said he would not go but he changed his mind and went as his father had asked him.

The second son said he would go but in the end, he did not go out to the vineyard.

Jesus asks a question about this story. Which one of the two sons did what his father asked him to do? The first son or the second son?

The first son went and did what his father asked, even though at first, he did not want to.

The man in the story is God. And we are all God's children. So, Jesus is trying to tell us that we should listen to what God asks of us and then go and do what is asked.

It is not enough just to say that we will follow God in our lives. We actually have to go and do what is asked. We are called to live our lives as God wants us to and put our faith into action.

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

September: For the care of water

Pope Leo asks us to pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



Awards

Star of the Week

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



Our Star of the Week for Key Stage Two is Amla C







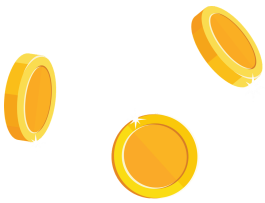
Mission Awards



Theo b	For having a questioning mind
Adesewa A	For having a kind heart
Maura M	For having a hunger for justice.
Vincentia A	For being a Christ centred pilgrim of hope.
Kyah T	For having a thirst for knowledge
Faateh A	For being a Christ centred pilgrim of hope.

Star Readers





Aarie M	Ophelia K
Ellie – Rose T	Leon W
Nathan O	Dariel E
Adesewa A	Bonnie B
Luna Q	Hallie K
Frederika S	Niamh W
Jed T	Roy K-T
Jerusha N-J	Shay M-W
Lily- Rose J	Arlo B
Jasmine McN	

Celebrations

Birthdays





Kade D - Year 1

Nimi A - Year 1

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 5, 6 & Nursery



Attendance

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

Year Nursery 100%



Important Reminders For September

When we return to school in September:

Please ensure that your child is wearing full and correct school uniform, including sensible black shoes (not black trainers). We will be returning to white shirts and school ties, so please don't send your child in wearing a polo shirt.

Please ensure your child is wearing a white t shirt and black or blue shorts for their PE kits. Once it gets cooler, children should only wear dark blue or black tracksuits – without logos or branding.

Please encourage your child to return to school with the mindset that they can be successful and to be ready to follow our simple school rules which are:

- Be respectful
- Be responsible
- Be ready to learn
- Act first time, every time.

Please consider your child's attendance from day 1. It only takes 7 days before a child's attendance becomes a 'cause for concern.'

Please ensure that your child arrives to school between 8.35am – 8.45am. Being late can cause upset, anxiety and a feeling that you have missed out.

Please consider the conduct of your whole family. If you have a concern or are unhappy about something, share this calmly and professionally with staff and we will do our very best to resolve your concerns. All school staff have your child's best interests at heart. If they have to share a difficult message with you, please remember that, although not always easy, this is done with good intentions.

We look forward to welcoming all our lovely school community back in September. Have a great summer holiday.

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.

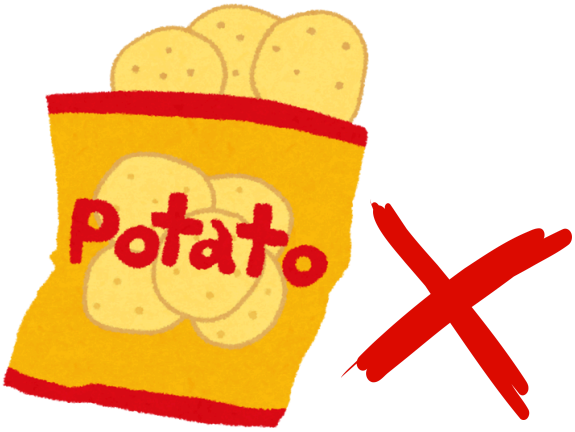
This is not permitted.

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.

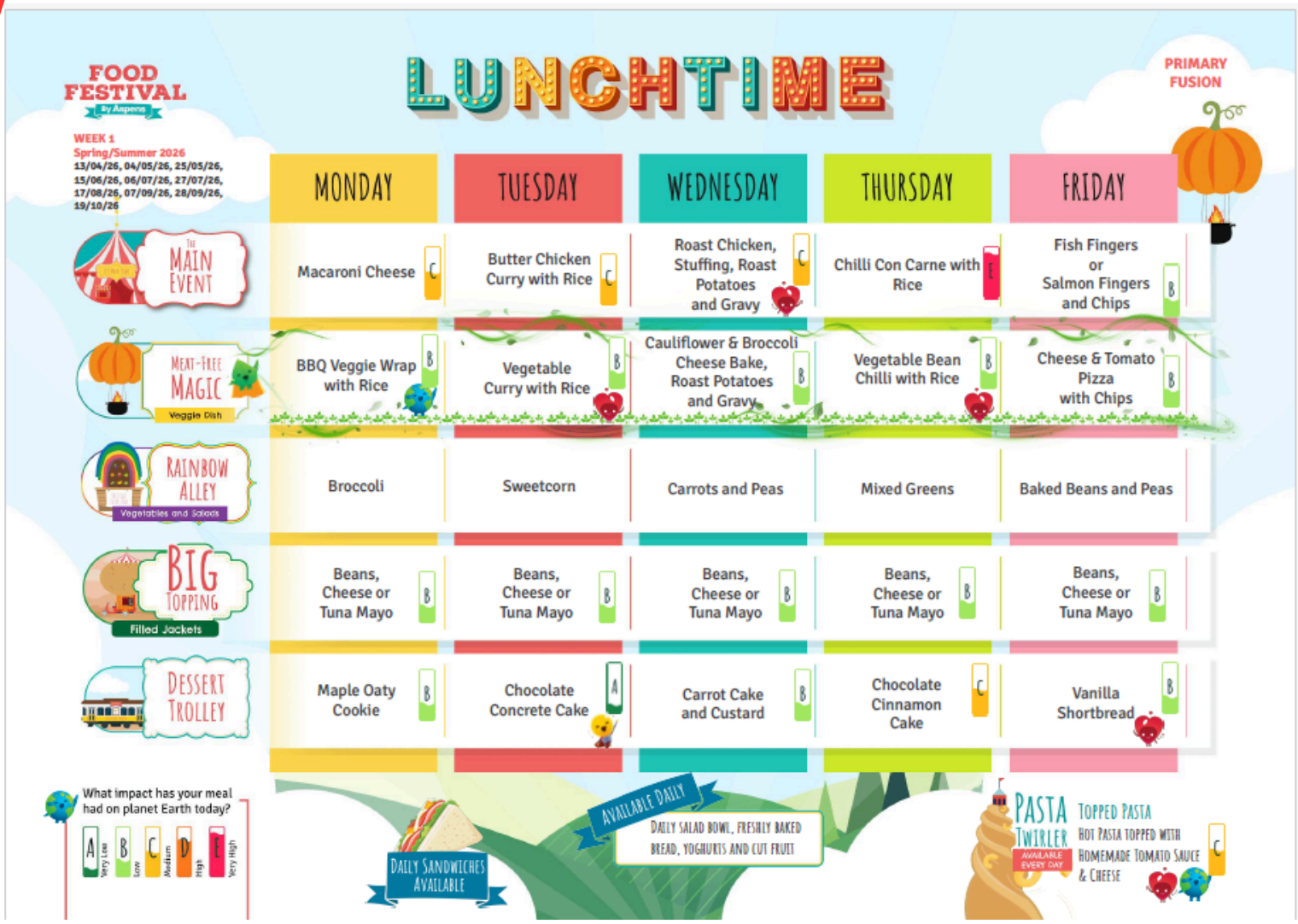
Another problem which has resulted in the increase in unhealthy snacks, is an increase in litter on our school site. Where possible, we ask that snack choices avoid items that are contained in plastic bags or wrappers.

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

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

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

Tuesday 29th September - parent/ carer consultation - GIFT Programme

Thursday 1st October - Slip into Slippers PJ Day

Wednesday 21st October - Parent/ carer consultation evening