St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

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

Friday 6th November 2026



We have enjoyed a lovely start back to school and have settled quickly into our familiar routines. A few new routines have also been introduced to further enhance our expectations for behaviour and good conduct, and I am grateful to our children, staff and families for their commitment to these high standards.

As we enter November, we turn our attention to remembering our faithful departed. You may have noticed that our outdoor trellis is now adorned with beautiful prayers and messages to lost family members who are still so fondly remembered. Each message is a moving reminder of the love that endures beyond loss.

This month, I ask that we join together as a whole school community to pray for those who have lost loved ones and for those who are facing imminent loss. Our prayers, offered together, provide comfort and strength to those who are grieving and reflect the compassion at the heart of our school.

Reflection

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus tells a story about ten women who are waiting at a wedding for the bridegroom to arrive. It is dark and so they all have lamps with them to light the way. Five of them were sensible and took extra oil with them, so that if the bridegroom was late, they would still be able to light his way. They were prepared.

The bridegroom was very late. It was after midnight before the women were asked to go out and meet him and five of them no longer had enough oil for their lamps. They were not prepared and ended up being left outside the wedding.

Sometimes things happen that we don't expect, and we realise that we are not ready for them. This parable is telling us we should try to be prepared.

Jesus asks us to be ready and prepared to be kind and loving to others whenever we have the chance.

How do you think you can show you are ready to help others?

Let's try our best to be prepared in this coming week to be loving, kind and generous.

Our Virtues

Faith-Filled and Loving



Catholic Social Teaching

Dignity of the Human Person

We believe that every person is made in God's image. We believe that every person has inherent dignity and every life is sacred.

The innate dignity of each person is the foundation and inspiration of our vision for a just and compassionate world.

Our Pope's Prayer Intention

November: For the proper use of wealth

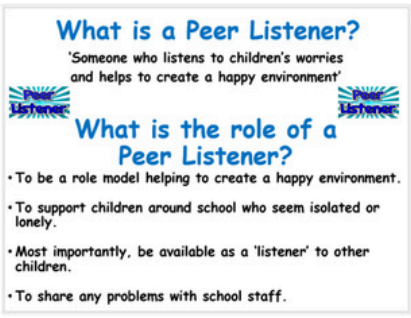
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



Peer Listeners

Year 6 pupils successfully completed Peer Listening Training with the Mental Health Support Team, developing valuable skills in active listening, empathy, and supporting the emotional wellbeing of their peers, while building confidence and leadership skills.













SJB Football



We had a great start to the football season with both the boys and girls teams.

We played a football tournament on Tuesday at North Solihull sport Centre. Boys team won 3/3 and girls team won 2/3.

Excellent performance by all and everyone really represented the school well.

Coach Steve



Awards

Star of the Week

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



Our Star of the Week for Key Stage Two is Eyob M







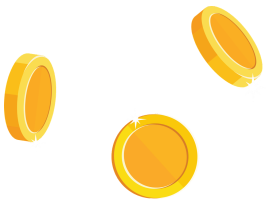
Mission Awards



Dawud A	For having a kind heart
Dariel E	For being a Christ-centred pilgrim of hope.
Louis M	For having a thirst for knowledge
Harley W	For having a kind heart
Willow T	For having a kind heart
Yaseer A- S	For having a questioning mind

Star Readers





Patrick C

Celebrations



Birthdays



Haris A - Year 2

Pearl B - Year 4

Chimharida N - Year 2

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...

Reception

&

Nursery



Attendance

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

Nursery

100%



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SEPTEMBER 2027

RECEPTION AND NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE.

OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 9.30am

Tuesday 17th November at 2pm

Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 3.30pm

We take Nursery children the term after their 3rd birthday so have a January and April intake for Nursery as well as September. We offer 15 and 30 hours.

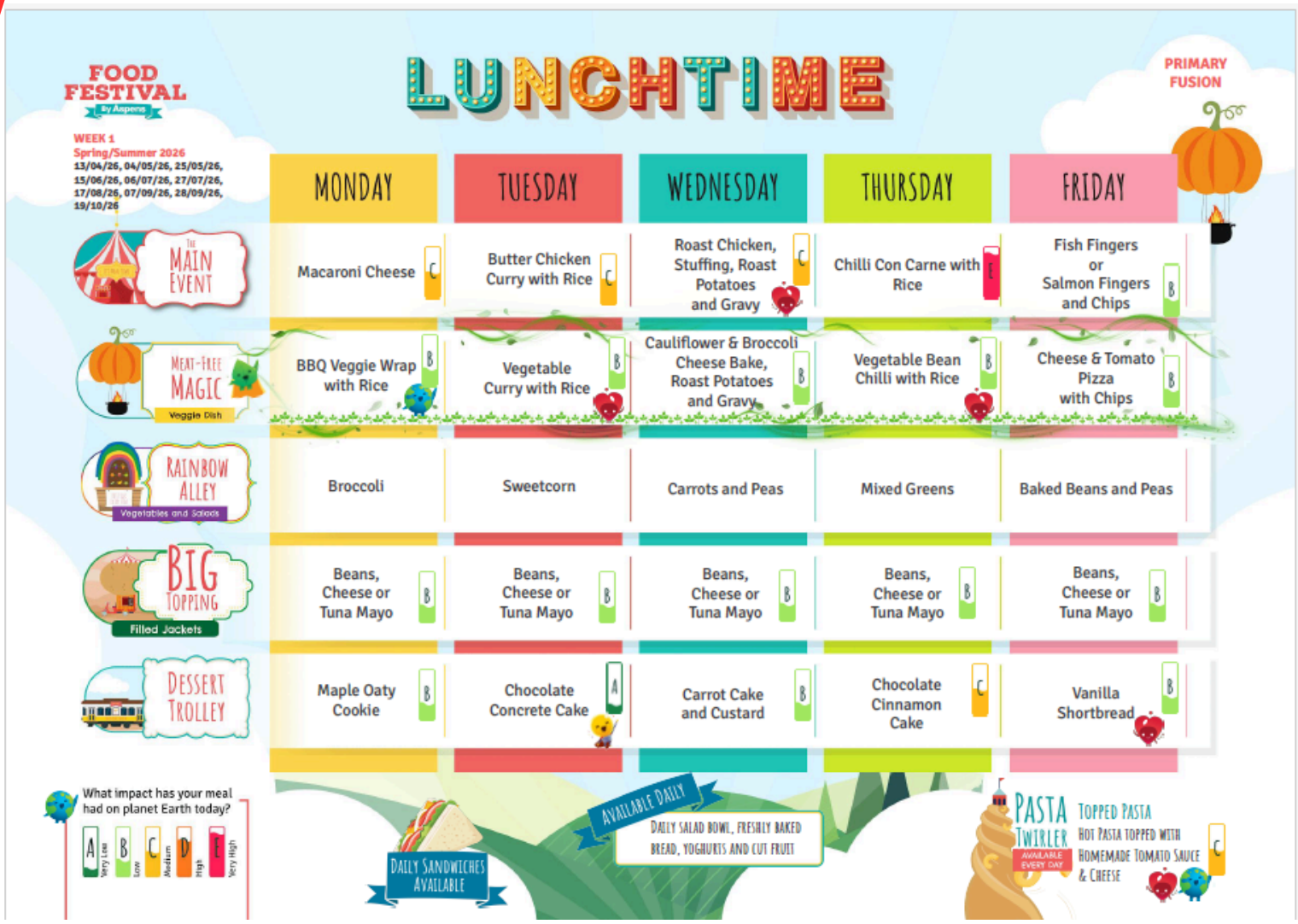
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Scan the QR code to see our wonderful provision.

Please contact the school office on 0121 770 1892 if you would like to arrange a visit.

COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR OPEN DAYS

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

Firework Safety

THE FIREWORK CODE

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE

- Do not buy fireworks from UNLICENCED retailers. These fireworks may be unsafe and illegal.
- Only buy fireworks that comply with current safety standards.
- Always keep fireworks in a closed box. Take them out one at a time and close the box.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket.
- Be considerate. Let your neighbours know you will be having a display, especially if they are elderly or they have pets or children.
- Avoid setting fireworks off late at night, particularly if it is a school-night.
- Ensure your pets are safe.
- Carefully follow the instructions on EACH firework.
- Never go back to a lit firework unless the instructions advise otherwise.
- Never throw fireworks; it is dangerous.
- Light fireworks one at a time, at the end of the fuse, and at arm's length.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear suitable gloves, even when lighting them.
- Never give sparklers to a child under the age of 5.
- Never throw spent fireworks on a bonfire.

Search WMP fireworks for more information and advice.

STAY SAFE, BE CONSIDERATE AND DON'T BECOME A NUISANCE.

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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 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.

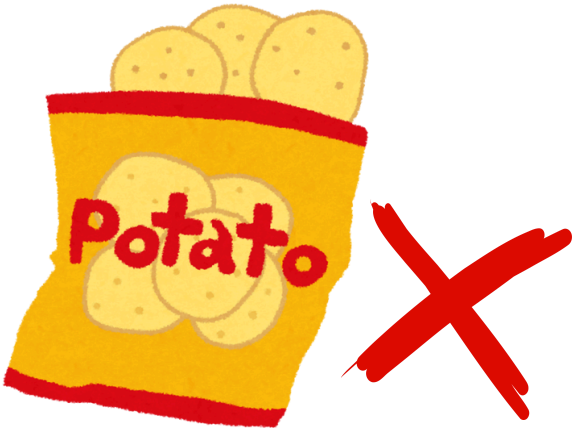
This is not permitted.

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.





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 10th November - Nursery Open Day- 9.30am

Tuesday 17th November - Nursery Open Day- 2.00pm

Tuesday 18th November - Nursery Open Day- 3.30pm

Wednesday 9th December - Christmas Fayre

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

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas lunch

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.