



# St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

## A Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of a very busy and exciting year. I am sure everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break.

There have been many interesting activities throughout the Summer Term: Year 6 trip to Italy, visit of the poet Tom Palmer, the Manchester Championship Trophy and countless sporting tournaments.

Children worked very hard over the past months and made progress across the curriculum. None of this would have been possible without the hard work and enthusiasm of all the staff, and I am grateful to each one of them and their contribution to making our school a place of educational excellence.

There are a number of changes for the Autumn Term – Mrs Lee commences her maternity leave and we wish her a happy time. Mr Coffey and Mrs O'Neill are retiring. Miss Jade Thomas and Miss Keating are moving overseas to warmer climates. Miss Gallagher, Miss Bradford and Mrs Dobric have new, exciting plans ahead. Miss Corrigan is going on a secondment to St John Fisher for 12 months. I am sure you will join me in wishing them well in their new ventures.

We welcome our new staff: Mr McCullen to Reception; Miss Holding and Miss Jones to Year 1; Miss Phillips to Year 3; Miss Ross and Miss Isbister to Year 4, and Mr Murray and Miss Seymour to Year 5. I know that you will all make them feel welcome.

I wish everybody a happy and restful summer holiday!

**Mrs C P Fox**  
Headteacher

### Nursery News



During the Spring and Summer Terms an artist came to school to paint a number of murals in the Nursery and Key Stage 1 areas.

In the Nursery he painted real and imaginary sea creatures, some of them at the youngsters' suggestion, to match topics they have been studying.

Children also travelled to the Land of Far, Far Away to enjoy a Royal Ball. Everyone dressed beautifully. There were princes and princesses, knights and kings. The children wore crowns they had decorated themselves and enjoyed

*"Journeying together with Jesus Christ  
We learn to love and love to learn"*

dancing and lawn games, finishing off with the ball and a toast to the Queen.

The Nursery was visited by Mr Helm who is an Ofsted inspector and he made a number of recommendations on how to improve children's learning experience in the early years.

## Year 1

The Year 1 pupils visited Quarry Bank Mill learning lots about how children lived in Victorian times. The trip was followed by our very own Victorian dress-up day. The Year 1 classrooms were transformed into Victorian school rooms, and activities from that era were organised, including weaving and making wooden dolly pegs.



Part of the Year 1 and Year 2 corridor has also been embellished by the artist who has depicted scenes from popular children's stories, one including a forest scene and a witch on her broomstick!

Year 1 are into their second term of the *Read Write Inc* learning programme, and we would ask parents to remind their children to continue reading during the summer break. The Forum Library will be open all summer to host some free fun days for the whole family!

## Year 6

Year 6 have not stopped since their SATs exams - there have been competitions, trips and days out as well as masses, assemblies and prizegiving, to name a few. Nicole in Miss Bevan's class wrote a brief summary of the rather wet trip to London: *"We arrived in London after the two-hour train journey and immediately we realised how busy the place was. It was a new experience for most of us, but that's what made it fun! We journeyed to the Houses of Parliament - along the way passing many famous landmarks, including Westminster Abbey, Big Ben and The London Eye on the banks of the River Thames. This trip definitely*

*brought us all together and we enjoyed a day of laughter, fun and even tears!"*

Year 6 pupils also found time to enter a media competition sponsored by **Metrolink** which involved writing scripts and making radio adverts and short videos to help reduce fare evasion and anti-social behaviour on Manchester's tram network. The entry presented by our students won third place in the competition which deserves a big hand of applause!

## Sporting Highlights

Congratulations to our **Year 5 Football Team, champions of Manchester**. They went on to play the champions from each of the ten Greater Manchester boroughs, reaching the semi-finals. This was a tremendous achievement out of over 900 primary schools in Greater Manchester. We are so proud of Captain Finley Whyte, Brandon Ly, Aleks Myszk, Rylan Griffin, James Best, Sean Doyle, Mason Cooke, Taylor Lowe and Ethan Blissett.

Congratulations are equally due to our **Cheerleading Team St Anthony's Angels** for winning the South Manchester Cheerleading Festival: Erin Holt, Oliwia Proficz, Zante Bowker, Lilly May Walsh, Skye Bowdler, Eillie-Paige Howson, Kene Anioke, Tilise McConville, Shania McConville, Pahashe Musungwa, Ruuarashe Musungwa, Tiana Ricketts and Kadie Bannister.

**The Year 5/6 Netball Team** came third in the Hi-5 Citywide finals and they also participated in The Greater Manchester Summer Games. Well done to Maddison Laycock, Charlie Cook, Julia Batko, Oliwia Proficz, Darcy Ngassam, Nicole Banas and Tatyana Buna!!

We must also mention the **Year 4/5 Netball Team** which is looking very promising. They have been fantastic in the Hi-5 tournament so far and will compete in the final stage early next year - bad weather caused the finals to be cancelled this term.

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## Year 6 Trip to Italy in May

Just before half-term, 24 Year 6 children and five staff spent a hot and sunny week in Bologna.

The schedule was hectic, taking in visits to San Luca, Padua to visit St Anthony's Basilica, Ravenna for the mosaics and medieval buildings, Parma and Colorno, and Venice, including a visit to the Murano Glass Factory travelling by vaporetto.

In between the cultural activities, the party had time for a day on the beach and a visit to an Italian primary school for a morning of games with the pupils.



Other news include money raised from the **Summer Fayre**. Far from being a wash-out thanks to the wet weather, the Fayre was a lively affair which raised an impressive **£2,141!** A huge thank you to everyone for making it such a success! Thank you also to Mrs Shields and the kitchen staff for their hard work.

**Year 6** raised a whopping **£885.59** for the school by doing their **Enterprise Scheme**. They also deserve a big thank you for their dedication and effort in completing this task.

The **Book Fair** which was held during the last week of term raised another very respectable **£202** for the school.



### British Council Award

Last but by no means least, before moving on to school business for September, we are extremely proud to announce that the **British Council** has chosen St Anthony's to receive their prestigious **International School Award** for our links with schools in Italy and China.

The award was received by Miss Thomas in Year 5 for her hard work and imagination in organising the different international learning weeks, visits and events.

## School Information

A **cashless payment system (SIMS Agora)** will be introduced in school from September and by now all parents should have received information about this system.



Please contact the school's Finance Office if you have not received your letters.

Please login to SIMS Agora from the school website or access [www.payyourschool.co.uk](http://www.payyourschool.co.uk) via your Internet browser.

**Just a quick reminder that lessons begin at 8.55am sharp.** Children who come into school at 9.00am are late, and any child arriving in school between 9.00am and 9.15am will be marked late.



Any child who arrives after 9.15am will receive an unauthorised absence mark. Please would all parents note that a number of unauthorised absences may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to parents by the Local Authority via the Courts. The cost of the fine is £60 for each parent for each child.

## Dates for the Calendar



The term dates for next year have already been published on the school's **new website** and the events calendar will be populated during the holidays.

We expect to see the children back in school on **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am!**

## School Uniform

Boys	Girls	PE
Burgundy V-neck jumper	Burgundy V-neck jumper or cardigan	Burgundy shorts and black jogging pants
Long grey trousers	Grey skirt or pinafore	Sky-blue polo shirt
Sky-blue shirt	Sky-blue shirt	Grey or black pumps and trainers
Black shoes	Black shoes	
School tie	School tie	
	Plain grey tights or grey socks	

In addition to the above, all children will have a water-proof school top which will be used for sporting activities. The tops will be kept in school where they will be warm and dry when not in use.

**Starting from September, the Nursery children will also wear a uniform in class.** However, they will not need a PE kit or a tie. The boys will need a burgundy V-neck jumper, grey trousers and a sky-blue polo shirt, and the girls will need a burgundy V-neck jumper or cardigan, a grey skirt or pinafore, a sky-blue polo shirt or revere collar and grey tights or grey socks.

## New Classes for September

Current Class	New Class in September
	Nursery – Mrs Coffey/Miss Clarke
	Nursery – Miss Thomas
	Nursery – Miss Nolan
Nursery – Mrs Davies	Reception – Mr McCullen
Nursery – Mrs Matloob	Reception – Mrs Davies
Nursery – Miss Thomas	Reception – Miss Gething
Reception – Mrs Coffey	Year 1 – Miss Jones
Reception – Miss Nolan	Year 1 – Miss Holding
Reception – Miss Gething	Year 1 – Miss Simmons
Year 1 – Miss Bradford	Year 2 – Mrs Sherry
Year 1 – Mrs Sherry	Year 2 – Miss Foulds
Year 1 – Miss Foulds	Year 2 – Mrs Burns
Year 2 – Miss Gallagher	Year 3 – Mrs Matloob
Year 2 – Mrs Burns/Mrs Tipney	Year 3 – Mr Knight
Year 2 – Mrs Dobric	Year 3 – Miss Phillips
Year 3 – Mr Knight	Year 4 – Miss Isbister
Year 3 – Miss Simmons	Year 4 – Miss Griffiths
Year 3 – Miss Keating	Year 4 – Miss Ross
Year 4 – Miss Corrigan	Year 5 – Mr Drake
Year 4 – Miss Griffiths	Year 5 – Miss Seymour
Year 4 – Mrs Lee	Year 5 – Mr Murray
Year 5 – Mrs Delves	Year 6 – Mir Glynn
Year 5 – Mr Glynn	Year 6 – Mr Thirsk
Year 5 – Miss Thomas	Year 6 – Mrs Verma (née Bevan)
Year 6 – Mr Thirsk	
Year 6 – Mr Drake	
Year 6 – Mrs Verma	