# St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

## **NEWSLETTER**

Autumn Term, 12th September, 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What a wonderful and enriching week it has been at school!

We began the week with a truly special occasion - Monday's Gospel assembly celebrated the canonisation of St Carlo Acutis, a modern-day Saint and powerful example of faith in action. We were deeply privileged to have a first-class relic of St Carlo in our school chapel. Over lunchtime, children were invited to visit the chapel for a moment of quiet reflection and veneration. It was a moving experience and a rare opportunity for our school community to connect so closely with the life of a Saint who has inspired so many young people.

On Wednesday, the excitement continued with the start of the Cross Country Competition. Many of our KS2 children took part, braving the course with fantastic determination and displaying great sportsmanship throughout. They represented our school with pride, and we are already looking forward to the next round - fingers crossed for dry weather!

Also on Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Mr Whiteside, Headteacher of St Paul's Catholic High School, who visited us to speak with our Year 6 pupils about life in secondary school. It was a valuable session, helping to ease some of the natural nerves about transition while sparking lots of curiosity. Mr Whiteside commented on the excellent behaviour of our pupils and their enthusiasm to learn more about the opportunities that lie ahead.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss E Simmons Headteacher

#### Mission Star Winners

Nursery Mrs Matloob - Immanuel Miss Parkinson- Sienna Mrs Drake - Blake Miss Allen - Autumn Miss Mulchrone - CJ

> Reception RVR - River

> > RLL -

RIM -

Year 1 1LM- Bear

1MB - Roman 1RB Orla

Year 2 2CD - Aurelia 2CO- Alex O

2AH - Semilore

Year 3 3TM - Nina

3CO - Toby 3FC - Roisin

Year 4

4ZS - Leila 4MS - Ciaran

4MF - Grace

Year 5

5DH - Marcel 5KM - Anae

5TL - Muna

Year 6

6HJ - Alfie n

6MS - Annalise 6KD - Olivia



In Sunday's Gospel we hear about how much God loves us all! Jesus told his friend Nicodemus that God loved the world so much that he sent Jesus to be with us.

The cross is a very special symbol for us because it reminds us of Jesus' death and resurrection. Through dying on the cross and rising again, Jesus gave us all new life and became the saviour of the world.

God doesn't just love some people - God loves everybody! When we love someone, we want the best for them. We help them, care for them, and try to make them happy. God loves us in exactly this way! And because God loves us so much, we should share that love with others.

Dear God.

Help us to remember how special we are to you, and help us to share your love with everyone we meet. Show us ways to be kind and helpful to others this week.

Amen

### Let Your Words Teach and Your Actions Speak

Class Chronicles - Year 6 in Action

Our first full week in Year 6 has been a brilliant start to an exciting final year at primary school. The children have quickly stepped into their roles as the oldest pupils, setting a great example for the younger pupils by showing kindness and positive attitudes.

One of the highlights of the week was applying for the position of Head Boy or Head Girl. Many of the children wrote thoughtful speeches and shared why they would be great leaders. It has been inspiring to see so many of our Year 6 pupils aiming high and showing confidence.

We have also begun SATs preparation, revisiting key skills in maths, reading and writing. It may feel like a big step, but the children are ready for the challenge.

This first couple of weeks has shown that Year 6 is a time for leadership, focus and growth. What a fantastic start!





Attendance WC 8th September

Whole School Attendance= 96.25%

Best in EYFS, Mrs Raynes = 97.73% Best in KS1, Miss O'Reilly = 100% Best in KS2, Miss O'Halloran = 100%

587 Children with 100%



#### Attendance Fact:

Children who miss between 10% of school (that's 20 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days.

## Dates for your diary:

Monday 15th September - Year 6 Parent SATS Workshop

Friday 19th September - 6MS Class Assembly, 9am

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Year 1 Parents Reading Breakfast

Friday 26th September - 2AH Class Assembly, 2:30pm

Friday 26th September - Macmillian Coffee Morning

Friday 26th September - Mini Vinnies Commissioning Mass

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Cafod Assembly & Workshops

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Harvest Family Fast Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 4ZS Class Assembly

Thursday 9th October - Parents Evening

Friday 10th October - Timetables Rock Stars Day

Friday 10th October - 1LM Assembly

Friday 17th October - 6HJ Assembly





