

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term, 17th October, 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

This week has been a truly reflective and spiritually enriching time for our school community.

We began the week with Monday's Gospel Assembly, where we heard the story of the Ten Lepers. It reminded us of the importance of gratitude - how only one returned to thank Jesus. Inspired by this, we set our mission for the week: to take a moment each day to reflect on what we are thankful for. This simple act of daily gratitude helped us all become more mindful of the many blessings in our lives.

As the week continued, we were honoured to welcome St Elizabeth's on Wednesday, who brought with them the stunning Jubilee Icon - a gift to our schools from Bishop Mark, beautifully depicting the Visitation. Each class had the opportunity to spend time with the icon, and it was wonderful to see our children showing such reverence and awe, especially as we continue our October Rosary Challenge. Our Prayer Leaders are taking the icon to St John's on Monday.

Bringing the week to a meaningful close, 6HJ led us in a thoughtful assembly on God's Grace. Their message beautifully echoed the theme from Monday - reminding us that gratitude opens our hearts to God's Grace. Just as the one leper returned to Jesus in thanksgiving and received something even greater, so too are we invited to recognise God's grace working in our lives when we live with thankful hearts.

Together, these moments have helped us reflect not only on what we're thankful for, but also on how God's grace surrounds us every day - in our friendships, our learning, and our acts of kindness.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you a restful and grace-filled weekend.

*Miss E Simmons
Headteacher*



Mission Star Winners

Nursery

Mrs Drake - Nathalia
Mrs Matloob - Freddie
Miss Parkinson - Eden
Miss Mulchrone - Elvie
Miss Henderson - Maeva

Year 3

3TM - Catherin
3CO - Lujain
3FC - Elliot

Year 4

4ZS - Haaris
4MS - Snowanne
4MF - Maimuna

Year 5

5DH - Valentin
5KM - Lucas
5TL - Shankari S

Year 6

6HJ - Whole Class
6MS - Sebastian
6KD - Tiarni

Reception

RVR - Emilia
RLL - Bianca
RIM - Abigale

Year 1

1LM - Kyan
1MB - Athmeeya
1RB - Jasher

Year 2

2CD - Bryan
2CO - Finley
2AH - Seth

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus reminds us of the power of persistence and faith. Jesus tells the story of a widow who keeps asking a judge to give her justice. Even though the judge doesn't care about people or about God, he finally gives in - not because it's the right thing to do, but because the widow simply won't give up.

*Loving God,
Help us to trust in your justice and goodness.
Give us strength to keep praying, especially
when it's hard, and to believe that you are
always with us.*

Amen



Let Your Words Teach and Your Actions Speak

Class Chronicles, Mini Vinnies in Action

We've had an amazing start to our new year of Mini Vinnies, with over 100 applications from pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6! It was wonderful to see so many children eager to help others in our community.

Our newly-formed team held their first meeting last week, where we talked about what it means to see, think, and do - the Mini Vinnies motto. Together, we reflected on how we can notice the needs around us, think about ways to respond, and take action to make a difference.

The children began by collecting all our Harvest donations, sorting and organising them, ready to be delivered to the local food bank. They are already thinking about other ways to serve our community, with plans for fundraising, litter picking, and reducing food waste.

Our Mini Vinnies are full of energy, ideas, and kindness — we can't wait to see what they do next!



Attendance WC 13th October

Whole school = 93.49%

EYFS = Miss Moxon = 97.22%

KS1 = Miss Battersby = 95.56%

KS2 = Miss O'Halloran = 98.89%

There were 531 pupils with 100% attendance



Attendance Fact:

Are you often late to school?

Did you know: missing just 5 minutes of class daily can result in 3 days of missed learning every school year.

It's important to be on time!



Dates for your diary:

Friday 24th October - School Closes for Half Term

Monday 3rd November - School Opens, Autumn 2

Wednesday 5th November - Nursery Closed to Children

Friday 7th November - SEND Coffee Morning, 9am

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Guide us St Anthony

