

# St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER



*Autumn Term, 28th November, 2025*

*Dear Parents, Carers and Children,*

*This week in our Gospel Assembly, we came together to celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This special feast reminds us of Jesus' example of leadership rooted not in power, but in love, service, and compassion. We reflected on how we can follow His example in our school community by showing kindness, helping others, and living out our Gospel values each day.*

*As we now move into the beautiful and hope-filled season of Advent, our school will be entering a time of preparation, reflection, and anticipation. Advent invites us to pause and get ready—both in our hearts and in our actions—for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Throughout the next few weeks: our classrooms will become places of quiet reflection, with Advent wreaths, prayers, and opportunities for children to think about how they can bring light to others. We will begin preparing for our Nativity performances, liturgical services, and Christmas concerts, which are always a highlight of our school year. These events help us to remember the true meaning of Christmas and bring our whole community together in celebration.*

*Thank you, as always, for your continued support, especially with preparations for our school fair. Your involvement and encouragement mean so much to us and help make these special seasons memorable for all our children.*

*Wishing you and your families a peaceful and joyful weekend ahead as we begin this wonderful journey through Advent.*

*Miss E Simmons  
Headteacher*

### Mission Star Winners

#### Nursery

Mrs Matloob - Theo  
Miss Parkinson - Grayson B  
Mrs Drake - Lyra  
Miss Mulchrone - Emmanuel  
Miss Allen - Autumn

#### Reception

RVR - Mia  
RLL - Nicole  
RIM - Jackson

#### Year 1

1LM - Clayton  
1MB - Louis  
1RB - Austin

#### Year 2

2CD - Chimaobi  
2CO - Tillie  
2AH - Elvin

#### Year 3

3TM - Daniella  
3CO - Selena  
3FC - Laura

#### Year 4

4ZS - Florence  
4MS - Micah  
4MF - Johan

#### Year 5

5DH - Sommer  
5KM - Ayaz  
5TL - Cole

#### Year 6

6HJ - Parnika  
6MS - Lilyann  
6KD - Whole Class

*The Advent wreath has four candles, each one lit on the Sundays of Advent. Each week brings a new theme for reflection and anticipation. The first week of Advent is marked by the candle of hope. This candle reminds us of the hope we have in the promise of Christ's coming. It calls us to look forward with expectation to the light of Christ, who brings hope to a world in need. Through His birth, we find a source of hope that transcends all circumstances.*

*"Let us never give up on hope, because it is the last thing that the Lord gives us."*

*Pope Francis*



# Let Your Words Teach and Your Actions Speak

## Sports Spotlight at St Anthony's

*It's been an incredible term for our young athletes! Our lacrosse team proudly represented the school at the Manchester Lacrosse Finals at Whalley Range High School, showing fantastic teamwork and determination. Meanwhile, our cross-country runners excelled at the Manchester Finals at Wythenshawe Sports Grounds after qualifying from the area heats just weeks earlier. A huge congratulations to Mariella in Year 6, who has secured a place in the Greater Manchester Finals this February - what an achievement!*

*Beyond competitions, our after-school sports clubs run by Edstart continue to thrive, offering exciting opportunities for children from Year 1 to Year 6. There are still spaces available, so don't miss out! The dance club is also working hard, preparing for a special performance before the Christmas holidays - watch this space!*

*Thank you to all families for your support in making sport such a vibrant part of school life.*



## Attendance WC 24<sup>th</sup> November

Whole School Attendance - 94.27%

Best in EYFS - RIM - 97.78%

Best in KS1 - 2CD - 100%

Best in KS2 - 6KD - 97.41%

Students with 100% Attendance -  
513



### Attendance Fact

*Pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve good GCSE results and make better progress. Missing just two days a month adds up to nearly three weeks of lost learning over the school year!*

## Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Year 2 Advent Service, 2:15pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Pantomime visiting Reception



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 Christmas Around the World

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - 'Dress Down for Donations', children can wear their own clothes in return for bottles for our Christmas Fair

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Year 4, 5 & 6 Carols by Candlelight, St Anthony's Church, 5:30pm



Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Year 3 iSing Pop Christmas Concert, 2pm at The Message Community Church

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery Carols Around the Christmas Tree, 9:15am



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day, swap your school jumper for a festive jumper!



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fair, 3:40pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Rocksteady Concert, 9:30am

