

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term, 16th January, 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been another busy and joyful week in school. In our Gospel Assembly this week, we reflected on the Baptism of Jesus. We heard how the Holy Spirit rested upon Jesus and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am pleased." This powerful moment reminds us that we are all children of God and that the Holy Spirit is always with us, guiding and supporting us in our daily lives.

Mrs Lord's class thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Forum Library this week. The children were wonderfully engaged, and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm for reading beyond the classroom. A big thank you to all the parents who accompanied the class and helped make the visit such a success. Our other Reception classes are already looking forward to their visit next week!

In Year 6, our team has recently reorganised teaching groups with the addition of Mrs Stevens and Mr Edwards. This exciting development ensures our Year 6 children are receiving the very best support and preparation as they move towards high school.

It has also been fantastic to see our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils making such good use of Reading Plus, both in school and at home. Please keep encouraging this at home – it really does make a difference.

Year 4 are certainly heating things up on Times Tables Rock Stars! With daily practice taking place both in school and at home, we are already seeing great commitment and progress. We are excited to begin presenting progress certificates in assembly and are eagerly anticipating many more battles to commence! Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss E Simmons
Headteacher

Mission Star Winners

Nursery

Mrs Matloob - Kayvan
Miss Parkinson - Rosa
Mrs Drake - Nathalia
Miss Mulchrone - Achintya
Miss Allen - Klaus

Year 3

3TM - Myra
3CO - Whole Class
3FC - Isaac H

Year 4

4ZS - Autumn
4MS - Zuzanna
4MF - Maya C

Year 5

5DH - Olivia
5KM - George
5TL - Leni

Year 6

6HJ - Skye
6GO - Celestina
6KD - Sebastian G

Year 1

1LM - Grayson
1MB - Sarah
1RB - Megan

Year 2

2CD - Oscar
2CO - Archie
2AH - Beau

In Sunday's Gospel we hear what happened after Jesus' baptism, when the Holy Spirit came down upon him like a dove. In the Gospel, John the Baptist tells how this sign helped him recognise Jesus as the Son of God. We learned that although we cannot usually see the Holy Spirit, it is always with us, like the wind guiding, strengthening, and helping us to do what is right. We talked about how the Holy Spirit helps us to be kind, brave, generous, and to care for others and for our world. When we love, help, and show hope to others, people can see the Holy Spirit working through us.

Loving God,

Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Help us to make good choices, to care for others, and to be signs of your love and peace in our world.

Guide us this week to live as

Jesus taught us.

Amen.



Let Your Words Teach and Your Actions Speak

Class Chronicles, Year 2 in Action

It has been a busy start to the Spring term for Year 2!

In English, we are excited readers and have loved starting 'The Dragon Machine', developing rich vocabulary, by using suffixes, which we will use in our final adventure narrative.

In Maths, we have enjoyed exploring shape practically, investigating 2D and 3D shapes and learning about their features, such as faces and vertices.

Our Religion lessons have been thoughtful and meaningful as we learn about parables and the lessons they teach us. We have also explored the Baptism of Jesus and what this means for us today, reminding us of belonging, new beginnings and following Jesus' example.

Forest School has been a real highlight. We are wrapping up warm to explore nature, build resilience and develop teamwork skills.

In Geography, we have begun exploring Blackpool and identifying its coastal features in preparation for our exciting end-of-year trip.

We are excited to continue learning, discovering new ideas and enjoying every step of our journey!



Attendance WC 12th January

Whole School = 94.62%

EYFS = Mrs Toillitt = 97.78%

KS1 = Miss Battersby = 98.08%

KS2 = Miss O'Halloran = 98.52%

There were 537 Pupils with 100% Attendance this week.



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:

Monday 19th January - Reception Library Morning visit, Mrs Toillitt's class

Monday 19th January - Reception Library Afternoon visit, Mrs Ryanes Class

Monday 19th January - MP Mike Kane visiting

Friday 23rd January - 2CO Class Assembly, 2:30pm

Friday 30th January - RLL Class Assembly, 2:30pm

Friday 6th February - 1MB Class Assembly



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Guide us St Anthony

