

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Spring Term, 6th February, 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been another joyful and busy week in school, full of learning, celebration, and community spirit.

On Monday, we came together to celebrate Candlemas. We listened to the Gospel reading of Jesus being presented in the Temple, reflecting on how Simeon recognised that the Holy Spirit was at work on the day he met Jesus. As a school community, we asked the Holy Spirit to guide and be with us each day in our lives and learning.

Our Year 1 children have thoroughly enjoyed their visits to the Library throughout the week. They have shown great enthusiasm for books and stories, developing their love of reading and exploring new texts. We are also incredibly proud of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, who continue to remain at the top of the Reading Plus UK Leaderboard. Their commitment to reading and perseverance is a fantastic achievement! Can we stay at the top for the third week running...

Today, our school has been filled with colour as children arrived in vibrant outfits to celebrate NSPCC Number Day. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying maths activities while also supporting such an important cause.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting week ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss E Simmons
Headteacher

Mission Star Winners

Nursery

Mrs Matloob - Amelia
Miss Parkinson - Eden
Mrs Drake - Ciaran
Miss Allen - Rehmat

Miss Mulchrone - Testimony

Reception

RVR - Aurora
RLL - Idabella
RHT - Amaris

Year 1

1LM - Mateo
1MB - Kevin
1RB - Aseye

Year 2

2CD - Riyan
2CO - Ivanna
2AH - Siona

Year 3

3TM - Elsie
3CO - Jessie
3FC - Isaac W

Year 4

4ZS - Ashitha
4MS - Sanchia
4MF - George

Year 5

5DH - Sara
5KM - Reggie
5TL - Scarlett

Year 6

6HJ - Alex
6GO - Elijah
6KD - Sophia

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that our faith is meant to be shared, not hidden. Using the images of salt and light, He shows us how we are called to bring goodness, kindness, and hope into the world. Like salt, our words and actions can bring out the best in others. Like light, our love and compassion can guide and encourage those around us.

As parents, carers, and teachers, we live this calling each day through the example we set for our children. In the small, ordinary moments of life, we can help God's love shine. This week, may we look for simple ways to be salt and light to those we meet.

Loving Father,
Thank You for calling
us to be salt and light.
Help us to bring goodness
to others and to shine
Your love in all we do.
Amen.



Let Your Words Teach and Your Actions Speak

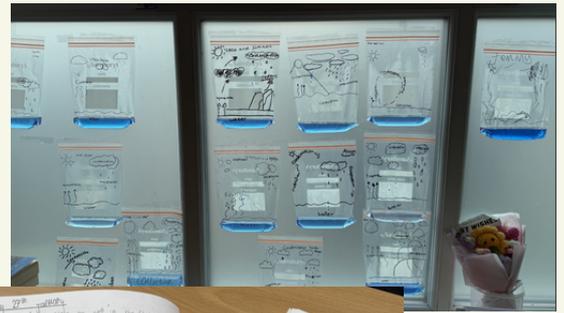
Class Chronicals, Year 4 in Action!

Year 4 have had a wonderful week of learning!

In Science, the children created their very own model of the water cycle using a clear plastic bag, water, and a few drops of blue food colouring. After sealing the bag and placing it on a sunny window, they watched the water slowly evaporate, form droplets on the inside of the bag, and eventually "rain" back down. This simple experiment brought evaporation, condensation, and precipitation to life in a memorable and hands-on way.

In Art, the classes have been learning about the work of contemporary artist Samson Bakare. Inspired by his bold colours and striking portraits, the children produced fantastic pieces of artwork, experimenting confidently with shape, tone, and express.

Finally, in Maths, Year 4 have shown brilliant dedication to learning their times tables. Some have become so speedy that we're starting to suspect they've secretly turned into human calculators! We are so proud of their continuous effort, we are going to have to refill the chocolate stash!



Attendance WC 2nd February

Whole School = 94.66%

EYFS = Mrs Tollitt = 94.22%

KS1 = Miss O'Reilly = 96.67%

KS2 = Miss James = 97.85%

524 pupils has 100% attendance.



Attendance Fact:

Did you know?

Missing just one day of school every two weeks can add up to nearly 4 weeks of learning lost over a school year.

Good attendance really does make a big difference!



Dates for your diary:

Friday 13th February - Wear what you Love!

Bring in £1 and wear what you love to school. Help us to raise some much needed school funds.

Friday 13th February - School closes at 3:15pm for half term

Monday 23rd February - School reopens for Spring 2

Monday 23rd February - Swimming begins for Year 5

Friday 6th March - Dressing up for World Book Day!

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Guide us St Anthony

