St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term, 6th November, 2026

Dear Parents, Carers, and Children,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school after the half-term break. The school has quickly been filled once again with smiles, excitement and a real enthusiasm for learning.

On Monday, we celebrated the Feast of All Saints. During our worship, we listened to the Beatitudes and reflected on the lives of the holy men and women who now share eternal life with God in Heaven. The children thought carefully about what it means to be a Saint. Throughout the month of November, classes will continue to remember those who have died by praying the Eternal Rest Prayer, particularly for loved ones and members of our wider school family.

This week, our Year 3 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their visits to the Forum Library. The children were excited to explore the shelves, discover new authors and learn more about the fantastic facilities available right on our doorstep. It prompted us to wonder: Do you have a library card? Have you visited the library as a family? Libraries offer so much more than books, with family events, activities and resources available throughout the year. If you have not visited recently, why not make it a family challenge this month to become a member and borrow a book together?

As we move into the colder months, I would also like to remind everyone about the importance of good school attendance. Every school day matters and even small amounts of absence can add up over the course of the year. There are lots of things we can do as families to stay healthy and avoid unnecessary absences during winter: Encourage regular handwashing.Ensure children get plenty of sleep. Make sure winter coats, hats and gloves are ready for colder weather. Book routine medical appointments outside of school hours whenever possible. Thank you for continuing to support us in promoting excellent attendance and punctuality for all our children.

Finally, please keep checking the Key Dates section of this newsletter. We have a very busy half term ahead with lots of opportunities for prayer, celebration and learning as we journey towards Advent and Christmas. There is certainly plenty to look forward to!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss E Simmons
Headteacher

Mission Star Winners

Nursery
Mrs Matloob – Theertha
Miss Mulchrone – Nitara
Mrs Drake – Esme
Miss Parkinson – Stephanaus
Miss Wilson – Luka

Reception
RLL- Blake
RMP - Rehmat
RMS - Jake

Year 1
1CD - Tania
1MB - Oskar
1GO - Aurora

Year 2
2RB - Adonis
2COR - Louis
2COH - Bryan

Year 3
3TM - Orla
3LM - Adrid
3JF - Joash

Year 4
4AH - Keigan
4DH - Eliza
4GS - Shelby

Year 5
5ZS - Oscar
5KM - Darcie
5TL -Miguel

Year 6
6HJ - Callie-Rae
6FC - Marcel
6KD - Olivia

As we mark Remembrance, we pause to pray for all those who have lost their lives in war and conflict. Through our Catholic faith, we are reminded that every person is made in the image and likeness of God and that Christ calls us to be peacemakers in our world.

We give thanks for the courage and sacrifice of those who served others, often at great personal cost, and we remember all families whose lives have been touched by loss. In the silence of remembrance, we pray for peace in our communities, our country and throughout the world.

May we follow the example of Jesus by showing kindness, compassion and respect to others, helping to build a future rooted in justice, reconciliation and hope.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
Matthew 5:9

Let Your Words Teach and Your Actions Speak

Class Chronicles, Nursery in Action!

We have had a lovely first week back in Nursery! The children have settled in beautifully and have been busy exploring our new autumn topic through lots of fun activities.

This week, we started reading our new story, Percy the Park Keeper: Hide and Seek. The children have loved meeting Percy and all of his animal friends. They have enjoyed talking about the characters and drawing some of their favourites from the story.

During our focus activities, we have been beginning to recognise the first sound in our names. The children had great fun collecting and using outdoor materials to create colourful collages of their initial letter.

In Religion, we have been learning about God's wonderful world and thinking about ways we can help to care for it. The children have been fantastic helpers outdoors, sweeping up leaves and watering the plants to keep our nursery garden looking beautiful.

We are very excited about all the fun learning and special events planned for the autumn term. Before we know it, we will be starting to practise for our Christmas performance, and we cannot wait to share it with you!





Attendance WC 2nd November

Whole School Attendance - 94.6%

Best in EYFS - Miss Shore, 98.7%
Best in KS1 - Miss Broke's, 92.3%
Best in KS2 - Mrs Muir, 98%

There are 518 children with 100% attendance this week. Well done!

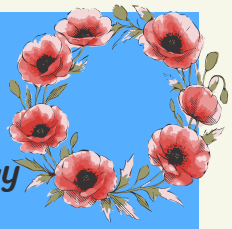


Attendance Fact:

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:



Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Friday 13th November - Non-uniform day, please bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair

Friday 13th November - 2COH Class Assembly, 2:30pm

Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day: Kicks off Anti Bullying Week, inviting everyone to wear odd socks to celebrate uniqueness and individuality



Friday 20th November - School Photograph Day, polite reminder: sibling photos taking place at 8:15am



Friday 20th November - 6FC Class Assembly, 9am

Thursday 26th November - Mexican Theme Day



Friday 27th November - School Closed INSET Day