



St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

We have had an excellent start to the new year in school. It was wonderful to welcome everyone back after the Christmas break and to hear all about the lovely adventures that the children have had; spending time with their families, sharing gifts and enjoying themselves over the course of the holiday.

Last Friday we celebrated Mass with Father Stephen, our first Mass of 2026. He is always amazed by the reverence and prayerfulness of the children during Mass and also by their enthusiastic singing and responses. As part of our introduction to Mass, we remembered the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas as it is sometimes known, which was on Monday. This is one of my favourite feast days in the liturgical calendar because, in the darkness of January, this feast day is all about light and joy and hope for the future which I think is very apt for this time of year. Thank you to all of the children who read and helped to prepare for Mass today, it was a wonderful celebration.



YEAR OF READING

2026 is the Year of Reading! As a book loving school this is music to

our ears. Throughout the year there will be lots of opportunities to share a love of reading, different authors and genres. The theme for the year is 'Go All In' and is focused on reading for pleasure, reading what makes us happy and feel connected to things that interest us.

This week has been National Story Telling Week and some of the children have taken part in workshops and other activities related to telling stories which has been a fantastic way to kickstart the year.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Our Year 6 children spent a really special day with Emily from One Life Music last week developing their understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

They spent the day working together to learning more about the responsibilities of confirmation and what it means for the children as they grow to be adults in the church. As always, Emily couldn't have been more full of praise for the children. They joined in with enthusiasm whilst also showing a deep sense of faith. The Year 6 children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 26th March a 7pm in St. Peter's Church.

THE BFG

On Thursday 5th February all of the children in Key Stage 2 visited the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford to watch the BFG.



It was an absolutely phenomenal production and all of the children and staff, thoroughly enjoyed it. It was a fantastic showcase of theatre and story telling.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday this week we took part in Safer Internet Day. This is an annual focus based on an online safety theme. This year the theme is 'Smart tech, safe

choices—exploring a safe and responsible use of AI'. Throughout the day the children will be exploring the impact of AI on their lives, how it can be used for good and giving advice and guidance that empowers the children to use AI safely and responsibly. Please talk to your child about what they have learnt. There are lots of

handy hints and tips on the February Spotlight on Safeguarding that was sent out at the beginning of the month.

UNIFORM CHECKS

Over the half term could we please ask that you check that your child's uniform is actually theirs! We are receiving a few messages from parents who's children have mislaid uniform and we have not been able to locate the missing items in school. If uniform items are named and left in school we will always return the items to their owners so please make sure that you name everything.

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WEDESDAY

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday



18th February, which is of course in the middle of the half term holiday. Mass times as follows:

St Peters - 10am and 7pm

Our Lady's - 12 noon

St. Joseph's - 9.30am and 7pm

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating reading again by joining in with World Book Day.

Mrs Davies sent a letter home last week via Studybugs to share ideas for how your children can join in the with fun on the day. The theme for the day is the same as the one for the Year of Reading - 'Go All In'. This is encouraging the children to immerse themselves in their passions through books.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and we will see you all, back in school on Monday 23rd February

Mrs Hannah Edwards and everyone at St. Anthony's