



St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,
The first half of this summer term has been wonderful. The lighter mornings and evenings have certainly made things easier and the few days of warmer weather have also been very welcome. This month we have been focusing on Mary, the Queen of Heaven as this month is dedicated to her. We remember her courage in saying 'yes' to God's plan and her unwavering dedication to following that through.

SATs Week

Last week, all of our Year 6 pupils sat their SATs tests. These are statutory tests in Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. The tests took place over the course of the week and were very challenging. Mrs Davies, Ms Place, Mrs King and I were humbled by the mature attitude they all showed during this week, working incredibly hard to show off all they knew and tackling some incredibly challenging content with maturity and perseverance. We are incredibly proud of them and know,



no matter the outcomes, they will have given their all.

Reception Class Farm Trip

This half term our Reception class went on a fantastic school trip to Umberslade Farm. They all had a wonderful day and have been talking about it and writing about their trip ever since. The children had the opportunity to meet and handle different farm animals and were even given a freshly laid egg to take home. I hope the children enjoyed the trip as much as I have enjoyed hearing all about it.

Computing Workshops

Yesterday we were very lucky to be visited by Matthew from Innovation Pod. Matthew currently runs the Tuesday Coding Workshop. After a very exciting whole school assembly, Matthew worked with the children in each year group to deepen their knowledge and understanding of coding and they all had the opportunity to write code that would make a model car move. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and hopefully it will inspire some of them to take up coding as a hobby.

May Service

We gathered in the hall together this morning to celebrate the Virgin Mary, as this is her special month. The service was led by our Year 6 faith leaders who did a wonderful job; reading eloquently and clearly.



The whole school also sang beautifully and it was a truly lovely celebration of our faith.

Nursery Places

We still have both 15 and 30 hour places available in our Nursery for September 2026. Unlike other Nurseries, our Nursery Class is led by a fully qualified teacher and highly experienced early years staff and we have a wonderful, vibrant and engaging learning environment; both inside and out! We are also extending our wrap around provision to include Nursery children which is available from 8 am until 5.30pm. If you, or anyone that you know needs a preschool place from September, please take a look at our website, call us to organise a visit or call into the office for an application form.

A Lovely Thank You

All of the adults in school received a lovely card

and some hand cream from our Year 1 children on Wednesday. The cards were a thank you from the children for all of the things that adults do for them in school and forms part of deepening their understanding of what it means to be grateful and generous, which has been our virtue pair for this half term. All of the staff were thrilled with their cards and gifts and it was lovely to see the children find so much joy in giving generously to others.



YEAR 3 HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP

Year 3 had a lovely day yesterday with Emily, from One Life Music, deepening their understanding of First Holy Communion and what that means as part of their journey of faith. They had a fantastic day taking part in a range of activities and spending time singing and in prayer.



Key Dates for Summer Term 2

- 25th May-29th May** : School closed for half term holiday
- 1st June**: INSET Day school closed to all pupils
- 2nd June**: Children return to school
- 13th June**: Y3 First Holy Communion
- 19th June**: Whole Class photo day
- 7th July**: Sports Day
- 9th July**: Induction Day
- 17th July**: Year 6 Leavers Mass
Last day of the academic year

Wishing you all a wonderful half term holiday from Mrs Edwards and everyone at St. Anthony's