



May is the month
of Mary!

St Anthony's Newsletter

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First Holy Communion



Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. This was the second of two Sundays in which a total of 52 St Anthony's children made their First Holy Communion.

If your child is preparing for this in another parish, please let us know. There will be a celebratory Mass in school on the morning of Thursday, 13th June (time TBC).

A testing time

Well done to all Year 6 children on the completion of the SATs. Parents have been telling us their children enjoyed the process! Thanks to all the staff who prepared them so well.

Au revoir!

Year 5 children will be away on school journey to the Parc d'Olhain near Béthune, France, next week. We wish them a happy trip and a safe return. Watch out on twitter for updates.

Behaviour

Our behaviour focus next week will be **taking a pride in the presentation of our work**. This will include attention to handwriting as well as neatness in presenting written maths and use of diagrams.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned in any way about a child, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team: **Mrs Macdonald, Mr Croft, Mrs Shotton and Miss Robertson** (for after-school club).

Walk to school week



Next week is **walk to school week**. If every parent who usually drives to school used alternative means on just one day (walking, bus, scooter), the emissions would be cut by 20%! Imagine how much cleaner and safer it would be for everyone if they ditched the car for a week.

A recent article in **Southwark News** (www.southwarknews.co.uk) reported on pollution around Southwark schools. Research shows that on **Etherow Street pollution levels are above the UK air quality target** for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). This chemical is linked to lung problems.

We encourage you all to make an extra effort next week, for the sake of all who live, work and study in the Etherow Street area

Southwark council is keen for local communities to be actively involved in improving the environment. A representative from the council will be talking to the children in a special assembly later this term.

Key Dates

- **Thurs 23rd May 2.45pm** : Years 3 and 4 Recorder recital
- **27th-31st May**: Half-Term break
- **Mon 3rd June**: INSET day
- **Thurs 13th June**: St Anthony's Day, including Mass to celebrate First Holy Communions (time TBC)
- **24th-28th June**: Year 6 school journey (JCA)
- **Tues 9th July**: Nursery Sports Day
- **Wed 10th July**: Years 3-6 Sports Day
- **Thurs 11th July**: Years R-2 Sports Day
- **Tues 16th July**: Leavers' Evening
- **Thurs 18th July**: End of Year Mass (time TBC)
- **Fri 19th July 2pm**: End of Term



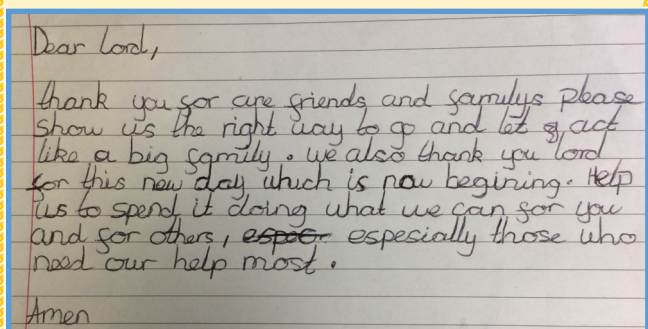
Faith Life



He is risen.

Alleluia!

- ◆ The Wednesday Word this week is **LOVE**
- ◆ This Sunday is the **5th Sunday of Easter**; the Gospel is from **John 13: 31-35** ("Love one another; just as I have loved you.")
- ◆ **St Paul's and St Thomas' classes (Year 6)** will join the parishioners for Mass at St Thomas More Church next Tuesday at 09:30; parents are encouraged to join them if they are able
- ◆ **St Julie's class** will lead the assembly next Friday
- ◆ **May is the month of Mary**: children will be saying the **Hail Mary** every day during class worship
- ◆ **Fr Joe** joined the **Chaplaincy Team** for their meeting today then visited Our Lady's Nursery and the Reception classes
- ◆ **Thursday 13th June**: First Holy Communion children may come to school in their special outfits for **Mass in school**



Thanks to Elizabeth in St George's Class (Y4) for this lovely prayer.

St Thomas More parish news

Celebratory Mass: 12.00 noon this Sunday for all First Communion children

The Manna Centre: the parish is collecting for the Manna Centre (school collects for it at Harvest time): non perishables, clothing and toilet rolls may be left in the box at the back of church
www.mannasociety.org.uk/

Sunday Mass times: Saturday 6.30 pm (vigil Mass)
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am,
12.00 noon, 5.30pm

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Dulwich Festival: good luck Evarna!

The Dulwich Festival (<http://dulwichfestival.co.uk/>) will be concluding on Sunday. If you happen to be at the Dulwich Festival Fair in Dulwich Park this Sunday you may just see Evarna-Rose performing on stage. Evarna is part of a dance group, the GDND Academy, who are scheduled for 3.45pm-4.45pm.



St Thomas More Field



On Thursday our year 6 children celebrated the end of SATs playing rounders on the St Thomas More field and after school our football teams played there for an hour or so. We are very fortunate to have access to this field and grateful to Fr Gerry for allowing it.

Thanks Marcus!

During SATs, our Year 6 children came into school early for breakfast (cereal, toast, croissants and juice). After every test they refuelled on home-made biscuits and juice. This really helped create the right atmosphere and we are thankful to our catering manager, Marcus Davies, the kitchen staff and all other staff who helped.

FOSTAS news

Count down to this year's **Summer Fair (Saturday 6th July)**

Mufti - wear your own clothes to school (sensible shoes, no football kits): **Friday 24th May**
Please bring a **SAFE AND USABLE** toy in good working condition to be sold on the toy stall.

Puzzle Corner:

Some arrows of a circular cross-section were packed in hexagonal bundles. If the outermost layer was made up of 18 arrows—how many arrows altogether?

(an ancient Hindu problem)

Last week's solution: 40 (easily solved with a bar model)