

St Anthony's Newsletter

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I hope that you and your children had an enjoyable summer holiday, and feel refreshed and ready for the new school year. It has been wonderful seeing the children returning in their new uniforms and shiny shoes, looking forward to seeing their friends and sharing exciting learning opportunities. I am always amazed at how grown up the children seem in September particularly the former Year 6 children who pop in to show us their new uniform.

A special welcome to the new families who have joined our lovely school this week. I know that you will be given a very warm welcome by the wider school community; we are blessed to have such an established and caring community and this is clearly reflected in the children within our school. Next week we formally welcome our new Nursery and Reception children.

Welcome also to our new members of staff: Miss Maat, Miss Peria, Miss Conway, Miss Mellersh, Miss Wilkins and Ms Ring. I know that they have enjoyed getting to know your children this week. It is through the hard work and dedication of our team that we are able to provide all that we do for the children of St Anthony's. I am very fortunate to be able to lead such an amazing team of teachers and support staff and we are all grateful for your support.

This year promises to be an exciting year with some lovely activities planned already. I will speak more about some of the school priorities for this year at the 'Meet the Teacher' events over the forthcoming weeks and I am really looking forward to working in partnership with you during 2019-2020.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr Ryan and Ms Boilson for overseeing so much of the essential maintenance work on our building over the summer. The school looks great.

God bless,

Joanne Hawthorne

Fantastic progress!

Our progress scores for the Year 6 children who left this summer are simply amazing. They measure the progress children made from the end of Year 2 to the end of Year 6. The national figure is always zero (it is the 'average') so anything higher is above average. The table below shows our progress score for the past two years.

	St Anthony's Catholic Primary		National
	2018	2019	2019
Reading	4.0	5.3	0
Writing	0.9	2.9	0
Maths	1.7	4.3	0

Safeguarding

Today, children will be coming home wearing a 'speak out, stay safe' badge from the NSPCC.

The **school safeguarding team** is **Mrs Macdonald** and **Mr Croft** (Mrs Hawthorne has also had all relevant and up-to-date training). If you have a concern about a child, please speak to one of the team.

For the afterschool Club, **Miss Robertson** is the designated person.

Internet Safety

Remember to set parental controls on any devices that your child can access.

A lot of useful information for parents can be found on Parentzone: <https://parentzone.org.uk/>



Key Dates

- Tues 10th Sept: Reception and Nursery intake
- Wed 11th Sept: Meet the teacher KS2
- Thurs 12th Sept: Meet the teacher KS1
- Tues 17th Sept 09:15: Start of year Mass (in school)
- Wed 18th Sept: Meet the teacher Early Years
- Wed 25th Sept 18:00: Secondary Transfer Meeting
- Fri 18th Oct: INSET Day
- 21st-25th Oct Half Term Break
- Fri 1st Nov: All Saints' (Mass in school TBC)
- 13th and 14th Nov (W, Th): Parents' Evening
- Tues 10th Dec: School Nativity Play
- Thurs 19th Dec: End of Term 2pm



Faith Life

- ◆ The Wednesday Word should resume next week (however, there are free parish-based resources at www.wednesdayword.org)
- ◆ This Sunday is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (**Luke 14:25-33**: The Cost of Discipleship); it is also **Education Sunday**
- ◆ Our new RE topic this term is **Domestic Church** and looks at how children first experience faith within the family
- ◆ There will be a **Mass in school** to mark the start of the school year on **Tuesday 17th September** (09:15 in the hall): parents are invited and encouraged to attend
- ◆ A small group of children will attend a special **Mass at St George's Cathedral** next Tuesday (celebrant Archbishop John Wilson)
- ◆ The school has started using new prayer resources from **TenTen Theatre Group**, who provide faith based resources for primary schools

Dear Lord,
Thank you for this new academic year help us grow closer in Christ. As we come together with our new friends and teachers. Help us come closer to you. Give us strength both physically and spiritual through out this year and beyond. This we make through Christ our Lord.
Amen



Thanks to **Sapphire, Daniel and Catherine** (Y6) for this lovely prayer to start the school year.,

St Thomas More parish news

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

Toddler Group: Mondays in the John Paul Centre
Children's Liturgy: during the 10am Mass

Mass for the Sick: Saturday 21 September at 1.30pm

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Well done Grace and Eve!



A big well done to Grace and Eve (Y5 and 6) who competed in triathlon in France over the holidays. They competed against children from all over Europe. As if a triathlon were not tough enough, they did it in a baking 32 Celsius!

Daily Mile

We will be continuing with the daily Mile initiative. Most days children will jog around the playground for up to 15 minutes which will cover a distance of approximately 1 mile. Children do not need to change footwear to do this.

Nearly 2 million children nationwide have signed up for this.

After-school clubs

Booking for after-school clubs and activities (e.g. football, gymnastics, dance) closes on Sunday. Please ensure you have booked your child's place on **Parentpay** (this does not include the Afterschool Club).

Uniform

You are reminded that the summer uniform may still be worn this half term. Long hair must be tied back with green, yellow or black simple hair bands. The only jewellery permitted is stud earrings and a simple wristwatch. Footwear is black shoes (no boots or trainers).

See website for more information.

Puzzle Corner

Here are the names of 12 animals. The names are in code and each digit (including 0) stands for the same letter throughout. What are the animals?

362 035 809 2409 7085 1902 96258
19409 17553 90368 49958 94894615