

St Anthony's Newsletter

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"...amongst the top 3% of primary schools in the country!"

From a letter received from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP; based on pupil progress in reading, writing and maths from the end of Year 2 to the end of Year 6.

Welcome to the summer term. Our new online learning platform has been very well received: we have been hearing such a lot about the children's learning this week!

Our teachers worked very hard over the Easter break to ensure that all the resources would be ready for the beginning of term. Access arrangements were emailed to parents over the holidays but if you are having difficulty, please contact your child's teacher through the class email.

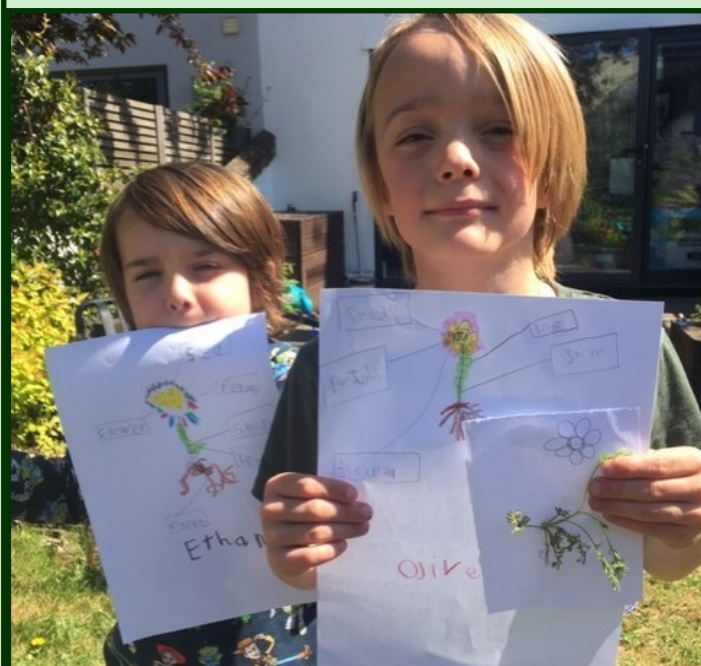
Some families find sharing a computer or other device a struggle so we are offering to send out work already printed to families if they request it. As much material as possible will be sent out over the weekend but some may not arrive until Tuesday next week—your patience is appreciated. By next week all work for the following week will be posted by Friday.

Please continue to send in pictures of all your achievements so we can celebrate them. It is great to see such variety in our learning community.

Hopefully you managed to have a joyful Easter but we are aware of some families who have been affected by the virus and who have lost loved ones. As always, our thoughts and prayers are with everyone at this time.

Have a good weekend!

Young Naturalists



Ethan and Oliver have been drawing and labelling flowers.

Healthy Children and Young People at Home

Southwark's "Healthy Schools Bulletin Four" provides ideas on how to keep your children and young people fit, healthy, happy and busy while they are home-schooled. The bulletin has been emailed to parents to provide lots of ideas to support families at this time.

Online Safety



Internet Matters is a nonprofit organisation, based in London. It was set up to help parents keep their children safe online. From age-specific online

safety checklists to guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, you'll find a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world at <https://www.internetmatters.org/>



"Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."

Maya Angelou



Faith Life



- **Wednesday Word** this week is **Jesus** (the Wednesday Word has been sent, with permission, as a pdf to families)
- This Sunday is the **3rd Sunday of Easter** the Gospel for the day is Luke 24: 13-35 (two disciples encounter Jesus on the road to Emmaus)
- **Year of the Word**: this week comes from **Deuteronomy 6:5-7**

Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. Never forget these commands that I am giving you today. Teach them to your children. Repeat them when you are at home and when you are away, when you are resting and when you are working.

St Thomas More Parish News

The church is currently closed due to the Covid-19 outbreak, however Fr Gerry is saying Mass privately in the church every day at 7.30am.

Sunday liturgy TenTen has prepared a Sunday liturgy for families that is free and easy to use: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/> (also sent by email to parents)

CAFOD have similarly prepared a children's liturgy: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Mass from the National Shrine at Walsingham: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

Weekly offering—please help: if you are a regular attender at St Thomas More, please would you consider setting up a standing order to continue your support of the parish. The monthly outgoings are considerable and without the weekly collections it's going to get tricky. If you're able to help the details are:

St Thomas More Church

Sort code 60-23-19

Account number 44136757

Beware the Minotaur!



Enea in Year 3 built a Minotaur Labyrinth marble game (be careful of the holes) designed by His dad helped him with the build and then he made his very own Minotaur Lego figure to complete the game.

Puzzle Corner

Maths Which numbers have a prime number of factors? (A prime number has only two factors: itself and 1)

General knowledge

What is the highest mountain in Great Britain?

Words

V	E	T
U	A	E
D	N	R

How many words can you make from any or all of these letters?

Last week's solutions:

Maths: e.g. $(6 \times 6) - 6 = 30$

General knowledge: 266 popes

Words: well done if you made the 9 letter word MACHINERY

There are plenty of mathematical challenges and games on the Nrich site:

<https://nrich.maths.org/covid19>

Safeguarding: useful numbers

Southwark duty desk (all safeguarding matters and enquiries) 020 7525 1921

020 7525 5000 (out of hours)