



# St Anthony's Newsletter

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*May is  
the month  
of Mary*

**"...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.



Tomorrow will mark 75 years since the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany's armed forces to the Allies, thereby bringing an end to six long years of hostilities in Europe and beyond (the War continued until August in Japan).

As the world celebrated, people looked to the future as a time of healing. Society would never be the same again, as people strove for better lives for their children. The years that followed saw the introduction of the Welfare State and the beginning of closer cooperation between nations.

Today we are in the grip, not of global conflict, but of a pandemic that has brought the world to a halt. It has been described as 'pressing the reset button' for the world. People are wondering what the world will be like when we finally come through.

While we celebrate the anniversary of VE day, we can remember the hopes and dreams people had then, and consider what are our own hopes and dreams for a 'post Covid' world.

*Have a good weekend!*

## Online Safety

Early use of digital technology has been shown to improve language skills and promote children's social development and creativity. **Internetmatters.org** offers age-specific online safety checklists and 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.

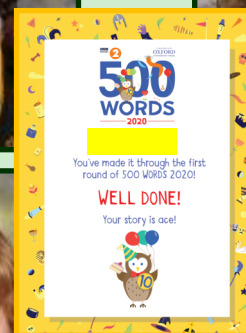
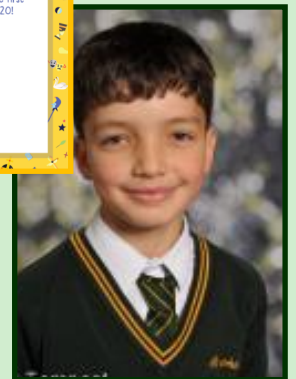
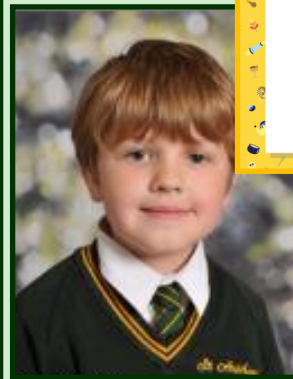
<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

## Telephone Contact

During lockdown, we aim to phone all families every week as a way of keeping in touch with the school community. On Mondays and Tuesdays this is mostly done from school by senior leaders (Mrs Hawthorne, Mrs Macdonald and Mr Croft). For the rest of the week it is by class teachers and support staff who are working from home. If you see 'number withheld' on your phone, it may have been a member of staff calling.

## Well done Freya, James and Florence!

In addition to Bussa making it through to the next round of judging, this week we heard that three more of our pupils have also made it through. We are very proud of our talented writers –well done!



The BBC 500 Words competition was launched in 2011 and is Britain's most successful writing competition in terms of the number of entries.



## Faith Life



- **Wednesday Word** this week is **TRUST**
- This Sunday is the **5th Sunday of Easter** the Gospel for the day is John 14: 1-12 (*Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for his departure from the world*)
- **The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales** website has some excellent links for prayer and online masses <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>
- **May** is traditionally a month when we honour **Mary**; Pope Francis has suggested two additional prayers to be said at the end of the rosary.

'You know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.'

(from the prayers of Pope Francis)

- **Year of the Word: Psalm 85: 8**

I am listening to what the Lord God is saying;  
he promises peace to us, his own people,  
if we do not go back to our foolish ways.

## 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 <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

children's liturgy: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

**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**

## Manna Society—please help

The society provides much need help to homeless people in South London and now desperately needs money. Any help that you can give would be very much appreciated. If you are able to do so the quickest way to donate would be online

(<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/7580#!/DonationDetails>) or you can send a cheque (The Manna Society, 12 Melior Street, London SE1 3QP).

<https://www.mannasociety.org.uk/>

THANK YOU

Trying your best to keep the school going

Even in tough times like these

And when we don't know the out come of this, your

Courage keeps us moving

Hard workers like you, who go the extra mile as our

Education is in your hands, so

Really, thank you for doing

So much for us

Thanks Cameron  
(Y5) for this  
great poem!

Cameron

## Puzzle Corner

**Maths** A large cube of cheese measuring 10cmx10cmx10cm has to be cut into 1cm<sup>3</sup> for a party. What is the smallest number of cuts needed?

**General knowledge** 'Able was I, ere I saw Elba.' is a palindromic sentence. Who might have said it?

**Words** Can you write your own palindromic sentence?

**Last week's solutions:**

**General knowledge:** Mae C Jemison – the first black woman in space

**Words:** 'redivider' is one, or you could have the language Malayalam

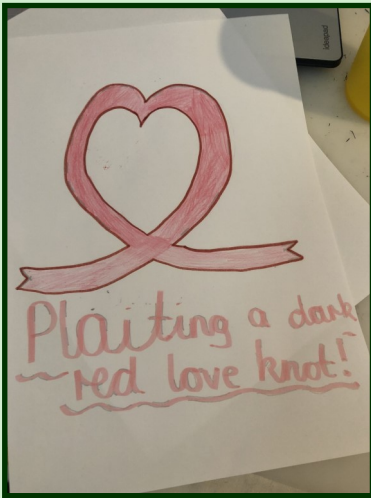
No room the maths solution: keep trying!

## Safeguarding: useful numbers

**Southwark duty desk** (all safeguarding matters and enquiries) 020 7525 1921      020 7525 5000 (out of hours)



# The Gallery



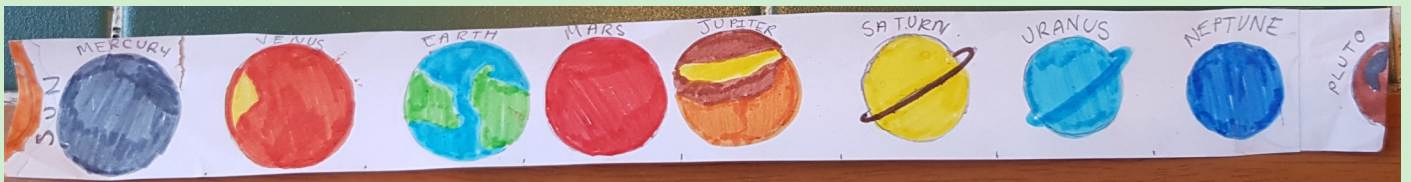
Annie Y6



Bea Y6



Fatima Y6



Connor Y6



Jordy Y6



Loulou Belle Reception



Caitlin Reception



Leo Reception

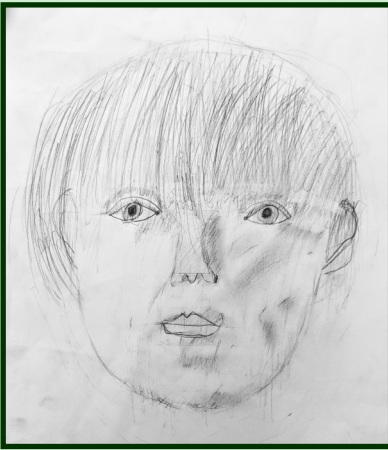


Olivia Reception



Elissa Reception

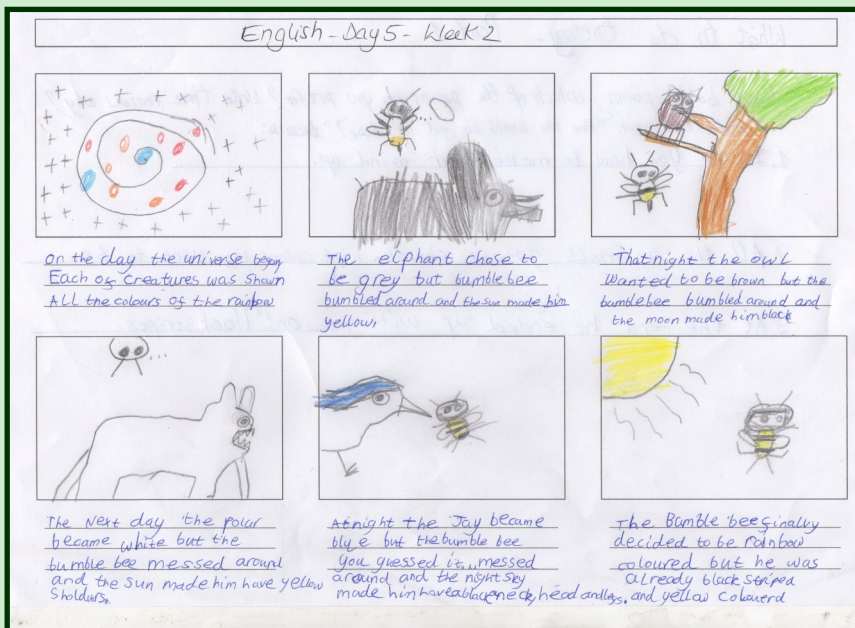




Cameron Y5



Jake Y5



Sophia H, Y4

## Wild Horses

By Anna R Y4

I am wild but tough  
my teeth are strong  
my kick is powerful

Run run run

As fast as the wind  
my main gets knotted  
blown in the wind

Run run run

My eyes go wide  
my ears point up  
as sharp as a sword

Run run run

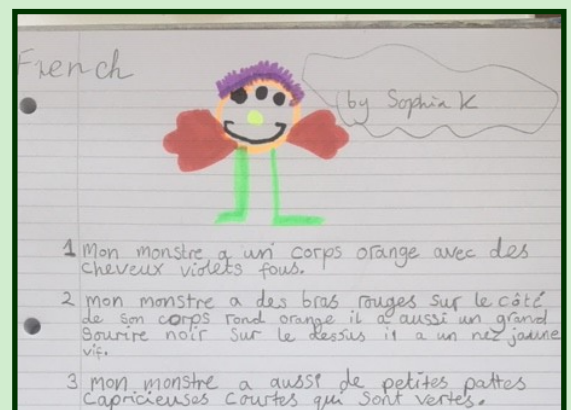
Jeremie Y4



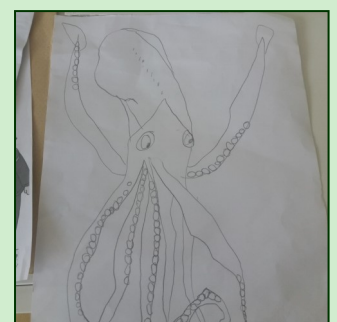
Mahri and Kaiyan, Y1

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/fabled-kids/id1415540060?i=1000473651506>

Emefa Y5



Sophia K, Y4

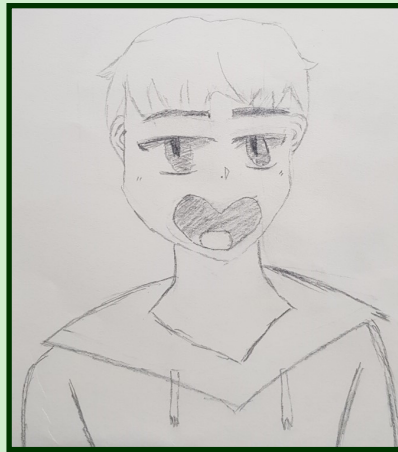


Roberto Y1

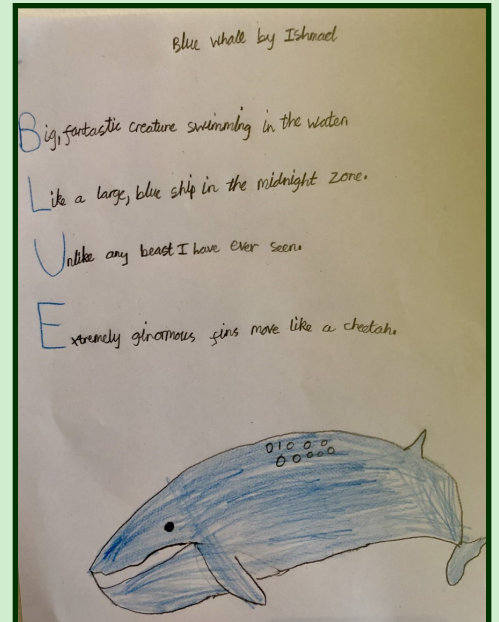




Taiwo, Kehinde and Blessing,



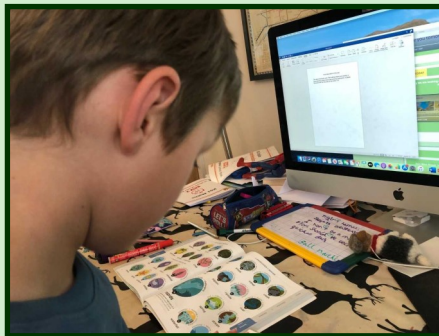
Samuel Y6



Ishmael Y2



Mylo Y3



James Y2



Luca Y4

### **THE NARROW ESCAPE!**

While a humble mouse stumbled along, a huge owl was getting ready to pounce. Suddenly, the terrifying owl flew up and came crashing down from the sky! The owl chased him far and wide as his ferocious beak got closer and closer to his tiny feet.

Poor mouse, was feeling exhausted but was determined to carry on as he did not want his life to end now. He knew that he had to find a safe place to hide until the owl grew weary of chasing such a small meal. But where could he find refuge?

From the corner of his eye, he spotted a small hole at the base of the trunk of a tree, where the roots were tangled up across the field. With the owl just about to make the final bow, the mouse leaped into the small hole and covered away from the talons of the owl. The owl tried many times to grab him but he was too large for such a small gap.

As the sun set, the mouse finally scurried from his hiding place back to his nest. The owl, still hungry and very frustrated, flew over the woods looking for his next prey. The life of a predator is not an easy one!

Noah Y4

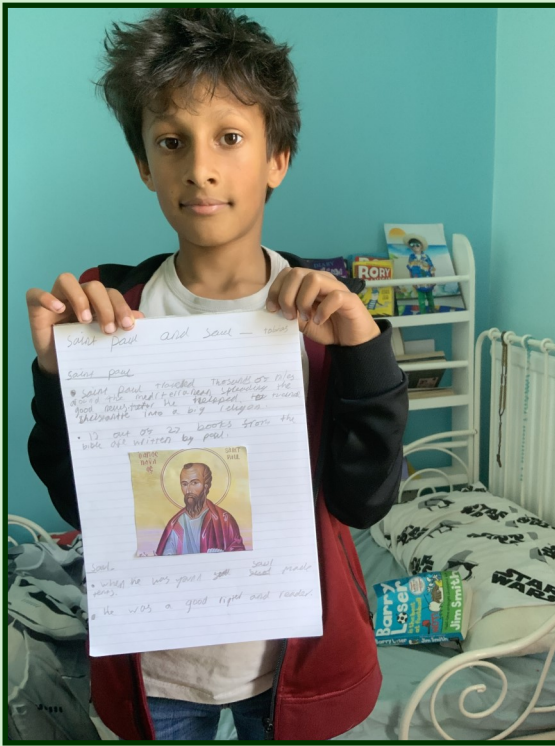


Isla S Y4

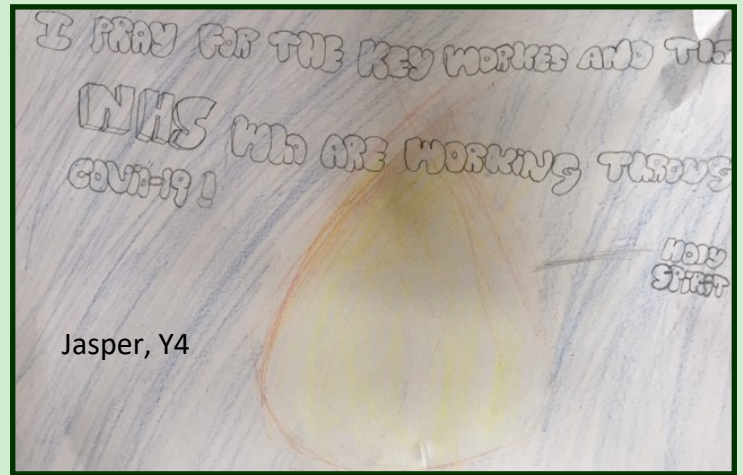


Alessandro Y1

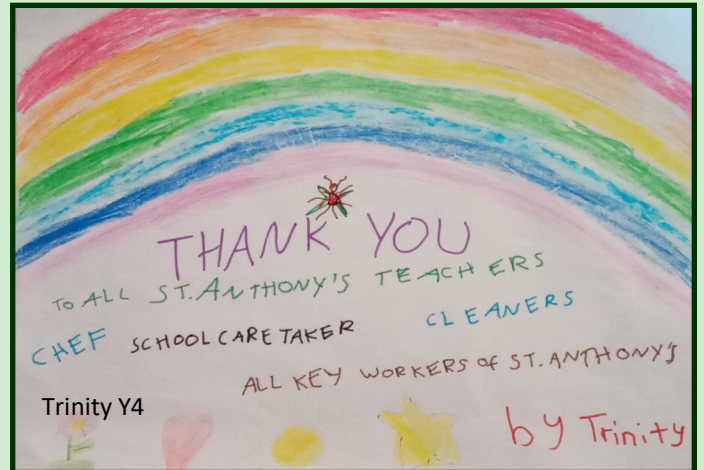




Tobias Y4



Jasper, Y4



Trinity Y4



Mia and Zuza (Y2 and Nursery)

Rosa Y5



Both by Samuel, Y5

