

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.

It was great to welcome children back after a much needed break. Winter uniform should now be worn and we are encouraging the wearing of extra layers while we keep the school well ventilated. All rooms have windows open to allow maximum air circulation but this inevitably means the building may be chilly!

You will have noticed staff wearing face coverings when at the gate. Drop-off and collection times are a potential risk for Covid transmission and we ask that parents and children maintain social distancing while they are waiting.

The Governing Body met this week and we were able to welcome one new governor to the team, Fr Bart. Governors continue to have an active role in the school and will continue to meet by video link for the foreseeable future. More information about the governors can be found on our website.

Remember the importance of exercise and recreation. Find time over the next couple of days to wrap up warm and get outside as a family to enjoy the beauty of the changing seasons: trudge through the falling leaves, watch the migrating birds or admire the beautiful intricacy of spiders' webs.

Have a good weekend!



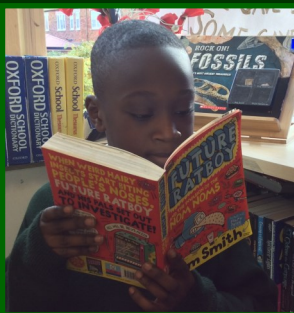
Nursery children have made a beautiful poppy to mark Remembrance Day this year.

Maths: Barvember

Barvember is a month long celebration of bar-modelling in maths. This method involves drawing a bar to solve a mathematical problem. It is promoted every year by **White Rose Maths**, an organisation founded by UK teachers who are passionate about maths.

Every day in November there are bar-model problems to suit all ages and abilities. If you want to try one, look at this week's maths problem at the end of the newsletter.

Reading Challenge



It is wonderful that so many children have read such a lot over the half term break. The trees in the classrooms are filling up with leaves (you wouldn't think it was autumn!). Remember, the competition is open until 27 November and your child can add a leaf to their class tree every time they read a book. The class with the most leaves will win £100 worth of books.

Be sure to sign up for Parent/Teacher meetings!

Key Dates

11/12 Nov: parent/teacher meetings (video link)

Fri 18 Dec 2pm: END OF TERM



**COVID SYMPTOMS?
GET TESTED NOW.**



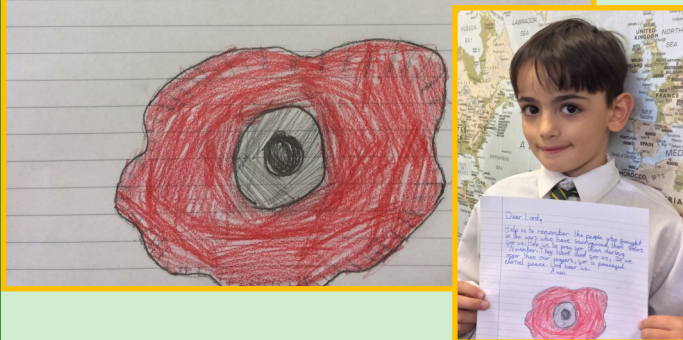
Faith Life



- The **Wednesday Word** this week is **WISDOM**
- This Sunday is the **32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A**: Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13 (*The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.*)
- The month of November is traditionally a month of remembrance; as a school we will open an electronic **Book of Remembrance** for children to write the name of someone they have known who has died
- Next Wednesday is **Remembrance Day**; classes are making wreaths to put on their doors and there will be a short service in classrooms at 11:00.

Dear Lord,
Help us to remember the people who fought
in the wars who have sacrificed them selves
for us. Help us to pray for them during
November. They have died for us, so we
offer them our prayers, for a peaceful
eternal peace. Lord hear us.
Amen.

Thanks
to



Alessandro (Y4) for this lovely prayer.

St Thomas More Parish News

Masses will only be live streamed during lockdown: see parish website for more details.

New assistant priest—welcome to **Fr Peter Ehinmiro**, who has joined the parish as Assistant Priest

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Year of the Word—Matthew 5:4

“Happy are those who mourn;
God will comfort them!”

CAFOD Harvest Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our CAFOD Harvest Appeal. A total of **£209** was raised.



Poppy Appeal

We are unable to sell poppies this year so children have been inventive in the ways they can support the Poppy Appeal. Ruby and Isabella have been making ornaments that light-up from bottles, to sell to

friends and family. The Poppy Shop has a huge selection of bags, clothing and accessories which can be bought to support the appeal.

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



Anti-bullying week is coming up (16—20 November). We are planning special lessons and assemblies to raise awareness of bullying in all its forms and how to deal with it.

Safeguarding: online safety



CEOP stands for Child Exploitation and Online Protection and is a branch of the National Crime Agency. It provides a route for reporting online abuse. To make it easy to use we now have a reporting command on our school website: look for it at the top of the distance learning page. To find out more about how the CEOP command works, click this link.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>

If you are concerned about a child's well being or you have a question about safeguarding, please contact **Mrs Macdonald, Mr Croft or Mrs Hawthorne**.

BARVEMBER

Sonia is 15 years old. She has an older sister. The sum of Sonia and her sister's ages are 36. How much younger than her sister is Sonia?

Solution to last week's puzzle: 9, 25, 361, 784

New arrivals!

Congratulations to Zion and Onyx-Elie on the birth of their baby brother, **Taíno Andrés**; also to Beryl on the birth of her baby sister, **Althea**; also to Christian, Alessandro, Giovanni and Raffaele on the birth of their brother, **Beniamino**.