



St Anthony's Newsletter



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THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ADVENT

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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.

We have heard that our neighbouring schools have now had to close several bubbles over the past few weeks and the latest news about infection rates is that they are continuing to rise across all London boroughs. We are constantly vigilant about hygiene in school, with regular hand-washing, sanitizing surfaces at every break and staff wearing face coverings when at the school gate. London is currently in Tier 2 but this is due to be reviewed by the government next week and may move to Tier 3; so we ask that you continue to follow the rules, including avoiding socialising indoors with members of other bubbles (for example, playdates).

Parents will have received an email this week with contact tracing arrangements should their child test positive after school has broken up for the holidays. **If a child develops symptoms on Thursday or Friday next week and there is a positive test result at any time up to 2pm on Christmas Eve, parents have a duty to contact Mrs Hawthorne.**

Whatever your plans for the next two days, have fun in your bubble and stay safe.

Have a good weekend!

Registration times

Registers are marked 10 minutes after the gate-opening time allocated to your child's year group. Please be punctual to avoid a late mark!

Important Dates

Wed 16 Dec—Christmas Dinner; children can wear their own clothes and add a touch of Christmas sparkle with tinsel, etc.

Thurs 17 Dec—Pantomime (online) with popcorn (not online!)

Fri 18 Dec—End of term: 13:50 Y1,2
14:00 Y3,4,5,6
14:10 Reception and Nursery

Mon 4 Jan—INSET Day (school closed to children)

Tues 5 Jan—start of spring term

Southwark Council @lb_southwark · 8h

Especially at this time of year, we all want things to return to normal but Covid-19 infection rates are continuing to rise across London. We need to look out for our family and friends and continue to follow the rules to avoid Tier 3 #KeepSouthwarkSafe



**KEEP
SOUTHWARK
SAFE**

This tweet was sent out by Southwark Council yesterday.

London Trail

Children in Years 1-6 brought home the **City of London Children's Trail** pamphlets this week. There are lots of suggestions for things to look out for while out and about over the holidays.

School Nursing Text Service

The school nursing service provides a confidential health service to children and young people. You can contact the school nurse, 365 days a year, to discuss any health matters (including mental health).

Text: 07520 631 130

Nativity Play

The children's celebration of the Nativity will be available on the interactive part of our website from next week. The younger children will be retelling the main events of the story through drama and song, while the older children will be singing carols.



**COVID SYMPTOMS?
GET TESTED NOW.**

**nhs/coronavirus
OR CALL 119**





Faith Life

- The Wednesday Word this week is **JOY**
- This Sunday is the **3rd Sunday of Advent (Year B), GAUDETE (rejoice) SUNDAY, Gospel John 1:6-8; 19-28** ("I am the voice of the one who cries in the wilderness: 'Make the Lord's way straight.'")
- See our **Interactive Advent Calendar** on our website
- Archbishop John will celebrate a **Christmas Liturgy** for schools on Thursday 17 Dec (streamed)



Henry made his crib at home this week. He is using it to find out more about the people and the places in the Nativity.

Crib sets have been sent home to help families talk about the first Christmas.

Dear Lord,
Thank you for helping Mary give birth to Jesus. Please help us to do what you say as what Mary did. Guide us throughout the day and help us to do what is right and not what is wrong. Thank you for always being there whenever we need you. Thank you for your love and support.
Amen

Thanks to Laudine (Y5) for this lovely prayer to mark Gaudete Sunday



St Thomas More Parish News

Sunday Mass:

Vigil Mass, Saturday 18:30; Sunday 08:30, 10:00, 12:00 and 17:30

Numbers remain restricted to 60 and masses will continue to be live streamed.

Parish Carol service: Sunday 20 Dec, 14:30 via YouTube

Parish Priest: Fr Bart Dudek

Assistant priest: Fr Peter Ehinmiro

Tel: 020 8693 5070

<http://www.stthomasmorechurch.co.uk/>

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Christmas Masses at St Thomas More Church

All Christmas masses will be ticketed: seats can be booked through the parish website (they are booking very quickly).

Thursday 24 December - Christmas Eve

17.00; 18.30; 20.00; 22.00; 24.00 (Midnight Mass)

Friday 25 December – Christmas Day

08.30; 10.00; 12.00 **NO EVENING MASS**

Currently, the bishops have lifted the obligation to attend Mass.

Year of the Word—Philippians 4:4-5



*Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say rejoice!
The Lord is near.*

St Christopher's Hospice

Christmas sing-a-long (via zoom): 22 December 7.30pm

£6 per household, proceeds to St Christopher's Hospice in Sydenham.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-sing-a-long-tickets-130308922495>

Lunch

Next Wednesday is Christmas Dinner Day! This therefore means the lunch on that day will not be as advertised on our website.

All school meals in Southwark are publicly funded and therefore free of charge. If, however, your child brings a packed lunch to school, you are reminded that this should be **healthy food** (e.g. sandwiches and fruit).

Admissions Consultation

School governing bodies regularly consult on admissions procedures (St Michael's, Southwark, is currently consulting). Please check school websites regularly if you wish to be involved in the consultations.

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

Safeguarding

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**.

Puzzle Corner

Three days ago, yesterday was the day before Sunday.
What day will it be tomorrow?

Solution to last week's puzzle: 15

Please note that the school circulates information on clubs and events from external providers from time to time. These are for information purposes and no recommendation is given or implied.