

# St Anthony's Newsletter

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We offer a special welcome to all new parents in Nursery and Reception. During our 'meet-the-teacher' event this week, Reception parents heard more about our school but there is always something parents may wish they had asked at the time. Remember, teachers are available at the start and end of the day and there are also senior leaders at the gates, morning and afternoon, who are happy to help with any questions you may have (and of course, you may always phone or email the school with a query).

Whether you are new to our school community or your children have been coming here for some time, please stop by and say hello as you go past!

## Poetry Competition

Our competition is on the theme of the local community. Children of all ages are welcome to submit an entry. The closing date is **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** and poems should be submitted to class teachers.

## Photographer

The photographer will be in school for individual and family group photos on Tuesday next week. Children who have younger siblings who do not yet come to St Anthony's may have a family group photo at 08:15.



**The Manna Society**

Running a Day Centre for homeless people near London Bridge



Please support our harvest appeal for the Manna Society. A list of most needed items has been emailed to parents and is also on display around the school.

## Orchestra

If your child can play eight notes on an instrument, we would love them to join our orchestra on Tuesday mornings at 08:00. Apply through ParentPay.

## KEY DATES

Thurs 29 Sept:	Open morning (2023 intake)
Thurs 13 Oct:	Open morning
24—28 Sept:	HALF TERM
Tues 1 Nov:	Mass in school
Tues 8/ Wed 9 Nov:	Parent/teacher meetings
Wed 14 Dec:	End of term Mass
Fri 16 Dec 2pm:	END OF TERM



## Young Leaders

Our young leaders for this term are Maame (**head girl**), Oliver (**head boy**), Alexa (**deputy heady girl**) and Michael (**deputy head boy**). They embody our school values and are excellent role-models for everyone.

**Prefects** and **school ambassadors** have also been chosen from Year 6 and they will play an active part in representing the school and carrying out important tasks.

From across the school, two representatives from each class have been elected by their peers to be on the **school council**. This group will meet regularly, allowing pupils to voice their opinions and have their views taken into account.

A new group has also been formed to support the school in living out the Gospel message of loving God and serving others. This group is called the **Mini Vinnies** and is part of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

We congratulate all our young leaders and representatives.

## FOSTAS Relaunch

FOSTAS - **Friends of St Anthony's School** - is relaunching and would like your input. Parents and carers of children in St Anthony's are already members - so welcome!

Goals this year are to raise money to help build a new play station in the lower playground, fund play equipment for all year groups, fund the Forest School and subsidise school trips for a fun and enriching end of year experience.

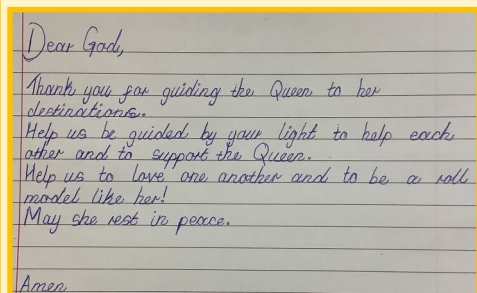
There are many ways to get involved...

- ◆ Be part of the committee
- ◆ Become a class rep
- ◆ Help at events
- ◆ Attend, support and donate
- ◆ Share your special skills
- ◆ Sponsorship support

A short survey will be sent to everyone via Parent Mail next week to gather interest and ideas, so please take a few minutes to complete it.

# Faith Life

- This Sunday is the **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Fr Bart celebrated a lovely **school Mass** last week and blessed our new picture of St Anthony (reproduced here)
- The **Wednesday Word** this week is **Sharing**
- **Year 5** will join the parish for **09:30 Mass at St Thomas More Church** next Wednesday; year 6 will go the following week—parents welcome
- October is traditionally the **month of the Rosary**, we will be saying a simple version of the Rosary in the hall every Friday at 08:30—parents welcome



Thanks to Aceline (Y6) for this lovely prayer.

## St Thomas More Parish News

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2023:

the parish will be organising First Holy Communion preparation for Catholic children from the parish who are currently in Year 3 or older and Confirmation preparation for Catholic children from the parish who are in Year 9 or older. Further announcements about registration will follow over the coming weeks.

Secondary school supplementary forms: Fr Bart will be available to sign the forms required for Catholic secondary schools on **Wednesday 12 October** between **14.00-16.00** and **17.30-18.30** and then **Friday 14 October** **14.00-16.00** and **17.30-18.30**. Please come to the John Paul Centre with your printed Priest Reference Request forms and any other relevant material and information.

Mass times for Sunday: Vigil 17.30 (Saturday); 08.30, 10.00, 12.00 & 17.30 (Sunday)

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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.

## St Anthony painting

Our new painting of St Anthony is by local artist, Stephen B Whatley. It was commissioned for a college in Australia but we have a beautiful signed print, limited edition. The picture will hang in a prominent part of the school so everyone will be able to enjoy it.

## Health and wellbeing

Congratulations to the children in Years 3 to 6 who have recently passed their **Cycle Confident** training. This training is part of a nationwide initiative and sessions are also available for families:

<https://www.cycleconfident.com/courses/family/>

October is **Walk to School Month**, we will be receiving a special map from the council showing the best cycle and walking routes to our school. Maps and further information will be sent out on Parentmail.

## Public health

There has been a national increase in children diagnosed with scarlet fever and invasive group A streptococcus, above seasonal expected levels. Polio booster vaccination for 1-9 year olds continue to be promoted.

[this letter](#) (click) contains information and further links about scarlet fever, and also sepsis and polio. A copy of the letter has been sent out by Parentmail.

## Online safety: Family Agreement

This is a practical tool to start discussions about how to behave online and set clear expectations for your family. It has been developed by Childnet, a registered UK charity that aims to make the internet a safe place for children and young people.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/family-agreement/>

## Attendance

Attendance this week: 90%

## Safeguarding

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

## Challenge

The letters stand for:

**E = Elizabeth**

**II = the Second (Roman numerals)**

**R = Regina (Latin for queen)**

What will it be for King Charles III?

