



St Anthony's Newsletter

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas: our school Christmas tree was ceremoniously switched on today by Alex (Y6) and Gabriel (R), with a little help from the elves; decorations are going up around the school and the children are eagerly learning carols. Amidst all this preparation, we still take time as a school to recognise that Advent is a season in its own right, a time of preparation and reflection. We have an Advent wreath (like the one on the top right of this newsletter) in the hall and children are also learning from the Jesse Tree: a visual way of finding out more about Jesus' ancestors and the prophets. Ten Ten, who provide lots of prayer resources, have include the Jesse Tree in the parent portal (see the newsletter Parentmail this week for login details).

Christmas lunch and jumper day

Christmas lunch will be **Wednesday 14 Dec** (roast turkey or vegetarian option). Children are welcome to wear a **Christmas jumper** (or other design) on that day.

Nativity Play

Parents are welcome to watch our (Y1 and Y2) Nativity Play, 'Little Angels', in school next Thursday at 2pm.

Carol Service

Carols and readings (Y3 to Y6) with Reception children acting out the Christmas story. On Tues 13 Dec at 2.15pm, St Thomas More Church. **Parents welcome but space is limited so no buggies please.**

Coffee Morning

 Claire Gager, **Empowering Parents Empowering Communities** Hub Lead (EPEC) from Southwark's Family Early Help team, will be in school to talk to parents at our next coffee morning: **Thurs 15 Dec 09:00**. She will share practical advice and provide more information and programmes available for parents.

KEY DATES

Sat 3 Dec 12:00-15:00	Christmas Fair
Thurs 8 Dec 2pm:	Nativity play (Y1/Y2) in school
Tues 13 Dec 2.15pm:	Carol Service in Church
Fri 16 Dec 2pm:	END OF TERM
Tues 3 Jan:	INSET day
Wed 4 Jan:	New term begins
13-17 Feb:	Half Term break



Christmas Fair

Saturday 3 December

12:00—15:00

£1 admission (adults), children free

Bottle tombola, craft stalls, Santa's grotto
Irish coffee, mulled wine, raffle and more.

Santa will be in his grotto until 1.30pm but the elves will keep it open after that and children can still receive a gift.

This event is **cash only**

A huge thanks to all those who have helped plan and prepare this event.

Return from absence

When your child returns from an absence, please provide the office with a brief note giving reasons for the absence (to be kept on file). This is in addition to contacting the office on the first day of absence.

School attendance this week: 93.14%

Class with best attendance: St Peter (99.66%)

Cost of living support

As a school, we are now able to directly make referrals for families to the Southwark Cost of Living Fund.

Please speak in confidence to Mrs Hawthorne, Mrs Macdonald or Mr Croft if you feel this would benefit you or someone you know.

Coat swap

If you have a coat that is in good condition (child or adult) that you no longer need, you can leave it on the stand in the shelter by the main gate. Anyone is welcome to take a coat for themselves or someone in their family.

Faith Life



- This Sunday is the **second Sunday of Advent**
- The **Wednesday Word** this week is **PREPARATIONS**
- **St Bernadette** class will lead assembly at 09:15 on **Wednesday 7 December**; parents welcome
- **Year 5** will join the parish for **09:30 Mass at St Thomas More Church next Wednesday (7 Dec)**; parents welcome

Dear God,
Thank you for giving us the special time with Jesus, as he sacrificed his life for us and how we cherish the time with our family.
Amen

Thanks to Tristan (Y5) for this lovely prayer.



St Thomas More Parish News

Parish Christmas carol concert: 3pm Sunday 11 Dec

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

Christmas services: details of mass times and other services are on the parish website

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Painting competition

Children are invited to paint a nativity scene for a competition organised by the Knights of St Columba (a Catholic outreach organisation). The pictures should be on A3 or A4 paper (we can provide that if needed) and should have a **Bible verse** that best relates to it, **written on the back**. There are two age categories (R-Y1 and Y3-Y6). Winning entries will receive a book prize and go on to a national competition. Winning entries will be selected next Friday and go on to be entered in a national competition.

Nursery and Reception Applications 2023

Parents applying for Reception places in September 2023 should complete **both** the **local authority application form** (online) and the **school supplementary form** (available via the website)
Nursery applications are only on the supplementary form.

Orchestra recital

09:00 Tuesday 13th December in the school hall. Parents and carers welcome.
If your child plays an instrument and would like to join the orchestra, rehearsals are every Tuesday at 08:00 (£3 per session).

Would your child like to be headteacher or deputy head for a day?

Mrs Hawthorne and Mr Croft will be selling raffle tickets (for FOSTAS) on Saturday and next week (until Friday morning) for children to have the opportunity to be head and deputy for the day (next term). Tickets are 50p each and the winners will be picked in assembly next Friday.

Winter Family Activities at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening
28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

Have fun on these one day courses for dads, mums and children of any age with the London Wildlife Trust. Southwark residents only. Free but £3 refundable deposit required.

Saturday 10th December 10am till 3pm
Evergreens and Wreaths
Get to know your garden evergreens, find out how they are good for wildlife and make a winter wreath and other decorations using natural materials.

Tuesday 20th December 10am till 3pm
Winter Wildlife Helpers
Discover what's living in our garden in winter and how you can help. Make a ladybird hotel, a mouse house, food for birds and plant up a pot for bees.



Funded by Southwark Council southwark.gov.uk
To find out more and for booking visit www.wildlondon.org.uk/events or contact Diana.dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk



Champions!

Our cub scouts took part in a Mastermind competition with six other packs recently and won. We are very proud of them: Joel, Oliver, Nathan, Aiden and Nanette.

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**.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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.

Challenge

How many days are there in Advent this year?

Solution to the last challenge: 28





FOSTAS

Christmas Fair

The long-awaited Christmas Fair is tomorrow, and all are welcome, so please feel free to bring along grandparents, friends and neighbours.

Time: 12pm-3pm school hall.

Entry £1 adults and free for children.

The fair is CASH ONLY - so please bring lots of change.

Grotto

Father Christmas will be making an appearance at the fair. Parents are welcome to take a photo of their child with him. He will be in the grotto for the first half, so make sure you arrive early to book your (12-13:30) slot to meet Santa and avoid disappointment! Then the Grotto will remain open for festive selfies.

Festive treats - Friday/Saturday

If you're able to bring in some festive treats to be sold at our fair (cakes, cookies etc) you can drop them off at the school on Saturday morning from 9.30am. Remember **no nuts or bananas**.

Raffle

Thanks to all of you who returned your ticket stubs - we'll still be selling raffle tickets at the fair tomorrow and there are some fantastic prizes to be won:

Apple iPad
JAGS Membership 3 Months
Teepee Sleep Over Hire for 2
2 Night Glamping Stay
Pub in the Park Family Ticket
Portrayed Photography Family Photo Shoot
Experience Day | £50 voucher
Oddono's | £50 voucher
1 Bottle Dom Perignon Luminous Vintage
Jovita Lashes | £50 Voucher
Ganapati | £50 Voucher
William Rose Butchers | £30 voucher
Weatherspoons | £30 Voucher
Whitehall Clothiers | £25 Voucher
One4all | £20 Gift Voucher

We can't wait to see you all there!