

St Antony's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

1st May 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am thrilled to share the wonderful success of our recent History fair, where children from all year groups showcased their incredible work. It was heartwarming to see so many parents join us to celebrate the creativity and effort our children put into their projects. From ancient civilisations to modern history, the displays were a testament to the children's hard work and enthusiasm for learning.

The event not only highlighted the importance of historical awareness but also fostered a sense of pride and achievement among our children. I would encourage families to discuss the projects at home, as this can deepen the learning experience and inspire further exploration of history. A special thank you to all the parents who supported their children in preparing for this event.

Congratulations to our enthusiastic participants in the mini marathon last Saturday. It was an exciting day filled with energy and teamwork, as children demonstrated their commitment to physical fitness and perseverance. We are proud of everyone who took part. Well done to all our runners.

Year 3 children recently embarked on an exciting journey back in time with their Egyptian Day. The children immersed themselves in the fascinating world of ancient Egypt, exploring its rich history and culture through various engaging activities. The day was filled with discovery and fun.

This hands-on experience not only enriched their understanding of ancient civilisations but also fostered creativity and teamwork among classmates. A big thank you to the teachers for organising such a memorable day and to all our parent volunteers who helped out on the day.

Our Reception children had an unforgettable visit to the Hive, where they had the opportunity to see and hold a variety of animals and insects. This experience was not only thrilling but also educational. They developed a deeper understanding of ecosystems and animal care. Thank you to the staff for facilitating this enriching outing.

It feels like the sun has finally decided to come out, hope you have a lovely sunny bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Odunsi

School Business Leader

"God is at the heart of our school. With the help of our community we will strive to learn, love and achieve"

Congratulations to year 1L with an attendance of 99.5%

Year 3 Egyptian Day

Year 3 had an unforgettable Egyptian Day, packed with excitement from start to finish. The morning was full of hands-on activities, where pupils made their own ink and wrote in hieroglyphics, crafted detailed scarab beetles, kneaded bread, created fragrant perfumes, and shaped canopic jars from clay.

In the afternoon, the hall was transformed into a spectacular *Pharaoh's Palace*. Children worked in groups to rehearse before confidently performing in front of their audience. The special layout of tables and seating helped create a real sense of occasion.

The day ended with a lively feast, where pupils enjoyed bread, grapes, cheese, olives, dates and juice, served in goblets and baskets to bring the experience to life. It was a fantastic day of creativity, performance, and celebration that truly brought Ancient Egypt alive for Year 3.

A huge thank you to the parents who helped us out without your support, this day would not have been possible.



Local History Fair

Last Wednesday, we celebrated Local History Day across our classes. Teachers delivered engaging lessons focused on areas local to us, bringing history to life in exciting and meaningful ways.

The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring photographs from the past, creating timelines, and carrying out their own research using books, laptops, and artefacts.

On Friday, we came together as a whole school community for our Local History Fair. We were truly impressed by the outstanding projects created by the children and their families. The quality of the information presented was phenomenal, and it was clear how much effort had gone into each piece of work.

Thank you all for the time, creativity, and dedication you contributed to this event. We hope it has helped create lasting and special memories for both the children and their families.



Reception - The Hive

Reception had a wonderful day on their first school trip to 'The Hive' in Epping Forest. The children were nature explorers for the day; foragers, mini beast hunters and tree detectives. They caught a range of mini beasts, from spiders, centipedes and even baby toads! Well done to all the children for representing St Antony's so brilliantly.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents helpers as without you, the trip would not have been possible.



Mini London Marathon

What a glorious day it was to have run this spectacular Mini Marathon! Congratulations to all the children who participated!



Book Week Celebrations

As part of our Book Week celebrations, we ran a 'Reading in an unusual place' competition. We had so many entries it was wonderful to see the creativity and fun that was had by all. The Year 6 Reading Ambassadors spent a long time going through all of the entries and they had the difficult task of choosing our winners. Well done to everyone who take part and congratulations to the following winners:

**Nursery - Ronan, Reception - Max, Y1 - Eddie, Y2 - Sienna
Y3 - Pheonix, Y4 - Anya, Y5 - Karl-William, Y6 - Connor**



The Gospel John 14: 1-12

On the night before he died, Jesus spoke to his friends, the disciples. "Do not let your hearts be troubled," he said. "Trust in God and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going now to prepare a place for you. I will come again and take you with me so that where I am, you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going." Then Thomas, a disciple, said, "Lord, we do not know where you are

going: how can we know the way?" Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself; they will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father."



Thurs 7th May - May Procession 1.30pm

W/c Mon 11th May - Yr6 SATS Week

W/c 18th May - Yr 6 Shakespeare Week

Weds 20th May - Class Photos

Fri 22nd May - Shakespeare Performance to Parents 2pm

Fri 22nd May - Break up normal time

Mon 1st June - Back to School

Tues 16th June - KS2 Sports Day

Weds 17th June - KS1 Sports Day



Happy Birthday!

Mila	Henry	Connagh	James
Olivia G	Faolan	Arlo	Sofia
Conor	Olivia B	Joseph	Isabella
Sofia	Eddie	Alfonso	
Gabriela	Oliver	Sienna	

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is vital to attainment and progress. Any absences attached to a school holiday will not be authorised and may result in a fine unless there are exceptional circumstances as outlined in our absence policy.

A leave of absence form (pink/yellow form) must be completed together with evidence attached in advance of any absence whether authorised or unauthorised i.e. holiday/medical/exams etc.

PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN'S PACKED LUNCHES DO NOT INCLUDE ANY NUTS OR EGGS AS WE ARE A NUT AND EGG FREE SCHOOL.

Safeguarding



Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Ms Debernardis

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Ms Hale-Brown/Mrs Odunsi