

Parental Involvement at St Anthony's EYFS

At St Anthony's are school is made up of the children, the staff AND our children's families. Working together as a team is key to our children's development.

Journals:

Each week we send our Learning Journals home. Please look through these books with your children each week, as well as looking back at previous pages. These contain a collage of our week and our wonder words. They also include Landmark Moments to show specific moments of progress. We find sending these home a useful tool to promote discussion, vocabulary development and widen knowledge and interests.

Home Contributions to Journals:

If your child would like to do some extra work, or does something that you would like us to see e.g. retelling a story, singing a song, etc... please either stick this in their journals OR upload a video or photo to their Microsoft Teams Account. Wow Moments and Proud Clouds are sent home termly which will also be stuck into journals.

Parent Meetings:

We hold a variety of meetings over the year.

New to Nursery Meeting - July

New to Reception Meeting—July

Nursery: the importance of role play and fine motor development—October

Reception Phonics Meetings—throughout the year

Phonics Workshops—held in the summer term for invited parents

Nursery Phonics Meetings—Summer Term

Coffee Mornings/ Afternoons:

Coffee sessions are held throughout the year with the first one being in September. These are an opportunity for mums, dads and carers to meet each other and enjoy a drink and some cake without their children.



Christmas Show:

EYFS children perform a variety of Christmas Songs for parents at the start of December to kick off our Christmas festivities.

Class Assemblies:

Reception children prepare a class assembly for their parents showcasing the work they have been doing.

Open Afternoon:

Parents are invited to our open afternoon in the summer term to look around their child's class and the rest of the school.

EYFS Mass:

Each year the EYFS children and their families are invited to attend a special EYFS Mass. This is held in our garden (weather permitted) and led by our school Priest.

May Day:

Children and families are invited to take part in our May Day celebrations—where we lay a flower for Mother May, and celebrate her through song and prayer.



Reading Celebration Mornings/ Afternoons:

Parents and carers are invited to come into school to read with us. This is a lovely opportunity for parents to share their favourite books and their love of reading. We have also been lucky enough to have many parents read to us in different languages!

Parents' Evening and Reports:

Parents are invited to attend a parents evening in the Autumn and Spring Term. At each meeting they will meet with their class teacher, receive a short written report and have the chance to look around the child's classroom and look in their books. In the Summer Term parents receive a full written report.

Phonics Assessments:

As well as several phonics meetings we also send home detailed phonics assessments each half term, in order to keep parents up to date with their children's progress and next steps.