



June 2024 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

We Grow and Learn with Jesus

Dear Parents/Carers,

Golden Celebrations

Thank you to everyone in our school community for helping us celebrate our 50th anniversary recently. It was a wonderful week and created many special memories for all involved.



Year 6 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight

The Year 6 children who took part in the Isle of Wight residential trip celebrated mass with Fr Tim – in a very beautiful setting, overlooking the sea. The children had a wonderful week on the island – taking in part in so many activities. The hotel staff and coach driver were very complimentary about the children's conduct throughout the week. An email was received by the hotel owner, below are his comments:

'By far the best school this season so far. Credit to all at St Anthony's. We look forward to welcoming you all again next year.'

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Martin, John, Sarah, Aimie, Katy, Nikki, Sally and Fr Tim for their dedication and hard work throughout the week away and to their families for releasing them for five days.

The children who did not take part in this trip took part in an enrichment week and received many compliments from staff about how helpful and happy they were. Well done Year 6.



Open Day – Wednesday 10th July 3.30pm - 4.30pm

On **Wednesday 10th July** the school will be open for parents to view all the classrooms, chapel, displays etc. This is **not** a parents' evening it is an opportunity to look at all the classrooms around the school and have a drink/refreshment in the dining room. You are all very welcome to join us.

End of year reports

In July all families will receive their end of year report for their child. There will be a reply slip attached to the report where there will be an opportunity for parents and children to make a comment and return to school.

Staffing Update

Ann Power, our Year 1 Padua teacher, will be retiring at the end of this term. Ann has been part of St Anthony's School since 2016. Ann has been a fantastic teacher and Key Stage One Lead. She has also been an excellent RE lead with Martin. Ann will be missed by all of us for her warmth, humour, patience and dedication. We wish Ann a wonderful retirement - she will be taking on a new role as a Nanny to her much anticipated first grandchild !

Hannah Mitchell will be taking over from Ann as Key Stage One Lead in September.

In September we are very pleased to welcome Rosalind Pengelly to our staffing team. Rosalind is an experienced teacher and has spent many years at one of our neighbouring primary schools.

We are also very pleased that Laura Sugrue will be returning from maternity leave at the end of this term.

Below is the list of staffing for September 2024:

Nursery	- Katy Laws
Reception Lilies	- Megan Brogan
Reception Poppies	- Shannon Kelly
Year 1 Lisbon	- Frankie Wassell
Year 1 Padua	- Rosalind Pengelly
Year 2 Lisbon	- Bella Fuller
Year 2 Padua	- Laura Sugrue and Eleanor Burke
Year 3 Lisbon	- Corinne Bygrave (Aimie White on Friday)
Year 3 Padua	- Frances Nicholson and Aimie White
Year 4 Lisbon	- Orla Reilly
Year 4 Padua	- Abbie Clark
Year 5 Lisbon	- Catherine Elliott
Year 5 Padua	- Amy McMahon
Year 6 Lisbon	- John McGinn
Year 6 Padua	- Sarah McCabe

Cover for teachers' part time days, PPA time, continuing professional development and co-ordinators' release time will be provided by Hannah Mitchell, Rachel Smith and Eva Thomas

Martin McDermott, our Assistant Headteacher, will not have a class responsibility. He will continue to help raise standards by working closely with all classes across the school.

Melanie Brimicombe, our Assistant Headteacher, will continue in her role as Inclusion Co-ordinator (INCo).

Melanie and Martin will also continue in their roles as Designated Safeguarding Leads. In the July newsletter I will be able to share which classes our teaching assistants will be working with.

Reception class allocation

We have made a change to the timing of when children are placed into either a Lisbon or Padua class. This used to happen at the start of Reception when some children were new into school as they hadn't previously been in our Nursery. We have now decided this will happen at the end of the Reception year as the children move into Year 1. This will mean the staff are more familiar with any new children and can ensure the classes are the best mix of children possible. Reception classes will therefore have new names of Lilies and Poppies.

New Uniform Sale

We have surplus new uniform (never been worn) which will be on sale at a reduced price on Wednesday 10th July which is also our Open Afternoon event.

Link for SEND Courses and newsletters

Please see below a link to the DSPL9 website which includes local information regarding SEND and fortnightly newsletters.

<https://www.dspl9.uk/page/?title=DSPL9+Parents+Newsletters&pid=30>

Medical appointments form

Making medical appointments outside of school hours will ensure your child does not miss vital learning. However, there may be an occasion where this is not possible. Please find attached to this newsletter a form to be completed if your child has to be taken out of school for any medical appointment. Paper copies of this form can be found in our main entrance. This form needs to be completed before the appointment and handed into our office team.

Attendance Update

The whole school attendance has been **95%** from 2nd September until Monday 24th June. This is a big improvement when compared to this time last year. Class attendance can be seen below.

Nursery	90%	
	Lisbon	Padua
Reception	92%	93%
Year 1	96%	95%
Year 2	94%	96%
Year 3	97%	95%
Year 4	96%	95%
Year 5	95%	95%
Year 6	97%	95%

A particular well done to **Year 3 Lisbon and Year 6 Lisbon** who achieved the highest class attendance during this time.

Year 5 and Year 6 Production – Mystery at Magpie Manor

Year 5 and 6 will be performing **Mystery at Magpie Manor** for the parents on **Thursday 4th July**.

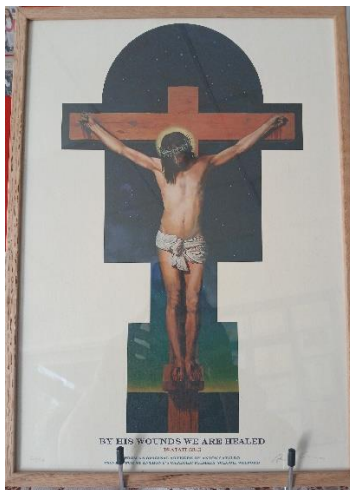
There will be an afternoon performance (2pm) and an evening performance (7pm). Numbers for the evening will need to be restricted so we have sent home two tickets for each family.

The afternoon performance will not be ticketed. All primary school age children will have seen the play so please do not bring them to the evening performance. Children below school age should be brought to the afternoon performance and not the evening performance.

Please organise babysitters in advance as all children who attend our school as well as pre-school children will **not** be able to come into the evening performance. It is very upsetting for parents to miss their child's performance because they have not made appropriate arrangements. And it is also very difficult for staff who have to turn them away.

Limited edition copies of Chapel Cross - Anton Cataldo

These are the contact details for Anton (Chapel artist) for anyone who would like to purchase a limited edition print of the beautiful cross. There is a framed copy in our main entrance for you to view.



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Dates for Diary

Mon 24 th June	New to Reception meeting – 9.15am
Weds 26 th June	Reception Padua, Year 1 Padua and Year 2 Padua - Sports morning 10am – 12pm Parents welcome.
Thurs 27 th June	Year 2 visit Roald Dahl Museum Foodbank Donation Day
Fri 28 th June	Reception Lisbon, Year 1 Lisbon and Year 2 Lisbon - Sports morning 10am – 12pm Parents welcome. Year 3 mass – school hall at 2pm. Parents welcome.
Mon 1 st July	Year 5 visit St Michael's High School for a Science Day
Thurs 4 th July	Year 5 and 6 Production of Mystery at Magpie Manor 2pm and 7pm . Please note the evening performance is ticket only and younger siblings will not be able to attend the evening performance. Please see information above for more details.
Fri 5 th July	Nursery visit to Bekonscot Model Village
Weds 10 th July	Open Afternoon 3.30pm – 4.30pm

	Year 6 Leavers' Disco 5pm to 7pm – details to follow
Thurs 11 th July	Year 6 Transition Day Year 4 retreat day to Aylesford
Tues 16 th July	Leavers' mass for Year 6 children and their parents – 2pm details to follow
Fri 19 th July	Leavers' assembly – Year 6 parents invited – 9.15am. School finishes at 1.30pm. INSET for teachers in the afternoon.

Congratulations

It is always lovely to see the children with their medals and certificates.

Our congratulations go to the following talented children:

Nursery

Aoife K – Medal for playing Gaelic football in Herts Gaelic Tournament

Isabella H – Pre-school Level 2 Watford Gym Award

Reception Lisbon

Jonah J – Certificate for Kumon maths Programme (2 years ahead)

Airen H – Level 3 Gymnastics for Vault

Ella H – Duckling 3 award for swimming

Year 1 Lisbon

Millie K – Medal for playing Gaelic football in Herts Gaelic Tournament

Rosie A – Star of the Day certificate for cheerleading

Khaleesi D - Stage 2 certificate and badge from Learn to Swim

Amelia F – Trophy for 2nd place reel, 4th light jig at Irish Dancing Feis

Katie O – Medal for Race for Life in Cassiobury, ran 3km and raised £300 and a 5m certificate for the Rainbow Distance Awards.

Bianca C - Gym Proficiency certificate and badge for level 5 and Star of the Week from swimming teacher for doing a somersault in the pool

Belle R – Trophy for Gaelic Football – Player of the Week

Alex C - Watford Gym Club Level 4 rebound and Level 4 floor

Lola S - Learn to Swim Stage 2 certificate and badge

Year 1 Padua

Sedrick N – Medal from Watford Gym Club for passing level 4

Oliwia A – Level 4 Floor Gymnastics

Hayden D – Football certificate for being a Star Performer

Eaimi A – Football certificate for being a Star Performer

Cheryl N – Football certificate for being a Star Performer and trophy for playing good football

Arona L – Watford Gym Club level Award for floor

Reece E – Certificate and trophy Star Performer for football

Khaleesi D – Stage 2 Learn to Swim certificate and badge.

Year 2 Lisbon

Rebecca P - medal and certificate for rebound level 4 from Watford Gym Club

Alex M - Stage 2 certificate and badge from Learn to Swim

Destiney Y – The '50 Club' certificate from Explore Learning for mastering 50 skills

Antonio J – 1st place medal for winning a karate competition.

Annah S - Rainbow swimming Distance 10 metre award

Year 2 Padua

Maria S – Proficiency Award for Level 4 Gymnastics

Rhys M – Medals from Evergreen FC for football tournament and a Summer Tournament winner

Davine F-P – Rainbow swimming Distance 5 metre award

Dev K – Medal from Watford Tamil Group

Kalvin R – Certificate from Kumon for Level a maths programme completion

Henry P – Water Skills 2 certificate from swim England and trophy for Titans FC U7 Player of the Year

Year 3 Lisbon

Evelyn G – VBS certificate of completion for attending Vacation Bible School

Sophia H – Gym Proficiency Award Level 1

Year 3 Padua

Santha G – 15m Rainbow Swimming Distance certificate and badge

Year 4 Lisbon

Melissa M – Gym Proficiency 1 medal and Rainbow 15m award

Riya P – Karate student of the week certificate

Astraea M – Best punches in Karate certificate

Year 4 Padua

Jotham G - Titans FC trophy U11 for playing whole season and 2 medals for winning 2 tournaments.

Year 5 Lisbon

Gianni M – Medal for winning the league with Cassio Rangers U10

George S – Stage 5 swimming certificate

Hanna T – Garston Ladies winners' medal for a tournament at Chorleywood

Adriano J – Upgrading Certificate for 9th Cup Tang Soo Doo

Year 5 Padua

Noah O – Winners trophy for U10 football tournament with Aylesbury Utd

Lutho F – Boy's certificate of recognition from Aviv Dance Studios and Learn to Swim stage 7 certificate and badge.

Year 6 Lisbon

Henry D – Titans FC trophy U11 for playing whole season

Joy C – Watford Gym Club award for Level 6 rebound and Level 6 floor

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless and take care,

Elaine Harrold

