



July 2024 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you

As we come to the end of this academic year, I would like to say a **huge** thank you to all members of our school community – staff, parents, carers, governors and in particular our fantastic children. It has been lovely to spend another year as part of such a wonderful community.

Year 6 Leavers' celebrations

The Leavers' mass will take place on Tuesday 16th July at 2pm, the Year 6 children's disco is Monday 15th July at 5pm and the Leavers' assembly will be Friday 19th July at 9.15am.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish our Year 6 Leavers every success as they move on to their secondary schools. We are enormously proud of all that they have achieved during their time at St Anthony's. We look forward to them coming back and popping in to see us in the future to tell us of all their achievements. **Good luck Year 6** – remember to continue to *Grow and Learn with Jesus*.

Questionnaire

If you are able to complete our whole school questionnaire, we would be very grateful. The link is below. The date for completion of the questionnaire is **Monday 29th July at 5pm**. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/r/fh3pNcSDN4>

Swimming Lessons

It is vital that your child can swim by the time they leave primary education. This is a National Curriculum requirement but more importantly an incredibly important life skill. We would ask all parents to ensure their child receives swimming lessons from local pool providers and not leave it until Year 6 to start swimming when we take them to William Penn pool. It is fantastic when children throughout the school show us their swimming achievement medals and certificates. We would like to see a lot more children achieving the 25 metre standard and beyond.

Staffing

As promised in the last newsletter below is the **teaching assistant** staffing for September.

Nursery – Sally, Diana, Marilda, Daniella and Breda.

Reception Lisbon – Stephanie and Daniella (on Weds)

Reception Padua – Emily

Year 1 Lisbon – Laura

Year 1 Padua – Adriana

Year 2 Lisbon – Dominika

Year 2 Padua – Ashleen

Year 3 – Nikki and Shannon

Year 4 – Susanna and Rieko

Year 5 – Magda

Year 6 – Fatim

Carole and Sinead will be timetabled to support our children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.

Georgina, Shani, Manu and Ireshika will continue to work with either individual or small groups of children who have been identified for support.

Due to recovering from an ongoing knee injury Alessia is unable to return to work as one of our teaching assistants. We want to thank Alessia for her incredible hard work with all the children over the last 7 years. Alessia will be much missed by all the staff and children. When we visited Alessia last week she wanted to pass on her best wishes to everyone in the St Anthony's school community.

Jean, our school welfare assistant, will be starting her maternity leave at the beginning of September. On behalf everyone I would like to wish Jean the very best wishes as she prepares for her baby. We look forward to sharing the news of the arrival in the new term.

Summer Reading Challenge – Local libraries

Hertfordshire Libraries are excited to let you know about this year's exciting Summer Reading Challenge: **Marvellous Makers**. The challenge aims to address a dip in reading levels that can often occur during the summer holidays. After reading **six** library books and completing the challenge children will receive a personalised certificate, a medal and a finishing gift. Your children can sign up for free with a library card at any Hertfordshire library from 6th July.

I would encourage all children to take part as reading is so vital over the long summer break. I look forward to seeing many 'Marvellous Makers' certificates in the Autumn term.

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops July-September 2024

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered to a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop. All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, please see the attached flyer.

Attendance Update

The whole school attendance has been **95%** from 2nd September until Friday 12th July. Class attendance can be seen below. A very well done to **Year 3 Lisbon** who achieved the highest attendance during this time.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 17 th July	Open afternoon for all parents to visit their child's next classroom 3.30-4.30pm
Thurs 18 th July	All children to wear Sports clothes for an Olympics Day- this is a fundraising day for school fund – Gateway donations welcome.

Fri 19 th July	Leavers' assembly for Year 6 families – 9.15am 1.30pm School finishes for summer
Monday 2nd September	INSET day (school closed)
Tuesday 3rd September	Term begins for children

Congratulations

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

Our congratulations go to the following talented children:

Reception Padua

Sarah L received a Certificate of Achievement from Ju-Jitsu for White/Orange Belt

Year 1 Lisbon

Lola S was awarded Star of the Day for cheerleading.

Bianca C was awarded Star of the Day for cheerleading and a Watford Gym Club '6' medal

Belle R was awarded a certificate and badge for Learn to Swim Stage 3 and was awarded a medal for 2nd place in a Watford Gym Club Championship

Millie K was awarded a Medal for Gaelic Football from the All-Britain Competition and a medal for U7 Gaelic Football Tournament. She also placed 3rd in a Watford Gym Club Championship

Katie O received a Watford Gym Club '6' medal

Sophie L was awarded a street dance performance certificate and was awarded first place from the Watford Chinese School.

Year 1 Padua

Dhyan R received a Star Performer certificate for multi sports.

Amelia D received a Level 4 certificate and medal for vault from Watford Gym Club

Nicholas G was awarded a certificate and medal for Level 4 vault from Watford Gym Club

Khaleesi D received badges from Beavers for Collector, Space and joining in.

Tessa G won 1st place in the children's category of Aakacr Naach Dance Challenge 2024

Year 2 Lisbon

Rebecca P was awarded a medal for taking part in a 'Kennedy Jane' Dance Group Show and a Watford Gym Club 5th place medal.

Year 2 Padua

Sebastian S achieved Grade 3 of 'Coding Star'.

Eliana S was awarded a certificate and medal for Level 4 vault from Watford Gym Club

Antonia I received a medal for Gym '2' from Rise Gymnastics

Rhys M was awarded a trophy for being Player of the Year for U7's 23/24 season from Evergreen FC

Year 3 Lisbon

Caelyn H won a Bollywood Dance Level 3 trophy and a Learn to Swim Stage 3 certificate.

Zaviyar H received a Swim England Achievement Award

Anah O was awarded a certificate for Learn to Swim Stage 5

Year 5 Lisbon

Beatrice T passed her Grade 5 piano exam with distinction

Caoilainn K was awarded the Garston Ladies FC end of season award

Hanna T was awarded the Garston Ladies FC end of season award

Reyah H was awarded a certificate for Learn to Swim Stage 5

Year 5 Padua

Noah O was awarded a trophy and winners medal for winning two tournaments with Aylesbury Utd FC

Emil K was awarded a certificate and badge for Learn to Swim Stage 7

Daniella U achieved 3rd place in a championship with Watford Gym Club

Year 6 Lisbon

Natalia G was awarded 2 trophies from Cassiobury Rangers for Players' Player and Participation

Emily O achieved Rainbow Distance Award 400m and a certificate for completing 2 years with Jigsaw Arts School

Aiden K was awarded a medal for Gaelic Football from the All-Britain Competition and medals for Under 11 and Under 13 Gaelic Tournaments.

Kayleigh L was awarded 3 championship medals from Watford Gym Club for 1st in bar, 3rd vault and 3rd overall

Jasper L was awarded a certificate and badge for Learn to Swim Stage 7 and took part in a Grade 6 violin performance at a student concert at WMS

I wish you all a wonderful summer - I hope you will find time to relax and spend time with your loved ones.

I look forward to seeing you all in September for a new school year.

God bless,

Elaine Harrold

Headteacher