

Year 5 Update

25th September 2026

National Teaching Assistant Day

Today is National Teaching Assistants' Day.

This is an opportunity for us to recognise the invaluable role our TAs play in children's lives up and down the country.

At St. Anthony's we are hugely fortunate to have dedicated and committed teaching assistants, many of whom have worked at our school for several years.

It is impossible to list the number of tasks our teaching assistants perform daily.

They are there for the children in the classroom to help them with their work. They are there in the medical area when they feel unwell. They are there on the playground during playtimes. They are there at lunchtimes when the children are eating. Many of our TAs work with small groups of children or on a one-to-one basis.

They play a vital role in the children's progression.

Thank you to all our brilliant teaching assistants as we celebrate you today.

R.E

- Children have continued to develop their understanding of covenants and have looked in more detail at the Ten Commandments
- They worked in groups to sort out statements of what it was like for the Israelites before they were free and what it was like after.

Key vocabulary: covenant, agreement, contract, consequence

Pre-teaching: next week the pupils will be learning about the covenants that God made to Noah, Abraham and King David.

English

Topic: Report writing

Focus books: *Mythical beasts and Magical creatures*, *The World of the Unknown*
Monsters

- The children have drawn their own creature and planned a non-chronological report about it based on the work we have been doing over the last two weeks.

Key vocabulary: inform, report writing, subheadings, adverbials, brackets, parenthesis

Pre-teaching: Next week the children will begin to write up their non-chronological report.

Maths

- The children revisited rounding to the nearest, 10, 100 and 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000.

Key vocabulary: rounding, nearest, multiple, digit, place value, tens, hundreds, thousands, ten thousands

Pre-teaching: we will continue with this work next week before moving onto negative numbers.

Science

Topic: Sieving

- This week the children wrote up the sieving experiment they completed last week.

Key vocabulary: filtering

- Pre-teaching: Children will make their own filters which they used to filter dirty water – if you have any more empty 500ml water bottles please could your child bring them into school on Monday.

Grandparent/Senior Citizen Afternoon

- This week, we have started to practise our song for this event which takes place on Tuesday October 13th.
- We have been incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm and effort the children have shown.
- The children were given the song words this week but they are also on Teams along with a link to the two versions of the song we have been using in our rehearsals so the children can continue to practise over the weekend.

Homework

- The children have the following homework tasks this week:
 1. My Maths
 2. TT Rockstars – Y5 Battle of the Bands (Well done to Y5L for winning last week's battle!)
 3. Spellings (the children have been told which group they are in for spelling)

Voice in a Million

- ***You should have received a letter about an opportunity for the Year 5 children to take part in Voice in a Million at Wembley Arena in March.***
- ***There are only 20 places available and if you want your child to be considered for this event please return the reply slip by Monday 28th September.***

- ***If we receive more than 20 replies the names will be picked at random to form our choir.***

Extra information

- The year 5 parents' information evening is on Tuesday 29th September at 5.30pm

Have a lovely weekend

Abbie, Fatim and John