



# St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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## Gospel Reflection



The Gospel that we heard in church last Sunday reminded us to have faith in the power of God and His perfect timing. Jairus asked Jesus to heal his very sick daughter but, as Jesus was on his way to heal her, a woman, who had suffered from bleeding for many years, touched his cloak. He was delayed in his haste to get to Jairus's daughter because he stopped to find out who had touched his cloak and been healed. The woman had ultimate faith in Jesus' healing power and that was why she was saved. Jairus must have wondered why Jesus would stop when he was in such a hurry, but we must remember that there are no mistakes in God's plan. Any delay would have been planned for a reason, perhaps so Jairus could hear of the woman's faith, which would have strengthened his faith in Jesus' healing power and ability to heal his daughter. The delay meant that the child died before Jesus' arrival, but He raised her from death.

Sometime we might question God's plan and wonder why He has caused certain things to happen in our lives, but we must have faith that he knows the bigger picture. Like in this story, interruptions and delays are part of his perfect timing.

## This Week at St. Anthony's

This week at St. Anthony's we celebrated mass for the solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul on Tuesday. Our Year Three children led the readings and the mass, and we are immensely proud of their confidence and reverence when reading and singing. Well done Year Three and thank you to Father Nathaniel for leading our beautiful service.

This week has also been sport's week across the Slough schools, where we have also taken part in extra sporting activities with our children. They have enjoyed every minute of experiencing new activities and games with their teachers!



## Stars of the Week

### Stars of the week – W/C 18<sup>th</sup> June

Class	Childs Name
Nursery	Andrew
Reception Noah	Mia
Reception Abraham	Julia
1 Joshua	Myra
1 Ruth	<u>Jaasritha</u>
1 Moses	John
1 Mark	<u>Zofia</u>
2 Gideon	Nathan
2 David	Leon G
3 Esther	Maya B
3 Daniel	<u>Sena</u>
3 Jonah	Bianca
Eden	<u>Xander</u>
4 Baptist	Albert G
4 Elizabeth	<u>Kludia</u>
4 Magdalen	<u>Afia</u>
5 Matthew	Karen T
5 Peter	Adrian
5 Luke	Sacha
6 John	
6 Catherine	Apia
6 Paul	Isabelle S

## Stars of the week – W/E 25<sup>th</sup> June

Class	Childs Name
Nursery	Francine
Reception Noah	Yashpreet
Reception Abraham	Jad
1 Joshua	Zorawar
1 Ruth	
1 Moses	Tom
1 Mark	Sienna
2 Gideon	Martin
2 David	Tadewanashe
3 Esther	Kevin
3 Daniel	Oisin
3 Jonah	Janet
Eden	Padi
4 Baptist	Laura B & Savarna P
4 Elizabeth	Marcel
4 Magdalen	Nirmaan B
5 Matthew	Nikodem M
5 Peter	Dominick G
5 Luke	Mikolaj M
6 John	Ben
6 Catherine	Nathan N
6 Paul	Maria D

## Nursery & Reception

Now is the time to apply for Nursery spaces. Our Nursery is thriving and we have an excellent team of dedicated staff. We have spaces for 30 hours and are exploring our options for two year-old spaces. Please contact the school office for more information, or to express your interest for two-year old spaces.

We also still have some spaces left for Reception commencing September 2021. If you are interested or know somebody who is, please contact the school office as soon as possible.



## Messages and Reminders



### Uniform for the remainder of the Year

A reminder to please continue to wear full school uniform or PE kit until the end of term. If you need support with uniform, please get in touch.

### Uniform from September 2021: Summary of Changes

We are moving to a new uniform provider for the new academic year: School Days Direct. We will issue you with further information regarding this and will publish this information on our website.

School Days Direct have a shop on the Slough Trading Estate and offer a Click and Collect Service, as well as delivery to your home and to school.

We are changing our uniform slightly to give it a fresh look; jumpers and cardigans will have a yellow stripe, the tie diagonal stripe will be slightly different and Year Six will have a sew-on badge for their blazer.

For PE, to make sourcing tracksuits easier and cheaper for families, we will be moving to black tracksuit tops and bottoms. You do not need to replace blue tracksuits that you have, we will be phasing these out over time. From September leggings will not be permitted as part of the PE kit. The coloured PE tops remain unchanged.

Nursery will wear uniform in line with the rest of the school and will wear a tracksuit for PE only. Instead of a shirt and tie, nursery children will wear a polo shirt and school cardigan or jumper.

### **Government Guidance**

We are continuing to monitor the Government recommendations in relation to social distancing, mask wearing and bubbles. We will re-evaluate our risk assessment over the coming weeks and will communicate with you about the coming half term. For now, we will continue with our current systems. Please ensure that your child is arriving on time for their learning; if children are late for school, they miss vital early morning learning in their core subjects. Thank you for your continued support to ensure that your child arrives for school on time.

### **Birthday cakes**

We have made the decision to allow **prepacked cakes only**, to be brought in to school for birthdays this term.

### **After school clubs**

There are still places available on some of our new after school clubs. Please login to ParentPay to sign your child up. These clubs are free and we would encourage children to attend.

### **After School Clubs from September 2021**

We are working hard to offer a wide range of after school activities for your children from September 2021. We will be in touch over the next week to inform you of the club arrangements so that you can start to book, ready for September!

### **Illness**

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please call this office after 8.30 am, select option 1 as specified, and leave a message stating the child's name, class and reason for absence, for example temperature, sickness, sore throat. Any child with vomiting or diarrhoea will need to be 48 hours clear of the last episode before they return to school.

### **SURGE TESTING**

We will continue to notify you of any changes within our local area.

### **RAPID COVID-19 TESTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE**

Whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, are now able to test themselves twice every week from home.

Rapid testing detects cases quickly – in under 30 minutes – meaning positive cases can isolate immediately. This can be the difference between children being able to stay in school, or a class being sent home due to an outbreak. It could also be the difference between a workplace having to close for a period, or being able to stay open and running.

How do I get home testing kits?

There are 3 different options on how you and your household can get tested: 1. Order kits to test your household by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> 2. Find a local site to get tested at by visiting <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites> and entering your postcode to find your nearest testing site 3. Find a local site where you can collect tests by visiting <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> and entering your postcode to find your nearest collection site.

Please do not contact the school for home testing kits as they are only available by these 3 options. We do not hold any testing kits on school premises for our families.

### **#feedbackFriday**

We would love to hear your feedback! It is so nice to talk to you on the gate and hear positive feedback.

Please email: [catchup@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk](mailto:catchup@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk) with feedback and messages for our school, children, learning and community and it will be shared via Twitter on feedback Friday!

### **It's good to talk!**

Times are hard for lots of us at the moment and there is no harm in admitting that and asking for help. Talking Therapies is a free NHS service here to support the residents of Berkshire aged 17+ who may be struggling with difficulties including: low mood, anxiety and stress at this unprecedented time.

If you are in need of support you can call the Talking Therapies admin team on 0300 365 2000, alternatively you can [Sign Up](#) via their website referral form.

### **Helmets**

If your child is cycling to and from school please ensure that they wear a helmet. We are very concerned about the safety of our children and would urge you to ensure that they are fully protected on and near our busy roads.

### **Children starting in Nursery and Reception**

Reception teachers have enjoyed meeting their new children for September! We very much look forward to meeting with all parents again soon to talk through in more detail the transition plans for September.

Nursery meetings are scheduled for next week!

### **Sun Cream and Sun Hats**

Please ensure that you put sun cream on your children at the start of each day, now that the summer has truly begun! Please also make sure you send a sun hat in with your child, to wear at play times.

### **Parish Event**

Regretfully, we are having to postpone our Parish event until after the summer holiday, due to the restrictions continuing to be in place.

Please keep a watch for updates about this event.

### **Parking**

We have had a number of local residents who have been very upset about their driveways being blocked by parents. We will therefore begin patrolling outside of the school from next week to ensure that those dropping off are being respectful to our school neighbours. Please park in the church car park if you are dropping off by car; it is incredibly dangerous to park along the Farnham Road and could cause an accident. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

### **Sports Day**

This year Sport's Day will be held just with children. We regret that, due to the continuing risks of Covid-19, we are unable to have parents on site. Many thanks for your understanding.

Sport's Days will be held on the following days:

- Nursery and Reception – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 1 & Year 2 – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July
- Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July

### **Lost Property**

Our lost property bins are overflowing! If your child has lost a cardigan, jumper, or any item of clothing, please do have a look in the storage units when you collect your child. Please ask for help if you need it. Thank you!

### **End of Term**

Please be aware that the end of term is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 for all children Reception to Year 6. The children will have a half day and finish at 1:30 pm.

Nursery children will finish on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

## Virtual prayer group & Prayer of the week



At St Thomas Academy Trust, we are running a virtual prayer group, anonymously praying for our children, families and staff in the community. All staff, governors, parents/carers and parishioners are invited to be involved. If we have enough volunteers, it is hoped that each person would be asked to join the group twice a year. The group will meet at 7pm (lasting appx. 20 minutes) on the first Monday of each month. If you would like to be part of this prayer group, please email Nikki Tew at [ntew@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk](mailto:ntew@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk)

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, may faith, which is your gift, mould us into the person you want us to be.

Amen

### Contact us



We always welcome your feedback and hope we can answer any questions you may have.

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