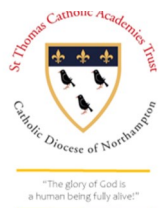


# Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter



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In yesterday's gospel, John is in the desert and he is still proclaiming the Word of God. He is pointing and leading people to Jesus, not himself. He is a witness for the light. He plainly says that he is not the light himself, but clearly he is a person of light. He lets the light that is within him shine out for all to see and experience. As the American writer Maya Angelou wrote, **nothing can dim the light which shines from within**. Perhaps the invitation and challenge for us especially these days is rather than simply admire John from a distance as some heroic figure is for us to become more like him in our own daily lives. You and I are called to be vocal and visible witnesses to the light and more importantly, to be people of light whenever and wherever we can. Jesus himself says to each of us, 'you are the light of the world; your light must shine for others to see.' (Matthew. 5.14). These Advent days as we do our best to prepare to celebrate the Nativity we can each do something to be a person of light in our homes with our families. A smile, a kind word of support or a phone call to a friend or neighbour can brighten someone's day. No action, gesture or tender word, no matter how small goes unnoticed. We must never underestimate the impact that we can have on others and that they can have on us. Now more than ever we need each other's support, kindness and encouragement. Pope Francis, in his new letter, *Fratelli Tutti*, reminds us of this when he says, '



**'we need to realise that we are part of one another; that we are brothers and sisters of one another... (32) We need to communicate with others, to discover the gifts of each person, to promote that which unites us'. (134).**

### Last Week

We have reached the last week of term. It has been a mixture of excitement and challenges for all of us. We want to thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement. All the staff at Saint Anthony's wish you a very Merry Christmas full of blessings, laughter and joy. Keep safe and see you on the 4th of January.



There is a real mix of excitement and exhaustion from the children at the moment! We had Christmas decoration day last week and everyone was happily crafting and listening to festive tunes! Children in 3J got creative and made a Christmas tree from paperchains! Year 4 buried different materials to observe biodegradable material. Year 6 have been working on their debating skills! They put their arguments forward for who is the hero in the story of Hansel and Gretel .

### The WORD of the Week:

Each week we would like to share a scripture with you to share and discuss with your children:

The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid?

**Psalm 27:1**

### Timings

Year group	Start of the day	End of the day
Nursery	Morning- 8.20 Afternoon- 12.15	Morning- 11.30 Afternoon- 3.15
Reception	8.35	2.50
1	9.05	3.20
2	8.15	2.30
3	8.55	3.10
4	8.25	2.40
5	8.45	3.00
6	9.15	3.30

### Stars of the week!

Reception:

Year 1: Maya

Year 2: Julia. Z, Maja.Z

Year 3: Christina, Nia, Tianna

Eden: Filip

Year 4: Alicja S,

Year 5: Conor.W

Year 6: Gab.D, Lena , Gabriela K



### School Finishing

School finishes for Christmas on Thursday 17th December at the following times:

Nursery: 12 noon

Reception: 1.50 pm

Year 1: 2.20 pm

Year 2: 1.30 pm

Year 3: 2.10 pm

Year 4: 1.40 pm

Year 5: 2 pm

Year 6: 2.30pm

Please be prompt when picking up your children.



### Prayer for the week

Dear Lord,

Please help us to look for moments of light and joy around us this week wherever we can; they might be nearer to us than we think!

Let us keep each other in our prayers and thoughts these days and soon we will be able to celebrate and pray with courage and conviction, that (we) the people in darkness have seen a great light.

Amen



### Cleaner needed

We are looking for a new cleaner to join our team fixed term.

The hours needed are: 3.45-5.45 on a Monday to Friday. Fixed term until February. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

There are  
no  
**failures**,  
just  
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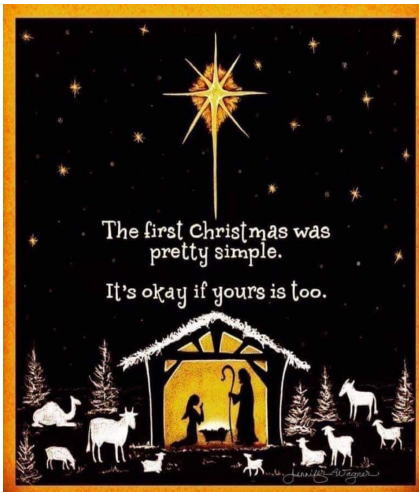
### Growth Mind-set

### Attendance

A **HUGE** well done to **5 Matthew** for getting 100% attendance again last week. As a prize you can wear your own clothes on Thursday!



Overall our school attendance was 92.5% lets see if we can make this 100% after Christmas



## Free School Meals

### *Help your school and yourself - claim free school meals*

Taking up free school meals has benefits for everyone:

- children get a healthy nutritious meal
- schools can benefit directly by receiving £1300 for each eligible primary school child

### **WHO QUALIFIES FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Free school meals are offered to children of families who receive:

- ☑ Income Support
- ☑ Income Based Jobseeker Allowance (IBJSA)
- ☑ Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA(RI))
- ☑ Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ☑ Child Tax Credit (TC602) that does not exceed income of £16190.00
- ☑ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (M1000 Award Notice)
- ☑ Universal Credit and my family's net income excluding any benefit related payments is less than £7,400

### **HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?**

If you think you qualify for free school meals and have an email address or mobile number then you can apply through Slough Borough Council's online free school meals form. Slough Borough Council will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

If you do not have an email address or a mobile number then you can get a 'free school meals' application form from your child's/children's school. The school will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

Once you are eligible for free school meals, you are more likely to remain eligible for up to 2 years despite any changes to your circumstances.

### **Not claiming benefits, but have a child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2?**

There are clear advantages in pupils having a school dinner, so the Government have announced that every child in the above Year groups will be eligible for a free meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

You can apply online or pick up a registration form from our school reception.



# CHRISTMAS READING CHALLENGE

## THE 12 CHALLENGES OF CHRISTMAS

Read a Christmas themed book



Have a whole family bedtime story



Create a puppet show of a book



Read a story by the Christmas tree



Read a book that is older than you



Build a den and share a story in it



Read a story about an animal



Read a book about kindness



Share a story with someone over Zoom



Draw a picture from your favourite book



Share a poem with someone



Read a book that makes you laugh



**TIS THE SEASON TO GET READING!**



# Help raise free funds for our school

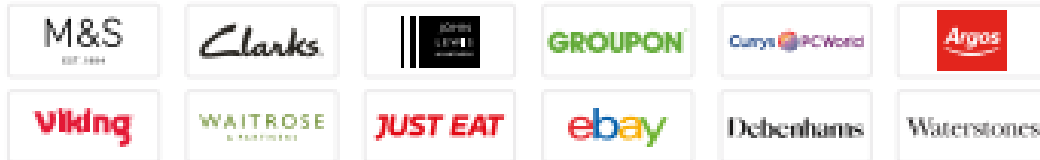
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