



# St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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## Gospel Reflection



Welcome back to all families after the Easter break. We are still very much thinking about the Resurrection of Jesus at school and the importance of the Easter story.

In the Gospel on Sunday, which was the Third Sunday of Easter, the Disciples were filled with fear when they were presented with a figure who looked like Jesus, but they thought was a ghost!

Jesus encouraged them to have faith and to look at the teachings and scriptures that he had shared with them before His death. They needed proof and He showed them His hands and His feet, to prove that He was Jesus, who died on the cross to set us free.

The children have been exploring the need for evidence and proof in order to know that something is true and real. The children reflected on the evidence we have of God to help us have faith and believe – the beautiful creation that we have around us and the nature that we experience every day through our senses; we see, we hear and we smell. We also experience God through the love and the kindness that we share with our friends and family and through the love that they share with us.

As things start to open back up and we reconnect with each other, we are encouraging the children to share their love and kindness with everyone they meet.

God bless

Mrs Oppé

## Word of the Week



Luke 24:36-37

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?”

## This week at St. Anthony's



We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing Easter break with your families.

We returned to school on a high as attendance Monday across the school was **97.9%** which is excellent!

## 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.

## Parent workshops



We will be hosting some parent workshops, starting next week, for parents to join. We want to share with you some more information about how you can support your children at home with their learning, and show you some of the techniques that we are using with your children at school in different areas. Ordinarily we would be running these workshops at school with you working with your children. As this is not currently possible, we will be offering the live sessions but will also record the sessions so that you can access them at a later date. If you have more than one child at the school, you can choose which one to attend live and which ones to watch later.

The timetable is as follows:

**Reading, Phonics and Communication - 26th April 2021 4:00pm Join through your child's Teams account**

**Writing - 4th May 2021 4:00pm Join through your child's Teams account.**

**Maths - 10th May 2021 4:00pm Join through your child's Teams account**



be. We would really appreciate the support from home in also promoting this message. Please do not put chocolate and high sugar/salt products in your children's lunch boxes. For some ideas and guidance please see the website and posters below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

## 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. 20minutes) on the first Monday of each month. If you would like be part of this prayer group, please email Nikki Tew at [ntew@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk](mailto:ntew@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk)

### **A prayer by St. Anselm of Canterbury, as we celebrate his feast day today:**

O Lord my God. Teach my heart this day, where and how to find you.

You have made me and re-made me, and you have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, and still I do not know you. I have not yet done that for which I was made.

Teach me to seek you, for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, or find you unless you show yourself to me.

Let me seek you in my desire; let me desire you in my seeking. Let me find you by loving you; let me love you when I find you. Amen.

## Messages and Reminders



### **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.

### **PTA & Events**

We always welcome any help and support from our parents and with the restrictions slowly lifting we are hoping to arrange some events over the next term. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the school office or talk to a member of staff.

### **#feedbackFriday**

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

### **Its 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.

### **After School Clubs**

These are now live on ParentPay. Spaces are limited and strictly first come first serve.

### **Respecting staff members**

Please remember how hard our staff members work for your children. There have been a few incidences recently where, unfortunately, our staff have been left feeling upset and embarrassed by unkind and unpleasant language and behaviour towards them at the gate. If you have any concerns, please do share them in a respectful manner with the office or SLT. Many thanks.

### **Safety at the gate in the morning**

There is increasing concern being raised about the safety of children coming into schooling the morning, where cars are pulling to the school car park. Please wait on the grass or pavement either side of the gate and leave the gate clear for passing traffic. We want to make sure that children and adults are safe at all times, please support us with this.

### **Helmets**

If your child is cycling to and from school it is imperative that they wear a helmet. We have had a lot of children not doing so over recent weeks and we cannot stress the importance of this enough.

### **Vacancies**

Please keep viewing the website for any current vacancies at our school.

### **Lenten Appeal**

**Our lovely staff are joining CAFOD Walk for water for our Lenten appeal. If you would like to sponsor them please do using the following link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-anthonys-walk-for-water>**

## Contact us



We always welcome your feedback and hope we can answer any questions you may have. Although the office is currently closed, we will still answer emails and phone calls.

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