



# St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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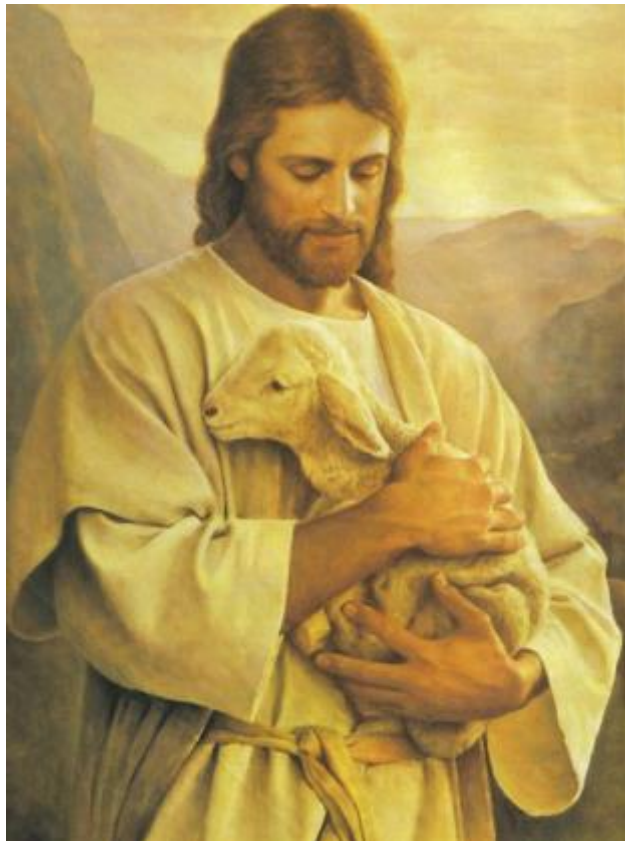
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## Gospel Reflection



This Sunday marked Good Shepherd Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel we remembered that Jesus, just like a shepherd, looks after His flock and guides everyone. He used the image of a shepherd a lot in scripture to show that, as a true shepherd looks after each and every one of

his sheep, so too does Jesus. In our worship today the children reflected on this message and that Jesus loves everyone. Just like a shepherd, He would not let harm come to his flock and would find them if they were lost. By laying down His life for us, He opened up the path to eternal life.

Our children thought about how they might share this message of love with their friends and family this week, how they would help each other to make the right choices and stay with the 'flock'.

Some of our Faith Ambassadors recorded a prayer chain reflection for the rest of our Trust schools at the end of last week; we are very proud of how confidently they spoke about faith and their knowledge of the Parable of the Lost Son.

As we continue to prepare and reflect on the Easter message, the children are thinking now about the Ascension and the strength that the Holy Spirit can bring to us all.

Have a wonderful week and enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Oppé

## Word of the Week



Psalm 118:22 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

## This week at St. Anthony's



We had living eggs in school last week across Reception and year 1 and years 2 & 3. The children were very excited to see the chicks hatch!



Star of the week for week ending 23rd April



<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Name</b>
Nursery	Rian
Reception Noah	Martin
Reception Abraham	Amalia
1 Mark	Evelina
1 Ruth	Maraky
1 Moses	Emily
1 Joshua	Alan
2 Gideon	Emma
2 David	Antoni
3 Daniel	Joshua
3 Jonah	Janet
3 Esther	Szymon
Eden	Filip
4 Magdalene	Caliana
4 Elizabeth	Alyssa
4 Baptist	Arya R
5 Luke	Emily
5 Peter	Nathaniel S
5 Matthew	Kevin
6 Catherine	Adrian K
6 Paul	Sara
6 John	Marta



## 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 **today**, 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**

Please note that these sessions will be recorded for parents/carers to view later. If you do not wish to be videoed, please switch your camera to off. There is the 'chat' option available and you can watch the video recorded at a later time, if you would prefer.

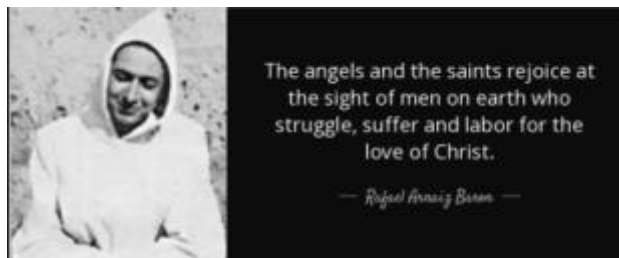


## Virtual prayer group & Prayer of the week



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)

Prayer of the week: This prayer is from St. Rafael Arnaiz Baron, whose Feast Day we celebrate today.



## 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.

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**

We currently have a temporary vacancy for a cleaner, every day 3.45-5.45. If you are interested please contact the office.

### **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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