

Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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In Sunday's Gospel, Matthew presents us with the start of Jesus' public ministry. He is identified as 'the one Isaiah spoke about' and then goes forth to call Peter, James and John as his first disciples. 'Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men' The early disciples and followers of Jesus knew that he was something special. They could see, feel, hear that what Jesus came to do was for real and was going to change their lives. For them, the response to Jesus' invitation to follow him was simple - of course they would.

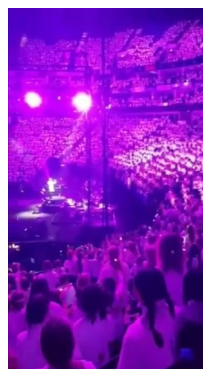
In our worship today we are reminding the children that each and every day we follow Jesus. It is because of him we are the way we are. Each of us individual and talented. We must spread our faith and share our journey with Jesus.

As we start a new week and year at Saint Anthony's, let us be ever-reminded of the importance of trusting in God and following him on our journey.



Last Week:

Saint Anthony's was full of excitement last week with lots of activities going on for each Year group. The new play equipment is starting to come together and the children are very curious about it! The week ended with a very special event, when our choir and some staff attended the Young Voices concert at the O2. The children were fantastic and lasted a very long day! A huge thank you to Mrs Mills and the choir for all their hard work. Thank you to all the parents who have been attending the workshops so far keep an eye on the dates for the ones that are happening this week.



This Friday we will be launching our new weekly award of 'Star of the Week'. Each Friday a child from each Year group will be recognised for something they have done well that week.

Watch out for them to be announced in the newsletter!

The WORD of the Week:

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

'For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. '

1 Peter 2:21

Learning, Growing and Living With Jesus

Dates

29/01 - Year 3 writing workshop 9.30am
29/01 - Porridge Tasting 11:00am - Nursery AM
3:00pm - Nursery PM
06/02 - Pyjama day
14/02 - Last day of term

Skills!

We are looking for volunteers with skills such as painting and decorating, gardening, carpentry and builders. If you have these talents please let the office have your details and we will be in touch with more details. Let's make our school even better for the children!
Thank You

Church Music

Our lovely church of Saint Anthony is looking for musicians and singers to help with music during their Sunday service. If you or your children are interested, please contact the church.

Attendance

Please make sure that your children attend school as much as possible and that they are in school by 8.45am. School finishes at 3.30pm and clubs run until 4.30pm Mon-Thurs with the exception of Cookery which finishes at 5pm.

Growth Mindset:

Our quote for this week is:

Gratitude helps you see what's there instead of what isn't

A Prayer for the week

Father God, we thank you for your presence with us as we begin a new week.

Help us to be encouraged by the words of your Son, Jesus; to see your light shining in the dark spots of our lives, leading and guiding us on your path of grace and mercy.

Fill us with your love this day and grant us the courage to follow you, today and always.

Amen.



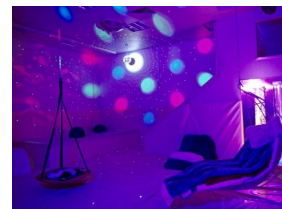
School Gates

A reminder to parents not to use the vehicle gates in the morning to enter school premises as this is not safe, and we cannot monitor who has been brought onto the school site. Children and parents are not to be on the school site until the pedestrian gate opens.

Thank You.

Sensory Room

We are looking at creating a Sensory Room for our children to use. Do you have anything that is unwanted at home that you would kindly donate and could go towards decorating the room? We are looking for things such as textured fabrics, coloured lights, interesting mirrors, sequins, buttons, cushions, mats etc. Anything you could spare would be greatly appreciated.



Attendance

Well done to 6 Paul who have a multi day on Friday because they had 100% attendance last week.

100%

Nursery

We are delighted to announce that we now offer full and part time 30 hour places in our Nursery. These are both for funded and self-funded places. We have outdoor learning and Forest School facilities, we can provide hot lunches and support those children with additional needs. For more information please contact the school.



Local Events

On Tuesday 4th February at The Curve, Slough there is a multi sensory performance of 'The Naughty Fox'. It starts at 11am and tickets are available on their website.

Stay in touch

Please make sure that the school office has your most updated contact details. It is important that we can get hold of you when needed in case we need to discuss your child.

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.