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"Let your words teach and your actions speak."

NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some well-deserved time with family and friends. It has been a wonderful first week back at St. Anthony's, with the children returning full of enthusiasm and ready for another exciting half-term of learning, laughter and fun. It has been lovely to see everyone back together again!

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in an informative fire safety talk this week. They learned about the importance of staying safe, preventing fires and knowing what to do in an emergency. A big thank you to those who came in to share this important advice with us.

A huge thank you once again to everyone who so generously donated to our Harvest collection. Our Minnie Vinnies were delighted to hand all the donations to Mrs Spillane, our Chair of Governors, who kindly delivered them to Bradford Food Bank. We are so grateful for your kindness and generosity in helping those in our local community.

✝️ This Sunday's Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

This Sunday, Jesus tells the story of ten bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom. Five were wise and brought extra oil for their lamps, while five were foolish and were not prepared. Jesus teaches us the importance of being ready, keeping our faith alive and always being prepared to welcome God into our lives.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the importance of being prepared and keeping our light shining brightly. We are encouraged to keep our hearts open to God and to show our love through our words and actions each day.

A lovely message to link to our school motto: "Let your words teach and your actions speak."

Learning

I have visited each of the classes this week to see what the children have been learning:

Willow: I enjoyed joining Willow Class for their Celebration of the Word, reflecting on the Gospel story of the Good Shepherd.

Oak: In RE, the children were learning the importance of the Christian Holy Day, discussing why Sunday is important for Christians.

Cherry: The children were learning about electrical components in Science. They then made their own electrical circuits.

Elder: Learning was brought to life when Mrs Throupe kindly brought in a fascinating collection of memorabilia, including medals, certificates, telegrams and photographs, giving the children a wonderful insight into history.

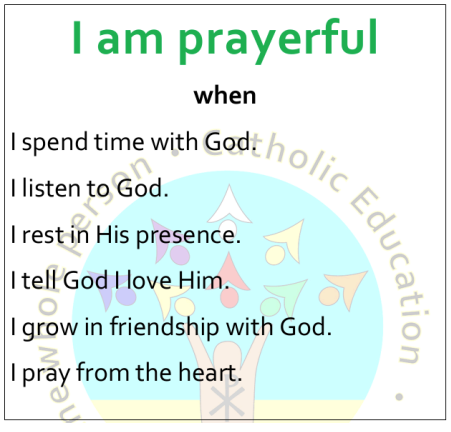
Remember to follow us on Facebook (St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Shipley) where you can see what the children are learning and what is happening in school each week.

Weekly Award Winners

A big congratulations to all our wonderful award winners! We are incredibly proud of you all. Keep believing in yourselves, shining brightly and making us proud with all that you do!

Achievement	Virtue	Reading
Willow: Grayson	**Willow**: Brooke	**Willow**: Myla-Rose
Oak: Kylian	**Oak**: Cohan	**Oak**: Theo
Cherry: Charlie H	**Cherry**: Jeremy	**Cherry**: Amber
Elder: Oscar	**Elder**: Gustaw	**Elder**: Nathan

Our Virtue for the next 3 weeks is Prayer:



Times Table Rock Stars

A huge well done to all the pupils in Oak, Cherry and Elder classes who took part in the TTRS competition over the half-term break. Special congratulations to our winners:

Class winners:

	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
Oak Class	**Sophia**	**Kylian**	**Harlow**
Cherry Class	**Charlie T**	**James W**	**Omar**
Elder Class	**Amelia**	**Joanna**	**Nicole**

Overall winners:

1st place	2nd place	3rd place
Charlie T	**James W**	**Amelia**

The winning class was **Cherry Class!** Well done everyone!

Minnie Vinnies

Our Minnie Vinnies have launched a Shoebox Appeal to support those in need across Bradford. Please see the attached poster for full details. We are asking for shoeboxes to be filled with items such as clothes, treats and toys, which will be shared with people who are less fortunate in our local community. If you are unable to fill a whole shoebox, individual donations are very welcome. We would also be grateful for any spare shoeboxes you may have at home, so please send these into school. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support!

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 10th November: Oak Class Forest School Session (send Wellies and a change of clothes)

Friday 13th November: World Kindness Day

Friday 20th November: Non-Uniform Day (please bring chocolate donations into school)

Thursday 26th November: Oak Class Ledson Farm Trip

Friday 27th November: Non-Uniform Day (please donate bottles for the bottle stall)

Friday 4th December 1:30-3:00pm: Christmas Fair

Monday 14th December 3:30-5:00pm : Christmas Disco

Tuesday 15th December 6-7pm: Elder and Cherry Class Carol Service in school, all are welcome.

Wednesday 16th December 2:45-3:15pm: Willow and Oak Class Nativity performance.

Friday 18th December EARLY FINISH AT 1:30pm Last Day of school

Monday 4th January: Return to school

A message from the PTFA

Christmas Fair – Friday 4 December

Preparations are underway for our Christmas Fair! We're looking forward to an afternoon of festive fun, with games, tombolas, refreshments, stalls and plenty more.

Christmas Fair Donations

Our non-uniform days on **Friday 20 and 27 November** will help us collect prizes for the fair. We're also welcoming donations of good-quality toys, books, winter clothing and unused gifts for our pre-loved stalls.

Christmas Raffle

We've already received some lovely prizes from local businesses, and we're continuing to collect donations. If you own a business, work somewhere that might be willing to donate, or know someone who could help, we'd love to hear from you!

Raffle tickets will be available soon, priced at **£1 per strip of five**, with the draw taking place on Friday 18 December.

Join Our PTFA Volunteer Pool

We'd love more parents and carers to get involved! Our WhatsApp Volunteer Pool is a simple way to hear when we need an extra pair of hands. There's no regular commitment, and even an hour of your time makes a difference.

Scan the QR code below to join our Volunteer Pool

Thank you for your continued support. Every contribution helps us create more opportunities and experiences for our children.

St Anthony's PTFA Volunteer Pool

WhatsApp group

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School PTFA

Together, making school life special.

Email: stanthonys.ptfa@gmail.com
Website: https://sites.google.com/view/stanthonysptfacommunity/home

Finally

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend, filled with plenty of rest, fun and special time with family and friends. Thank you for another lovely week at St. Anthony's. We look forward to seeing all our children smiling and ready for another week of learning and fun on Monday. Take care and God Bless!

Mrs Clementis and the St. Anthony's Team