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"Let your words teach and your actions speak."

NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a busy and wonderful week we have had at St. Anthony's! Oak Class thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School session on Tuesday, making the most of the outdoors and creating beautiful Diva lamps to recognise and celebrate the recent festival of Diwali. It was lovely to see the children embracing this opportunity to learn about different celebrations and traditions.

On Wednesday, our Faith Friends (Julie, Joanna, Daisy, Bobbi, Ingrid and Tymon N) led a beautiful Remembrance Worship, helping us to reflect and remember all those who have fallen. The whole school came together to observe a two-minute silence as a mark of respect. We are also incredibly proud of our Well-being Ambassadors (Elyza, Harper and Gustaw), who took part in a BCWCAT Trust activity at Cafe West on Wednesday, making kindness cards and enjoying a well-deserved piece of cake! This morning, they led a fantastic assembly to launch World Kindness Day. They set the whole school a special challenge to make Christmas cards which will be shared with members of our local community. All the classes enthusiastically joined in, creating cards and taking part in lots of other fun kindness activities. A huge well done to everyone involved – it has been wonderful to see so much kindness, thoughtfulness and care in action across our school!

✝️ This Sunday's Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

This Sunday's Gospel (tells the Parable of the Talents.) Jesus reminds us that we have all been blessed with different gifts and abilities, and it is important that we use these to make a difference in the world around us. We are encouraged not to hide our talents but to share them generously, helping others and making the most of the opportunities God gives us. As we approach the end of the Church's year, let us think about how we can use our own gifts to spread kindness, love and goodness in our school and wider community.

The message of this Sunday's Gospel links beautifully with our World Kindness Day celebrations. Jesus reminds us that we all have special gifts and talents, and one of the most important ways we can use these is by showing kindness to others. Whether it is through a kind word, a thoughtful action or helping someone in need, we can all use our gifts to make a difference. Let us continue to share our kindness generously, allowing our actions to reflect God's love and making our school and wider community a happier place.

Learning

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

Willow: Year 1 pupils were working out some tricky sums, subtracting numbers on a number line. Reception pupils were seeing which numbers make 5. I was very impressed with Willow class maths.

Oak: I visited Oak class whilst they were at forest school. They showed me their beautiful Diva lamps and enjoyed exploring the outdoor area, making dens and playing on the swings.

Cherry: Y4 impressed me with their shape work in maths. Year 5 were multiplying numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.

Elder: Elder Class impressed me with their descriptive writing all about the rainforest. They used some fantastic adjectives and phrases to really bring the rainforest to life.

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.

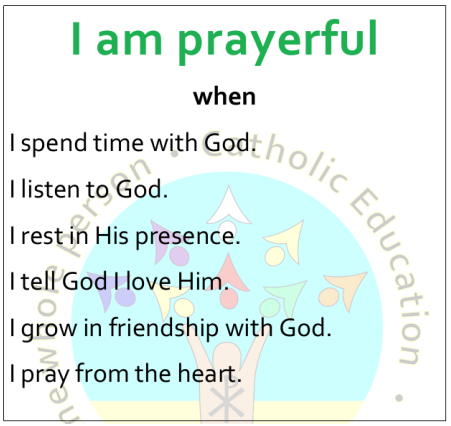
Weekly Award Winners

A huge well done to all our fantastic award winners! You should be so proud of your achievements. Keep working hard, believing in yourselves and letting your wonderful talents shine. We are very proud of you all!

Achievement	Virtue	Reading
Willow: Shyniee	**Willow**: Kais	**Willow**: Oscar
Oak: Harley	**Oak**: Briar	**Oak**: Tymon
Cherry: Haven	**Cherry**: Ronnie	**Cherry**: Rowan
Elder: LJ	**Elder**: Harper	**Elder**: Louise

This week's Head teacher award goes to **Aurelia.**

Our Virtue for the next 2 weeks is Prayer:



Minnie Vinnies

A reminder about our Minnie Vinnies Shoebox Appeal!

Our Minnie Vinnies are collecting shoeboxes to support those in need across Bradford. If you are able to contribute, we would be very grateful for any filled shoeboxes containing items such as clothes, treats and toys. Individual donations are also very welcome if you are unable to fill a whole box. The closing date is December 4th. Thank you as always for your support.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 18th November 6pm-7pm: Open session for Reception 2027

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

Thursday 10th December 10am: Diocesan showcase **Oak** and **Cherry** class, parents are welcome.

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, 1.30–3pm

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

Non-Uniform Donation Days

A reminder of our upcoming donation days:

- **Friday 20 November – Chocolate donations**
- **Friday 27 November – Bottle donations**

We're also collecting good-quality pre-loved winter coats and shoes, festive clothing, toys, books, soft toys and unwanted gifts for our Christmas Fair stalls. Please bring donations to the school reception.

Christmas Raffle

A big thank you to the local businesses who have generously donated prizes so far! We're building a lovely selection of prizes and would welcome any further donations from businesses or families who would like to support us.

Raffle tickets will be available soon, so keep an eye out for further information.

We Need Your Help!

We're looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas Fair, whether that's running a stall, setting up or helping clear away afterwards.

If you have a little time to spare, please add your name to the volunteer sign-up sheet at reception or join our WhatsApp Volunteer Pool using the QR code on our playground poster.

There's no regular commitment, and every bit of help makes a difference.

Thank you for supporting St Anthony's PTFA

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Reception 2027 Open Session

A reminder that our next open session for children due to start Reception in September 2027 will take place on Wednesday 18th November, 6.00–7.00pm. Please spread the word and share this with any family or friends who may be interested in joining our St. Anthony's family. We would love to welcome them!

Finally

We hope you all have a lovely, happy weekend and enjoy some special time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school next week.

God Bless!

Mrs Clementis and the St. Anthony's Team