# Newsletter

St Anne's Catholic Academy

*With grace and humility, glorify the Lord by your life*

St Anne's Church—Masses:

**Saturday 5pm & Sunday 10:30am**

**There are daily masses at 9.30am**

https://www.saint-anne-nuneaton.co.uk/index.html

Friday 1st March 2024

## Our Catholic Mission

In our mission assembly on Monday, the children celebrated the life and contributions of the patron saint of Wales—St David. The children learnt that he lived very simply and his famous saying "Doing the little things in God's presence with conscientiousness and devotion," very much links in with this special time of year. Lent; a time of reflection and self-denial.

Thank you to everyone who came to our first Lenten 'Stay & Pray' yesterday. It was a lovely opportunity to come together in spiritual reflection. Our next 'Stay and Pray' will be on 14th March at 3pm.

## Social Action

Our Friday 'Cake sales' have been a huge success today. Thank you for all your contributions of cakes (Year 3 & 1) and money! Next week, our Year 4 and Reception classes will be making the contribution of cakes on Friday 8th March.

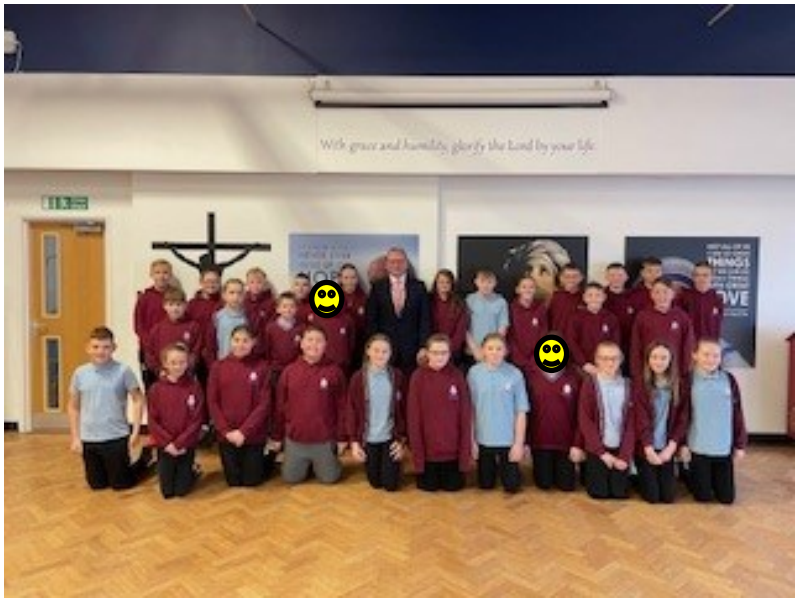
Today your child will be bringing home this year's **Good Shepherd collection bag.** The idea is to put any loose change, pocket money etc. into the bag and we collect these in after the Easter holiday. Every little helps!! We saw this on our coin race day. This follows our Good Shepherd assembly last week where Kevin Hateley shared what this money would be supporting across homelessness, disability, refugees, children & families and older people.

Thank you for continued support with cakes sales. This fundraising through Lent will also be supporting this charity.

# This week...

## Marcus Jones Visit

Today we welcomed Marcus Jones, our local MP to take part in a 'Question Time' session with our Year 6 children. Marcus was very impressed by the challenging questions posed by the children and they in turn found the visit insightful. We found out all about his role as an MP, our local community and wider global issues. A huge thank you to Marcus for coming in today—we hope to see you soon.



## Annie's Adventurers

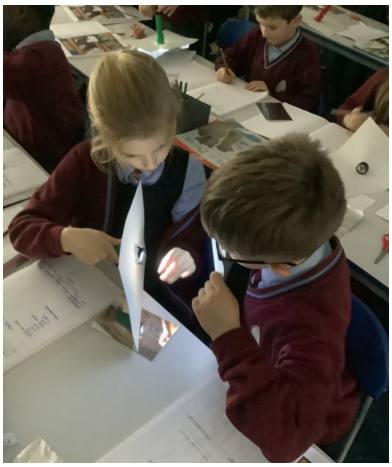
This week, Annie's Adventurers built and decorated their own bird houses!

## NPSSA Cross Country event

Last week, some children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in the NPSSA Cross Country event at Pingles. It was a tough course going on and off the track and the ground was very wet. A huge well done to Theo D in Year 3 for finishing 8th, while representing Nuneaton this Wednesday. He has made it into the next round, representing Northern Warwickshire. What a star!!

## Science

This week, Year 3 have been exploring light. We investigated what makes a good reflective material and found out that they need to be smooth, shiny and flat.



In Year 1 this week, Chris came in to help plant our seed. We can't wait to watch them grow!

# Next Week…

As a school, we will again be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024.

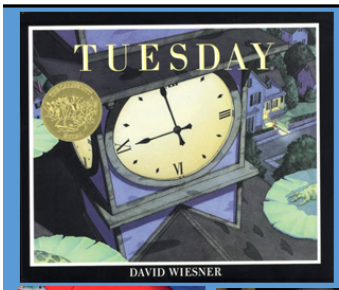
We invite all children to come in dressed as their favourite book character or as animal—which will link to our chosen school text—Tuesday (more details below.)

At some point during the week beginning 5th February, your child will be bringing home a £1 book token. As half term home learning, we would love it if you could redeem the voucher against one of the 15 £1 books below at one of the listed shops. This will then make the book yours for FREE!

The redemption period for World Book Day 2024 £1 tokens is **from Thursday 15th February until Sunday 31st March.** Vouchers can be redeemed at the following

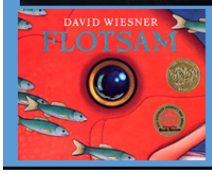
retailers:

- **Asda**
- **Sainsburys**
- **Tesco**
- **The Works**
- **Waterstones**
- **WHSmith**
- **Blackwells (selected stores only)**




A largely wordless picture book, Tuesday conveys the strange happenings one evening when a fleet of frogs glide in on floating lily pads, alarming the natives of a quiet American suburb. Mysterious and atmospheric, Tuesday asks far more questions than it answers!

On World Book Day, each class will be exploring this book on different levels. Various activities will be planned by the class teachers which will allow the children to use their imagination and innovation to create some fabulous writing. Prizes will be awarded for the most impressive pieces!



- Other recommended books by David Wiesner.

# Other information…

## Easter Home Learning

### Lower School

Over the next few weeks, we would like you to **get creative**! We would like you to design and make an Easter bonnet ready to wear at our Easter bonnet parade. This will take place at 9.10am on Tuesday 19th March in the school hall and parents are welcome to join us. The bonnet can be made from and decorated using any suitable materials and to help get you started, here are some ideas:

### Upper School

Instead of the usual 'Write about' home learning, over the next few weeks we would also like you to **get creative**! We would like you to design and make an 'Eggstraordinary' decorated egg to enter our Key Stage 2 competition. To help get you started, there are some ideas below. The egg will need to be brought into school by Tuesday 19th March and there will be a small prize for the winners in each year group.

### Parents' Evening

The parents' evenings for this term will take place on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March. (Year 5—Monday 11th March 12:30—3:00) Appointments are available on Parent mail. If you are a family that require two appointments, please contact the school office who will be able to sort this.

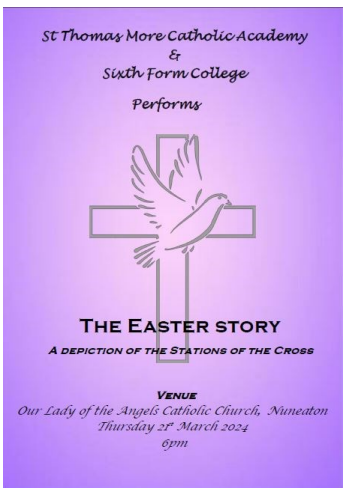
Nursery Parents evening will be from Monday 11th March - Friday 15th March. We will be offering appointments throughout the day. On Wednesday 13th March we will be offering appointments all day and after school 3.30pm - 5pm. A list of times and dates will be put up on the wall by the Nursery entrance, please sign up to the appointment that suits you best.

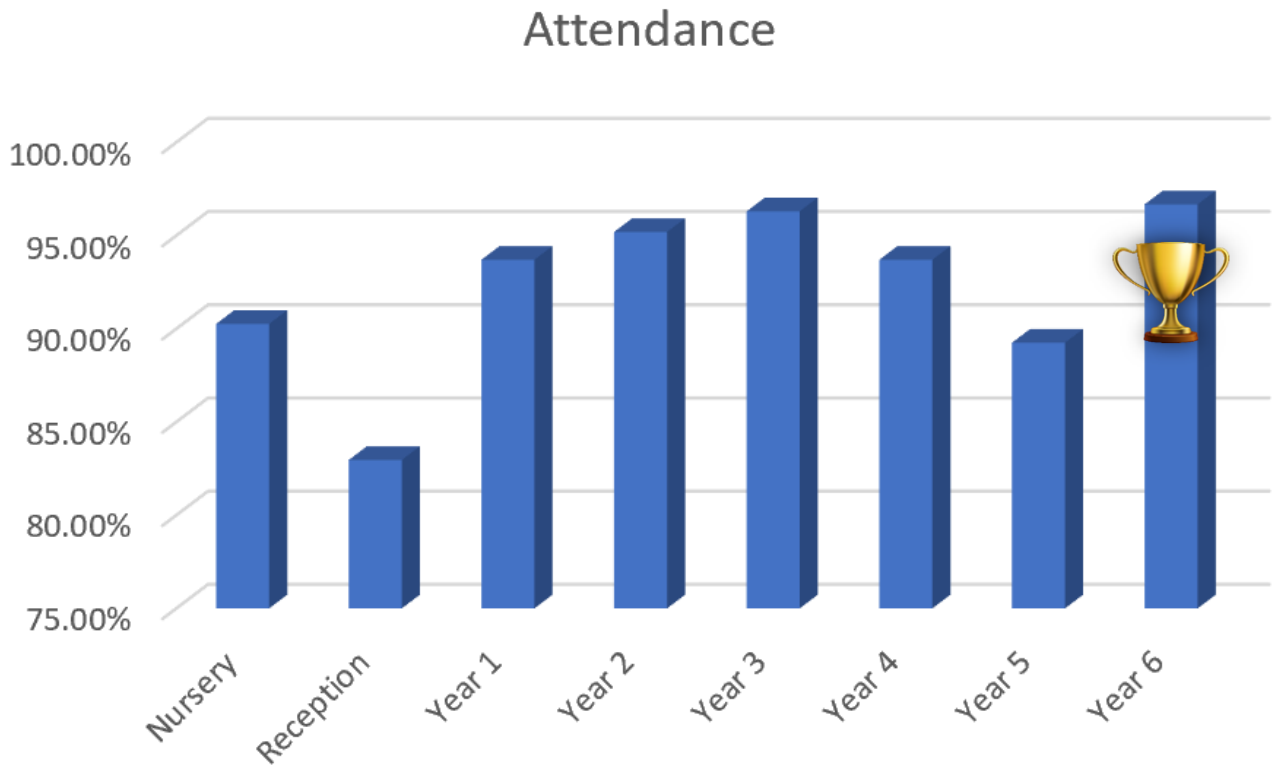
### Dates List

Please find the dates for this term below. There are lots opportunities for you to get involved so please put any relevant dates in your diary! New dates will be added in red and anything highlighted yellow is where parents can attend.

### Parking & driving around the school – IMPORTANT

Please drive and park safely around our school and think about the safety of all our children.



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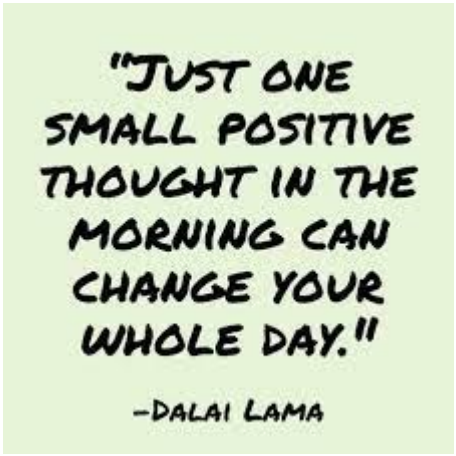


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