St. Anne's Catholic Academy

# NEWSLETTER

31 January 2025

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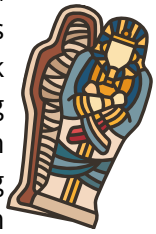
## A message from Miss Gillin...

What a fantastic week it has been at St Anne's! We kicked things off on a high note with a beautiful Mass led by Year 1. Our talented choir guided us through some truly reverent hymns, which really set the tone for a week packed with exciting activities. To top it all off, Year 3 treated us to a riveting class assembly about the Ancient Egyptians, bringing the past to life in such a fun way! They introduced us to a rather grumpy pharaoh, complaining that his pyramids would take another 19 years to complete. Not to mention the rather amusing tale of our very own mummy! The children sang brilliantly, but I must admit, after hearing about the mummification process —removing brains through the nose and guts from the tummy!—I'm quite relieved that I'm not living in Egyptian times.

Enjoy a well-deserved weekend, everyone!



## Year 1 Mass...

Year 1 led a beautiful Mass on Tuesday. The children displayed a high level of reverence and read their parts with impressive clarity and confidence. This occasion marked the first time our school choir contributed to the celebration by leading the hymns; their singing was indeed a highlight. They were accompanied excellently by Mrs Tarry on the piano and Mrs White on the guitar, creating a harmonious atmosphere throughout the service.

## Money Management...

Today, the focus of our children's Maths lessons centred on the essential skill of money management. Students engaged in various activities designed to enhance their understanding of budgeting, saving, and making informed financial decisions. Through practical exercises, they explored concepts such as calculating change, understanding the value of coins, and the importance of setting financial goals. These lessons aim to equip our pupils with vital life skills that will serve them well in the future. Please talk to your child/ren about their learning and encourage responsible financial habits they could try.

## LIVING THE MISSION

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally

## KEY DATES

**Monday 3rd Feb - Whitemoor Lakes Year 5 Parents Meeting - Virtual - 4:30**

**Tuesday 4th Feb - 9:15 - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 - Chinese New Year Music Performance - Parents welcome**

**Tuesday 4th Feb - St. Cassian's - Year 4 Parents Meeting - Virtual - 4:00**

**Friday 7th Feb- Number Day**

**Friday 7th Feb- House Football**

**Tuesday 11th February - Parent Drop in with SLT - 2:45pm**

**Tuesday 11th Feb - Safer Internet Day Parents Workshop 3:30**

**Friday 14th Feb - Hopes & Dreams**
**Friday 14th Feb - Reception Going for Gold**

**Monday 17th Feb - Half Term**

## Chinese Celebrations continue...

On Thursday, EYFS and Key Stage 1 enjoyed an amazing Chinese Dancing workshop where they danced and laughed, fully immersing themselves in the festivities! A huge thank you to Maggie, Ava, Phoebe and Michelle for all your hard work making decorations! The celebrations continue on Tuesday, when KS1 will meet to share the wonderful music they've been learning in connection with the Chinese New Year, parents are welcome to join us. Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 will be cooking up a storm, preparing traditional Chinese dishes to share in the afternoon, with a tasty surprise for Reception and Key Stage 1 to sample as well!

## Inter-House Football...

On Friday, we will be holding an inter-house football competition, and the atmosphere is buzzing with anticipation! On Wednesday afternoon, the children gathered in their houses to discuss tactics and strategise for the big match. It's so heartening to see their enthusiasm and teamwork in action! Just a reminder, all children from Year 1 to Year 6 will need to wear their PE kits for the day. Let's see which house will be victorious!

## Hope...

We are thrilled to announce that on Friday, 14th February 2025, the last day of half term, we will be hosting our delightful 'Hopes & Dreams' morning! This is a wonderful opportunity for you to join your child in their classroom, explore their books together, and celebrate their learning and progress. It's a perfect moment to reflect on their hopes and dreams for the future, beautifully tying in with the theme for this Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope. If you have more than one child, don't worry; you'll have time to visit each of their classrooms throughout the morning. We truly hope you can make it, and the event will wrap up just in time for playtime at 10:30am!

## Number Day

On Friday 7th February, we will have a coin race where each class will make a line of coins around the school and compete to make the longest line. **Please continue to bring in any spare coins that you may have at home.** After, the money will go towards Cafods World Gifts, where the children will select the gift they would like to purchase to help others around the world. Thank you for your support.

They will be completing other number related activities throughout the day. There will also be lots of number competitions. The children can come dressed in clothes with numbers on them.

## A Message from the Diocesan Education Service...

The Archdiocese of Birmingham invite applications for the new CFO and COO of the first enlarged Catholic Multi-Academy Trust in the Archdiocese, the St Gabriel the Archangel CMAT. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity to commence May 2025. We are seeking an outstanding, dynamic, and visionary CFO and COO to guide our new Trust of 63 schools, opening in September 2025. The successful CFO will be an outstanding financial leader who is able to inspire others and have the expertise to develop and articulate a financial vision that will enable us to continue to deliver an outstanding learning experience for all. For further details, please visit the Diocesan Education Service website: CFO Vacancy. The successful COO will play a pivotal role in ensuring the smooth and efficient functioning of our schools. For further details, please visit the Diocesan Education Service website: COO Vacancy. The closing date for both roles is 10th February 2025.

## ATTENDANCE

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| Overall | 94% |
| Nursery | 87.8% |
| Reception | 92.67% |
| Year 1 | 88.7% |
| Year 2 | 90.7% |
| Year 3 | 94.67% |
| Year 4 | 93.3% |
| Year 5 | 96.0% |
| Year 6 | 91.7% |

## House Points

**Pope John Paul II**
**983**

**St. Teresa of Calcutta**
**1173**

**St. Cecilia**
**816**

**HOW STUDENTS, PARENTS/CARERS CAN REPORT A SAFEGUARDING ISSUE, EITHER IN SCHOOL OR OUT OF HOURS:**

Text the mobile number: **07767 269958** or email: **reportanissuestannes@welearn365.com**

**Nuneaton Children's Team:**
01926 414910

**NSPCC Helpline:**
help@nspcc.org.uk
Tel: 0808 800 5000

**Samaritans:**
Jo@samaritans.org
Tel: 116 123

**Childline:**
0800 1111

**Police:**
Emergency - 999
Non-emergency 101