St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

9 May 2025

St Anne's Catholic Academy

A message from Miss Gillin...

Although this week was a shorter week, we have packed so much in! On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Sue from the River & Canal Trust, who delivered an engaging Water Safety Assembly as part of our Holy Spirit Experience. The children gained invaluable insights into how to keep safe around water, along with essential actions to take in case of an emergency.

Thursday was a day of reflection as the children came together for a special prayer and liturgy marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day. With great reverence, they held a two-minute silence and participated in various thoughtful activities within their classes. It was heartening to see our students take such an active role in honouring this significant occasion, showcasing their understanding of history and its importance in shaping our present.

To wrap up the week, we were thrilled to receive a welcome message from Archbishop Bernard Longley, on behalf of the Archbishop of Birmingham. He shared the joyful news of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As we eagerly await his first blessing in St. Peter's Square, the Pope has called us to be bridge-builders and lights of Christ in the world. What an inspiring way to end our week! We look forward to more exciting activities in the coming days!

Miss Gillin
Head of School

Statatory Testing...

Year Six SATs

On Monday May 12th, the children in Year 6 will begin their SATs. We are so proud of the hard work and commitment they have demonstrated throughout Year 6 and we know that each and every child will give their very best during test week. In the lead up to test week, you can support your child by ensuring they get plenty of sleep, drink plenty of water and have breakfast each morning. Also, please encourage your child to relax and to look forward to demonstrating their learning. Whilst we understand that there is some unavoidable pressure on children up and down the country, we want the children in Year 6 to feel as relaxed as possible, knowing that we are all very proud of them regardless of a test result... this is the message we are sharing at school and you can help by reinforcing it at home. All Year 6 children are invited to attend a Grab & Go breakfast between 8:15 & 8:30am Monday-Thursday

As a reward for all their hard work, we'll be celebrating with a pizza lunch on Thursday 15th May, so packed lunch is not needed that day. Wishing all our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck—and a restful weekend before the big week ahead!

LIVING THE MISSION

Let us pray for our new Holy Father: Habemus Papam: We have a Pope!

KEY DATES

12th May - SATS Week

16th May - Year 1 - Lego Trip

19th May - Cool Critters visit to EYFS

21st May - Year 6 - Sleep Workshop

23rd May - Last Day of Term

2nd June - Return to School

7th June - First Holy Communion - 1pm

10th June - Cornwall Residential

17th June - Going for Gold - Year 6 - Swadlincote

Today, a special statue of Mary travelled from school to school in the Holy Spirit MAC, symbolising our unity in faith during this holy month of May which is dedicated to Mary.

At each stop, children gathered to pray the Rosary, reflect on Mary's role in our lives, and present flowers as a sign of love and devotion. It was a peaceful, prayerful moment that brought us all together in gratitude and reflection.

Eco Team Tips...

ATTENDANCE

Overall	96.2%
Nursery	94.8%
Reception	98.3%
Year 1	94.6%
Year 2	92.1%
Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	99.2%
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6	97.9%

House Points

Pope John Paul II
834

St. Teresa of Calcutta
646

St. Cecilia
788

Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Knife Crime

At St. Anne's, we are committed to keeping our children safe. While knife crime may seem like an issue affecting older individuals, it is crucial to educate children early about the dangers. Young people can be influenced by peer pressure, social media, or fear, leading to risky situations. We can encourage open conversations at home about staying safe, making positive choices, and seeking help from trusted adults. If you have any concerns, resources like NSPCC and Childline offer support. Together we can protect our children and create a safer community.