St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

13 March 2026

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A message from Miss Gillin...

What a fantastically busy and joyful week we have had at St Anne's! On Monday, our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils took part in their Lenten Confessions with Father Jimmy and Father Pyas, a special opportunity for reflection during this important season in our Catholic calendar. On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome a special visitor into school to talk all things music. It was an inspiring session and we will be sending more information soon about music lessons that will be available to book through Arbor.

This week also saw the launch of our first Going for Gold activities. Year 2 had a wonderful time springing into gymnastics at Nuneaton Gymnastics, while Year 4 enjoyed sliding into ice skating at the Tamworth Snowdome. On Wednesday, we welcomed RISE Theatre to school, where the children enjoyed a fun-filled day of theatrical performances and engaging drama activities.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Stay and Pray on Thursday—it was lovely to share this special time together as a school community. To round off our fantastic week, Year 1 and Year 3 took charge of our cake sale, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm, followed by Year 5, who led a truly wonderful Mother's Day assembly.

This week, the children have also been busy creating a special gift for their mums and other loved ones. We wish all our mothers, grandmothers, and step-mums a lovely, restful weekend filled with family time—the children promise to be on their best behaviour! Don't forget to join us for our Mother's Day Family Mass at St Anne's Church on Saturday, 14th March.

It has been a week full of faith, learning and memorable experiences for our pupils. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

LIVING THE MISSION

This week at St Anne's, we were proud to take the lead in supporting the MAC Foodbank initiative. Our fantastic Year 1 pupils worked together to help organise, pack and load the food bags with great care. It has been wonderful to see the children taking such an active role in supporting others and showing kindness within our community.

The MAC Foodbank supports families within the MAC community who may be experiencing financial difficulties. If you or someone you know may benefit from support, please don't hesitate to reach out by texting 07741 280959.
As Pope Francis reminds us:

"Our hands are a symbol for our hearts and only open generous hearts can change the world."

KEY DATES

Tue 10 Mar - Year 1 - Going for Gold

Tue 10 Mar - Parents Evening

Wed 11 Mar - Parents Evening

Thurs 12 Mar - Tea and Toast morning for parents

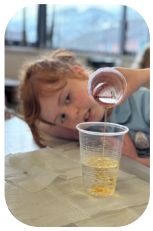
Fri 13 Mar - Year 4 - Going for Gold

Lenten cake sale - Reception & Year 5

Science Week...

Take a look at some of the amazing Science work the children have been doing this week:

Year 1 learnt all about what plants need to survive and grow. The children planted their own sunflower seeds and will be carefully observing how they grow over the next few weeks. 🌻💧
They are very excited to watch their seedlings sprout and see whose sunflower grows the tallest! 🌻✨



Year 3 had great fun carrying out an experiment with oil, water and food colouring 🧪. The children loved watching the liquids separate into layers and seeing colourful droplets move through the mixture 🌈.
A fantastic hands-on way to explore how some liquids don't mix! ✨

Year 6 explored the fascinating world of aerodynamics as they designed, created, and tested different styles of paper aeroplanes and paper helicopters. 🪁 They experimented with shape, weight, and wing design to discover what helps an object fly smoothly, glide further, or stay in the air longer. 🚁📏

Indoor Athletics...

We are incredibly proud of our St. Anne's children. On Wednesday, they represented our school brilliantly in the semi-finals of the indoor athletics competition. Competing among the final six schools in the area, they ran, jumped, and threw to the very best of their abilities.
Throughout the event, they demonstrated impeccable behaviour, determination, and a wonderfully positive attitude.
Well done to all involved! 🏆

Easter plans for Key Stage 1 & 2...

Instead of the usual 'Write about' home learning, this week 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 Wednesday 25th March in the school hall and parents are welcome to join us. The bonnet can be made from and decorated using any suitable materials.

Our Key Stage 2 Easter Competition is focused on the theme 'New Life, New Beginnings'. Children are invited to create a hanging ornament or window-style display that shows what new life and new beginnings mean within the Catholic Easter message. Designs could include Easter and Christian symbols such as crosses, butterflies, flowers, doves, or sunshine, along with words or phrases like Alleluia, New Life, or Easter Joy.

Attendance:

Reception: 95%
Year 1: 97%
Year 2: 93%
Year 3: 95%
Year 4: 95%
Year 5: 98%
Year 6: 95%

HOUSE POINTS

Pope John Paul II
820

St. Teresa of Calcutta
833

St. Cecilia
695

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Nuneaton Children's Team:
01926 414910

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

Samaritans:
Jo@samaritans.org
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Childline:
0800 1111

Police:
Emergency - 999
Non-emergency 101