St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

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A message from Miss Gillin...

This week has been a fantastic week! All the children have been exceptionally well-behaved and quiet around the school, giving our Year 6 children the best chance to excel in their SATs tests. A heartfelt well done to Year 6! We are incredibly proud of you for demonstrating immense commitment and trying your very best during what can be a rather tricky week.
However, let's take a moment to reflect on the nature of these tests. While they are designed to assess academic abilities, they do not always capture the full essence of what makes each of you special and unique. The individuals who create and score these tests may not know you in the same way that your teachers, I hope to, or your families do. They don't know that many of you speak two languages or that you can play a musical instrument, dance, or create stunning artwork. They may not recognise the fact that your friends rely on you for support, or that your laughter can brighten the dullest of days.
They are unaware of the poetry you write, the songs you compose, the sports you engage in, or the dreams you ponder about your future. They wouldn't know that some of you take care of little siblings after school, or that you have the delightful experience of travelling to breathtaking places. They don't see your capacity for kindness, trustworthiness, and thoughtfulness, or how you strive to be your very best each day.
So, while we celebrate your test results, remember they will tell you something, but certainly not everything. Enjoy your results and take pride in your achievements, but also recognise that there are many ways of being smart! To cap off the week, Year 6 were treated to a delightful pizza lunch yesterday – a well-deserved treat after all your hard work!

Miss Gillin
Head of School

Year 6 - FOMO...

Year Six SATs

Following their amazing achievement last week, we now turn our attention to the exciting transition of our Year 6 children to secondary school. To make this period special, we are thrilled to introduce our FOMO parties! Each week, the Year 6 children will have the opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled celebration at lunch on Friday, filled with plenty of treats and an extended break to kick off the weekend in style!
But there's a little catch: to earn their spot at these fabulous parties, the children will need to be in school from Monday to Friday. We know the Year 6s are capable of this delightful challenge, and what better way to motivate them than with the prospect of a fantastic finale to their week?

LIVING THE MISSION

First Holy communion

Our Year 3 children are preparing for their First Holy Communion on 7th June. As part of their preparation, they will have a retreat day on leading up to this, where they will spend the day in prayer and reflection for this special occasion.

We continue to keep these children in our prayers.

KEY DATES

19th May - Cool Critters visit to EYFS

19th May - Year 6 - Cornwall Parents Meeting - 6pm - Zoom

21st May - Year 6 - Sleep Workshop

22nd May - Whole School Mass - Year 6

23rd May - Year 6 - FOMO

23rd May - Last Day of Term

2nd June - Return to School

4th June - New Parents Meeting - 6pm

6th June - MAC Sports Day

7th June - First Holy Communion - 1pm

10th June - Cornwall Residential

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

20th June - Enterprise Day

LEGOLAND

What a fabulous day Year 1 had at the Lego Discovery Centre!
The children were absolutely delighted as they stepped into a world of creativity. They kicked off their adventure with a thrilling cinema session, where they watched an exciting film that sparked their imaginations. After the screening, the children experienced Lego workshops. From building their own Lego models to exploring various interactive exhibits, they were fully engaged and brimming with enthusiasm. It was a joy to see their creativity in action, and undoubtedly, a day they will remember!

Statutory Testing...

Year One
Phonics screening – Week commencing Monday 10th June.

Year Four
The multiplication tables check (MTC) - Commences June 3rd over 2 weeks. This is a relatively new test and has been introduced by the government to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

Year Two
This year, there is not a statutory requirement for children in Year 2 to do their SATs. However, as Year 2 are almost completely unaware they are being tested and can ensure they do not feel any undue pressure we will use some SATs papers as one form of assessment that enable us to know how well each child in Year 2 is achieving.

If you have any further questions, please speak with your child's class teacher or the office where someone will get back to you.

Staying Safe in the Sun...

With the warmer weather making an appearance this week, we do ask that **ALL** children have a sunhat on these sunny days and that parents apply sun cream before school. Children can bring sun cream into school but will need to apply this themselves.

ATTENDANCE

Overall	96.33%
Nursery	99.3%
Reception	97%
Year 1	94.6%
Year 2	94.3%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	99.3%

House Points

Pope John Paul II
538

St. Teresa of Calcutta
560

St. Cecilia
705

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.