St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

28 February 2025

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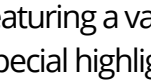
A message from Miss Gillin...

We have had a fantastic first week back at St. Anne's! The lighter mornings and evenings are just around the corner, and although it's still a bit chilly outside, we've enjoyed some beautifully bright days. This week has been filled with energy, featuring a variety of sporting activities that got everyone up and moving. A special highlight was today's assembly, where Year 1 delivered a truly wonderful performance themed around forgiveness. It was absolutely heart warming to see their hard work shine through!

As we look ahead, we are excited about the learning journeys awaiting us this half term. Don't forget to check the attached dates for all the upcoming events – there's much to look forward to!

Have a great weekend
Miss Gillin
Head of School



PE...

Today was a fantastic day at school! Our EYFS children had an enjoyable taster session focused on mental well-being, learning a variety of relaxation and stretching techniques that left them feeling refreshed and energised. Meanwhile, the KS2 children hit the bullseye during their own taster session of darts! They really focused on accuracy and even challenged themselves by keeping score, integrating some mathematical skills along the way. It was wonderful to see our pupils so engaged in both physical and mental activities. Here's to more fun and learning in the weeks ahead!

Going for Gold...

What an exciting time Year 3 had as part of our Holy Spirit Experience! This week, the children embraced their "Going for Gold" theme by taking part in a thrilling climbing session. They tackled the climbing wall with great enthusiasm, cheering each other on as they reached for new heights. It was fantastic to see them conquer their fears and build confidence while having a brilliant time together.

LIVING THE MISSION

It is with great sadness that I share the news of the sudden passing of Teresa O'Keefe, a much-loved and valued member of our school community who taught RE at St Thomas More. Teresa touched the lives of so many with her strong faith, kindness, dedication, and warm presence, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew and worked with her. Teresa dedicated over 20 years of her life to St Thomas More, shaping the lives of a significant number of students.

As a school community, we will come together to offer our prayers for Teresa, her family, and all those who are mourning her loss. Please keep Teresa in your thoughts and prayers as we come to terms with this devastating news. May we find comfort in the many fond memories we share and in the strength of our school community as we support one another.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

KEY DATES

Monday 3rd Mar - Year 5 - Whitemoor Lakes

Tuesday 4th Mar - Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes

Wednesday 5th March 9:30 - Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Monday 10th March - Going For Gold - Year 2

Friday 14th March - Going for Gold - Reception

Afterschool Clubs...

This week, we had a special visit from Melvin the Monkey, the mascot from MHR! We're excited to remind everyone that MHR Sports is running a fantastic multi-sports afterschool club every Monday and Tuesday throughout the Spring term.

Key Stage 2 - Monday - 3:30 to 4:30
Key Stage 1 - Tuesday - 3:30 to 4:30

We still have some spaces available, so if you'd like your child to take part, please book via ParentMail or give the school office a ring.

Next Week...

Exciting news, everyone! On Monday, Year 5 will be heading off on their residential trip to WhiteMoor Lakes Activity Centre. We can't wait for all the adventures that lie ahead! Please keep an eye out for the information we've sent regarding packing this weekend and the instructions for any medications that your child might need. It's going to be a fantastic experience filled with fun and learning, so let's make sure everyone is ready for an unforgettable time!

On Tuesday, we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with an exciting inter-house pancake race! The children will have a marvellous time racing with their pancakes, and they'll also receive a tasty pancake to try during the day. We can't wait to see who the winning house will be!!

We're excited to invite you all to our special Ashes Mass this Wednesday! Come along as our fantastic staff at St Anne's lead us in this meaningful celebration of Ash Wednesday. to mark the beginning of Lent. All the children will participate and receive ashes as part of this service and to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey. We're also excited to share that our 'Stay and Pray' sessions will begin in Lent, where you are welcome to join your child in class for a special collective worship session. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together in reflection and prayer. As we begin our Lenten Almsgiving, we'll be holding cake sales to raise funds for the Father Hudson Caritas Charity. You can contribute by providing cakes for the sale and sending in money with your child to buy some tasty treats! All funds raised will go towards supporting this great cause. Let's make this Lenten season a time of giving, prayer, and community.

We will be celebrating World book day on Thursday 6th March to help promote reading for pleasure. The children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character on the day and the teachers will be planning some fun activities during the day to help explore characters and the art of story telling.

ATTENDANCE

Overall	95.7%
Nursery	91.2%
Reception	93.1%
Year 1	93.7%
Year 2	93.5%
Year 3	95.1%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	94.9%
Year 6	93.7%

House Points

Pope John Paul II
1147

St. Teresa of Calcutta
452

St. Cecilia
600

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