St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

6 March 2026

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A message from Miss Gillin...

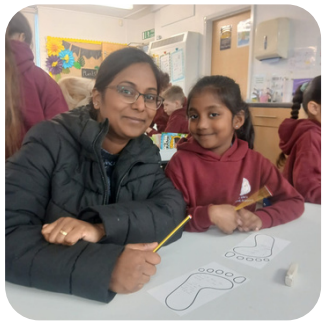
It has been another amazing week at school, and it has been wonderful to see the arrival of the spring sunshine brightening our days. We have loved welcoming parents and families to our Stay and Pray, sharing a special time of reflection together. We also had a fantastic World Book Day, with lots of enthusiasm for reading across the school —please do take a look at the fantastic reel on our Facebook page to see some of the highlights.

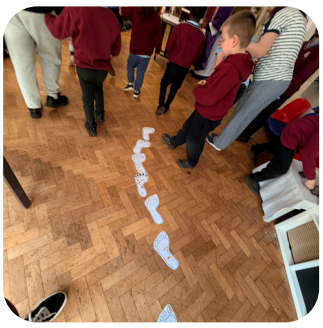
On Wednesday, Year 3 reverently led us in Mass and also celebrated their first Confessions as they begin their preparations for First Holy Communion, which was a very special moment in their faith journey. This week, Year 2 and Year 6 also led our Lenten cake sale, raising money for the fantastic Father Hudson's Caritas. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Finally, please remember to book your Parents' Evening appointment via Arbor if you have not already done so.

Stay & Pray

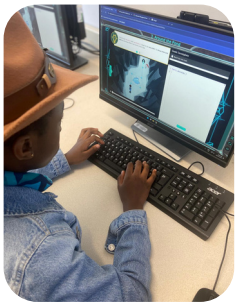
Our first Stay and Pray of the Lenten season took place on Monday, providing a special opportunity for our school community to come together in reflection and prayer. Lent is an important time in the Christian calendar when we prepare for Easter through prayer, reflection, and acts of kindness, remembering the journey of Jesus and thinking about how we can grow in faith and compassion. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this a meaningful time together. Our next Stay and Pray will take place at 3pm on Thursday 12th March, and we warmly welcome families to join us. 🙏





Year 6 - Digital School House Workshop:

It was fantastic to begin transition work early with a visit to St Thomas More Catholic Academy for today's digital workshop. Pupils were inspired to explore potential careers in the gaming industry as they discovered how programming skills can be used to control and shape a game. The session was engaging and motivating, bringing coding to life and helping pupils see the exciting possibilities that exist in technology and game development.



LIVING THE MISSION

We celebrated Father Jimmy's 60th birthday on 5th March and were pleased to present him with a cheque for £200 for his missionary charity supporting retired priests.

KEY DATES

Monday 9 March - Lent Confessions, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 10:30

Tuesday 10 March - Year 2 - Going for Gold

Wednesday 11 March - RISE Theatre visit

Thursday 12 March - Stay & Pray - 3pm

Friday 13 March - Year 4 - Going for Gold

Lenten cake sale - Year 1 & Year 3
Year 6 - MP Visit

Celebration Assembly - Led by Year 5

Easter plans for Key Stage 1 & 2...

For EYFS and Key Stage 1, children have been invited to design and make their own Easter bonnet at home, ready for our Easter Bonnet Parade later this month. We can't wait to see the imaginative creations the children produce with their families.

Our Easter Bonnet Parade will take place on **Wednesday 25th March.**
Start time: 9.15am
Finish time: by 10.00am
Audience limit: Up to two family members per child

The children will also perform an Easter song.
We do ask that if you attend, you ensure you have time to stay for the whole performance.

Recently, some family members have left once their own child has performed. This can be disruptive for others watching and can feel disheartening for the children who perform later. As always, these expectations are set with the children in mind — please help us by being positive role models; just as we wouldn't leave a show or theatre performance early, we ask that all families stay until the end to support every child.

We are excited to launch our Key Stage 2 Easter Competition with 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. Children can think about how the Resurrection of Jesus brings new life and how they can reflect this through kindness, faith, and fresh starts in their own lives.

The judging of the competition will take place on **Wednesday 25th March.**

We look forward to seeing the children's wonderful creations!

Girls Football...

Today the girls took part in a football session at Lower Farm Academy, featuring structured drills and small-sided games designed to develop key skills and teamwork. It was fantastic to see everyone participating with enthusiasm, supporting one another and enjoying the sport in a positive and encouraging environment.
Well done to all who took part! 👏

Attendance:

Reception: 93%
Year 1: 94%
Year 2: 88%
Year 3: 89%
Year 4: 96%
Year 5: 98%
Year 6: 96%

HOUSE POINTS

Pope John Paul II
1976

St. Teresa of Calcutta
992

St. Cecilia
1940

SAFEGUARDING

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