St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

20 March 2026

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A message from Miss Gillin...

It was truly wonderful to see so many families at our Family Mass on Saturday. Your presence helped to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and it was a lovely opportunity for us to come together as a school community. A special thank you goes to the children who helped to lead the service; they read beautifully and reverently, making us all very proud.

It was also great to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week. These meetings are such a valuable opportunity to share and celebrate the excellent progress the children are making, and we appreciate your continued support in their learning journey.

We also really enjoyed our Tea and Toast morning with parents on Thursday. It was a lovely opportunity to come together and for you to speak with our SLT, SENDCo, and Attendance Officer. We will be arranging another session in the Summer Term, so please watch out for the date. Thank you as well to everyone who purchased raffle tickets—your support is very much appreciated and makes a real difference.

On Wednesday, Year 4 led us in our whole school Mass. The singing this week truly lifted us all, and the readings provided a meaningful reminder about forgiveness and acts of kindness—messages that continue to guide us in our daily school life.

Our final Lenten cake sale was a great success this week, led by Reception and Year 5. We look forward to sharing the total raised for Father Hudson's Caritas with you soon. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Fruit of the Week:

Over the last half term, Mr Earp has been encouraging the children to try new fruits each week. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity grow as they sample something different every time. This week, the children enjoyed tasting plums, and, as always, their excitement and willingness to try new flavours was fantastic to see.

A big thank you to Mr Earp for inspiring the children to explore healthy eating in such a fun and engaging way!

LIVING THE MISSION

During Lent, we are reminded of the power of forgiveness—how God's love gives us the chance to begin again, grow in kindness, and strengthen our relationships with others. This season encourages us to reflect on our actions, show compassion to those around us, and live out our mission each day through small acts of care and understanding.

Let us continue to embrace these values, supporting one another and spreading kindness throughout our school community.

"Loving Jesus,
Thank you for forgiving me.
Help me to start again, to
choose kindness, and to follow
You each day.
Amen."

KEY DATES

Tue 24 Mar - Year 3 - Going for Gold

Tue 24 Mar - Reception Vision Screening

Wed 25 Mar - Year 4 - St Cassian's

Wed 25 Mar - 9:10 - Easter Bonnet Parade, Nursey, Reception & KS1

Wed 25 Mar - KS2 Easter Competition Deadline

Thur 26 Mar - 11:00 - Stations of the Cross - Led by Year 5

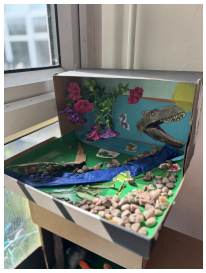
Fri 27 Mar - Break up for Easter

Read 26 books in 2026...

Well done to Israel, who is currently in the lead with his Reading Passport! He has already completed his first passport and is now working through his second—an amazing achievement. He will be receiving his chosen prize next week. Keep up the fantastic effort, Israel, and well done to everyone for your continued enthusiasm for reading!

Story boxes...

Thank you to all of the children who have handed in their story boxes—we have seen some truly wonderful and creative examples! There is still time to submit your entries, so keep them coming. Winners will be chosen on Wednesday 25th March.



EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade

Children are invited to make their Easter bonnets at home, ready for our parade on Wednesday 25th March in the School Hall.

Start: 9.15am

Finish: 10.00am

Audience: Up to two family members per child

Please stay for the whole performance so all children feel supported—leaving early can be disruptive and disheartening for those performing later. Thank you for helping us model respect and encouragement for every child.

KS2 – Easter Competition: New Life, New Beginnings

Our Key Stage 2 Easter Competition is centred on the theme 'New Life, New Beginnings'.

Children are invited to create a hanging ornament or a window-style display that represents what new life and new beginnings mean within the Catholic Easter message. Designs may include Easter and Christian symbols such as crosses, butterflies, flowers, doves or sunshine, along with meaningful words or phrases such as Alleluia, New Life or Easter Joy.

Important Reminders for Next Week

On Thursday, we will hold our annual Stations of the Cross service. This year, the service will take place at 11:00am, and families are warmly invited to join us for this prayerful and reflective service led by Year 5 as we prepare for Holy Week.

On Friday, we will be celebrating all of the children's fabulous home learning with our Easter Fun Afternoon. Children will be able to choose either a disco or a film, and they are invited to wear non-uniform to mark their superstar effort and all their wonderful Lenten fundraising. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon for everyone. Throughout the day we will round off a truly splendid term with our infamous Easter Egg Hunt — always a highlight for the children.

Attendance:

Reception: 92%
Year 1: 99%
Year 2: 81%
Year 3: 91%
Year 4: 96%
Year 5: 87%
Year 6: 93%

HOUSE POINTS

Pope John Paul II
781

St. Teresa of Calcutta
721

St. Cecilia
555

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Non-emergency 101