



St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

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Welcome to St Anthony’s Catholic Primary School!

We are a friendly, family-centred Catholic school with fantastic outdoor learning resources. We have delightful pupils, supportive parents and an excellent relationship with our local Catholic church - St Margaret Mary in Park Gate, which is led by Father Ansel D’Mello.

At St Anthony’s we aim to live out our mission statement, guided and led by our Catholic ethos that places the Catholic Social Teaching principles of human dignity and the common good at the heart of our school. We recognise that each of us is unique and loved by God and we are called to lead by example, as Christ did, to show respect and love to every person because each of us is made in the image of God.

Our ambition is for our children to be kind leaders of the future, who lead by example. With our support, we hope they will grow into young people and adults who will make a positive difference in society.

“Our family are very happy and pleased with the Catholic and Christian ethos and culture of the school, where the children feel cared for, nurtured and learn to be supportive, kind, helpful towards each other and adults, and to have confidence and self-esteem in themselves and their relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.” (Parent)

Through our wide and varied curriculum, we endeavour to educate the whole child. We are proud of our academic results but what really drives our staff is the laughter and fun of exciting lessons and when our children demonstrate kindness and inclusivity towards everyone.

We welcome visits to our school and we hope to meet you soon.

With best wishes,

Mrs Katrina Straker
Headteacher

School Mission Statement:
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Our Farm and Forest School

We have wonderful grounds at St Anthony's and we love outdoor education. All children have access to our Forest School and Farm School as part of the curriculum and lunchtime provision. We keep a range of animals including pygmy goats, chickens, ducks and guinea pigs.



How to Apply for a School Place

For applications for Reception class children in the main round, please complete the Hampshire school application process online. You will **also** need to fill in the **Supplementary Application Form (SIF)** included in this pack and return it to the school office by the deadline. Please refer to the Hampshire guidance about the process and relevant closing dates at <https://onlineadmissions.hants.gov.uk/> For mid-year applications, please contact the school to request to be added to the waiting list for the appropriate year group.





General Information

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Headteacher: Mrs Katrina Straker BA English (Hons.), PGCE

Chair of Governors: Mr Torion Bowles

Maintenance

The school was founded by and is part of the Catholic Church. The school is to be conducted as a Catholic School in accordance with the canon law and teachings of the Catholic Church and in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Diocese of Portsmouth.

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Bishop House
Bishop Crispian Way
Portsmouth
PO1 3HG
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School

Classification: Academy School within the South Hampshire Academy Trust
Age Range: 4-11
Number on roll: 220 plus 50 Pre-school children
Hours: 8.30am-3.00pm
Office Hours: 8.30am-4.00pm

St Anthony's Governing Body

You may contact the governing body by writing to:
Chair of Governors
c/o St Anthony's Catholic Primary School
Primate Road
Titchfield Common
Fareham
PO14 4RP

Our School Day

8.30am Children arrive
8.35am Registration
8.40am Morning sessions begin
10.10am Morning break
10.25am Second morning session
12.10pm Lunch
1.00pm Afternoon session
2.30pm Afternoon break KS1
3.00pm School finishes

Children who arrive after 8.35am need to be signed in by a parent at the front office.

Please report absences to the school by 8.30am

Uniform

We are a 'uniform school'; we believe a uniform looks smart, wears well and contributes to a feeling of belonging to a community. A letter will be sent home to parents of children wearing incorrect uniform, and you may be requested to come in for a meeting with the Headteacher if this persists. We do have a limited hardship fund to help families with financial difficulties; if you believe you might be entitled to apply for this fund, please contact the school office. All applications will be considered in the strictest of confidences.

All the logoed aspects of our uniform can be purchased via the school; please pick up an application form from the school office. Please mark all uniform clearly with your child's name.



Reporting to Parents

St Anthony's believe working with parents and keeping them informed is a high priority. During the Autumn term, parents have the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their targets for the year. The next parents' evening is held in February, followed by informal meetings in July if you would like to discuss your child's end of year report. You will receive this end of year report in early July, which details how your child has developed across the year. You also have an opportunity to meet with the SENDCo at all these meeting times.

Parents are invited to make an appointment to see their child's class teacher at any other time during the year if they have any concerns or wish to discuss their child's welfare or education. Please either email or ring the school office and they will arrange an appointment with your child's teacher. Alternatively, they may be able to arrange a telephone appointment between you and the class teacher if this is more convenient.

Meet the Teacher

In the first week of the Autumn term, you will have an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher for the upcoming academic year. This is an opportunity for you to see a brief overview of the curriculum that will be covered that year, as well as the homework, organisation and other specifics unique to each year group. Children will get the chance to meet their new teacher in the final few weeks of the previous Summer term and visit their new classroom. When children join the school in Reception, you will be invited to a meeting in the previous Summer Term to find out about the school, and your child will have the chance to come in for several 'familiarisation' sessions. In the first week of the Autumn term, the Reception teacher will make a home visit or you may be invited into the school to discuss your child before he/she starts. Please come in and see us if your child is overly concerned at any of these transition points.





A letter from our Parish Priest

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to St Anthony's school. Our parish of St. Margaret Mary Park Gate is blessed with the gift of St Anthony's and I look forward to our journey together over the coming years.

St Anthony's has a great sense of community and family. A community that is proud to be Catholic fostering a loving and nurturing environment to grow in search and appreciation of beauty, life and truth. We are a school community supported by our wider parish community and underpinned by the dedicated staff and governors who seek to foster such a community. A community which at its centre is the heart of Jesus Christ. We seek to instill and live out our Catholic identity in all we say and do. We are proud to share our faith with a loving heart. Jesus was known for his teaching. It is in his name, our school unpacks the word of God in our daily lives and lives out the Gospel message of Faith, Hope and Love.

As a faith school, St Anthony's is very much on the front line, helping to form our children's conscience and the importance of truth and life. Enriched by Faith, our school invites us all to grow in peace and respect for others. We are proud of our Catholic identity and have many children from different backgrounds enriching our school.

As we start our journey together, I pray for your children, your families, our teachers and staff that the coming years will be blessed and fruitful.

May Our Lord Jesus bless you all.

Fr Ansel D'Mello

Parish Priest



St Anthony's Catholic Primary School - A Short History

In the late 1980s the incumbent parish priest of St Margaret Mary Church, Park Gate, the Rev. Canon Murphy, saw the need to build a Catholic school locally. Together with David White, as Interim Chair of Governors, they campaigned for the opening of St Anthony's School. The plans to develop our school came to fruition when a financial bequest was made by a parishioner, Mrs De Knock.

St Anthony's School was designed by Sarah Curl of Curl Tourelle Architects and was opened in 1991. It is a one-form entry primary school, situated in extensive grounds in Titchfield Common at the southern end of Primate Road. The school was built to meet the needs of the Catholic Communities of St Margaret Mary's Church Park Gate, Our Lady of the Assumption Hedge End, and The Annunciation Netley and Whiteley.

The first major physical additions to the school occurred in 2001 with the completion of an ICT suite and in 2003 alterations and improvements made to the office and lobby areas. In 2009 we saw the completion of four new classrooms in a Key Stage Two teaching block. The most recent building work was completed in 2015, which took the form of a hall extension.

St Anthony's has been consistently praised for its high quality educational provision, academic achievement and most importantly the Catholic character and Christian ethos that underpin the daily life of the school.





St Anthony's PSA

The PSA or Parent and Staff Association at St Anthony's is a group of committed parents and staff whose main aim is to raise funds to help enrich the pupils' education, provide activities and enhance the school environment. Some of the most recent monies raised have provided:

- a reward lunch for Year Six after SATs
- chicks and butterflies to help KS1's understanding of the world
- Christmas chocolate gift for all pupils
- extra reading material for the school reading scheme
- tree houses for our Forest School

They also organise many enriching opportunities for the children, including:

- KS1 and KS2 Discos
- Mother's and Father's Day sales
- Fireworks Night

The PSA meet once every half term to discuss current fundraising activities and opportunities for securing future income. All profits go straight back into the school to buy additional equipment and opportunities beyond the standard curriculum.

Every parent, grandparent, guardian or carer at St Anthony's is a member of the PSA automatically and everyone is most welcome to come along to meetings. You are welcome to get involved through volunteering to help regularly, attending meetings, or by helping with a specific event. Please email the school office if you would like to get involved and they will pass on your contact details to a committee member.





Special Needs Provision

If a child is identified as having special educational needs, an Intervention Plan is written which also tracks their chronological age and achievement in their area of need. In most cases, these needs will be met through quality first teaching in the classroom. In some cases a child may require additional support through additional interventions or programmes, working with a learning support assistant (LSA). Some children will have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) which will be informed by any relevant reports from other educational and health professionals. The child's name is recorded on the SEND register. This is a formal record of all the children at the school who have identified SEND.



High Attainers

'More able' children are those 5-10% of pupils working at an exceptionally high ability for their age. The identification of these pupils is a process in which all teaching staff have a part, but is overseen by our More Able Child Leader. Abilities in all areas of the curriculum are considered and catered for. Able children are catered for through extension activities, differentiated tasks and extra-curricular opportunities such as trips and special projects. We aim to offer these children opportunities throughout their school career at St Anthony's to enhance and extend their learning.

Behaviour

At St Anthony's we have exceptionally high standards of behaviour. We expect all members of the community to treat each other with dignity and respect. Each class contributes to a charter for the classroom in September, and uses it as a framework for their behaviour throughout the year. Children who display excellent behaviour are rewarded with individual house points, small prizes and/or certificates in our celebration assemblies. When children make poor decisions about their behaviour, we have sanctions that including missing part or all of their break time to reflect. We also ask children to make reparation when their behaviour has upset another member of the school community, for example writing a 'sorry' letter to apologise for their actions.



School Phases

Foundation Stage: Pre-school and Reception

Our pre-school was opened in 2010 and has gone from strength to strength. It provides an excellent starting point for your child to begin their school experience. We offer a range of experiences, within a nurturing, supportive and caring setting. We have a dedicated outdoor play area solely for the use of pre-school children. You are able to make use of the main school's facilities for provision of hot lunches and wraparound childcare (see section entitled 'Extended Schools').

The Curriculum for pre-school and Reception is based on the Early Learning Goals, and achievements are uploaded daily to our online record system 'Tapestry'. As a parent you are able to view this secure website and add your own photos and comments to enhance the record of your child's 'learning journey'.

In Reception we aim to consolidate the previous learning in pre-school, and help the children prepare for the more formal learning which takes place in Key Stage One. To do this the children participate in our Read Write Inc. phonics scheme, begin to attend Monday morning worship and Friday assemblies and whole school events.

Key Stage One: Years 1 and 2

Children in Key Stage One continue to use the Read, Write Inc. scheme to become fluent readers, and in addition this is complemented by weekly guided reading sessions with the class teacher. We use the Talk for Writing approach, and our Maths coverage is ensured by a combination of the new national curriculum and a scheme entitled 'Maths No Problem'. We focus on securing confidence in basic mental arithmetic in order to build and secure mathematical fluency.

Our foundation subjects are driven by a knowledge and skills based approach, and our curriculum leaders have selected the highest quality programmes of study for each of the foundation subjects. We use informal testing throughout the school, from Reception to Year 6 to ensure we are acutely aware of each child's next steps. We also introduce French to children in Year 2 in the Summer term, to aid their transition into Key Stage Two.





Key Stage Two: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

In Key Stage Two, we continue to build on the firm foundations established in our Early Years and Key Stage One. We work hard to support children in Year 3 as they adjust to the faster pace and increased demands of Key Stage Two.

In addition to the Maths, English, Reading and foundation subjects detailed above, we want our pupils to enhance their skills, demonstrate their talents and fulfil their aspirations. We organise residential trips, cross-school sports participation, charity events and provide multiple opportunities for children to develop their leadership potential through our monitor jobs, our peer mediation scheme, play leaders and ultimately our prefect roles in Year 6. From Year 3 to Year 6, children complete informal tests to ensure we have a complete understanding of their next steps and children in Year 6 participate in the externally moderated SATs as outlined by the government.





Curriculum

Religious Education

“Catholics believe that Religious Education is not one subject among many, but the foundation of the entire educational process. The beliefs and values it communicates should inspire and unify every aspect of school life” -Bishop’s Conference of England and Wales, 1988

Religious Education is at the heart of life at St Anthony’s Primary School, and is also a subject in its own right. We aim to ensure the Christian values, ethos and faith that are taught underpin the life of the whole school and the learning that takes place within it. Religious Education is a core subject, and we follow the Diocesan approved scheme entitled ‘God Matters’. Together with this, children are given the opportunity to learn about other prominent faiths in our diverse world and community. The curriculum is based on a religious understanding of life, and the principles of the Gospel permeate the life of the school.

Parents receive an RE newsletter each time a new theme is studied, to help them support their child at home. Masses, Liturgies, Acts of Reconciliation and Collective Worship all form part of our rich Catholic ethos.

The school has strong links with the parish of St Margaret Mary, and supports the parish in their preparation of our Catholic Year 3/4 pupils for the sacrament of Reconciliation and their First Holy Communion.

“St Anthony’s is a strong example of an outstanding Catholic school community. Excellent relationships between adults and pupils lead to a loving and trusting environment” - RE Validation 2017

English

English is an integrated and fundamental component of the whole primary curriculum.

We encourage all pupils to:

- Listen attentively and to process the received information
- Speak clearly and confidently with accurate grammar
- Read for enjoyment and to gather information from a wide range of texts
- Develop their writing skills through a range of tasks, focusing on audience and purpose
- Become accurate spellers
- Develop neat, legible handwriting
- Work collaboratively in groups and pairs.

We provide opportunities to develop all these skills through daily English lessons, links made in all foundation subject written tasks and many speaking and listening opportunities throughout the day. We follow a curriculum drawn from the Primary National Framework and the new National Curriculum to ensure a broad and balanced range of learning opportunities



Maths

Children need to be fluent in numeracy to become confident adults. To support them gain this vital life skill, we have daily maths lessons that focus on problem solving using the 'Maths No Problem' scheme of work. Additionally, we have daily mental maths practice using a scheme called 'Big Maths'. This ensures that our pupils leave us confident in the basic skills and also an understanding of how to apply this in real life situations. From Year One onwards, children complete weekly timed tests to practice using their knowledge and improve their rapid recall of basic number facts.

Physical Education

All children receive a rich and varied programme of Physical Education throughout the school. Our PE provision is based on the Real PE approach, which ensures that all children are able to master fundamental movement skills, which are progressively developed in each year group. As pupils move up through the school, these fundamental movement skills are applied to competitive sports, preparing the children for their time at secondary school. Children at St Anthony's cover a range of sport and exercise disciplines: dance, gymnastics, games and athletics.

At St Anthony's, we recognise the importance of PE for a number of reasons:

- increases pupils' understanding of the link between exercise and physical and mental wellbeing;
- increases pupils' performance, attainment and participation in PE;
- increases pupils' skills, knowledge and understanding of different sporting and athletic disciplines;
- increases pupils' self-esteem and confidence;
- increases participation and access to community activities and sport.

Music

Music is an integral part of school life at St Anthony's. The aim of music in the curriculum is to provide opportunities to develop the skills of investigation, appreciation, exploration, creative composition and performance. Based on the National Curriculum, our intent is to provide opportunities for children to participate in a variety of musical experiences through which we endeavour to build up the confidence of all children to perform to the very best of their ability. To support our children on their musical journey we use the Hampshire Music Service. Music is also directed towards specific events such as hymns and songs for assemblies and masses and musical performances such as our Christmas productions and the Easter passion play.

In addition to this, we provide the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument through private lessons with our visiting peripatetic music teacher. Children can learn the recorder and keyboard in Year 2 and then broaden to acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, flute, clarinet and saxophone in Key Stage Two. A large percentage of our pupils also enter ABRSM, Trinity and Rock School exams, with a high level of success. Those children who play an instrument are also offered the opportunity to join our school orchestra. Our choir, St Anthony's Singing Stars, is open to all Year 2 and above pupils, and rehearses weekly after school. The choir performs at a range of community events including carol singing on behalf of Marie Curie, The Brookfield Cluster Concert and as part of the 'Young Voices' Choir Concert at the O2 Arena in London.

Both the orchestra and choir perform in school assemblies and in our annual music concert 'Music on a Summer's Eve'.



Other Foundation Subjects

Our foundation subjects are driven by a spiral approach to learning that enables children to revisit and build on key concepts throughout their time at school. Our curriculum leaders have selected the highest quality programmes of study for each of the foundation subjects. During each year, children will participate in six 'themes' which integrate as much of the foundation curriculum as possible. We strive for educational rigour and set our pupils high challenges, whilst ensuring the learning is exciting and relevant to the world we live in today.

Enriching the Curriculum

To ensure that children have many unforgettable moments during their time at St Anthony's, we plan for an exciting and engaging 'launch' and 'celebration' of each theme. This may take the form of a trip, a guest visitor, a theme afternoon or any other event that a class teacher will have planned to inspire the class. Information about these trips and the curriculum unique to each class will be provided to you via the half termly Curriculum Chronicle which is written for each class by their teacher, and sent home in the first week of each half term.

Personal Development Learning (including Mental Health and Wellbeing and Relationship and Sex Education)

At St. Anthony's, we take a proactive and positive approach to our children's physical and mental wellbeing. Our Personal Development Learning programme aims to provide a curriculum that enables our pupils build their self-esteem, confidence and resilience so that they have the skills and knowledge to fulfil their potential at each stage of their education and beyond.

Our PDL curriculum closely follows a government endorsed and approved scheme of work issued by the Personal Social and Health Education Association. This programme follows an age appropriate scheme of learning that also fulfils the statutory requirements laid out by the Department for Education, as well as being fully approved by the Diocese. Parents would have the right to withdraw their children if we did teach any lessons that were not statutory requirements. We operate an open door policy and are very happy to discuss any aspect of the PDL curriculum with our parents and families.

Homework

To help our children achieve the highest standards, we use homework as an integral part of the learning process. In Reception, children are asked to read books from our reading scheme at home. From Year 1 onwards, children have spellings to learn weekly, a small daily arithmetic task and daily reading to complete. We ensure homework is manageable and fun. From Year 2, children will also complete a half termly project based on their upcoming learning in class.





Extra-Curricular

Clubs

We have a wide range of clubs on offer to enhance what is provided through the school curriculum. French, Football, Karate, Drama, Dance, Netball and Art clubs all run during the week, either at lunch time or after school. Should you wish your child to be placed on a waiting list to join one of these clubs, please speak to a member of the school office who will provide you with the necessary information.

Worship

We aim to develop the spiritual life of the children through daily prayer and liturgy. Reflection and scripture are central elements of collective worship held at St Anthony's. Parents have the right to withdraw children from collective worship, but as a Catholic school, whose Religious Education is an integral part of the mission of the school, we would not expect parents to exercise this option. The whole school meet for prayer on a Monday morning led by the Headteacher, and we hold Masses throughout the year led by individual classes. You are most welcome to attend any of our Masses, and you will be notified of these via our school newsletter, which is published weekly.

Celebrating Achievement

We love to celebrate the achievements of every child at St Anthony's. Our Friday afternoon celebration assembly is a time when the whole school come together to recognise those that have lived out our mission, worked hard in their classes, achieved musical success or successes outside school and the weekly winning house in our house point competition. If your child is receiving a certificate in this assembly, you will be notified so that you can attend, however all parents are welcome to join us on any Friday in the year. At the end of the year, we have a prize giving assembly, where house trophies are presented, attendance awards are given and Y6 leavers receive individual awards in recognition of their personal achievements.

House Points

When your child joins us, they will be assigned a house. These are named after the places of pilgrimage: Padua (Red), Canterbury (Yellow), Assisi (Green) and Lourdes (Blue). Siblings will be placed in the same house. Over the year, children are encouraged to earn house points for their house, and these are announced as weekly totals in our celebration assemblies by our house captains. At the end of the year, the house cup is awarded to the house who has achieved the most house points during that academic year. On Sports Day, children in both Key Stages compete in house teams to try to win the trophy for their house.





Extended Schools

We have a thriving breakfast and after school club called 'Laughalots', who are able to cater for your child before school (7.30am-8.30am) and at the end of the school day (3.00pm-6.00pm). The children have a chance to play outdoors on climbing equipment, in sports activities, cook, take part in art and craft or play on the computers or with board games. We also have a Nintendo Wii and a DVD collection for those that prefer to relax! To guarantee a place, please book individual or multiple sessions in advance. Please pick up a booking form from the school office. Please note that payment should also be in advance.

Pre-school pupils are eligible to take part in the extended schools care from the age of 3 upwards.



