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## St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School

'Children in our heart, Christ at the centre'  
'We love, we learn and we live'

*Creating kind leaders of the future*

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### Note from the Headteacher

Dear families

Saturday's fireworks spectacular was superb! Thank you so much to all who helped to put on another fabulous event. If you were there, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. The PSA team of Jo, Clare, Becky, Gemma and Mrs Adams were amazing and gave up hours of their time in the build up to it and on the day/night.

This year's display was led by Shaun and his fantastic team of firers. I don't know how they manage to stay so calm under the frenzy of sparks, smoke, light and bangs but we loved it!

We look forward to learning what profits were made once all the final transactions are complete so that we can continue to raise enough money to build a barn for our children to enjoy with the animals, along with books and other curriculum enhancement the PSA commits to each year.

**Year R applications for 2026:** Our school diary is filling up with tours for parents who are exploring school places for Year R in September. If you know a family who might like to apply, please encourage them to book a personal tour. Applications will close on 15th January.

**Trim trails:** The children have enjoyed playing on the trim trails once again now that the necessary repairs have been carried out.

**Second-hand uniform:** For the last couple of years, Natalie (a Y4 Mum) has been kindly running the second-hand uniform shop on behalf of the PSA but she is starting a new career and struggling to have the time for this. We are looking for a kind volunteer who wouldn't mind taking over from Natalie. The role requires someone who has a bit of space to store the boxes and zip-bags for the items and then a little time to respond to email requests for second-hand items and deposit sales with the office for other parents to collect. The second-hand uniform is not just great value for money, it's also important for the environment as we reuse good quality items. If you think you can help, please make yourself known to the school office and we'll put you in touch with Natalie, who can explain a bit more about what is involved.

Natalie is an unsung hero so I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has done to make second-hand uniform available to our parents.

**Ofsted:** There has been a degree of media coverage about Ofsted's new framework as inspections have begun this week after a pause whilst Ofsted trained their inspectors. We are one of the schools that is expecting an inspection at some point this year and I very much hope that inspectors will validate and celebrate the many strengths of our school and what we offer. I continue to be proud of our teaching team, who never tire of aiming high and striving to provide the very best for our children.

With best wishes for the weekend and some good quality time with your family.

Mrs Straker

### Working together to improve attendance:

*Attendance figures for the week commencing 3rd November:*

**Whole School** 97.4%

**Year R** 100%      **Year 1** 99.3%      **Year 2** 100%

**Year 3** 96.7%      **Year 4** 96.1%      **Year 5** 92.3%      **Year 6** 97.6%

An attendance rate of 95% or above is considered good by the DfE.

An attendance rate of 90% or below is categorised as 'persistent absence' by the DfE.

### Important Dates:

**w/c 17th November**  
Whole School Road Safety Week

**Friday 21st November**  
YR Jolly Christmas Postman Trail  
Y5 Trip to London

**Wednesday 26th November**  
ELSA drop-in for parents

**Friday 28th November**  
Preschool Jolly Christmas Postman Trail

**Weds 3rd & Thurs 4th December**  
Preschool & YR Nativity, 10.00am

**Mon 8th December, 8.45am drop-off**  
Y5&Y6 Mass at St MM followed by carol service rehearsal

**Tues 9th & Weds 10th December**  
Y1 & Y2 Nativity, 9.30am  
Y5 & Y6 Carol Service, 6.00pm  
(All welcome to the carol service)

### Our Sign of the Week:



### Useful emails:

**2nd hand uniform email:**  
[uniform@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk](mailto:uniform@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk)

**Guinea Pig waiting list email:**  
[guinea.pigs@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk](mailto:guinea.pigs@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk)



## CLUBS AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 10/11/2025

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	YEAR GROUP	COMMENTS
Monday	French Club	12.30pm - 1.00pm	Yr1 and Yr2	<i>helen@butterflylanguages.co.uk</i>
Monday	Art and Craft Club	3.00pm - 4.00pm	YrR - Yr6	<i>sarah_silvestri@hotmail.co.uk</i>
Monday	Football with CM Sports	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Yr1 - Yr6	<i>info@cmsports.co.uk</i>
Tuesday	Drama	3.00pm - 5.00pm	YrR - Yr6	<i>superstarsportsuk@gmail.com</i>
Tuesday	Drawing club	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Yr 5 and Yr6 ONLY	<i>FoxArtTeaching@outlook.com</i>
Wednesday	French Club	12.30pm - 1.00 pm	Yr2 - Yr4	<i>helen@butterflylanguages.co.uk</i>
Wednesday	Gymnastics	3.00pm - 4.00pm	YrR - Yr6	<i>superstarsportsuk@gmail.com</i>
Wednesday	School Football Team	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Yr4 - Yr6	Mrs Marshman via the school office
Wednesday	School Netball Team	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Yr4 - Yr6	Mrs Read via the school office
Thursday	French Club	12.30pm - 1.00 pm	Yr5 and Yr6	<i>helen@butterflylanguages.co.uk</i>
Thursday	ComputerXplorers	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Yr1 - Yr6	<i>computerexplorers.co.uk/portsmouth/book/</i>
Thursday	Jamz Street Dance	3.00pm - 4.00pm	YrR - Yr6	<i>jamzdance@live.co.uk</i>
Thursday	Singing Stars	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Yr3 - Yr6	Ms Reid via school office
Friday	Dodgeball Club	3.00pm - 5.00pm	Yr2 - Yr6	<i>Dodgeball_club@outlook.com</i>

### Catholic Life - our Parish and our Diocese

#### News from St Margaret Mary Parish:

**Repository** - Please call in and see the range of Christian gifts and cards available.

We now have a selection of boxed Christmas cards and individual cards as well as nativity sets, snow globes, advent calendars and candles.

Please come and have a look

**Parish Christmas Party** - Everyone welcome December 14 from midday Bring & Share finger buffet (no nuts) with mulled wine and soft drinks provided.

Raffle prizes greatly appreciated, please leave these with office or contact [maggie.raymont@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.raymont@gmail.com)

#### Diocesan e-news

[Portsmouth Diocese e-News Issue 510](#)



### Starting School in September 2026

If you have a child who will be 4 years old between 1st Sept 2025 and 31st Aug 2026 the application for schools will open on Saturday 1st November 2025: [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)

If you are applying to St Anthony's, you will also need to fill in a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as well as the online form.

The closing date for school applications and SIF submissions (including relevant evidence) is Thursday 15th January 2026.

For more details or to arrange a school tour, please call 01489 579100.



### St Anthony's PSA

PSA email address: [stanthonypsa2025@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonypsa2025@gmail.com)

If you would like to order any 2nd hand uniform please contact the PSA 2nd hand uniform store via their email on: [uniform@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk](mailto:uniform@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk)

*Thank you for your continued support!*

## Weekly Certificates

### Headteacher's Awards:

Year R	Lua		
Year 1	Rithu		
Year 6	Una-Jane	Ivy	Sebby

### Year 6 Exemplary Pupil of the week:

Sera For consistently being outstanding in every aspect of school life. Always on task, always focused and always setting an exceptional example for others; Sera embodies what it means to live, learn and love as part of our Catholic community. Her quiet strength and commitment to excellence make her a true ambassador for our school!

### St Anthony's Mission Stars:

Preschool	Kyrie	For being a good friend to others
Year R	Esther	For being a Good Samaritan by treating others with kindness and care
Year 1	Amelia	Being a disciple of Jesus, showing love and kindness to everyone around her
Year 2	Emma	For being a light to others, showing love, care and kindness to all
Year 3	Noah	For spreading kindness and love around the Year 3 classroom
Year 4	Molly	For her caring and considerate nature towards others
Year 5	Laura	For always thinking of others and spreading the gift of friendship to those who need it most
Year 6	Harvey	For using his God-given gift of compassion to always bring kindness and comfort to others

### St Anthony's Awesome Learners:

Preschool	Kit	Year 3	Buddy
Year R	Hugh	Year 4	Isobel
Year 1	Albie	Year 5	Edwin
Year 2	Leonardo	Year 6	Phoenix

### Reminders:

#### Individual Photo orders:

Closing date for orders is Friday 14/11/2025

#### Recycled Christmas Tree Decoration Competition:

All entries are to be returned to Mrs Adams by no later than Monday 1st December 2025

#### Christmas Jumper Day / 2nd hand Christmas Jumpers - can you help?

As Christmas jumpers are yet another financial outgoing and a single-use item we would like to invite you to participate in a secondhand Christmas Jumper Sale.

If you have any old children's Christmas jumpers at home that you are happy to donate, please can you wash them, label them clearly with the age/size and leave them in the box just outside the school office.

Thank you for your continued support

### Supporting our school library

If you would like to commemorate your child's birthday by contributing to the reading culture within the school, please consider our Amazon [wishlist](#) of titles that we currently don't have in our library but would love to provide the children with. Any books bought from our [wishlist](#) will have an insert added to the front cover, recognising the family and/or child who has purchased it for our school.

Thank you for your continued support!

### Supporting our local food bank

If you are able to help, the following items have been particularly requested:

Cereals, biscuits, jams, tea, coffee, pasta sauces, tinned vegetables (especially tomatoes and sweetcorn), tinned fruit/puddings, rice, sugar, tinned soup, tinned tuna.

Please place any donations during the autumn term in the boxes in our entrance foyer.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

