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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

As you will have seen in an email this morning from Torion Bowles, our Chair of Governors, our Ofsted report has been finalised and will be published by Ofsted next week. The St Anthony's staff team found the inspection to be extremely rigorous, particularly because we had 4 inspectors visiting our one-form entry primary school. One of the inspectors was present for quality assurance for the other 3 inspectors and this has highlighted for me how robust Ofsted has been in rolling out their new inspection framework.

I am supremely proud of the 3 areas in which we have been rated strong: inclusion, attendance and behaviour, and personal development and wellbeing. These areas are at the heart of St Anthony's and I believe they are what makes our school such a special place for children and staff. As always, we will continue to strive to deliver the best education and wellbeing for our children that we possibly can. I would like to thank the fantastic staff and governors for their hard work as well as our wonderful children. I am so pleased that our children's attentive attitude to learning, their manners and their social responsibility were all highlighted in the report.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk: This week, we have launched our Lent charity challenge, our Big Walk for CAFOD. Yesterday's email provided the details of how to support your child with raising money for CAFOD by walking as many kilometres as they can this term and the children have brought home their logs for recording any long walks they complete at home. We hope that those who can afford to might support our charitable endeavours by sponsoring the children via our [Just Giving page](#). To remind you, we would love for parents to support our whole school Big Lent walk on Thursday 19th March. We have timed it for just after drop-off in the hope that more parents might be able to cheer the children on. If you can support with marshalling that morning, please email the school office so we know who can help.

World Book Day: We hope the children are as excited as the teachers are about next week's World Book Day. A reminder that children are invited **to dress up as their most admired person from History or their favourite book character** on this day. We are looking forward to hearing from Graham Jones, our visiting author, and participating in some exciting creative writing workshops.

If you don't have any prior commitments, perhaps consider planning a walk with your children this weekend so they can start to notch up some kilometres for CAFOD. It's a great excuse to outside and enjoy some fresh air.

With best wishes for the weekend,
Mrs Straker

Important Dates:

w/c 2nd March
YR-Y6 Parents' Evenings

Weds 4th March
Preschool & YR Holi Day

Thurs 5th March
World Book Day
Whole school dress-up day
Y4 swimming, Holly Hill (afternoon)

Mon 9th March
Whole school CAFOD assembly

Weds 11th March
Preschool & YR Mother's Day
Celebration

Thurs 12th March, 9.30am
Lent Reconciliation Service
Y4 swimming, Holly Hill (afternoon)

Fri 13th March
PSA Mother's Day Sale

Weds 18th March
YR Recycling Day

Thurs 19th March
YR - Y6 Big Lent Walk, 9.00am

Our Sign of the Week:



Useful emails:

PSA email address:
stanthonyspsa2025@gmail.com
Guinea Pig waiting list email:
guinea.pigs@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk

Working together to improve attendance:

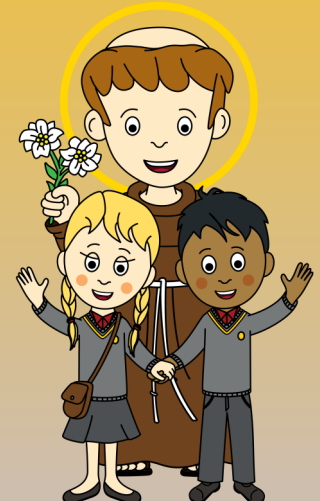
Attendance figures for the week commencing 9th February:

Whole School 95.3%

Year R 89.6% **Year 1** 98.0% **Year 2** 94.3%

Year 3 96.8% **Year 4** 96.7% **Year 5** 94.8% **Year 6** 96.7%

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.



CLUBS AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 02/03/2026

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	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Yr4 - Yr6	Mrs Marshman via the school office
Wednesday	School Netball Team	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Yr4 - Yr6	Mrs Marshman 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	Drawing club	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Yr 3 and Yr4 ONLY	<i>FoxArtTeaching@outlook.com</i>
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:

Fr Ansel will be away from the Parish from Wednesday 4th March to Friday 13th March.

St Patrick's Night Celebration:

Saturday 21st March 7pm in the Parish Hall.

An evening of Irish flavoured fun and light entertainment; come along and join in the craic. Tickets are £10 and available to purchase after all Masses. For further ticket details contact Maggie: maggie@raymontc.plus.com

ALL PROCEEDS to our Lenten Charity, **BAMENDA**.

Bamenda: There is now a display in the Church foyer where you can read more about our Lenten Charity.

Parish Stations and Prayer Walk:

Saturday 28th March 11am-12pm @ Victoria Park, Hamble

This Lent we are planning a short Stations and Prayer walk, followed by a picnic lunch in Victoria Park, Hamble. This walk will be open and accessible to all (pushchairs, scooters, dogs, etc all welcome). Pop the date in your diary and look out for more details in the next few weeks.

Diocesan e-news

[Portsmouth Diocese e-News Issue 523](#)



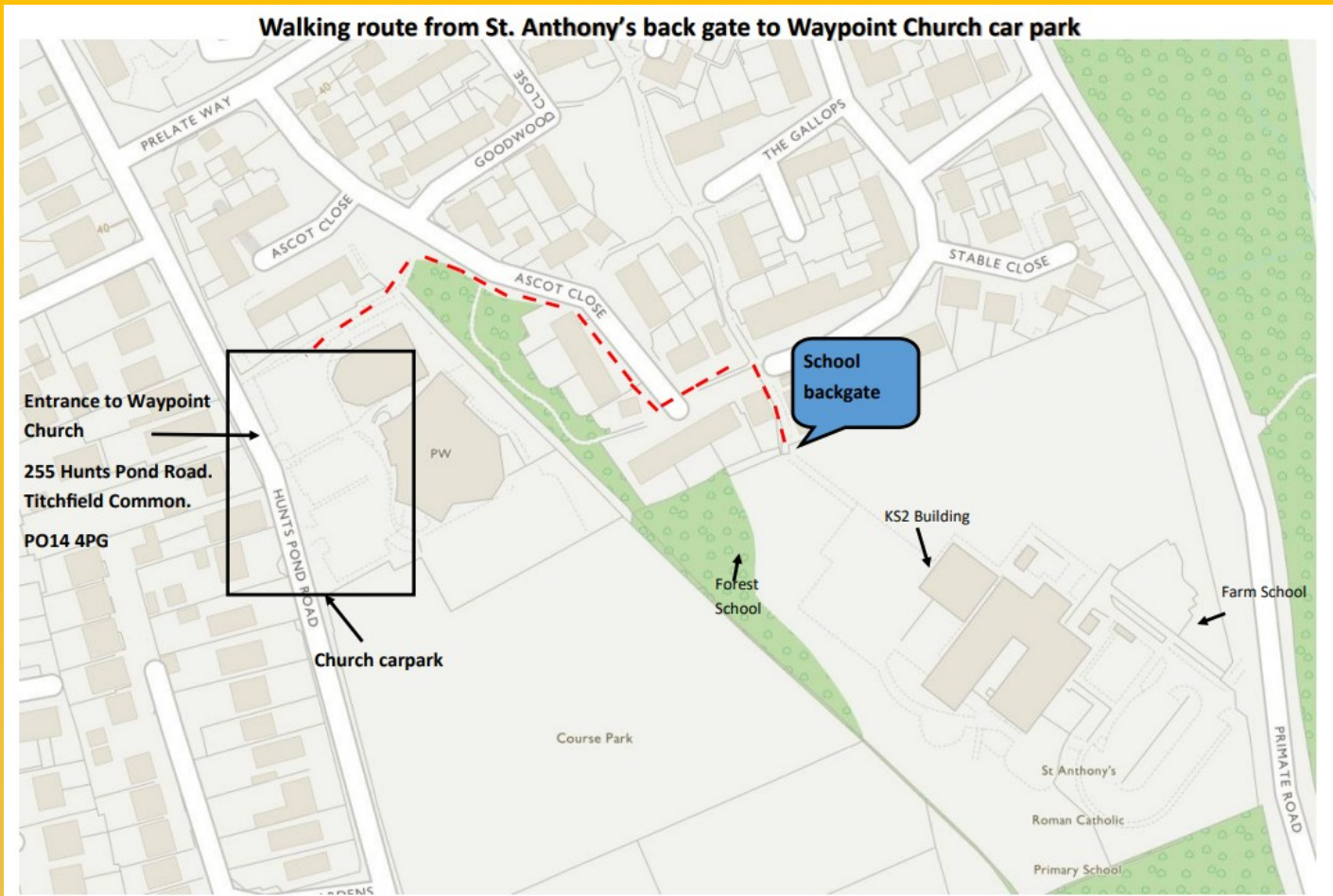
2nd hand School uniform SALE

The PSA will be hosting a 2nd hand school uniform "pop-up shop" on Friday 06/03/2026 in the YR classroom from 3pm. Please all come along and see what is available, especially with the summer term only a few weeks away.

We look forward to seeing you there, St Anthony's PSA



Map to show the Waypoint Church car park and route to the St Anthony's back gate



French Club

Learn French the fun way and give your child a head-start at secondary!
A limited number of spaces have become available, where your child can learn French with conversations, games, role-plays, rhymes and stories with basic grammar.
Lessons are £6 each.
For more info contact Helen on:
07780591789 or helen@butterflylanguages.co.uk



Amazon wishlist school library donation thanks

Thank you to the following families that have kindly donated books to our library:

Pringle family for 5 books!
Kendall family

Thank you for your generosity!

Reminders:

NUT FREE SCHOOL: A reminder that we are a 'Nut Free School'. Even small traces of nuts can cause severe allergic reactions through ingestion, cross-contamination, or airborne particles. We kindly ask that you **do not** send any food items **containing nuts** or products that **may contain traces of nuts** in your child's lunchbox or as snacks.

SPARE UNIFORM APPEAL: We are always on the lookout for spare clean socks, tights and PE joggers (particularly smaller sizes), so if you have anything that your child has out-grown please consider donating this to us. Leave any donations with the school office.

2nd HAND UNIFORM Please consider purchasing from the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop to support a circular economy, reduce waste, save money, and help raise funds for the PSA - We currently have lots of lovely items in stock, including Preschool.

Good quality uniform donations are always welcome. Please contact the PSA 2nd hand uniform store via email on: uniform@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk

