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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,

This half term is flying past and we have had another busy week with some exciting summer curriculum activities including Year 1's trip to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Year 2's beautiful Marian procession and Year 3's second visit to Pinkmead for horse-riding.

**Break the Rules Day:** There has been a lot of excitement and hilarity with today's rebellious rule breakers. I'm always entertained by how much pleasure can be gained by the naughtiness of eating pudding before a main course. Thank you to all the families who have supported today's fund-raising. We are delighted to confirm that we raised £1,091 today! We are inching our way towards being able to build our new barn.



**Our new arrivals:** Our Bantam chicks have started hatching in the Year R classroom and they are adorable as you can see!

**Good luck Year 6:** For Year 6 children across the country, next week is the Key Stage 2 SATs week. Our Y6 class has worked incredibly hard for next week's assessments and we really couldn't ask for any more from them! I hope they have the chance to rest this weekend and I know you'll join me in wishing them the very best of luck in showing off all they have learnt.

**PSA updates:** The [PSA website page](#) has been updated with the draft minutes of February's AGM and the reports that were shared. This includes updates on funding to date for the barn. I'd like to remind families that all parents and carers are members of the PSA so if you couldn't make it to the AGM, please find a quiet moment to read what was discussed. I'm so grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers, who work so hard in their own time to raise funds that make a great difference to the curriculum offering we have at St Anthony's.

**Half-term Holiday Clubs:** If you need childcare during the May half-term please check emails or liaise with the office as we have both Dodgeball Club and Premier Education offering childcare support that week.

Whatever you have planned this weekend, I hope you can enjoy some quality time with your family.

With best wishes, Mrs Straker

### Important Dates:

w/c 11th May  
Y6 KS2 SATs Week

Thursday 14th May, 6.00pm  
New Year R (in Sept) parents' evening

Friday 15th May  
Praying the rosary, 8.15am  
YR trip to Percy's Farm  
Y5 Outdoor Learning & Tree Climbing  
Y6 Pizza lunch (courtesy of the PSA)

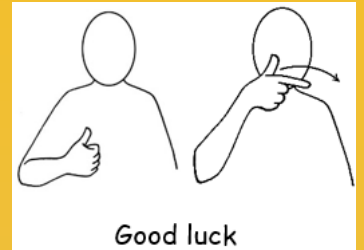
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd May  
Y6 residential

Thursday 21st May  
Preschool Ugly Bug Ball

Friday 22nd May  
YR 'Elmer' Dress-up Day

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May  
Half-term - school closed

### Our Sign of the Week:



### Useful emails:

PSA email address:  
[stanthonyspsa2025@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonyspsa2025@gmail.com)

PSA 2nd hand uniform  
[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)

### Working together to improve attendance:

Attendance figures for the week commencing 27th April:

Whole School 96.7%

Year R 97.3%      Year 1 94.3%      Year 2 98.0%

Year 3 97.8%      Year 4 96.4%      Year 5 95.0%      Year 6 97.9%

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 11/05/2026

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	Dodgeball Club	3.00pm - 5.00pm	Yr2 - Yr6	<i>Dodgeball_club@outlook.com</i>
Monday	Football with CM Sports	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Yr1 - Yr6	<i>info@cm-sports.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
NO CLUB THIS TERM	School Netball Team	NO CLUB THIS TERM	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:

#### Saturday 9th May, 3pm - Opening of the Parish Prayer Garden

Please join us as we open the Parish Prayer Garden which is now complete. Our thanks to the many people who have worked very hard over recent months.

An approximate timetable for the afternoon:

3pm - Joyful mysteries of the Rosary

3.30pm - Placing of Flowers

3.40pm - Tea, Coffee and cake in the Parish Hall



#### Thursday 14th May, 7.30pm - Feast Day of the Ascension

St Margaret Mary will be hosting a pastoral area Mass to celebrate

#### Sunday 17th May, 12-2pm - SPRING LUNCH in aid of BAMENDA APPEAL

Come and enjoy a delicious two-course lunch and convivial company, while supporting our Lenten Charity.

Adults £15 and Children £7.50 (free for under 6s)

Tickets will be available after Masses from 19th April or email:

[Gayeperry205@gmail.com](mailto:Gayeperry205@gmail.com) to reserve your place.

Fr Ansel will be away from the Parish from 21st May to 4th June.

#### Diocesan e-news

[Portsmouth Diocese e-News Issue 532](#)

### St Anthony's Preschool

We have spaces from September 2026.

St Anthony's Preschool is an intimate, small setting with beautiful, spacious grounds and facilities. Our Preschool is led by a fully qualified teacher who promotes a fun and play-based approach to learning with a strong emphasis on outdoor learning. Our children go on woodland walks, visit our forest school and farm school areas and we teach them Catholic values such as love and stewardship.

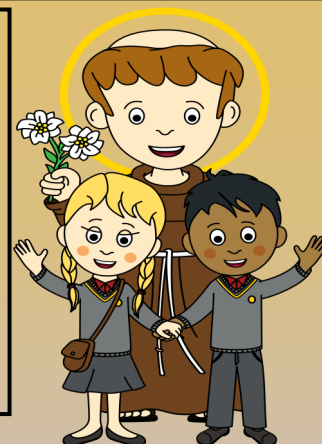
Please contact us at

[office@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk](mailto:office@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk) for more details or to book a personal tour.

#### Egg boxes

We are in need of empty egg boxes for our chicken and duck eggs that are once again available from the school office. Any boxes can be left in the school office.

Thank you for your support



## Weekly Certificates

### Headteacher's Awards:

None this week

### Year 6 Exemplary Pupil of the week:

Thomas For his positive approach to learning during SATs revision and for being a dependable, respectful and hardworking member of our St. Anthony's community. He is a natural leader, who brings a great sense of humour to those around him, while also knowing when it is time to focus and work hard. He consistently tries his best, shows resilience in his learning and approaches challenges with determination.

### St Anthony's Mission Stars:

Preschool	None this week	
Year R	Reggie	For spreading happiness by being a joyful and helpful friend
Year 1	Arya	Letting the Holy Spirit shine through by being a caring friend and helping those in need
Year 2	Zara	For being a kind, considerate and friendly member of Year 2
Year 3	Liana	For being an excellent role model to all of Year 3
Year 4	Barney	For his genuine desire to help everyone around him, both peers and adults
Year 5	Summer	For being a calm, caring friend who reflects God's love in the way she treats others
Year 6	Reuben	For using determination to grow in wisdom and understanding

### St Anthony's Awesome Learners:

Preschool	None this week	Year 3	Reeva
Year R	Esther	Year 4	Lucas
Year 1	Amelia	Year 5	Alaska
Year 2	Marcelina	Year 6	Betty

### 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.

**We would like to thank the following families for their kind donations this week:**

**None this week**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

### 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 in the boxes in our entrance foyer.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



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



### May Half-Term Holiday Camp at St Anthony's!

☀ Looking for a fun, active and stress-free half-term? We've got you covered!

📅 **17** Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th May 2026

📍 St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

🕒 8:30am – 3:00pm (extended day available until 6:00pm)

💷 Just £25 per full day

From football and dodgeball to arts, crafts and team games, your child will spend the day moving, making friends and having an absolute blast — all in a safe, welcoming environment with our brilliant coaches.

👟 Loads of sports 🎨 Creative activities 😊 Non-stop fun

Spaces fill up fast - book now at:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/3049-949598/>

### Laughalots booking forms

Breakfast and Afterschool Club booking forms were sent out this week. Can we please ask you to check the dates your child's other afterschool activities finish at the end of the year when booking.

All forms are to be completed and returned to the school office by 9am Monday 18th May 2026.

Thank you for your support

