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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,

I have loved watching the excitement of Year 5's tree climbing experience today. The children were brilliant at encouraging each other and giving more nervous friends some moral support. The PSA part-funds this experience each year to make it more affordable for our families. Thank you!

Year 6: I'd like to take this opportunity to say how immensely proud Y6 families should be of their children, who have had KS2 SATs this week. The children have worked so hard, supported each other and given 100% to the assessments. Regardless of results (which are expected in July) I think they're all fantastic! Thank you to the PSA, who treated Y6 to a take-away pizza lunch today and thank you to our Governors for the celebratory cakes after the last paper on Thursday.

Some sad news: Unfortunately, our Bantam chicks died over the weekend and the early part of this week. We didn't have much luck with hatching our eggs this time and we don't know why. The chicks were not feeding so the Year R teaching team were able to prepare the children for the sad news on Tuesday morning.

Having a farm school is important to me for many reasons, one of which is the opportunity to learn about the cycle of life and to develop emotional resilience when learning about the reality of loss. Sadly, it cannot always be about the joyful moments that animals bring us.

Scooters & bikes: Please can I request that children dismount scooters and bikes at the school gate and push them rather than riding them to the bike shed. We had a near miss accident earlier this week. Thank you for your understanding.

Raincoats: The showery weather is set to continue into next week. As we are a school that enjoys outdoor learning, please can children bring their raincoat to school so that we can still make the most of our school grounds, even if it's a little damp. We do seek shelter for the more torrential downpours!

Safeguarding & wellbeing newsletter: With today's newsletter, you will find this half term's safeguarding and wellbeing update.

A number of staff, including me, are camping with Year 6 for their residential next week. With the chillier weather, it might be a case of a woolly hat, thick socks and lots of layers in my sleeping bag but I can't wait to enjoy some fun with the children!

With best wishes for your weekend, Mrs Straker



Important Dates:

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

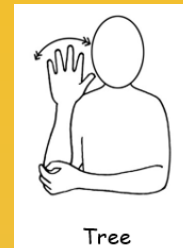
Monday 1st June
INSET Day - school closed

Wednesday 3rd June
Y4, 5 & 6 Dodgeball Team
Tournament Final

Friday 5th June
Y6 Paultons Park trip

Tuesday 9th June
Whole School Class Photos

Our Sign of the Week:



Useful emails:

PSA email address:

stanthonyspsa2025@gmail.com

PSA 2nd hand uniform

uniform@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk

Guinea Pig waiting list email:

guinea.pigs@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk

Working together to improve attendance:

Attendance figures for the week commencing 4th May:

Whole School 97.8%

Year R 96.7% **Year 1** 98.3% **Year 2** 100%

Year 3 94.9% **Year 4** 98.9% **Year 5** 95.5% **Year 6** 100%

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 18/05/2026

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:

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 to reserve your place.

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

Tuesday 9th June after 9.30am Mass - Grandparent's Prayer Group

Led by Dcn Brian Stoker, an opportunity for grandparents to pray for their children and grandchildren, followed by further prayer for grandparents and the elderly.

Sycamore Pathway in Faith - Enquiry Sessions

Wednesday 3rd June 7.15 - 8.48pm at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington. 6 week introductory sessions related to Christianity and the Catholic Church. To enrol please contact the office at: office@stmargaretmary.co.uk

Diocesan e-news

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



St Anthony's Preschool

We have spaces from September 2026.

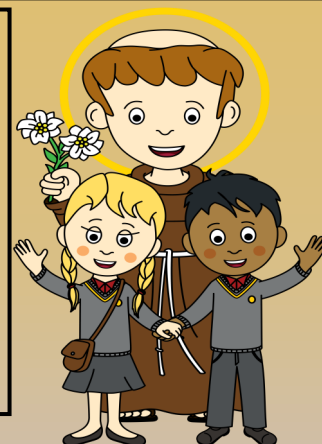
St Anthony's Preschool is an intimate, small setting with beautiful, spacious grounds and facilities. Our Preschool is led by a fully qualified teacher who promotes a fun and play-based approach to learning with a strong emphasis on outdoor learning. Our children go on woodland walks, visit our forest 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 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:

Phoenix For her outstanding dedication to learning and revision during SATs. Being are a confident and resilient role model who always perseveres in learning, embraces guidance to improve and consistently demonstrates exceptional leadership as a Year Leader Prefect.

St Anthony's Mission Stars:

Preschool	Branden	For being kind, caring and always thinking of others
Year R	None this week	
Year 1	Eddie	For always trying his best with a big smile on his face
Year 2	Hannah	For being a kind and inclusive friend to everyone in Year 2
Year 3	Nieve	For always showing kindness and compassion to everyone around you
Year 4	Conan	For always accepting people for exactly who they are, spreading love and kindness
Year 5	None this week	
Year 6	Maxi	For making good choices and living our faith through learning

St Anthony's Awesome Learners:

Preschool	Tomek	Year 3	Isabelle
Year R	None this week	Year 4	Zach
Year 1	Eric W	Year 5	None this week
Year 2	Matthew	Year 6	Isla

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:

Robertson family

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 last 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

