

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this week has been a positive one for you and your families. It has certainly been a busy and joyful time here at St Anthony's!

We were thrilled to welcome so many of you to **our** first ever Meet the Teacher event earlier this week. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and it was fantastic to see such strong engagement from our school community. Parents and carers shared how valuable it was to meet the class teachers, see the learning environments, and hear about what's in store for the year ahead. Thank you for your support – we look forward to building on this success.

This week also marked the exciting launch **of** Times Tables Rockstars across the school. The children have embraced this fun and interactive way to learn their times tables, and the enthusiasm around school has been electric! We encourage you to ask your child about their Rockstar name and see how they're progressing on the leader boards. It's a fantastic tool to support fluency in multiplication and division.

Today was particularly special as we welcomed our new Parish Priest from St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Father Joseph. Father Joseph spent time visiting each class and meeting all the children. His warm and friendly manner made a wonderful impression on both pupils and staff. We are looking forward to working closely with Father Joseph as he becomes an important part of our school and parish community. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are proud to be journeying with you through this new school year. Wishing you all a restful and happy weekend.

Ms Gayle

### **Nursery**

In nursery, the children explored emotions and colours through the story *The Colour Monster*. The book helped them identify and express different feelings by linking each emotion to a colour, making it a fun and an engaging way to build emotional awareness.



### **Safeguarding**

For safeguarding reasons, we kindly remind all parents and carers not to use mobile phones while in the playground. Your full attention is essential to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children during drop-off and pick-up times. Please stay with your child in the morning until their class teacher has arrived to collect them from the playground. Children must not be left unattended before school staff are present—thank you for your cooperation.

### **Phonics Fun**

Reception have settled in brilliantly, showing growing confidence and enthusiasm each day. In Phonics lessons, they've been learning to read by blending sounds and exploring new letter-sound combinations through fun, interactive activities.



### **Dates for the Diary**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September- Reception Phonics Workshop

Every Wednesday- CALAT- Family Learning

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September- Open morning for new pupils at St Anthony's

