

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a marvellous week celebrating World Book Week here at school, and it has been wonderful to see the children showing such a genuine love of reading. Our Key Stage 2 pupils had the exciting opportunity to participate in an online *Global Food Stories* session with the renowned author Michael Rosen. It was a fantastic experience that brought stories to life and inspired the children's imaginations. Another highlight of the week was a theatre company performance of *The Railway Children*. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the story unfold on stage – it was a real treat and a memorable experience for all. World Book Day itself was filled with colour and creativity as the children arrived in an array of wonderful costumes. From Fantastic Mr Fox and Thomas the Tank Engine to Alice in Wonderland, the effort and enthusiasm on display were truly fantastic. It is always such a joy to see both children and staff celebrating the power of stories and imagination together.

We were also delighted to welcome local author Ken Mansfield, who has a special connection with St Anthony's, as his own children attended the school many years ago. Ken kindly shared insights into his books and spoke to the children about the joy of writing stories, which was both inspiring and engaging. A huge thank you goes to our fabulous PTA, who organised a wonderful cake sale and proactively supported World Book Week, helping to make it such an enjoyable experience for the children. We are incredibly grateful for all the time and effort they put into supporting our school community.

In other news, the school has felt a little quieter over the past three days as our Year 6 pupils embarked on their first residential trip to PGL Grosvenor Hall in Ashford. They will be returning today, and we are very much looking forward to hearing all about their adventures. I hope to share some of their highlights in next week's newsletter.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and restful weekend.

Ms Gayle

World Book Day

The children looked fabulous in their costumes as we celebrated World Book Day as a school community. It was a pleasure to welcome author- Ken Mansfield.



PTA

Congratulations to Ms Powers and the PTA team! The school community has overwhelmingly supported another year in post until January 2027. The PTA have shown great commitment and a genuine love for our school community, and their support has been invaluable.



The Railway Children

The children were mesmerised by a fantastic theatre production of *The Railway Children*. It was wonderful to see how engaged they were as they watched this much-loved classic come to life and explored the story in such an exciting and memorable way.



Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday- CALAT- Qualification in Employability

Thur 12th Mar- Jobs Plus Coffee morning supported by the PTA

Mon 9th Mar- Science Week begins

Fri 13th Mar- Rocksteady concert (14:30)

Mon 16th and Tues 17th Mar- Parent's Evening