

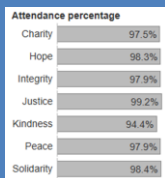


ST ANTHONY'S NEWS

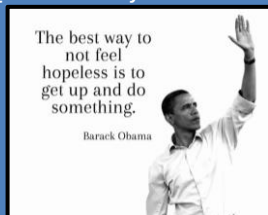
“Learning with Joy, Serving with Love, In Christ Jesus”

Love | Faith | Resilience

Attendance:
Well done Justice Class!



Quote of the Day:



Scripture of the Day:

During the month of October, we join together to honour Our Lady and seek the loving intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother.



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exceptional week at St Anthony's!

Catholic Social Teaching

We were delighted to welcome a representative from the Diocese Education Service, who was immensely impressed by the children's learning behaviour. It was wonderful to see our pupils reflecting on key concepts in RE, including the importance of Justice through their learning about Fair Trade, and Stewardship as they explored caring for our environment and for one another. By explicitly teaching Catholic Social Teaching principles, we actively demonstrate our shared faith and deepen our understanding of these important human values.

Friends of St Anthony's

We are excited to announce the prospective launch of a Friends of St Anthony's group to help ensure our children have the best possible opportunities. It truly takes a village to raise a child, and your help is invaluable. If you are willing to share your time, knowledge, skills, or talents, please sign up!

Black History Month

Yesterday, as part of our Black History Month celebrations, we were thrilled to host Linton Stephens- bassoonist for the Chineke! Orchestra and BBC Radio presenter. It was inspiring to hear about his journey, and the children were completely fascinated by his incredible talent on the bassoon.

Daily Reading and Reading Records

Please remember the importance of reading at home. Reading with your child for just 10–15 minutes every day is a direct investment in their education and future success. Please ensure you sign their reading record each day.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Kind Regards,
Ms Gayle

LEARNING AT ST ANTHONY'S

Reception: Peace Class

This week, Peace Class dived into the sights and sounds of autumn! Over the weekend, pupils went on a seasonal hunt to gather their own "autumn treasures". Back in the classroom, everyone had a wonderful time sharing and discussing their fascinating seasonal finds. From colourful fallen leaves to prickly conkers, the children loved exploring the textures and colours of the changing season. It was a brilliant hands-on experience that brought their scientific curiosity and creativity to life!



Black History Month

We were thrilled to welcome Linton Stephens- accomplished bassoonist and Deputy Director of the renowned Chineke! Orchestra. Linton delivered an incredible, uplifting talk sharing his journey into the world of professional music, the power of representation, and what it takes to perform at the highest level. His story left both students and staff deeply inspired. A huge thank you to Linton for such an amazing and memorable visit!



Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents and carers who joined our recent SATs information meeting. Investing time in your child's education builds the foundation they need to thrive both in and out of the classroom. By attending these meetings, you help us build a strong partnership between home and school. Together, we can unlock your child's full potential and shape them into the leaders of tomorrow. We deeply appreciate your continued support and active involvement in our school community!



Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 20th October- Open Morning for Prospective parents (Reception 2027-2028) at 9:30am- Spread the word about our lovely school!
Wednesday 21st October- Maths Coffee Morning
Thurs 22nd October- Cultural Dress Day- Children come to school in tradition/ cultural attire or colours of flags that represent their background.
Thurs 22nd October- School breaks up for half-term at 3pm
Friday 23rd October- INSET Day (No school for the children)



Celebration of the Word:

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus shares the Parable of the Tenants to remind us about stewardship, responsibility, and gratitude. God has entrusted each of us with a unique "vineyard," which includes our gifts, our relationships, and our children. This week, we encourage families to reflect on how faithfully we care for the everyday blessings placed in our lives. Just as the landowner expected a good harvest, God asks us to cultivate lives that produce fruits of kindness, patience, and love. As parents or carers, we have the special privilege of guiding our children to recognise and value all that God has given them. You might take time this week to discuss with your children how fulfilling small daily responsibilities is a wonderful way to express our gratitude to God and the many blessings in our lives.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School Safe • Nurturing • Inspiring

Wrap-Around Care

Fun • Support • Friends • All Welcome!

Breakfast Club

Start the day the right way!

£4.00 per day

From 7:30am

A healthy breakfast and fun activities!

- Healthy breakfast
- Creative activities
- Arts & crafts
- Quiet time & reading

After School Club

Relax • Play • Make Friends

£15.00 per day

From 3:15pm - 6:00pm

- Movies
- Computer suite
- Playground
- Food served

ParentPay

Booking must be made through your **ParentPay** account.

A happy place to learn, play and grow!

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School | Wrap-around Care

Parenting Smart

Navigating childhood emotional wellbeing, behavioural challenges, and day-to-day parenting hurdles can be tough. We are pleased to share Parenting Smart, a free online resource hub created by child mental health experts at Place2Be.

Parenting Smart offers practical, evidence-based advice for everyday situations. Whether you are dealing with bedtime battles, anxieties about school, or navigating screen time, this site breaks topics down into quick 2-minute videos and easy-to-read guides.



The Legal Basis for Childcare and Paid Arrangements

Under UK law, any agreement where payment is made in exchange for collecting, looking after, or providing care for children is subject to strict legal and regulatory requirements:

•Ofsted Registration: Anyone caring for children under the age of 8 for more than 2 hours a day for reward or payment must, by law, be registered as a childminder with Ofsted (or a registered Childminder Agency), unless an official exemption applies.

•Informal vs. Unregulated Care: While informal "babysitting" or casual help from friends and family without commercial arrangement is common, paying unregistered individuals or entering into cash-in-hand arrangements for regular childcare can breach legal safeguarding frameworks and employment laws.

•Cash-in-Hand Arrangements: Parents, carers, and service providers must ensure that all financial transactions for childcare comply with UK tax, employment, and legal standards. Unregulated, cash-in-hand arrangements lack statutory oversight, insurance coverage, and necessary safeguarding checks.

Key Questions to Consider for Alternative Care

If you choose to use alternative private arrangements or unregistered services for your child's care, please consider the following safeguarding checks to ensure your child's safety and well-being:

•Is the carer Ofsted registered? Registered childminders undergo formal background checks, home safety assessments, and regular inspections.

•DBS Checks: Has the individual undergone an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check?

•First Aid Training: Is the person providing care certified in Paediatric First Aid?

•Insurance: Does the provider carry valid public liability insurance to cover accidents or emergencies?

•Appropriateness: Is the environment safe, fully supervised, and suitable for your child's age and needs?

School Wraparound Service

To support families with reliable, fully compliant childcare, the school offers an on-site **Wraparound Care Service**:

•Qualified & Experienced Staff: Fully vetted, trained, and supervised school staff.

•Paediatric First Aid Trained: All supervising staff hold up-to-date Paediatric First Aid qualifications.

•Full Regulatory Compliance: Operating within statutory safeguarding, health, and safety guidelines.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The information below relates to events and opportunities within the local community. These are shared for the benefit of families but are not school-organised activities and are separate from the school's programme.

GIRLS ONLY SOCCER SCHOOL

PALACE FOR LIFE CRYSTAL PALACE ACADEMY TRAINING GROUND

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Technical coaching & ball mastery
- Small-sided games & tournaments
- Fun football challenges & competitions
- Medals, prizes & daily awards
- Qualified FA & UEFA coaching staff

WHEN

Friday 30th October
9:00am - 3:00pm
Ages: 5-14 yrs (Years 1-9)

WHERE

Crystal Palace Academy
Training Ground
Copers Cope Rd
Beckenham
BR3 1NZ

BOOK NOW

Parental conflict can affect children at school

Your relationship matters – for their wellbeing and learning.

Healthy families help children succeed

When parents are in conflict, children can feel the impact.

Children may not always say how they feel, but tension, arguments or ongoing conflict can affect their emotional wellbeing, behaviour and ability to concentrate at school. It can also affect their confidence and relationships with others.

You might notice:

- Changes in mood (e.g. more anxious, withdrawn or tearful)
- Difficulty concentrating or a drop in motivation
- Behaviour changes (e.g. acting out, becoming quieter or more irritable)
- Struggles with friendships or feeling left out
- Trouble sleeping or worries about the future

How you can help

- Keep communication respectful, especially in front of your children (even when it's difficult).
- Try to manage conflict in healthy ways and seek support if you're struggling.
- Reassure your child that they are loved, safe and not to blame.
- Maintain routines and stability where possible.
- Talk to your child about their feelings and listen without judgement.

Support is available

The Bromley Parenting Hub provides practical advice, resources and support for parents and carers on a range of topics, including managing conflict, supporting children's mental health, and building positive relationships.

Find out more at www.bromleyparentinghub.info

Remember, it's not about blame – it's about support.

Bromley Parenting Hub
Building stronger parental relationships

Click on the logo to access the website

Better support today, brighter tomorrows for your children.