



## WEEKLY UPDATE

Spring Term, 19th April 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We began the week with our Gospel Assembly, we reflected on the profound message of Jesus appearing to his disciples following the resurrection, saying, "Peace be with you." We were reminded that we can always ask for peace through prayer.

Our Year 5 children had an enriching experience at Forest School this week! They immersed themselves in nature, learning about the environment and participating in exciting outdoor activities. A big thank you to St Anthony's Catholic Primary School for inviting us to experience Forest School; this is a wonderful opportunity for our children to connect with the great outdoors.

Our Junior Leadership Team has been hard at work organising a special fundraiser for Tuesday! To celebrate St. George's Day, children are invited to wear red and white attire and donate £1 to support the improvement of our playground equipment. Let's show our school spirit and generosity by participating in this meaningful initiative!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss E Simmons  
Headteacher



Gold Award Winners

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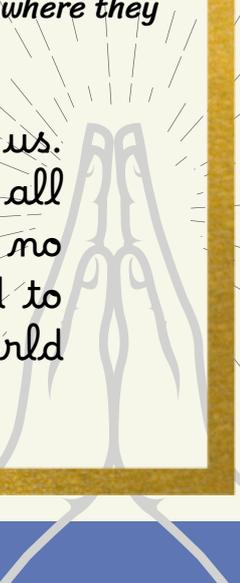
### Reflection

*In Sunday's Gospel we are going to hear Jesus tell a story. He calls himself the good shepherd, who cares for his sheep. This story shows us that Jesus knows and cares for all people. Let's think about how we can care for all people too, no matter where they are in the world.*

*Loving God,*

*You know us and care for us.  
Help us to remember that all  
people are loved by you no  
matter who they are, and to  
care for others in the world  
as you do.*

*Amen.*



# Let Your Light Shine



## Unlocking Potential: 5 Reasons Reading Daily with Your Child is Invaluable

Reading with your child isn't just about flipping through pages; it's about opening doors to a world of possibilities. Here are five compelling reasons why making reading a daily ritual with your child is one of the best investments you can make in their future:

- 1. Building Bonds:** Shared reading time fosters a strong emotional connection between you and your child. It's a precious opportunity to snuggle up together, share laughter, and engage in meaningful conversations sparked by the stories you explore together.
- 2. Language Development:** Regular exposure to books exposes children to a rich tapestry of language. The more words children are exposed to, the better equipped they become to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- 3. Cognitive Development:** Reading stimulates a child's imagination and critical thinking skills. As they immerse themselves in stories, they learn to make connections, infer meaning, and analyze characters and plotlines.
- 4. Cultural Awareness:** Books provide a window into diverse cultures, experiences, and perspectives. Through reading, children gain insights into different ways of life, fostering empathy, tolerance, and respect for others.
- 5. Academic Success:** Research consistently shows that children who read regularly perform better academically. Reading proficiency is not only essential for success in school but also paves the way for lifelong learning. By instilling a love of reading early on, you equip your child with a powerful tool that will serve them well in all areas of life.

The benefits of reading with your child extend far beyond the pages of a book. It's a transformative experience that nurtures bonds, sparks imagination, cultivates empathy, and lays the groundwork for a lifetime of learning. So, grab a book, snuggle up, and embark on an adventure together—it's a journey that will enrich both your lives in countless ways.

## Attendance WC 22nd April

Year	%
Nursery	87.8%
Reception	90.7%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	86.7%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	92.7%

*There are 183 pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done*

*Congratulations to Reception with the best punctuality and Year 4 the best attendance this week.*

*The whole school attendance this week was 91.7%*

## Dates for your diary:

# April

### Tuesday 23rd - Year 5 Forest School

*Group A will be attending Forest School. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and brings their school uniform to change into ready for the class photo.*

### Tuesday 23rd - St George's Day

*Our Junior Leadership Team invite you to wear red and white in celebration of St George's Day. They are asking for a donation of £1 to support their fundraising to improve our playground equipment*



### Tuesday 23rd - SEND Together Coffee Morning

*Come and join our SEND parent support group for a coffee and supportive conversation, 9am - 10am*

# May

### Friday 3rd - Cake Sale

*After their sweet success the Junior Leadership Team are organising another Cake Sale. Cakes and toast will be on sale for 50p each. They are fundraising to improve our playground equipment.*



### Tuesday 24th - Gold Award Party

*This half terms Gold Award Winners are invited to the Golden Party!*