



## St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

### Newsletter : January 2026 Edition

Happy New Year and welcome back. It has been lovely to see the children return to school after the Christmas break, full of enthusiasm and very keen to share their news! The school has quickly settled back into its usual happy routine, and it's been a real pleasure to see classrooms buzzing again.

There is still plenty to look forward to this half term. We are excited about our upcoming Movie Night, where children can relax with friends and enjoy a film, hot dog and treats for £5. We will also be having a non-uniform day this Friday to raise money to support Rupert's Rainbow; in the hope that he will be able to receive the specialist treatment he needs. The day will be rainbow themed and the children are invited to come to school in colourful clothes. Please make a donation to help support the cause.

This half term also marks the beginning of First Holy Communion preparation, which will take place after school on Wednesdays and will be led by Mrs. Parsons. The enrolment will take place during school Mass in St Anthony's Church on Thursday 12th February at 10am, and all parents are welcome to attend. This is a very special time for the children involved, and we keep them and their families in our prayers as they begin this important part of their faith journey.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a busy and enjoyable half term ahead.

Mrs Morris

Safeguarding Officers  
Claire Morris - Executive Headteacher  
Deputy Headteacher - Mrs Michelle McNamee

St Anthony's  
Primary  
School

# NEW YEAR

2026

## New Term

### Lower School - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Monday - PE day. PE kits are needed. PE kits can be left in school (not Nursery)

Monday - Reading books and spellings will be changed every Monday.

Wednesday - Outdoor learning in our Forest School. All pupils to come to school in outdoor clothes suitable for the weather and bring a change of footwear.

### Upper School - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Reading books and reading diaries are to be brought to school every day.

Wednesday - Outdoor learning in our Forest School. All pupils to come to school in outdoor clothes suitable for the weather and to bring a change of footwear.

Thursday is spellings day.

Friday is PE day. Children can come to school in their PE kits. Warm outdoor clothes will be needed throughout this term.

Lower School's class theme  
this term is Dragons and  
Castles







Since returning to school the whole class has embraced our topic. Here is a small sample of what we've been up to.

Interviewing for castle job roles  
Building our own castles



We made dragon soup.. yummy



### What have Lower School been learning in Maths?

2D and 3D shapes.  
Patterns in colour and number.  
Positioning shapes and  
numbers.  
Comparing mass





# UPPER SCHOOL

**In Upper School this term our topic is 'Healthy Living'. Across our Areas of Learning we have been looking at:**  
**LLC: Aesop's Fables, Drama and Welsh Vocabulary.**  
**Numeracy: Place value and number.**  
**Humanities: The History of Medicine and Disease.**  
**Science: Healthy Bodies.**  
**PSHE: Coping with change.**  
**Outside we have been using microscopes and are now moving on to growing.**  
**Creatively we have used tin foil and clay to create action figures.**  
**Remember to look at Seesaw to see what else we have been up to.**  
**Mrs Drew**





# Clay Artistry



## Tin foil Artistry







Exploring our  
forest school eco  
system with the  
help of  
microscopes





# RUPERT'S RAINBOW

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR OWN CLOTHES THIS FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY. WE ARE ASKING FOR A SMALL DONATION WHICH WE WILL DONATE TO THE RUPERT'S RAINBOW FUNDRAISER. RUPERT IS A LOCAL CHILD WHO'S FAMILY IS RAISING MONEY FOR LIFE SAVING TREATMENT. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE. COLOURFUL CLOTHES ARE ENCOURAGED PLEASE.

# WE NEED YOUR HELP

**LOWER SCHOOL ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS  
FOR THEIR LEARNING AREAS**



Please consider donating any of the following items -  
Pots, pans, dressing up outfits, stones, shells, castle themed books  
- knights, princess, dragons. Cooking utensils - old piping,  
guttering, buckets and spades