

# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School



## Headteacher's Message

### Mobile Phones

I've noticed many parents using their mobile phones during pick-up times, and I'd like to reflect on why this matters. When we're on our phones, we can miss those precious moments when our children eagerly come out to greet us. It's a small but important part of showing them they are our priority.

Over the Christmas period, I've been reflecting on my own phone use around my children and have made a New Year's resolution to be more present. I can see it's already made a positive difference at home.

I ask for your support in making pick-up and drop-off times phone-free zones. By doing so, we can create an environment where our children feel valued and connected every day. I would also encourage parents to talk to each other – this is how community grows!

### School Survey – Please tell us your views!

Thank you for all who have already completed the school survey – it is still open and only takes 5 minutes!

<https://forms.gle/ZpvBTcZgueVGiATi7>

### Reading Buddies

Every Friday, our older children take part in Reading Buddies, where they encourage and support younger children to enjoy and develop their reading skills. This wonderful initiative fosters a love of reading and builds confidence in both age groups.

We also remind parents of the importance of reading with your child every school night to support their progress and share the joy of stories together.



## Kindness Workshop

Following up from the Kindness Workshop from last week – here are some photos of the children completing their activities.



## Dates for the Diary

**20th January:** House of Commons Visit for School Council and Y6

**Friday 7th February:** 15:45: Recorder Showcase (Recorder Group) in Hall

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Neurodiversity Celebration Week

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Oscar Romero Feast Day

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Cross Country for Y3/4 at Crystal Palace

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** Parents' Evening

## Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope

This year, we celebrate the **Jubilee Year 2025**—a time for renewal, reflection, and hope. To mark this special occasion, we will begin with an assembly introducing the theme "**Pilgrims of Hope**" and engaging the children in creative activities to explore its meaning.

We look forward to sharing this journey of faith and joy with our school community.