

# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School



## Headteacher's Message

### New Lighting

I am pleased to share that we are partway through replacing every light fitting in the school, a significant upgrade that will improve energy efficiency and create a better learning environment for our children. This project, along with the completed boiler replacement in our nursery and recent computer upgrades, would not have been possible without being part of a Multi Academy Trust. Being part of a wider network allows us to secure vital funding and resources to enhance our school.

### Shoelaces

Learning to tie shoelaces is an important skill that helps children develop independence, confidence, and fine motor skills. We encourage you to support your child in practising this at home, using simple step-by-step techniques, rhymes, or shoelace boards. A few minutes of practice each day can make a big difference, but if they are still finding it tricky, Velcro shoes can be a helpful temporary option. Thank you for your support in building this essential life skill.

## Parking

I have noticed some parents dropping off and parking on the zig-zag lines outside the school, which poses a serious danger to our children. These markings are there to ensure clear visibility for pedestrians and drivers, reducing the risk of accidents. Parking on them obstructs sightlines, making it harder for children to cross safely and increasing the likelihood of an incident. Please help us keep all our pupils safe by using designated parking areas and avoiding stopping on the zig-zags. Thank you for your cooperation in putting children's safety first.

## Dates for the Diary

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February:** Safer Internet Day

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February –** Break up for half term 3:15pm

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** Science Week

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

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

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

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

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Break up for Easter at 2pm

## Mental Health Week

This week, children took part in activities to support their well-being, including dance, discussions on kindness, and the benefits of taking breaks from technology. As part of the Now and Beyond Festival, they joined interactive sessions exploring empathy and mental health. It was a great opportunity to develop positive habits, and we encourage families to continue these conversations at home. Thank you for your support!



## Safer Internet Day

At St Anthony's, we are committed to teaching children how to use the internet safely. **Safer Internet Day**, taking place on **Tuesday, 11th February**, helps them understand online risks, privacy, and responsible behaviour. This year's theme, **"Inspiring Change"**, encourages children to think critically about their digital choices.