



# St Anthony's Newsletter



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When we started this term, we were still in the last warm days of summer. Now we are at the end and temperatures have plummeted. We marked the coming Christmas season with a lovely Nativity play, 'Little Angels' by Y1 and 2; Years 3 to 6 sang carols in church, with readings and acting from Reception ; and nursery entertained parents with their own Nativity performance yesterday. Sharing the Christmas message is at the heart of who we are.

Today we celebrated in assembly all the children who have been given a **CARE award** and book prize this term (see below).

Be sure to have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. See you on **Wednesday 4 January**.

	Consideration	Achievement	Respect	Effort
Nursery	Maheera	Alana	Rudy-Kid	Joaquin
St. Julie	Sara	Meriel	Samuel-Ezra	Malu
St. Joseph	Chanel	Thesandi	Nathan	Soliyana
St Thérèse	Edward	Grace	David	Buddy
St. Francis	Bruno	Eleanor	Hannah	Michael
St. Agnes	Mary J	Alexander	Xavier	Tiku
St. Anne	Raine	Zuza	Katie	Rahmel
St. Bernadette	Abigail	Arsen	Siena	Joel
St. Peter	Gabriele	Caleb	Eri	Loulou-Belle
St. George	Korede	Chisom	Olivia	Monae
St. Patrick	Tracy	Kwabena	Emma	Mathias
St Clare	Mia	Samuel	James	Markiaan
St. John	Jean-Pierre	Luke	Maliha	Caitlin
St. Paul	Sofia	Ainhoa	Adriano	Isaiah
St. Thomas	Jada Lee	Hannah	James	Michael

## Cost of living support

As a school, we are now able to directly make referrals for families to the Southwark Cost of Living Fund.

*Please speak in confidence to Mrs Hawthorne, Mrs Macdonald or Mr Croft if you feel this would benefit you or someone you know.*

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-support>

## Coat swap

This has been a great success, so we will continue the coat swap after the holidays. If you have a coat that is in good condition (child or adult) that you no longer need, you can leave it on the stand in the shelter by the main gate. Anyone is welcome to take a coat for themselves or someone in their family.

## Christmas Fair

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Christmas Fair such a success. It was wonderful to see the community come together to have fun and raise money for FOSTAS. The total raised was an amazing £6,206

Also, a BIG thank you to the businesses who supported us - Pedder for sponsoring the boards which raised £855, the parents who donated money that allowed us to buy raffle prizes and the long list of businesses on the back page of this newsletter.

## KEY DATES

<b>Wed 4 Jan:</b>	<b>New term begins</b>
<b>13-17 Feb:</b>	<b>Half Term break</b>
<b>21/22 Mar (T/W):</b>	<b>Parent/teacher meetings (online)</b>

# Faith Life



- This Sunday is the **fourth Sunday of Advent**
- The **Wednesday Word** this week is **MARY**
- During Advent, we have been learning more about Jesus' ancestors and the prophets through the Jesse Tree (link sent with the last newsletter)



Thanks to Reception for such a lovely Nativity in church this week!

## St Thomas More Parish News

**Mass times for Sunday:** Vigil 17.30 (Saturday); 08.30, 10.00, 12.00 & 17.30 (Sunday)

**Christmas services:** details of mass times and other services are on the parish website

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## Painting competition

Congratulations to William, Amelia, Elpitha, Emma, Ishmael and Antoinette, whose nativity paintings have been chosen to go on to the next stage of the competition, where Archbishop John Wilson will judge paintings from across the diocese.



Years 1 and 2 told the Christmas Story beautifully in their play, Little Angels.

## Parenting ideas

Claire Gager talked to parents this week about free parenting programmes available in Southwark. It was clear from listening to her that all parents would find these courses informative, fun and an opportunity to make new friends (most attendees keep in touch after the course has ended). There is a free creche facility at all the programme centres.

Please see the flyers that were emailed to parents on 06/12/22 for further details (also available at the school office).

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/childcare-and-parenting/children-s-social-care/family-early-help-feh/parenting?chapter=8>

## Parent Survey

Thank you for all your responses to our recent Parent Survey. 212 parents took the time to respond to the survey and 156 families were represented. This far exceeds the 79 responses during last year's Ofsted. We are thrilled to report that 98.1% of parents say that their child is happy at St Anthony's and 97.6% would recommend us to another family. The full survey will be uploaded to the school website and although we are very pleased with the findings, we are always striving to be even better.

## Keep children safe this Christmas

Whether it's a phone, a tablet, a games console or a smart TV, children are likely to be online over the holidays. The UK safer Internet Centre has provided an excellent resource to help parents keep their children safe online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

**Please check your child's online activity regularly**

## Challenge

How many words can you make from some or all of these letters?

S T H  
M C I  
A S R



Solution to the last challenge: 28

## Headteacher or deputy head for a day

Congratulations to Isabella (Y3) and James H(Y5), who won the competition and will have a day next term making all the important decisions in running our school.

## Are you worried about a child?

If you have concerns about a specific child, please contact the Southwark Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 020 7525 1921 (weekday 9-5) or 020 7525 5000 (out of hours). [MASH@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:MASH@southwark.gov.uk)

## Knights of St Columba painting competition winners



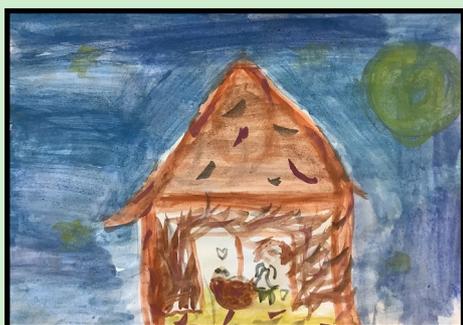
Emma (Y4)



Ishmael (Y5)



Antoinette (Y6)



Elpitha (Y2)



William (Y1)



Amelia (Y1)

We are very grateful to these organisations and all our families for supporting our Christmas Fair

Ryeford Ponds Glamping  
Royal Navy club  
Whitehall Clothiers  
Boat Hire in Dulwich Park

It's My Partee  
Wetherspoons  
Support and Sustain  
Portrayed Photography

Costa  
F45  
Ganapati  
M Manze pie shop

FSCE bookstore  
Soundsteps  
Clementine Loves  
Blackbird Bakery

Jags Sports Club  
Dulwich Art Gallery  
Father Murphys Hurling Club  
Dr Boo beauticians  
ED gift shop  
Eos Dance  
Lashes by Jovita  
Just Williams Toys  
East Dulwich Flower Co  
Franco Manca  
William Rose Butchers  
Bola Bola Boba

Taylor West & Co Opticians  
Artusi (restaurant)  
Experience Days  
Oliver Bonas  
Mr Bao  
Bodyfit Studios  
Theatre Peckham  
Village Books  
Rye Books  
1920 Bar  
Juiced wine  
Yoga with Rosie

The Cakery  
Voodoo Rays  
The Farm  
Vale Practice  
Spike Roastery  
Oddono's  
Arments Pie & Mash  
The Strings Club  
Rye Books  
Cheeky Burger  
Support and Sustain  
Millwall FC  
Ding Tea

Flying Fantastic  
The Tiger  
Morrisons  
German Doner Kebab  
The Flora Lab (candles)  
Yard sale pizza  
HB Therapy  
Harri's kitchen  
Spark's Film Camp  
Bellenden Therapy  
Pub in the Park  
East Dulwich Picturehouse

