



# St Anthony's Newsletter

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2023 is upon us and the year ahead is full of potential. Teachers have planned an exciting curriculum and we will soon be sending out more information about this, including any visits that have been booked. Our forest school will continue in Dulwich Park, this term for year 1 pupils (starting with St Therese). We also have a new school menu (available on the website), following consultation with our School Council.

The shortest day is now behind us and we can look forward to a term of new challenges and opportunities. Wishing you all a very happy new year!

*Have a good weekend!*



Thanks Aiden (Y5) for this lovely drawing of the Magi on their way to find Jesus.



Congratulations to our new head boy, Joel, deputy head boy, Isaiah, head girl, Ainhua and deputy head girl, Hannah. They received their badges after Mass today and are really looking forward to fulfilling their role as young leaders.

## Admissions

The deadline for applications for Nursery and Reception is Sunday 15 January 2023. Remind your friends and neighbours!

Note also there is an **Admissions Consultation** for academic year 2024-2025. Full details are available on the school website.

## Cost of living support

As a school, we are 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

Coats are still available in the shelter by the school gates, should you wish to take one. If you have a coat you no longer need and it is in good condition, please bring it along to the shelter so another person can benefit from it.

## Sad news

Please pray for a very special little girl, the younger sister of Asa (Year 1), who is seriously ill in intensive care. Tragically she had an accident over the holidays and has sustained a severe head injury that is likely to have life-long repercussions. At this incredibly difficult time, we ask that God gives the family the strength they need. We also kindly ask that the family's privacy is respected.

## Keep children safe online

Your child may well have received a new device for Christmas (or indeed may be using a device they have had for some time). 'Think-u-know' has some excellent advice to help parents keep children safe online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

**School safeguarding team:**

**Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Hawthorne, Mr Croft**

## KEY DATES

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Wed 4 Jan:       | New term begins                  |
| 13-17 Feb:       | Half Term break                  |
| Wed 22 Feb:      | Ash Wednesday                    |
| 21/22 Mar (T/W): | Parent/teacher meetings (online) |
| Fri 31 Mar 2pm   | End of term                      |

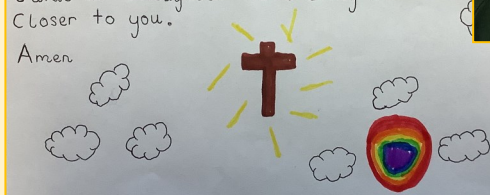
# Faith Life



Thanks Anna (Y5) for this lovely picture of the arrival of the wise men.

- Today is the **Feast of the Epiphany**, when we celebrate the arrival of the Magi (wise men) from the East; Fr Bart celebrated a lovely Mass in school.
- This Sunday is the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Year A)**
- The **Wednesday Word** this week is **NEW START**
- Next Wednesday, **St Bernadette's** class will join **St Thomas More parish for the 09:30 Mass**; the following week it will be St George's class; parents are welcome to come along.
- Children have started a new **RE topic** this week: **local Church/community**; a more detailed RE newsletter has been emailed to parents

Dear Lord,  
Thank you for the food we eat  
and the water we drink.  
Thank you for always caring for us  
Let us love one another as you  
love us. Help us to trust you.  
Guide us throughout 2023 bring us  
Closer to you.  
Amen



Thanks to Isaiah (Y6) for this lovely prayer

## St Thomas More Parish News

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

Parish Priest: Fr Bart Dudek

Assistant Priest: Fr Joseph Gulliford

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Website: [www.stthomasmorechurch.co.uk](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.co.uk)

Tel: 020 8693 5070

Please note that the school circulates information on clubs and events from external providers from time to time. These are for information purposes and no recommendation is given or implied.

## Free tickets for DHFC



Dulwich Hamlet's Women's first team are playing Actonians Ladies First in the Capital Women's Cup (Senior). We are delighted to offer free tickets to pupils at St Anthony's and their parents/guardians. Women's matches offer a relaxed and family friendly way to enjoy an afternoon of thrilling football. Those wishing to attend should access their tickets via the link below using the promo code at checkout. We look forward to seeing you there!

Promo code to use at checkout: **STANPRIM**

This will allow 4 tickets per account

Ticket link <https://app.fanbaseclub.com/Fan/Tickets/SelectType?fixtureId=2394>

## Term dates 2023-24

Term dates for next academic year are now on our website (parents area). The first day for children will be **Tuesday 5 September 2023**.

## Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-specific-infectious-diseases). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it is important to phone the school on the first day. Let us know that your child won't be in and give the reason.

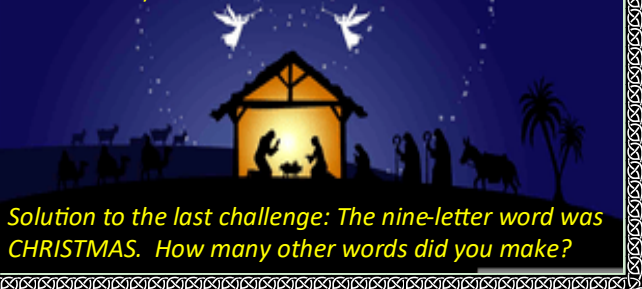
## Attendance

Children make the best progress when they are in school (**on time**). We have an ambitious target of 97% attendance and we monitor the registers constantly. If a child's attendance drops below 92% we may contact parents to discuss strategies for improvement.

This week's attendance: 92.1%

## Challenge

How many wise men brought gifts for the baby Jesus? (spoiler: the answer is not three!)



**Solution to the last challenge: The nine-letter word was CHRISTMAS. How many other words did you make?**