



St Antony's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter

Week Beginning Monday 24th February, 2025



Important School Dates:

Dates	Key Events for Spring Term 2- 2025
24th Feb	School Resumes for all Staff and Pupils. Whole School Celebration of the Word-Sch. Hall All After School Clubs -begin this week. 3:30 pm SLT meeting –Charting the way forward
25th Feb	6 Brilliant Club Pupils To Oxford University Staff Meeting CPD: RED Curriculum Focus –HT
26th Feb	Science Hub Session- Science Rep To Go HT@ Catholic Social Teaching Conference
27th Feb	MAT Admin Team in/ HT & Admin Team Meeting E&S Governors Committee Meeting 6:30 HT& DHT
28th Feb	Celebration of the Word-School Hall 9am St David's Feast Day 1/3/25-Staff to share facts
3rd March	Celebration of the Word & Book Month Focus
4th March	Staff Meeting: Marvellous March Programme of Work
5th March	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS @ 10am Church-all invited
6th March	Reception Admissions Ranking List due from LBN R&R Governors Committee Meeting 6:30 HT& CFO
7th March	Marvellous March Launch Assembly
11th March	Staff CPD: Computing Curriculum Focus –Mr C.
13th March	Parents' Reading Workshop @9am in Hall Yr. 1 RED Curriculum Training Brentwood Full Governors Committee Meeting 6:30 HT
14th March	Pine Class Assembly- Class' Parents Invited Catholic Life & Mission Training DHT@Brentwood
17th March	Whole Class Reading Observations & Teacher Based Assessment/Moderation Week- in Phases
18th March	Staff Meeting in Phases: Report Writing/Directed time
20th March	RE Leads Termly Meeting & Moderation in Brentwood
25th March	Parents' Consultation Evening 1-all classes
26th March	Yr. 2 Branches Planning Brentwood OLOG Strategic Meeting: Trustees, Chairs& HT- 5pm
27th March	IQM Assessors in with Inclusion Lead Parents Consultation Evening 2-all classes
31st March	Whole School Celebration of the Word-Sch. Hall
1st April	Reception Offer TB List released from LBN
2nd April	Pre-Holy Week Whole School Mass@ Church
3rd April	OLOG Trust Board Meeting@ St Edwards HT
4th April	Celebration of the Word :Stations of the Cross
4th April	School Closes for Easter Break
7th , 8th & 9th April	YEAR 6 EASTER BOOSTER CLASSES FOR ALL MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY OF THE 1 ST WEEK OF THE EASTER HOLIDAY BREAK ONLY



From The Head Teacher's Desk

Our Virtue Focus This Week Is:

DETERMINATION

"The heights by great minds reached and kept, were not attained by sudden flight, but they while their companions slept; were toiling upwards through the night"



Determination requires a mind-set that is goal centred and results focused. If we are determined we will always have a clear vision of what we want to achieve and a strategic plan on how to attain this.

In a recent interview with **Usain Bolt** (now retired as a professional athlete)- still deemed the '**Fastest Man Alive**' (as no one across the globe has managed to break his records set for the 100 and 200 meters to date); he stated that: '**dogged determination and strong self- belief**' were the hall mark of his success.

When asked how he was able to achieve Gold Medals in sprinting in three successive Olympic Games (2008, 2012 and 2016)-a feat which had never been achieved before and to date has not been equalled or surpassed in his area of athletics; he responded by emphatically stating that:

"Everyone who competes professionally has certain qualities, namely: natural talent or a gift, a good team of expert coaches to guide and direct them and a high level of dedication and discipline to withstand the rigorous and consistent training and sacrifice that is required to succeed at the elite level of any sport. However, the key factor that I find is the game changer, is the level of sheer determination and self-belief which one holds to keep driving onwards and upwards, when others around you are losing faith."

Determination allows us to achieve at the highest levels in any field, no matter how long it takes or how challenging the journey to the outcome gets.

Let us all strive to be more determined in all that we do because ... "with Christ all things are possible!"



CELEBRATING JUBILEE YEAR-25: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

SMSC&CITIZENSHIP CELEBRATION

**OUR WEAR RED DAY ON FRIDAY 14TH 2025
WAS SIMPLY EPIC!**



OUR SMSC & CITIZENSHIP PROJECT THEME 2025 "LIVING IN HARMONY"

We live this theme by inviting a host of special friends from charities and organisations locally and regionally so that our children could get to know and celebrate the people for whom they raise funds and make generous donations to annually as we support the wonderful, caring and selfless work that these charities do on a daily basis for those who are less fortunate than we are. We thank God for all our charity partners.



We had Br Yakob of St Antony's Catholic Church Parish who works with his team of parish volunteers to look after the homeless and poor of our church community by providing food, clothing and shelter via St Antony's Bread. Our local partners at Enabled Living, led by Rukshana who support those who are physically challenged having suffered the loss of sight, hearing or mobility. We also had our friends from The Magpie Project that take care of refugee and asylum seeking families with young children and The St Martin's Food Bank that serves people right across the London Borough of Newham.

Pictures on the right show years 6, 3 and 1 sending a strong message in song, dance and drama on: **Living in Harmony – SMSC Theme 2025** - while our children aid the charities with taking away their generous donations from all our St Antony's Families.

This Jubilee Year as **PILGRIMS OF HOPE** We Will Be Working Together With Our Friends and Neighbours to Spread Peace, Love and Joy As We Strive To **LIVE IN HARMONY.**



