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"Let your words teach and your actions speak."

NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a fantastic week we have had in school! This week we have been celebrating **Anti-Bullying Week**, with the theme *'Speak Out'*. Throughout the week, the children have taken part in a range of activities, discussions and reflections, thinking about the importance of using their voices, standing up for what is right and speaking out if they see or experience bullying. It has been lovely to see the children engaging so positively with the theme and reflecting on how we can all play our part in making St. Anthony's a kind, caring and inclusive community where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

We are delighted to announce that **Daisy's** wonderful artwork has been selected by Bradford Council as one of ten winning designs in their Christmas Card Competition! Her design will be used as an electronic Christmas card and shared with thousands of people during the festive season. This is a fantastic achievement, particularly as her artwork was chosen from hundreds of entries in a competition that has been running for over twenty years. We are incredibly proud of Daisy and her creative talent. A huge congratulations!

✝ This Sunday's Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that when we care for others, we are showing our love for Him. He reminds us that even the smallest acts of kindness make a difference. When we feed someone who is hungry, welcome someone who feels lonely, help someone in need or show compassion to others, we are doing these things for Jesus.

The message for us: Jesus wants us to show His love through our actions every day. We don't have to do something big or extraordinary; even the smallest act of kindness can make a difference. As we

approach the season of Advent, let us remember to put Jesus at the centre of our lives and follow His example by caring for everyone around us.

Learning

I have visited each of the classes this week to see what the children have been learning:

Willow: In History the children were sorting toys into toys from the present and toys from the past.

Oak: In Science the pupils were learning about micro habitats. They went for a search around the school grounds to identify habitats.

Cherry: In RE, Cherry class were learning about David being anointed by Samuel and being filled with the spirit of God.

Elder: Elder class were focussed playing the guitar when I visited. They were learning a new Christmas Carol. I can't wait to hear the finished version!

Remember to follow us on Facebook (St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Shipley) where you can see what the children are learning and what is happening in school each week.

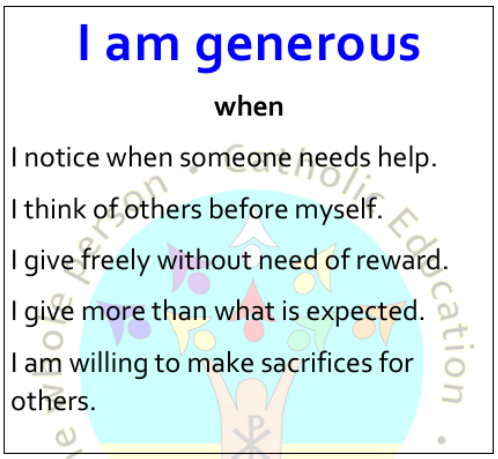
Weekly Award Winners

A big congratulations to all of our wonderful award winners this week! You should be incredibly proud of all you have achieved. Keep striving, believing in yourselves and sharing your amazing talents with others. We are so proud of you and love to celebrate your successes!

Achievement	Virtue	Reading
Willow: Maggie	**Willow**: Tymon	**Willow**: Leo
Oak: Lucas	**Oak**: Szymon	**Oak**: Bobby
Cherry: Isaac	**Cherry**:Daisy	**Cherry**: Kutmewa
Elder: Harry	**Elder**: Frey	**Elder**: Layla

This week's Head teacher award goes to **LJ**.

Our Virtue for the rest of the term is Generosity:



Minnie Vinnies

A reminder about our Minnie Vinnies Shoebox Appeal!

Our Minnie Vinnies are collecting shoeboxes to support those in need across Bradford. If you are able to contribute, we would be very grateful for any filled shoeboxes containing items such as clothes, treats and toys. Individual donations are also very welcome if you are unable to fill a whole box. The closing date is December 4th. Thank you as always for your support.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 26th November: Oak Class Ledson Farm Trip

Friday 27th November: Non-Uniform Day (please donate bottles for the bottle stall)

Friday 4th December 1:30-3:00pm: Christmas Fair

Thursday 10th December 10am: Diocesan showcase **Oak** and **Cherry** class, parents are welcome.

Monday 14th December 3:30-5:00pm : Christmas Disco

Tuesday 15th December 6-7pm: Elder and Cherry Class Carol Service in school, all are welcome.

Wednesday 16th December 2:45-3:15pm: Willow and Oak Class Nativity performance.

Friday 18th December EARLY FINISH AT 1:30pm Last Day of school

Monday 4th January: Return to school

Wednesday 6th January: Whole School Panto at the Alhambra

Tuesday 9th February: Last swimming lesson for Y3/4

Friday 12th February: Last day of school (finish normal time of 3pm)

Monday 22nd February: Return to school

A message from the PTFA

Christmas Fair – Friday 4 December, 1.30–3pm

Preparations are well underway for our Christmas Fair! We're looking forward to an afternoon of festive fun, with tombolas, games, refreshments, pre-loved stalls and more.

Non-Uniform Donation Days

A reminder of our upcoming donation days:

- **Friday 27 November – Bottle donations**

We're also collecting good-quality pre-loved winter coats and shoes, festive clothing, toys, books, soft toys and unwanted gifts for our Christmas Fair stalls. Please bring donations to the school reception.

Christmas Raffle

A big thank you to the local businesses who have generously donated prizes so far! We're building a lovely selection of prizes and would welcome any further donations from businesses or families who would like to support us.

Raffle tickets will be available soon, so keep an eye out for further information.

We Need Your Help!

We're looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas Fair, whether that's running a stall, setting up or helping clear away afterwards.

If you have a little time to spare, please add your name to the volunteer sign-up sheet at reception or join our WhatsApp Volunteer Pool using the QR code on our playground poster.

There's no regular commitment, and every bit of help makes a difference.

Thank you for supporting St Anthony's PTFA

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Finally

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy some quality time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school next week for another exciting week of learning and fun.

God Bless!

Mrs Clementis and the St. Anthony's Team