

St Antony's RC School: Fortnightly Bulletin for Parents and Carers – edition #2



Date: 10th March 2025

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

- Sun 9th March – Weds 12th March: Y9 trip to St Omer in France (jointly organised by History and Languages)
- Tues 11th March: Y9 Manchester Museum Trip
- Weds 12th March: ManACTo performance of Macbeth for all Y11 pupils – 9am-10.15am, in the school hall
- **Fri 14th March: INSET day for all staff – school closed to all pupils**
- Mon 17th – Fri 21st March – Y10 work experience week (first time we have done this!)
- Thurs 20th March – Options Evening for Y9 pupils and their parents / carers -5pm - 6:30pm
- Thurs 27th March – Y11 invite-only parents' evening
- Thurs 3rd April – Whole school mass + rewards day in school for all pupils who meet the attendance criteria
- Thurs 3rd April – Y8 Parents' Evening
- Fri 4th April – Break up for Easter
- Tues 22nd April – Start of the Summer Term – school reopens after the Easter break

Assembly Messaging: This week Mr Giblin will be leading assemblies this week, focusing on how we can show love through charity during Lent. Looking to next week, our Heads of Year will be challenging pupils to consider how they can be a force for good, instigating positive change in our community, thus helping children to be the best version of themselves.

Student Achievements: Over the last fortnight, the following pupils have been nominated by subject teachers for excellence in relation to their learning in lessons

English	Ava C (Y9) Elizabeth S (Y11)
Maths	Aiden A (Y9), James D (Y9), Maisy J (Y11), Amie-Leigh B (Y11)
Science	Oliver P (Y8), Imogen A (Y7),
History	Dylan M (Y7), Kardell D (Y9), Izzy D (Y11), Abel Jo B (Y11)
Geography	Jake G (Y9), Evan J (Y11) Gabriel N (Y11)
Computer Science	Jackson H (Y8), Macy M (Y7)
PE	Isaac H (Y11), Matthew K (Y10)
RE	Anais E-M (Y7), Cole S (Y11) William S (Y7) Samuel D (Y11)
French	Kyle S (Y11), William S (Y7)
Spanish	Jayden M (Y8)
Business	Harry C (Y10) Oscar S (Y11)
Music	Daisy L (Y7) Beula J (Y7)
Art	Alexandra H (Y10)
Technology	Theo M (Y7)

Over the last fortnight, the following pupils are in the top 5 in their year group for acquiring the most amount of achievement points:

- Y7 – Michael K, Alex F, Isabelle J, Theo M, Beula J
- Y8 – Dexter M, Harry A, Daniel R, Nate R, Oliver P
- Y9 – Esmae R, Kovie-James L-D, Ethan H, James D, Archie L
- Y10 – Connor H, Alona Anna C, George E, Millie H, Lily P
- Y11 – Rubin M, Samuel D, Mason R, Lacey Y, Sienna B

General Notices & Reminders

- **Y9 Options Evening** for pupils and their parents/carers will take place on Thurs 20th March 5pm-6.30pm). General presentation in the hall on options, followed by an opportunity to speak with curriculum leaders and teachers.

- **Y10 Work Experience** - this is throughout w/c 17th March. Students must contact employers to check arrangements for their working week. We are sure that this will be a very useful week for building employability skills and useful for getting a step ahead on an application form. Those without a placement must attend school during that week.
- **The focus of our behaviour and values curriculum in form time over the next fortnight is:**
 - w/b 10th March – how children can safely use our outside spaces at break and lunch
 - w/b 17th March – preparing for a pupil-led question time with senior leaders in an upcoming assembly
- **Behaviour updates:** Thank you in particular to our Year 10s on their recent careers trip to Manchester Central. Their attitude and conduct was exemplary to the point that a number of event staff approached teachers to inform them that they were a credit to the school. Our Year 7s also visited the Halle Orchestra at the Bridgewater hall last week and again they demonstrated the very highest of standards and we want to thank all parents for your support. It really makes us proud as a school when students conduct themselves in such a positive manner.
- **Attendance:** The Government has published a blog on why school attendance is important and provides advice on circumstances where missing a school day is permitted. [Why is school attendance so important and what are the risks of missing a day? - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2025/03/why-is-school-attendance-so-important-and-what-are-the-risks-of-missing-a-day/)
- **World Book Day – 6th March:** We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day in school. Pupils brought in their favourite books from home and we shared our favourite reads with one another along with snacks and book themed music. Images from the day are here via this link: <https://st-antony.com/2025/03/world-book-day-2/>
- **PTA News: Easter Egg Donations Needed for Our PTA Hamper Raffle!** Spring is just around the corner, and we're excited to spread some festive joy at our school! This year, our PTA is hosting a special Easter Hamper Raffle, and WE NEED YOUR HELP! We're looking for generous donations of Easter eggs to fill our hampers. Whether they're chocolate, crème, or surprise eggs (no boiled or scrambled please!), every little bit will help us create a delightful surprise for our lucky winners! **Donation Deadline: 14th March – please drop off at Mrs Rothwell's Office**
- **Please join/follow the PTA Facebook account for regular updates/news:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/st-antony-pta/>
- **Easy Fundraising Website:** If you are not already aware, there is an easy way to help raise funds for the PTA by signing up to the easy fundraising website, which can be found using the following link: [https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/search/cause/?q=St.%20Antony%27s%20\(Urmston\)%20PTA&cat=cause](https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/search/cause/?q=St.%20Antony%27s%20(Urmston)%20PTA&cat=cause)
- **Manchester Museum's British Science Week event on Tuesday, 11th March. (Year 9 only).** This trip will give Year 9 pupils the opportunity to see the latest scientific research, talk to science researchers, interact with science experiments, seek advice on science careers and visit the brand-new museum. We look forward to hearing from pupils about their visit on their return
- **This Lent, we're supporting two important charity initiatives:**
 - St Joseph's Penny Appeal – each form will receive a collection box on Monday. Pupils are encouraged to donate any spare change, and extra boxes are available to take home. The top fundraising form in each year will win a prize, a certificate, and special recognition! Service achievement points will also be awarded.
 - Cornerstone Easter Egg Collection – we're collecting Easter eggs to support Cornerstone. Pupils will earn 2 achievement points per donation. Donations can be brought to form.

Useful links:

- If you have any worries, concerns or issues you would like us to address, please get in touch via stantonys.admin@trafford.gov.uk. Often your child's form tutor or Head of Year is the best place to start.
- Information about our curriculum offer is here: [Curriculum Information – St. Antony's Roman Catholic School](#)
- Electronic access to the homework booklets can be found here: [Homework - Shared on Website - OneDrive](#)
- If you want to know more about how we are supporting pupils in relation to their personal development and possible future careers, please click on the following links:
 - [February 2025 St Antony's Stories \(002\).pdf](#)
 - [St Antony's Roman Catholic School Edition 18 \(002\).pdf](#)
- More information about the Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust and other schools in it can be found here: [Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust | Diocese of Salford](#)
- Parish Newsletter: <https://st-antony.com/2025/03/parish-newsletter-19/>
- For more information about the work of our local churches, please use the following links:
 - Fr Ged Murphy at St Ann's, Stretford and St Hugh of Lincoln, Urmston - [St Antony of Padua RC Parish, Stretford - St Ann's & St Hugh of Lincoln | Stretford | Facebook](#)
 - Fr Kieran Mullarkey at English Martyrs and St Monica's [Home - St John Henry Newman Parish website](#)