



15th December 2023

Dear Students, Parents & Staff

As we approach the joyous season of Christmas, I want to extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you. This time of year, brings with it a sense of warmth, kindness, and togetherness that we cherish in our school community.

Reflecting on the challenges and triumphs of the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the dedication and resilience shown by our students, parents, and staff. Your hard work and commitment have made this a remarkable year for our school.

May this festive season be a time of joy, reflection, and connection with loved ones. Let us appreciate the spirit of giving, embrace the magic of the holidays, and carry the values of compassion and understanding into the coming year.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the holiday season bring you peace, love, and happiness.

Mr Robert Page, Headteacher

Dates for the diary

- **Tuesday 2nd January** – First day of term 3
- **Monday 29th January** – **INSET** Day (Children do not attend)
- **Friday 9th February** – Last day of term 3

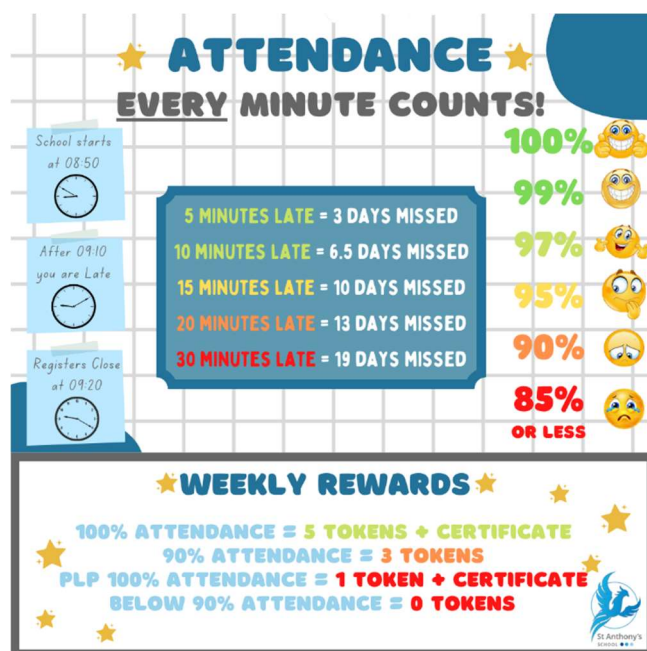
British Values



- **Democracy** - have the right to have your voice heard
- **Individual Liberty** - Promote freedom of choice
- **Rule of Law** - The importance of law and rules
- **Mutual Respect & Tolerance** - to respect those from different backgrounds

Attendance

Did you know your child's attendance affects your child's success? Being in school, on time, every day is vital for student's well-being, not just their educational growth but for their development in so many other areas such as social and emotional development. We understand that our students needs are far different from the students in mainstream school, so this year we are aiming for a whole school attendance of at **least 85%**. To achieve this, we are continuing our promotion and praise of individual school attendance.



How is Attendance at St Anthony's rewarded?

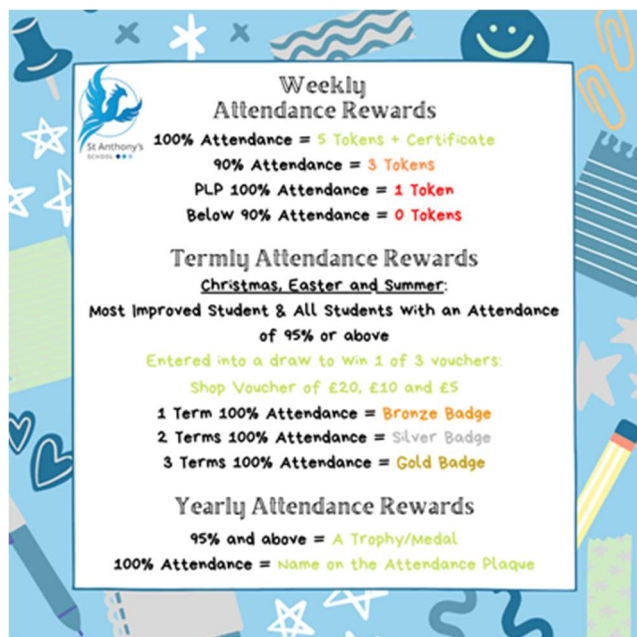
We monitor and reward attendance on a weekly, termly and yearly basis with a variety of rewards up for grabs. Our weekly attendance is monitored from a Friday to a Thursday, this allows us to celebrate that week's attendance achievements in our school assembly on a Friday morning.

Students who obtain 100% attendance from the Friday to Thursday will receive a certificate and 5 Reward Shop Tokens. Students who receive 90% attendance in the same period will receive 3 Reward Shop Tokens. We also recognise that our students who have a Personal Learning Plan (or a PLP) will never obtain 100% or 90% attendance due to their learning plan. Therefore, students on

a PLP who attend 100% of their PLP during the weekly time-frame are rewarded with a certificate and 1 Reward Shop Token.

The Termly monitoring is based upon the old 3 term school year, Term 1 running until Christmas, Term 2 until Easter and Term 3 until Summer. For every student who achieves 100% attendance for the Term will receive a pin badge and a certificate. The colour of the pin badge is determined by how many TERMS the student has achieved 100%. Bronze will be awarded for all students who have achieved 1 Term of 100% attendance. Silver is awarded to all students who have achieved 2 TERMS of 100% attendance and Gold is awarded to all students who have achieved all 3 TERMS of 100% attendance. Also, ALL students with an attendance of 95% or above will be entered into a draw to win 1 of 3 vouchers worth £20, £10 and £5.

The Yearly monitoring is quite simple, all students who receive 95% attendance or above will be presented with a certificate and medal. Students who receive 100% attendance for the year will receive a certificate and medal to take home and their name will be etched onto our Attendance Plaque.



Illness & Medical Appointments

As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a full-time education. Therefore, KCC has given guidelines on how a school must manage absences:

For full KCC guidelines please visit:
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-attendance/school-absences>



Winter Fair December 2023

Our Winter Fair was held on **Friday 1st December** in the school. Many people had worked hard to get this up and running. It was great to see so many parents bringing their children along to join in the activities. We were also joined by many ex pupils and governors. There was a huge variety of stalls for people to participate in- hot food, name the penguin, cakes/cold drinks, tombola, raffle, bric-a-brac, pine cone shy, hoop-la, tin can alley, Christmas ping pong, find the £1, higher/lower, nearly new stall, and of course our very own resident Santa and his lovely elves.

After the event the money was added up and we made a grand total of **£1,227.77**, which is an amazing amount and will enable us to treat our pupils to some very special things over the next few terms.

Thank you for all your support at these events and we look forward to seeing you all at our Summer fair.



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Panto!

Oh no they didn't!... Oh yes, they did!

The Drama students and KS2 enjoyed a trip to the Marlow Theatre to watch the Aladdin pantomime. It was all laughs and jokes until they were drenched by the actor's water guns!

A brilliant time had by all.

Leanne – Epple Teacher

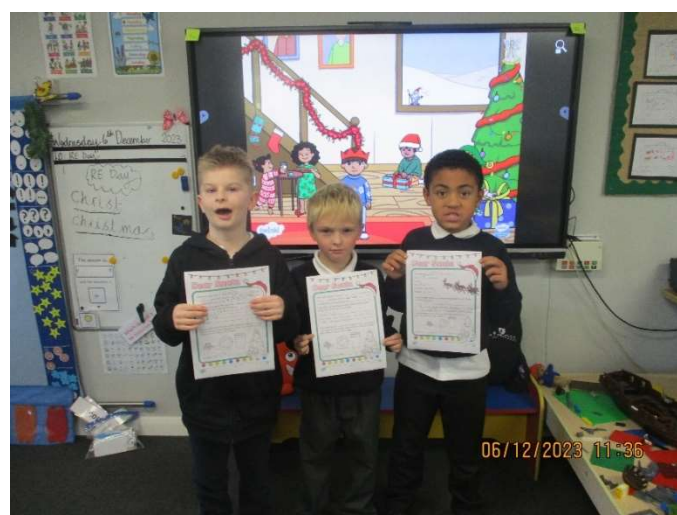


RE Day

St Antony's whole school focus day celebrated 'Christmas Around the World'.

Each key stage has learnt about a different country and how they celebrate Christmas and the traditions they have.

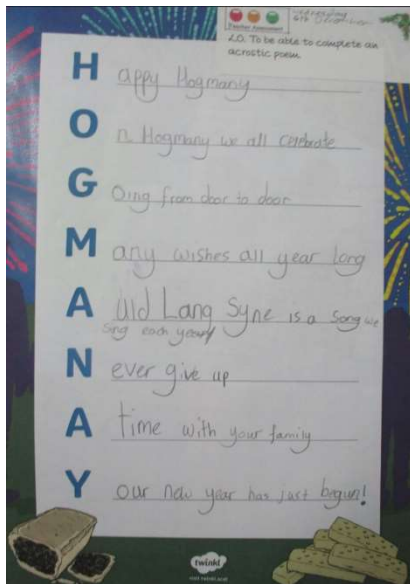
Each class has shared ideas and experiences, adding to their cultural knowledge how Christians celebrate Christmas in different countries.



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Oliver's space adventure!

Oliver wanted to be an 'astronaut to fly to space. Oliver and Hayley worked so hard using cardboard, paper, tinfoil, and built a rocket using a bottle and a launch pad and a jet pack. The task was complete and the mission was launched.
5.. 4.. 3.. 2.. 1.. blast off!!



Quex Reward Trip

The reward trip to Quex Park was a huge success. The Goats were really excited to see St. Anthony's arriving and enjoyed dragging us into hedges to eat their breakfast. Surprisingly, our Key Stage 4 boys were not too keen to walk the Goats as they were worried they would nibble their clothes!!

Then we were unexpectedly invited to go on the Elf Express, unfortunately it had been raining and the seats all had puddles. Everyone was in the Christmas Spirit and no one complained. **Mason** counted nine Elves as we went around. Ice-skating was so much fun. **Liam** fell hardest, I'm sure he has some bruises. **Adam** was the only injury. **Logan** was dancing on ice, and **Leo** was smiling from ear to ear. **Harry** threw himself into it and we discovered Keaton's hidden talent. Shout out to **Alfie** for being super supportive of his peers on the ice. We really had a nice trip together. Thanks to all the staff that helped



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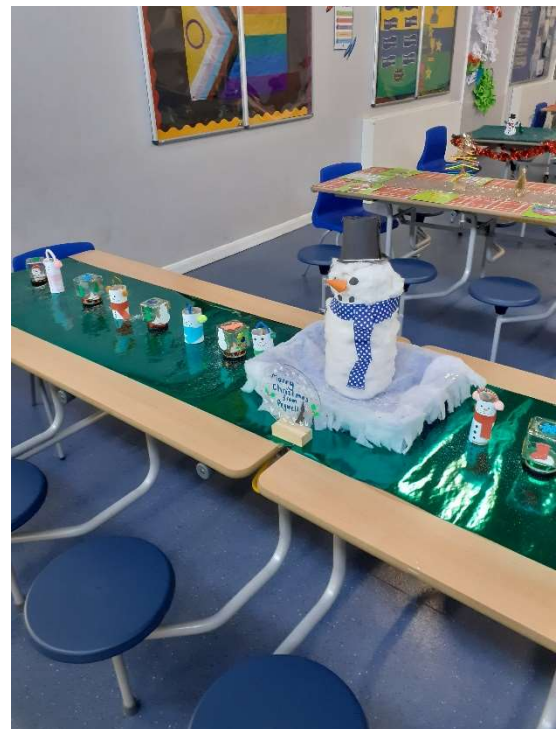
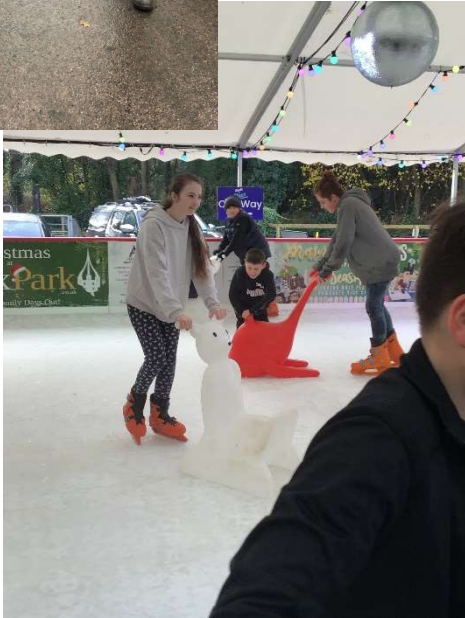
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Christmas Lunch!

On Wednesday the children enjoyed their annual Christmas lunch. The children made some fantastic table displays. Whilst it was such a tough choice to make the Governors declared the winners as:

KS2 – Stone class, KS3 – Botany Class & KS4 Minnis Class.



Kingsgate Class made some festive snowmen. They are **Brrrrr**illiant!

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13/12/2023

KS2 WINNER – Stone Class



KS4 WINNER – Minnis Class

A big thank you to the Kitchen Team-
Liz, Andrew & Imogen for their amazing
effort in delivering a wonderful
Christmas dinner.

Another big thank you to Kate F &
Antony for being special helpers!

A room of full tummies and happy faces!

Football House Tournament



Father Christmas

We had the pleasure of welcoming Father Christmas into Pegwell class on Thursday.



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Party fever in Louisa!



Whats on...

SPORT FOR FUN – Saturdays (term time) 9.00 - 10.00 at St Anthony's School. A Saturday morning sports club for children with SEND.

BE ACTIVE -SHORT BREAK - Saturdays (term time) 10.30 - 12.00 at Foreland Fields School

BE ACTIVE -SHORT BREAK - Wednesdays (term time) 4.30 - 6.00 at Foreland Fields School

complete the following referral form to declare interest: <https://forms.office.com/r/EZwuMEZmEd>

CLIP N CLIMB - Thursdays Session 1: 4.30- 5.30pm Session 2: 5.30-6.30pm.

To book please click on this link:
<https://forms.gle/EHYHiAtxWfE3XYDz6>

MARGATE YOUTH FC KICKS 4 KIDS - Tuesdays 5.00-5.45 at Margate FC
Inclusive football sessions delivered by Inclusive Sport. To register please visit:
<https://www.margateyouthfc.co.uk/events/kick-inclusive-football-sessions>

Cost of Living Support


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Cost of living support


Scan one of the QR codes below for further information



Cost of Living Support Map


This map will show you the services that are available locally to support with:-

- Information and Advice
- Food Banks/Support
- Warm Banks




Cost of Living Support Document

Want to read the information at a more convenient time? This link will allow you to download the full list of services that can help.



Connect Well East Kent

If you would like to speak to someone for further information & advice, or if you are not sure what you would be eligible for, feel free to give our Connect Well Team a call on 0300 302 0178 or scan the QR code to visit their website.



With the pressures of costs around us there is a number of services that can support. If you are having troubles please contact them direct or come and talk with us.

A link below is Thanet councils community hub which can sign post to a range of support functions.

<https://www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/covidcommunityadvice/>

DWP - Outreach sessions for families

Outreach sessions are being held in local venues. Support on hand includes, benefit advice, childcare choices and cost, finding work, cost of living, housing and any queries that our work coach can support the family with.

Ramsgate – The Priory Children’s Centre, Cannon Rd, Ramsgate CT11 9SQ
Outreach available every Wednesday between 9am to 12noon To book a slot to see our adviser at the Priory Children Centre in Ramsgate please contact jayne.conroy@dpw.gov.uk

Margate – Six Bells Children Centre, 201 High St, Margate CT9 1WH
Outreach available every Monday between 1pm to 4pm To book a slot to see our adviser at the Six Bells in Margate please contact philip.raeburn@dpw.gov.uk or anita.taylor@dpw.gov.uk

Visit [Kent Resilience Hub](#) where you can increase your understanding, find approaches and tools or navigate your way to support and services relating to resilience and emotional wellbeing.

kooth Kooth online support and counselling for 10-25 year olds across Kent and Medway. Offering 1-2-1 counselling, helpful articles, community discussion boards and daily journals.

MindEd MindEd is a free educational resource on children and young people's mental health for all adults.

Find out how to tackle hate online and online trolls with internet matters advice guide for what online hate is and how to support your child. Get tools and tips to support your child’s digital wellbeing on Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp.

NSPCC Call NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 if you’re worried about the safety of a child. Or call the police on 999 if you think a child is in immediate danger.

Action for Children Mind's Action for Children around self esteem and helping your child. Parents with Confidence help your child to emotionally regulate.

family lives Free and confidential advice from Family Lives on 0808 800 2222 if you’re finding it hard at home with your child and are struggling to cope.

YOUNG MINDS Young Minds have a parent’s helpline, information and resources