



20th October 2023

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. As we come to the end of the first term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on this term and share some of our plans for the upcoming term.

We appreciate your continued partnership in nurturing our students' overall growth. While academic progress is vital, behavioural development is equally crucial for our pupils. Positive behaviour not only fosters a conducive learning environment but also prepares your child for success in the wider world. So far this year we have heard a significant number of children when having a difficulty using racist, homophobic and sexualised language towards peers and staff. We place a high premium on safeguarding across the school community and look into all issues that pupils bring to our attention and in most cases, pupils are saying things when upset or to gain attention but it places our hard working staff in challenging positions.

We kindly request your support in reinforcing respectful, responsible, and empathetic language at home. By modelling and encouraging good behaviour, you play a significant role in shaping your child's character. Consistency in behaviour expectations across school and home creates a harmonious synergy that benefits your child's social and emotional development.

Together, we can instil strong values and principles, helping your child become a responsible, considerate, and well-rounded individual. Thank you for your understanding and collaboration.

If your child is facing any challenges or requires additional support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. The school has links to a range of support services, and we are committed to helping every student achieve their full potential.

Staffing as you all know has been a significant challenge this term for the school, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. Three teachers, Matt – Food tech returned to work in October, Kyle – Joss is expected back at the start of term 2 and Natalie has popped into school a couple times

this term and is looking to return by term 3, if not before. So we hope to have teachers back in the classes we started with in September which we hope will provide the consistency that our pupils need to have learning success. A very big thank you, for your support and understanding of the staffing issues we had in term 1 it was very much appreciated.

The second term promises exciting learning opportunities and continued growth. We have a range of activities and events planned to enrich the educational experience, and we look forward to your continued partnership in your child's education journey.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the school.

I wish you a wonderful break.

Mr Page, Headteacher

Dates for the diary

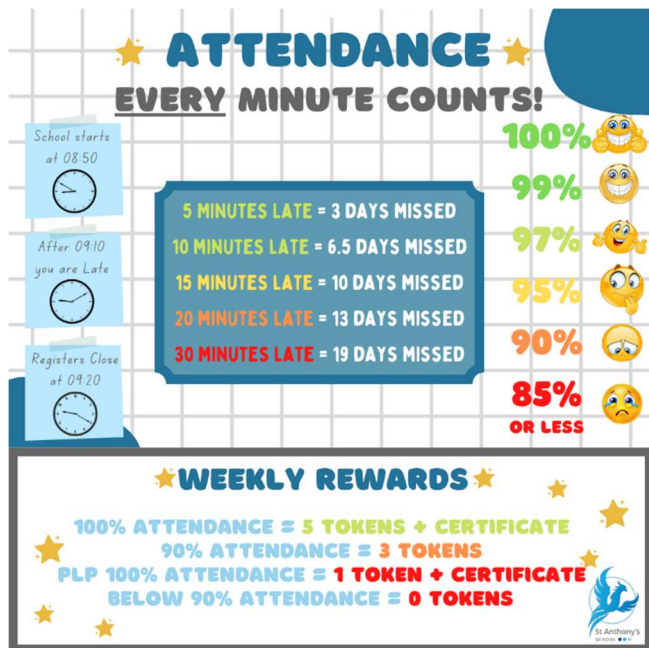
- **Friday 20th October** – Last day of Term 1 (Normal 2:36pm)
- **Monday 30th October** – First day of Term 2
- **Monday 2nd November** – PTFA Meeting
- **Monday 20th November** – INSET Day (Children do not attend)
- **Friday 1st December** – Winter Fayre
- **Friday 15th December** – Last day of Term 2 (1:30pm finish)

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



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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?

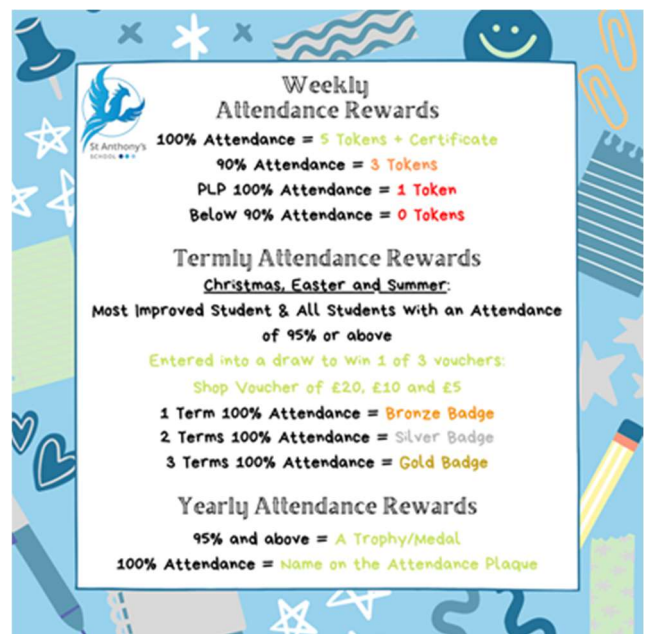
We monitor and reward attendance on a weekly, termly and yearly basis with a variety of rewards up for grabs. Our weekly attendance is monitored from a Friday to a Thursday, this allows us to celebrate that week's attendance achievements in our school assembly on a Friday morning.

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.



Bug Hotel

Thank you to Oakwood Homes for making and delivering us a beautiful bug hotel. We hope this will increase the different species of fauna to our forest school site.



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Draughts Competition

The house Draughts competition was a huge success again this year. The atmosphere was competitive and there were some intense matches being played. The students were all playing to the best of their ability and the sportsmanship shown by all was commendable. There was some stiff competition but **Ricki** and **Tom** made it to the final. After a tense match, watched by many, Tom was pronounced the winner. **Ricki** played extremely well and I am sure he will be a future Draughts champion. A justified overall win to the **Saxons**, closely followed by the **Normans**, in 3rd place were the **Romans** and in 4th place the **Vikings**.



Road Safety Week – Brake

Let's talk about... **ROAD SAFETY WEEK**

19-25 November 2023

SPEED

Five people die on roads every day Why do we still think it's OK to speed?

www.brake.org.uk/RoadSafetyWeek

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Five people die on the UK roads every day. Why do we still think it's ok to speed?

What is Road Safety Week?

Road Safety Week is Brake's biggest road safety campaign. Every year, thousands of schools, organisations and communities get involved to share important road safety messages, remember people affected by road death and injury, and raise funds to help Brake care for more road victims and campaign for safe roads for everyone.

Drinks

This term we have seen a large increase in the amount of drinks being brought in for consumption or being used as a water bottle.

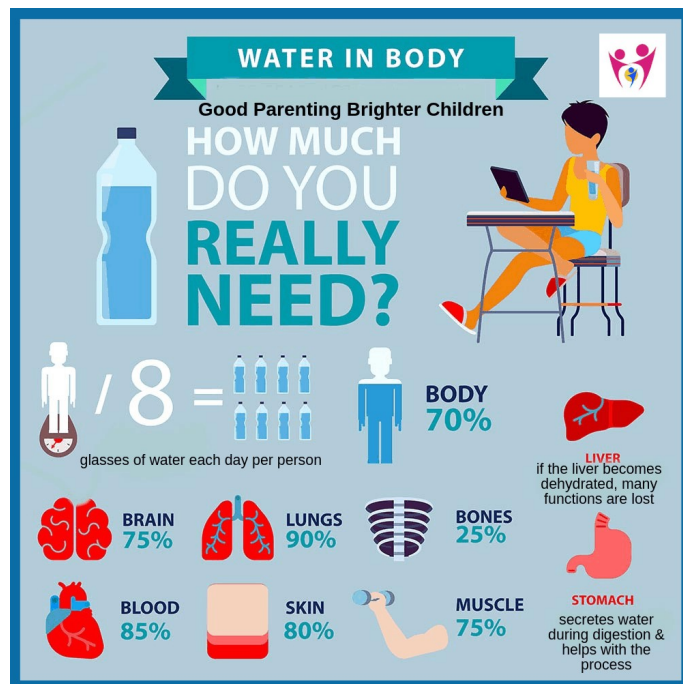
We ask Parents and Carers to work with us in discouraging students bringing in the below types of drinks.

Any which are brought in will be confiscated until the end of the day and Parents will be notified of this.

Drinks and bottles not be to be brought into school.



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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>

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Cost of Living Support

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.

SEK Social Enterprise Kent

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@dwp.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@dwp.gov.uk or anita.taylor@dwp.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 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](#) 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.



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.



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



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](#) have a parent's helpline, information and resources

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