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PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for our school family.

Help us to be kind in our words,
helpful in our actions, and brave
in our learning.

Bless our teachers, our families,
and our friends, as we grow
together in love.

Amen

CEO SPACE

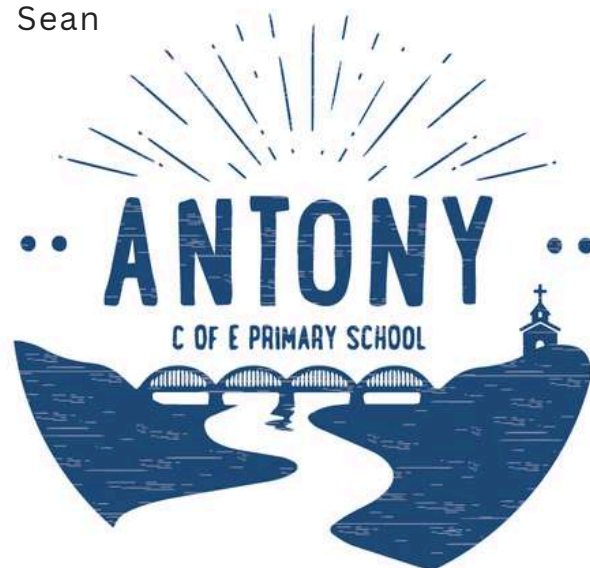
It has been a significant week of both strategic planning and school-level celebration. I represented our Trust at a CACE meeting, collaborating with CEOs and LA representatives to help shape educational standards across Cornwall. Closer to home, it was a joy to lead our first Aspiring Heads coaching session, focusing on how our shared vision and values drive everything we do. I must also save a special word of thanks for the team at Antony School. As they navigated our first OFSTED inspection of 2026 this week, their hard work and commitment to our pupils truly shone through.

Have a great weekend

Sean

A VISIT FROM OFSTED

This week, Antony received "the call" from OFSTED for a Section 5, two-day inspection. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our staff for their incredible hard work, and to our school families and the wider community for their unwavering support. Above all, we are so proud of our children—they were truly spectacular!



Did you know? The tradition of school uniforms in England is over 800 years old! The first recorded "uniform" was a robe-like outfit called a cappa clausa, ordered by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1222. However, the first recognizable uniform appeared in 1552 at Christ's Hospital in London. Students wore long blue coats and yellow knee-high socks—a style so famous they were nicknamed the "Bluecoat" schools!



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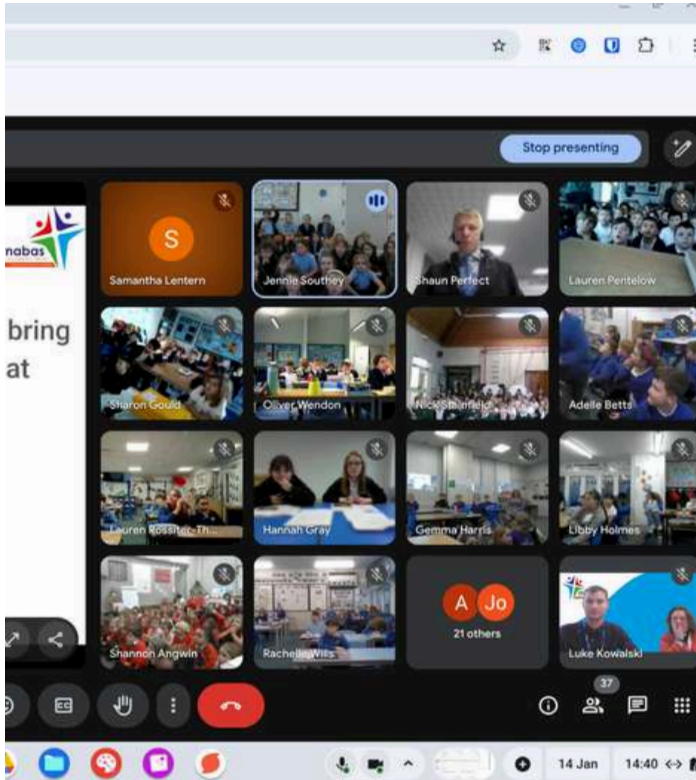


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GROWING BRAVER TOGETHER



As we step into the new year, our school community joined together with the wider Trust family for a special service centered on Courage. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Luke Kowalski (Flourishing Schools Programme Lead) and Rev. Laura Bushell Hawke for leading such an inspiring session. The children were incredibly engaged, throwing themselves into the interactive worship and sharing wonderful ideas about how they can show courage in their own daily lives.

GET READY FOR BARNABASH! 2027

We are thrilled to announce that St Barnabas will be hosting our very first Trust-wide festival—BARNabash!—on 25th June 2027 at the stunning Port Eliot House & Gardens.

We have the date and the venue, now we need a design for the official festival logo. We invite all children, staff, and the wider community to submit their creative ideas. Your design must include:

- The festival name: BARNabash!
- Our theme: Bring It!
- Our Trust logo colors.

Please send your entries to cballiah@stbarnabasmat.com by 6th February 2026.

We can't wait to see your vision for this historic event!



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PUPIL TAKEOVER DAY!

This week, our classrooms looked a little different as the children celebrated Pupil Takeover Day! Swapping their school uniforms for formal "teacher-style" attire, the children literally took over the school for the day. It was wonderful to see them step into leadership roles with such confidence—and style!

