

## St Antony's Pupils Take Action for Safe and Healthy Homes



Community leaders from Peterborough Citizens, Leeds Citizens, Citizens Cymru Wales, Somerset Citizens, East London Citizens, and West London Citizens came together for our National Housing Action. St Antony's children and alumni from St. Bonaventure's pictured on the left.

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025, pupils from St Antony's Catholic Primary School joined hundreds of community members and leaders at the Citizens UK Housing Action in Parliament Square, where they helped launch the "Fix it First" campaign - calling for essential home repairs to be made a key part of the UK's national retrofit and green housing plans.

The campaign highlights that millions of people across the country are living in homes with serious issues such as damp, mould, leaks and poor insulation. In addition to efforts to make homes greener and more energy-efficient, Citizens UK and its partners made their case to MP's that these upgrades should go hand in hand with fixing the problems that make homes unsafe in the first place.



Children workshoping ideas for better homes and repairs.

Pupils began the day at St John's, Waterloo where our pupils took part in workshops where they shared their experiences with housing challenges and worked with leaders across the UK to develop strategies for tackling the 3 strands of the campaign: Temporary Accommodation, Repair & Upgrade and Genuinely Affordable Housing.



Children display their signs petitioning MP's to build and repair inadequate housing.

Moving to Parliament Square for the latter half of the action, pupils were dressed as builders to ask the Minister for Energy Consumers, Martin McCluskey MP (minister for Energy Security and Net Zero), to not just build better and more energy efficient homes, but take a 'Fix it First' approach to update housing stock as part of the Warm Homes Plan.



*Community leaders sharing first-hand experiences of private rental housing, rundown accommodation and price gouging*

St. Antony's Performing Arts choir collaborated with pupils from St. Bonaventure's in leading everyone in singing the campaign song, Homes For the People, and a newly adapted call to action - Can We Fix It? (sung to the theme tune of Bob the Builder) directed at MP McClusky to ensure that repairing poor quality housing is considered alongside upgrading them with Warm Homes improvements.



*Pupils from St. Antony's Performing Arts choir, St. Bonaventure's, and Master Chan.*

The housing action gave pupils the chance to see how ordinary citizens can influence change and to understand that housing is not just about buildings, but about health, dignity and opportunity.

St. Antony's will continue to work closely with Citizens UK on campaigns that reflect our school's mission to build a more just and caring society — one where every family has a safe, warm place to call home. As one pupil put it, "No silly homes!"

We are so proud of our pupils for their enthusiasm, compassion and commitment to helping others!



*Pupils from St. Antony's holding up their signs and petitions in front of Parliament and Big Ben.*