

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 2025

Rec S	Emily G			Rec T	Archie H
1S	Alessia B	1/2T	Emilia J	2A	Arabella B-W
3S	Akilah K	3/4T	Willow D	4A	Joel H
5S	Charlie B	5/6T	Ali E	6A	Inyah A T

It's lovely to see our Year 6 children proudly wearing their Leavers' Hoodies which they can wear from now onwards as part of our school uniform.

It was great to see so many parents attending our first Parents' Evening of the year on Wednesday – if you were unable to make it, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange for a catch-up.

We are delighted to say that M&M Theatrical Productions are visiting school on Tuesday to showcase Beauty and the Beast pantomime to the whole school. The children are in for a real treat and we are sure that they will come home full of enthusiasm about the pantomime. A special thank you to FOSTA who are paying.

A huge well done to Amira from Class 6A who is one of the winners of the Preston and South Ribble Schools' 'Design a Fairtrade Teapot' Competition run by Fairtrade Preston. Amira joined the other lucky winners today at a special awards ceremony held at the Mayor's Parlour in the Town Hall.

The children who have signed up for the Holy Communion programme completed their first session this week; session 2 is on Tuesday next week in the school hall.

We are looking forward to Year 3/4T leading us for worship next Wednesday morning – parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in the school hall at 9.05am.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Barnes

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SCHOOL DAY

School starts at 8.45am with doors opening from 8.40am

All children must be in class for 8.45am prompt in readiness for morning registration

School finishes at 3.15pm

SCHOOL MEALS

Week commencing 21st November will be week 1 of the Autumn/Winter Menu

As of September 2025, key stage 2 meals will increase to £2.90

[Autumn/Winter Meal Menu link](#):

[Autumn/Winter Menu 2025/2026](#)

Bob Alexander Memorial Triathlon

On Tuesday, six of our Year 5/6 children competed in the annual Bob Alexander Memorial Triathlon event held at Fulwood Leisure Centre and the High School. The event took place over a two-hour period and involved the children undertaking a gruelling 25m swim, gym challenges and a 2400m relay race. The event required stamina, determination, teamwork and skill and the children did a wonderful job, representing St Anthony's with pride and enthusiasm. Well done to Esme L, Eva-Mae, Amira, Elliott R, Oliver and Ali.

Weather

Now that the cold and frosty weather has arrived please can we ask that you make sure that children come to school in suitable footwear and a warm coat. Please can you also label any hats, scarves and gloves in case we need to reunite them with their owner.

Tempest Photographs

All children should have brought home their photograph proofs. The closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday, 1st December. Orders can be placed through the Tempest website using your unique link or by visiting www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you require any assistance in placing your orders, please feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

FURTHER Change of Date of Class 1/2T's Mass

Please note that, unfortunately, due to an unavoidable Church commitment, there has been a further change of date of Class 1/2T's Mass that will now take place on Tuesday, 2nd December.

Change of Date of Class 5/6T's Assembly

Please note that there has been a change of date of Class 5/6T's Assembly that will now take place on Tuesday, 9th December.

Whole School Break time Toast/Fruit Toast and Milk

Payment for break time toast/fruit toast and milk can now be made through your parent pay accounts. Deadline day for orders is Friday, 12th December and, unfortunately, we will not be able to take orders after deadline day.



Dates for your diary

~~Autumn Term begins - Tuesday, 2nd September~~
~~Whole School Mass - Friday, 5th September~~
~~Y4A Class Mass - Tuesday, 9th September~~
~~Meet the Teacher - Wednesday, 10th September~~
~~Y6A Class Assembly - Wednesday, 17th September~~
~~Y3/4T Class Mass - Friday 19th September~~
~~Extra-curricular Clubs begin - Monday, 22nd September~~
~~Y5/6T Class Mass - Tuesday, 23rd September~~
~~Y3S Class Assembly - Wednesday, 24th September~~
~~Y1S Class Mass - Tuesday, 30th September~~
~~Y2A Class Assembly - Wednesday, 1st October~~
~~Mini Vinnies Coffee Morning - Sunday, 5th October~~
~~Y5S Class Mass - Tuesday, 7th October~~
~~Harvest Festival - Thursday, 9th October~~
~~Wear Yellow Day for mental health - Friday, 10th October~~
~~Y3S Class Mass - Tuesday, 14th October~~
~~Y4A Class Assembly - Wednesday, 15th October~~
~~Nasal Flu Vaccination Session - Thursday, 16th October~~
~~Wear Red Day for Kick out racism - Friday, 17th October~~
~~Y6A Class Mass - Tuesday, 21st October~~
~~Y1/2T Class Assembly - Wednesday, 22nd October~~
~~FOSTA Own Clothes Day - Friday, 7th November~~
~~Y2A Class Mass - Tuesday, 11th November~~
~~Y5S Class Assembly - Wednesday, 12th November~~
~~Open Night (new starters) - Wednesday, 12th November~~
~~Tempest School Photos - Wednesday, 19th November~~
~~Parents Afternoon / Evening - Wednesday, 19th November~~
~~Y5/6T Class Assembly - Thursday, 20th November - changed~~
~~M&M Theatre Production - Tuesday, 25th November~~
~~Y3/4T Class Assembly - Wednesday, 26th November~~
~~Y1/2T Class Mass - Tuesday, 2nd December~~
~~Years 3 & 4 Advent Service - Tuesday, 2nd December~~
~~Y1S Class Assembly - Wednesday, 3rd December~~
~~FOSTA Own Clothes Day - Friday, 5th December~~
~~Y5/6T Class Assembly - Tuesday, 9th December~~
~~FOSTA Film Night - Tuesday, 9th December~~
~~KS1 Nativity - Wednesday, 10th December~~
~~Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday, 11th December~~
~~FOSTA Christmas Fair - Thursday, 11th December~~
~~Rec Nativity - Wednesday, 17th December~~
~~Years 5 & 6 Carol Service - Wednesday, 17th December~~
~~FOSTA Christmas Hamper Draw - Thursday, 18th December~~
~~Christmas Lunch - Thursday, 18th December~~
~~Christmas Parties - Thursday, 18th December~~
~~Whole School Mass - Friday, 19th December~~
~~Close for Christmas - Friday, 19th December at 1.30pm~~

Lancashire Day Promotional Lunch



On Thursday, 27th November, we will be having the following promotional lunch to celebrate Lancashire Day. There is no need to book in advance, just let class know on the day and, for our Key Stage 2 parents, please make the payment through your parent pay accounts, if relevant.

FOSTA Christmas Hampers Raffle Donations

Your child's class teacher has the list of suggested hamper items that were on display during parents' evening. Please do see them if you didn't manage to put your name against one of the items that you would like to donate. Please send donations to school by Friday, 12th December.

School Led Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs

Advance Notice - All school led before and after school extra-curricular clubs will finish on **Friday, 12th December** until after Christmas.

Advance Notice of Christmas Events

Please see below our Christmas related events that will take place on the lead up to Christmas:-

Years 3 & 4 Advent Service - Tuesday, 2nd December - 5.30pm-6.30pm - Church

FOSTA Film Night - Tuesday, 9th December - 5.00pm-7.00pm

KS1 Nativity - Wednesday, 10th December - 10.30am-11.30am and 2.00pm-3.00pm - Church

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday, 11th December

FOSTA Christmas Fair - Thursday, 11th December - afternoon

Reception Nativity - Wednesday, 17th December - 10.00am-10.30am and 2.15pm-2.45pm - School

Years 5 & 6 Carol Service - Wednesday, 17th December - 5.30pm-6.30pm - Church

FOSTA Christmas Hamper Draw - Thursday, 18th December

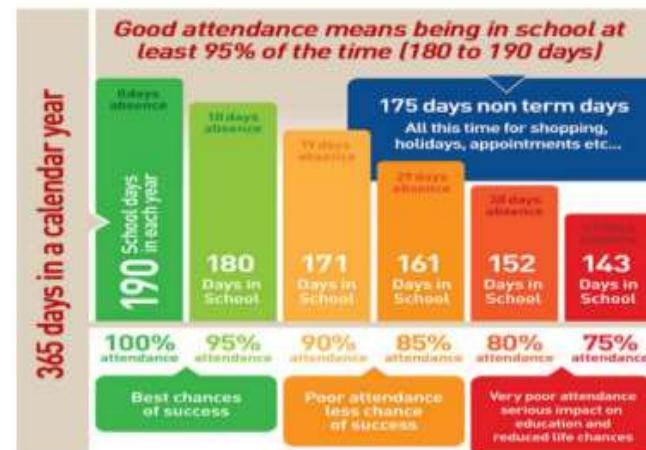
Christmas Lunch and Parties - Thursday, 18th December

Whole School Mass - Friday, 19th December - 9.15am

Close for Christmas - Friday, 19th December - 1.30pm

Further information regarding the events will follow.

Attendance – Friday, 14th November to Thursday, 20th November, 2025



Did you know? A two week holiday in term time means the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%.

Rec S	99.11%
Rec T	99.09%
1S	91.33%
1/2T	93.0%
2A	99.33%
3S	92.41%
3/4T	95.67%
4A	95.16%
5S	92.67%
5/6T	95.16%
6A	98.0%
Whole School	95.37%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 2A who have achieved 99.33% attendance this week.

Punctuality - Registration is at 8.45am prompt and when a child arrives in class after 8.50am they receive a late mark. Arriving on time is important, being late means that children miss the start of lessons, which means lost learning.



Did you know? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks by the end of the school year.

No Lates – Unfortunately, all classes have had late marks this week

FOSTA Own Clothes Day

Our second own clothes day will take place on **Friday, 5th December**. We will notify you nearer the time of the type of donations we will be requesting for the Christmas Fair that will take place on Thursday, 11th December.

For information:- The fair will be open to the children throughout the afternoon and then to parents after school.

Whole School Christmas Film Night

School and the FOSTA team are holding a Christmas Film Night from 5.00pm – 7.00pm, Tuesday, 9th December. The event will cost £5.00 per child, which includes hot chocolate or juice, chocolate biscuit and a packet of Haribo – payable through your parent pay accounts.

If your child has a specific dietary requirement or ALLERGY, please inform the school office so that we can accommodate for your child's needs.

Children are able to wear their pyjamas and bring a teddy or blanket. However, this is optional and not necessary if they prefer to wear something else.

This is an ideal opportunity for you to do some Christmas shopping or wrap presents whilst your little ones are having fun at our Film Night.

Reception 2026 Application Closing Date

Reception 2026 online applications must be made by Wednesday, 15th January, 2026 through the following link:- www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools If your child is baptised Catholic you will also need to complete a supplementary form, available from the school office. Baptism certificates are also required. You will need to return both documents to school prior to the closing date.

Wednesday Word

Please see below a link to this week's 'Wednesday Word' Catholic resource for families:-

<https://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER 2026 - JULY 2027

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AUTUMN TERM 2026

INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1 st & Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
RE-OPEN	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 18 th October to Friday 22 nd October 2026
INSET DAY	Monday 2 nd November 2026
CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS	Friday 16 th December 2026 at 1.30pm



SPRING TERM 2027

RE-OPEN	Monday 4 th January 2027
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 19 th February to Friday 23 rd February 2027
INSET DAY	Monday 27 th February 2027
CLOSURE FOR EASTER	Thursday 26 th March 2027 at 1.30pm



SUMMER TERM 2027

RE-OPEN	Monday 12 th April 2027
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 1 st May 2027
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 21 st May 2027 to Friday 4 th June 2027
INSET DAYS	Monday 7 th & Tuesday 8 th June 2027
CLOSURE FOR SUMMER	Wednesday 21 st July 2027 at 1.30pm

