

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 2025

Rec S	Nihal S			Rec T	James B
1S	Harrison N	1/2T	Eliza P	2A	Freddie S
3S	Olivia M	3/4T	Ciaran J	4A	Lucy H
5S	Abigail K	5/6T	Alice F-H	6A	Elliott R

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Matthew T	5/6T
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CITIZEN AWARD

Francis A	5S
Imogen S	6A

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome M&M Productions into school to perform the Beauty and the Beast pantomime to the whole school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and had lots of fun interacting with the characters along the way. Thank you to FOSTA for paying for this worthwhile treat for the children.

On Wednesday, our Class 3/4T children led us in a lovely worship reminding us of John Baptist who came to prepare the way for the Lord. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who joined us. This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and we will be making our Advent promises in school as we prepare ourselves to meet Jesus at Christmas time.

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of accompanying our Years 5/6 children to Manchester Imperial War Museum. The children were able to learn about different people's experiences of the war linking to their history work. Thank you to Miss Whitehead for organising.

On Thursday evening, Father Andrew was officially inducted as our new Parish Priest. We wish Father Andrew a long and happy association with school and our parish.

Christmas preparations are now well underway in school with the children busy rehearsing for their Advent and Christmas events. The children have been working so hard and cannot wait for you to see them shine. We have an extremely busy week ahead of us; please do check the 'Dates in your Diary' section of this newsletter. As always, parents and grandparents are welcome to join us.

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 1st December will be week 2 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](#)

Boys' Football

Our Year 5/6 football team had a brilliant week of fixtures, showcasing excellent talent and effort in both matches. First, the boys secured a **well-earned 1-1 draw** against Blessed Sacrament in a resilient performance. They followed this up with an **outstanding 8-1 victory** against Goosnagh, playing exceptional football and scoring some fantastic goals. Congratulations to the whole team on a truly great week of results!

Elf Behaving Badly Themed Lunch

To commemorate the arrival of a certain elf, on Monday, we are having an 'Elf Behaving Badly' themed lunch. As usual, there will also be the jacket potato option. No need to book in advance, just let class know on the day and make the £2.90 payment through your child's parent pay account, if relevant.



Tempest Photographs Deadline Date Reminder

Just to remind you, the closing date for free delivery of photograph orders is Monday, 1st December. Orders can be placed through the Tempest website using your unique link or by visiting www.tempest-orders.co.uk



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

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

Class 5/6T's Assembly 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.

FOSTA Own Clothes Day

Our second own clothes day is taking place next Friday, 5th December, in exchange for donations of chocolate, sweets, toys, crafts, gifts and good condition teddy bears.

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 their 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.

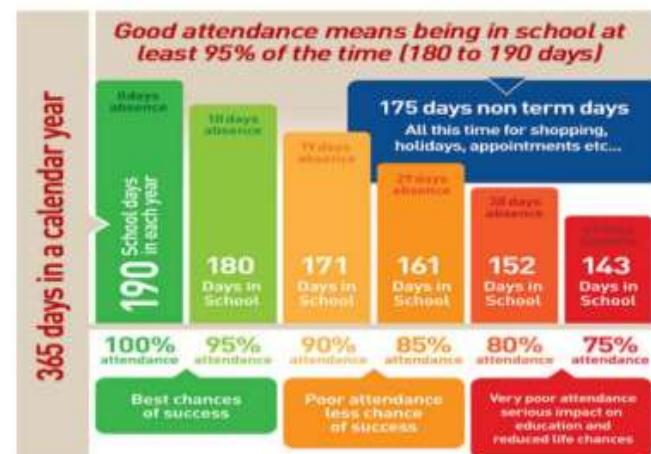
This is an ideal opportunity for you to do some Christmas shopping or wrap presents whilst your little ones are having fun at our Film Night.

Thank you from school and the FOSTA team for supporting us and helping raise money towards more fun and educational resources for school.

FOSTA Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place in school on Thursday, 11th December. The fair will be open to the children throughout the afternoon, so please do send them with some money to spend, and then to parents after school until approximately 4.00 pm. Stalls and activities will range from 50p to £3.00. Father Christmas will also be making a special appearance.

Attendance – Friday, 21st November to Thursday, 28th November, 2025



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

<i>Rec S</i>	93.72%
<i>Rec T</i>	96.36%
<i>1S</i>	90.33%
<i>1/2T</i>	95.33%
<i>2A</i>	91.33%
<i>3S</i>	93.10%
<i>3/4T</i>	92.33%
<i>4A</i>	92.58%
<i>5S</i>	94.67%
<i>5/6T</i>	94.19%
<i>6A</i>	93.10%
<i>Whole School</i>	93.29%
<i>Whole School Target</i>	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class Reception T who have achieved 96.36 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.



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

FOSTA Christmas Hampers Raffle Donations

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

On Monday, the children will be bringing home raffle tickets to sell, with the first prize for each class being an amazing hamper. Extra books of raffle tickets are available in the school office, if required. The raffle will be drawn in school on Thursday, 18th December.

Thank you on behalf of FOSTA to everyone for your kind donations and good luck in the draw.

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

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.

Wednesday Word

Please see below a link to this week's 'Wednesday Word'

Catholic resource for families:-

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

SEPTEMBER 2023 - JULY 2027

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2026

INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1 st & Wednesday 2 nd September 2024
RE-OPEN	Thursday 3 rd September 2024
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 18 th October to Friday 29 th October 2024
INSET DAY	Monday 2 nd November 2024
CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS	Friday 14 th December 2024 at 1.30pm



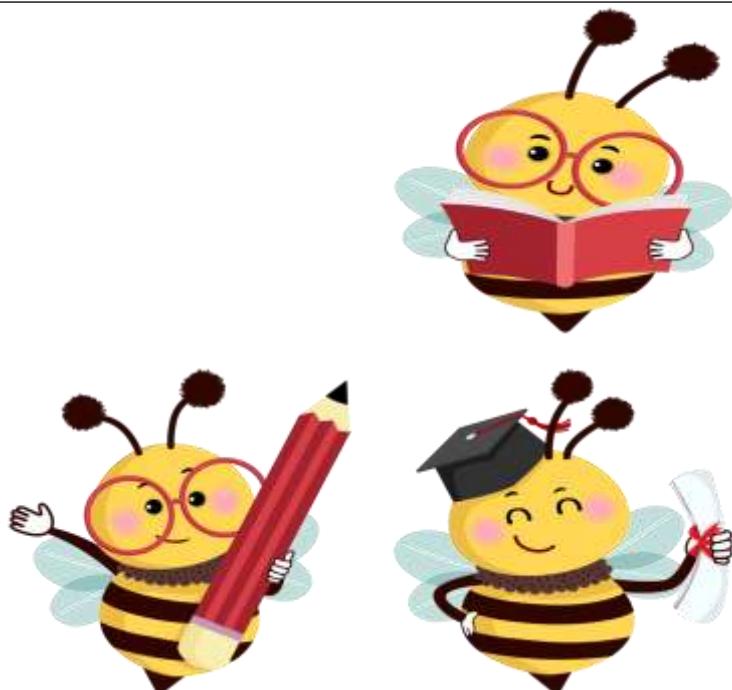
SPRING TERM 2027

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 25 th March 2027 at 1.30pm



SUMMER TERM 2027

RE-OPEN	Monday 12 th April 2027
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 3 rd 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



Eduspot Parent Communication App (formerly Groupcall Messenger)

As you are aware, the majority of our communication with yourselves is through the online platform. All messages are sent via email and the app route. Please see below guidance of how to download the app:-

- Download **Eduspot app** through App Store (for iOS devices) or Google Play (for Android devices). The app is completely free to use;
- When you first open the app, you will be asked to enter your email and phone number. All personal details are taken from school's records so the information you enter must match school records;
- You will receive a confirmation code via text message to confirm your identity;
- You will be given the option to create a password for your account at this stage, which is advisable in case you want to log in on another device.

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.

Holiday Activity and Food Programme
Christmas Activities
with
Community
Education Trust
'Get Stuck In' this festive period!

FESTIVE
Football And Activity Zone



INCLUDING SURPRISE GUEST VISITORS!

Monday 22nd December and Tuesday 23rd December 2025
at PlayFootball, Tag Lane, Ingle, from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

HAF vouchers will be released from 24th November
via text or email from hello@holidayactivities.com.

Register with the link provided and follow the
online instructions to choose and book your child's place.

PLACES ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

Rwanda Group Trust's Table Top Sale – Saturday, 29th November

Rwanda Group Trust are holding a Table Top Sale from 10.00am-1.00pm, Saturday, 29th November, at St. Anthony's Annexe. The trust is hoping to sell off surplus stock of good quality clothing and bric a brac simply because they don't have enough storage space. There will also be Christmas related gifts on sale, a raffle and refreshments. The Group are eager for you to come along to support them helping raise much needed money for those in need in Rwanda.

Other stalls selling a range of gifts will also be present with each stall holder donating £10.00 towards the charity.

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