

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 2025

Rec S	Sophia L			Rec T	Haelyn M
1/2S	Ciaran J	1/2T	Eden O'S	1/2A	Freddie S
3S	Jacob T	3/4T	Jasmine W	4A	Ryan A
5S	Isaac S	5/6T	William W	6A	Imogen B

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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 3rd February will be week 1 of the Autumn/Winter Menu

Key stage 2 school meals are now charged at £2.70 per day for paying parents

We have continued this week with our focus on the Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope. With the evenings getting lighter, as we move into February this weekend, our sense of hope builds as we move towards spring.

We have a busy week ahead, as it is Children's Mental Health Week, National Storytelling Week and NSPCC Number Day takes place on Friday. We will begin the week with a special assembly launching Children's Mental Health Week, this will be followed up in classes throughout the week.

Key Stage 2 children will be engaging in a storytelling workshop and, across the school, the children will be enjoying a range of stories and storytellers! Our week will conclude with fun Maths related activities, a raffle and class bingo. We are sure that the children will enjoy sharing with you their experiences from the week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Barnes

Sporting News

Elliot and Lewis from Year 4, Zach from Year 3 and John from Year 2 took part in a Kurling event this week. The boys demonstrated exceptional composure, teamwork and resilience, securing four wins and a draw before a tough semi-final loss. Mr Pitcher, who took the boys, was incredibly proud of their performance and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Well done everyone!

Reception Stay and Play

What a fantastic turnout we had at this week's Reception Stay and Play session. The children had so much fun showing off their lovely classroom and completing the Maths activities with their parents and grandparents. A huge thank you from our Reception team to those of you who attended for helping to make the session such a success. Please do not worry if you weren't able to attend this one, we are planning to host another session next term.

National Lego Day Event



Tuesday was National Lego Day and to celebrate this a group of our key stage 1 and 2 parents/family members joined the children, Mrs Alty and Lancashire Adult Learning for a STEM lego family session.

The session encouraged and promoted engineering creativity through the use of lego. The children planned and constructed amazing models using their imagination, critical thinking and problem solving skills. They also completed challenging lego related tasks in a set time frame.

The session helped to build the children's confidence as well as providing them with the opportunity to work well with their parent/family member and the other children who took part in the session.

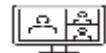
Thank you to the parents/family members who attended for their support and positive feedback.

School's Sports Kit

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that all children have the necessary equipment for sporting events, we are conducting a quick stock check of school's sports kit.

Please can we ask that you take a moment to check at home for any sports tops, shorts, socks, or other items belonging to school. If you manage to locate anything, please can your child drop it off at the school office. Thank you for your support in helping us keep track of our sports kit.

Dates for your diary



Y5/6 Greek History Day – Wednesday, 8th January

Whole School Mass – Friday, 10th January – 9.15am

Extra-curricular clubs begin – Monday, 13th January

Y5S Class Assembly – Tuesday, 14th January – 9.05am

Y5/6 Crucial Crew visit at UCLAN

Y3S Class Mass – Wednesday, 15th January – 9.15am

Y3/4T Class Assembly – Tuesday, 21st January – 9.05am

Y5/6T Class Mass – Wednesday, 22nd January – 9.15am

Y1/2S Class Mass – Wednesday, 29th January – 9.15am

Y1/2T Class Assembly – Thursday, 30th January – 9.05am

RecS & RecT Class Assembly – Tuesday, 4th February – 9.05am

Y6A Class Mass – Wednesday, 5th February – 9.15am

NSPCC Number Day (Dressing-up) – Friday, 7th February

St. Anthony's (has) Got Talent – Friday, 7th February – 6.00pm

Y4A Class Assembly – Thursday 13th February – 9.05am

Y1/2A Class Mass – Wednesday, 12th February – 9.15am

Half Term – Monday, 17th February – Friday, 21st February

Inset Day – Monday, 24th February

Y5S Class Mass – Wednesday, 26th February – 9.15am

Y5/6T Class Assembly – Tuesday, 4th March – 9.05am

Whole School Mass (Ash Wednesday) – 5th March – 9.15am

World Book Day (Dressing-up) – Thursday, 6th March

Y1/2S Class Assembly – Tuesday, 11th March – 9.05am

Y3/4 Class Mass – Wednesday, 12th March – 9.15am

Y6A Class Assembly – Tuesday, 18th March – 9.05am

Y1/2T Class Mass – Wednesday, 19th March – 9.15am

Parents Consultation Meetings – Wednesday 19th March

Y3S Class Assembly – Tuesday, 25th March – 9.05am

Y4A Class Mass – Wednesday, 26th March – 9.15am

Y1/2A Class Assembly – Tuesday, 1st April – 9.05am

RecS & RecT Class Mass – Wednesday, 2nd April – 9.15am

Easter Reflection (whole School) - Thursday, 10th April

Close for Easter – Friday, 11th April at 1.30pm

Advance Notice – Parents' Meetings

Our next Parents' Meetings will take place in the school hall on Wednesday, 19th March. There will be two sessions – afternoon from 1.30pm-3.00pm and after school from 3.30pm-7.00pm. Ten minute time slots will be available to book through Groupcall Messenger in due course.

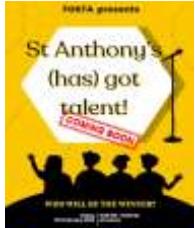
Advance Notice 2025 Statutory Assessments

This year's Year 6 statutory assessments will take place from Monday, 12th May to Thursday, 15th May inclusive and children in Year 1 will undertake their phonics screening week commencing 9th June. Please can we request that you avoid taking your child out of school during the assessment windows. Thank you for your co-operation.

Polite Request

A parishioner has drawn our attention to the poor condition of the grass verge on Cadley Causeway due to parents parking on it during school drop off and pick up. Please can we kindly ask that you be mindful and try to avoid doing this.

St. Anthony's (has) Got Talent – Friday, 7th February here in school at 6.00pm



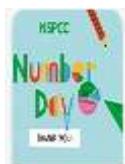
The auditions have taken place and the children are excited to showcase their talents. We have fantastic acts to wow you ranging from singing, dancing, comedy and skill.

Our judging panel will choose the best three acts with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes being donated by FOSTA. There will also be a small treat for everyone performing. We are sure that the evening is going to be a huge success with lots of talent being displayed.

Tickets are £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children, payable through Parent Pay accounts, with a deadline date of Thursday, 6th February. Children taking part in the show do not need a ticket.

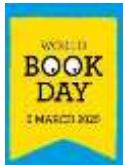
Themed Own Clothes Days

NSPCC Number Day – Friday, 7th February

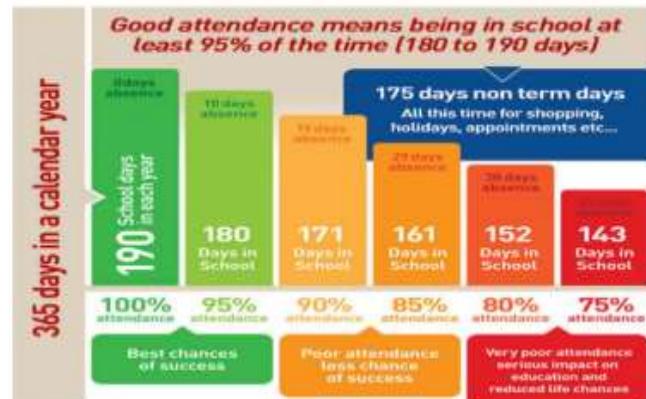


Children are invited to come dressed as something linked to Maths for a donation of £1.00, payable through Parent Pay accounts.

World Book Day – Thursday, 6th March



Children are invited to wear a costume linked to their favourite book and are encouraged to bring the book to school to share with their class.



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

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	95.2%
Rec T	92.3%
1/2S	91.0%
1/2T	98.1%
1/2A	88.3%
3S	95.9%
3/4T	97.0%
4A	96.1%
5S	95.8%
5/6T	98.4%
6A	95.9%
Whole School	95.0%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to class 5/6T who have achieved 98.4% attendance this week.

Punctuality – Registration is at 8.45am prompt and when a child arrives in class after 8.45am 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 – Well done to Class 3/4T who have had no lates this week.

Attendance Reminder

Please can we remind you, if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, it is essential that you contact the school office before the start of each school day. Your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised unless we hear from you.

Any holidays taken during term time will always be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Penalty notices may be issued for absences of five days and over.

St Anthony's School Council Fundraiser

Our School Council has chosen St Catherine's Hospice as their charity to support this year. Our first fundraising event will be a 'Home clothes/Pyjama day' on Friday, 14th February. Donations of £1.00 per child can be made through Parent Pay accounts.

Thank you for your support.

Author Visit



The talented Joanne Moore will be joining us in school on Wednesday, 5th March for a whole school read and an ambitious writer's workshop shortly after.

Joanne's stories are about differences and self-belief and they aim to promote inclusion. Books cost £7.99 from Amazon, or Joanne is willing to discount any pre-ordered books placed through her to £7.00. Pre-ordered books MUST be placed and paid for no later than two weeks prior to Joanne's visit so the cut-off date is Wednesday, 19th February and any payments received after that date will be refunded. Books are payable through PayPal:-

Thebitdifferentcollection@hotmail.com.

Please include your child's name in full, our school name and class, the title of the book you would like to order and the name(s) of the child/children to appear in the signed message if you want it to be signed. (E.g. Joanne Moore, St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Year 1/2S, 'Bertie', signed to Jo). Joanne is also happy to sign her books on the day.

If you would like to know a little bit more about 'The Bit Different Collection' you can visit:-
facebook.com/thebitdifferentcollection
instagram.com/the.bit.different.collection
website: www.thebitdifferentcollection.com

FTW Campaign: 'Be the Change – Save the Change'



Thank you for all your continued donations of change to support the Fairtrade Foundation. The competition is running until February half term where, hopefully, we will also have a KS1/FS winner. We will let you know the total amount raised once our Fairtrade Warriors have counted each of the class bottles.

TERM DATES SEPTEMBER 2025 - JULY 2026

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

AUTUMN TERM 2025

INSET DAYS	Monday 1st September 2025
RE-OPEN	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025
INSET DAY	Monday 3rd November 2025
CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS	Friday 19th December 2025 at 1.30pm



SPRING TERM 2026

RE-OPEN	Monday 3rd January 2026
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026
CLOSURE FOR EASTER	Thursday 3rd April 2026 at 1.30pm



SUMMER TERM 2026

RE-OPEN	Monday 20th April 2026
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 4th May 2026
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 29th May 2026 to Friday 2nd June 2026
INSET DAY	Monday 5th June 2026
CLOSURE FOR SUMMER	Friday 17th July 2026 at 1.30pm



NHS Pharmacy First Service



Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate for the common conditions listed below without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment?

Accessing this service as soon as symptoms begin may mean that children can receive prompt treatment, enabling them to recover sooner and so reduce the length of time they have off school. You can access this service from Lancaster Road Pharmacy as well as other pharmacies taking part in the scheme.

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over

GD COACHING
MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CLUB
LONGRIDGE HIGH SPORTS CENTRE
17TH-21ST FEBRUARY
JUST £17 PER DAY
£75 FOR ALL 5
DROP OFF 8-9AM
PICK UP 4-5PM
VERY LIMITED SPACE !
BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
TEXT GARETH
07840193500

Pukar Disability Centre **LEARNING DISABILITY DAY**

A TEAM OF SPECIALIST SERVICE PROVIDERS WILL BE ON HAND TO INFORM AND ADVISE YOU ON MATTERS SUCH AS:

- EDUCATION
- DAY CARE
- EMPLOYMENT
- RESPITE
- CLUBS/ACTIVITIES
- HEALTH
- EHCP PLANS
- EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY REPORTS



SO COME ALONG FOR A BREW AND A CHAT TO FIND OUT MORE!

DATE: TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2025

TIME: 11-3PM (DROP IN EVENT)

LOCATION: PUKAR DISABILITY CENTRE

3/5 OAKHAM COURT PRESTON PR1 3XP

FREE NHS Health Checks available on the day

Tea/Coffee Refreshments

Sensory activities/Arts and Crafts upstairs at the FOXTON



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Preston Health Mela

Health Education - Key to Promote Good Health

Saturday 12th April 2025

11am - 3pm

Chief Guest- Dr Mumtaz Patel President of the Royal College of Physicians London

Foster Building UCLAN, Fylde Road Preston PR1 2HE

Free entrance and free campus parking Everyone Welcome

Make the most of these opportunities
Health Exhibits, Free Health Checks and Advice
Blood Sugar + Blood Cholesterol
Blood Pressure + Reiki + Teddy Bear Clinic + Oral Health
Bollywood dancers and more fun items