

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER, 2025

Rec S	Fabian M			Rec T	Eden B
1S	Ariana K	1/2T	Arthur E	2A	Scarlett C
3S	Primrose B	3/4T	Helen D	4A	Diarmuid B
5S	Lucy S	5/6T	Jude J	6A	Amira R

CITIZEN AWARD

Leo E	6A
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What an extremely busy week our children have had! We began our festivities on Monday lighting the 1st Advent candle and enjoying our 'Elf Behaving Badly' themed lunch, which some of the younger children were so excited about.

On Tuesday, our Y1/2T children celebrated their Class Mass and it was lovely to see many parents and grandparents in church. In the evening, our Year 3/4 children did themselves proud at their Advent Service in Church. The event was magical with the children reading and singing so well; I am sure that you will join me in saying that it truly was a joy to attend.

On Wednesday, the children from Y1S were excited to lead our school worship on the theme of Advent, sharing the message that we need to prepare to let Jesus into our hearts at Christmas time. Also on Wednesday, some of our children represented St. Anthony's at the Primary Schools' Cluster Advent Service led by Our Lady's Catholic High School. The event was a huge success and it was lovely to see children from other schools in the area representing their school with pride.

On Thursday, a group of our Year 5/6 children, accompanied by Miss Whitehead and Mrs Dancer, visited Banksfield Nursing Home to sing carols to the residents. The children sang beautifully and were perfect role models for St. Anthony's. The residents commented on the children's excellent behaviour and it was lovely to be able to share Christmas joy with others in our community.

Thank you to everyone for supporting today's FOSTA Own Clothes Day in exchange for items for the Christmas Fair. We really appreciate your generosity, especially at this already expensive time of the year.

We have another busy week planned for next week with the KS1 Nativity and two FOSTA events so please do check the 'dates for your diary' section of this newsletter for dates and times. Enjoy the 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
8th December
will be week 3 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](#)

Year 3/4 Advent Service

What a truly uplifting and special occasion we shared on Tuesday at the Year 3/4 Advent Service! The children were an absolute credit to St Anthony's, embodying the spirit of hope and preparation that the Advent season signifies.

The atmosphere in the church was beautiful, and we are delighted to report that the children excelled in every aspect of the service. They sang the Advent hymns with such joy and clarity, their voices ringing out beautifully through the church. The commitment they showed during the rehearsals certainly paid off, creating a truly moving experience for all who attended.

Furthermore, the children who had speaking roles delivered their readings and prayers so clearly and confidently. Their articulate delivery ensured that the poignant message of Advent - the journey towards Christmas - was conveyed with reverence and understanding.

"I know you will join us in saying a huge well done and thank you to all of our dedicated Year 3/4 pupils for their effort, focus, and wonderful contributions. This service was a meaningful start to our school's Advent preparations."

Festive Cheer



One of our Year 4 pupils and her family decorate the post box on Lytham Road each year to bring festive cheer to the children when they post their letters to Santa. What a lovely, thoughtful, gesture.

Christmas Jumper Days

We are having **two Christmas Jumper/Own Clothes Days**; the first will take place on **Thursday, 11th December**, which is the day of our Christmas Fair, and the second one will be the following **Thursday, 18th December**, which is the day of the FOSTA Christmas Hamper draw, our Christmas lunch and class parties. Christmas jumpers can be worn with own clothes. Please do not worry if your child doesn't have a specific Christmas jumper, they are welcome to come in their own clothes instead.



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

Year 2 Fire Service Talk

On Wednesday, our Year 2 children enjoyed a visit from the local Fire Service. The session focused on how to stay safe at home, teaching the children about the need to check smoke alarms, spot fire hazards, and have an action plan in place in case of an emergency. We are grateful to the fire team for delivering such an important session.

Year 5/6 Football Fixture

On Thursday evening, our team faced Lea Endowed in what was a fantastic game full of energy and commitment. Despite showing great determination and teamwork throughout, we unfortunately fell to a 4-1 defeat. A huge thank you to all the boys for their effort and resilience on the pitch, and to all the parents who came along to support us – your encouragement means so much!

Deadline Date for payment for the whole school Christmas Film Night

Just to remind you, today is the deadline date for payment for your child to attend our Christmas Film Night that is taking place 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.

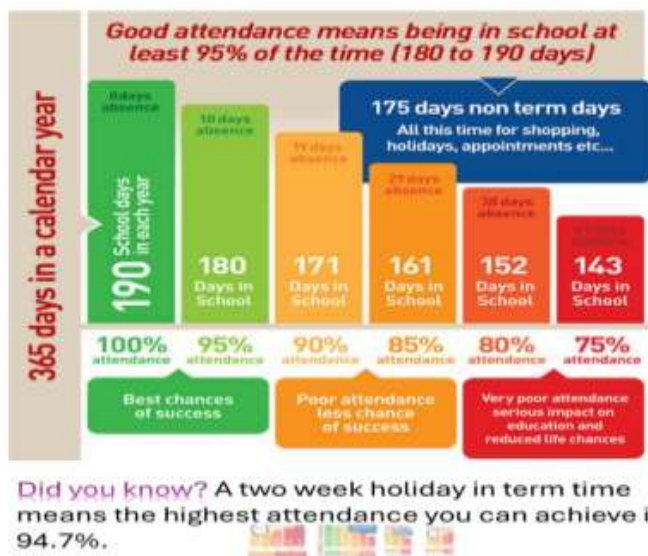
Cancellation of Before School Gymnastics Club

Unfortunately, we have to cancel next Tuesday's before school gymnastics club due to the stage being up in the hall in readiness for our EYFS nativities. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

A plea from our classes for donations for the Christmas hampers

Unfortunately, some of our classes are short of hamper donations. If you haven't already done so, please do ask your child's teacher for the list of recommended donation items or contact the school office.

Attendance – Friday, 28th November to Thursday, 4th December, 2025



Rec S	86.61%
Rec T	94.09%
1S	89.67%
1/2T	92.67%
2A	90.0%
3S	91.38%
3/4T	83.67%
4A	94.52%
5S	92.0%
5/6T	90.0%
6A	95.17%
Whole School	90.9%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 6A who have achieved 95.17% 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 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.

Whole School Break time Toast/Fruit Toast and Milk

Deadline day for orders of whole school toast, fruit toast and milk is Friday, 12th December, and, unfortunately, we will not be able to take orders after deadline day.

Advance Notice of Christmas Events

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

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 Jumper/Own Clothes Day

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 next **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>

TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER 2026 - JULY 2027

St Anthony's Catholic
Primary School

AUTUMN TERM 2026

INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September 2026
RE-OPEN	Thursday 3rd September 2026
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026
INSET DAY	Monday 2nd November 2026
CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS	Friday 18th December 2026 at 1.30pm



SPRING TERM 2027

RE-OPEN	Monday 4th January 2027
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027
INSET DAY	Monday 22nd February 2027
CLOSURE FOR EASTER	Thursday 25th March 2027 at 1.30pm



SUMMER TERM 2027

RE-OPEN	Monday 12th April 2027
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 3rd May 2027
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 21st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
INSET DAYS	Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th June 2027
CLOSURE FOR SUMMER	Wednesday 27th 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.

STILL WORKING?
NEED TO GET THE REST OF THE SHOPPING DONE?
WANT THE KIDS OUT OF THE HOUSE WHILE YOU PREPARE FOR THE BIG DAY?
OR JUST WANT TO TIRE THEM OUT SO THEY SLEEP ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

GD COACHING

JUST £20 A DAY

Christmas multi-sports camp

22nd & 23rd DECEMBER 8AM-5PM St Cecillas RC High School

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Holiday Activity and Food Programme

Christmas Activities

with **Community Education Trust**

'Get Stuck In' this festive period!

FESTIVE Football And Activity Zone

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

INCLUDING SURPRISE GUEST VISITORS!

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.