

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### WE ARE GOD'S WORK OF ART

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#### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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6A

What an extremely busy week our children have had! We began our festivities on Monday lighting the 1<sup>st</sup> 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

[office@stanthonys.mecmat.org](mailto:office@stanthonys.mecmat.org)

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

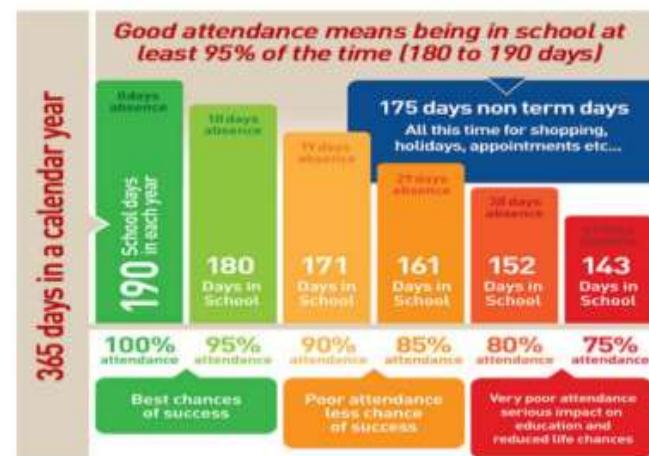
## Cancellation of Before School Gymnastics Club

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



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

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%
<b>Whole School</b>	90.9%
<b>Whole School Target</b>	<b>96.0%</b>

**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, 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> December - 5.00pm-7.00pm

**KS1 Nativity** - Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30am-11.30am and 2.00pm-3.00pm - Church

**Christmas Jumper Day** - Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December

**FOSTA Christmas Fair** - Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December - afternoon

**Reception Nativity** - Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December - 10.00am-10.30am and 2.15pm-2.45pm - School

**Years 5 & 6 Carol Service** - Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December - 5.30pm-6.30pm - Church

**FOSTA Christmas Hamper Draw** - Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Jumper/Own Clothes Day**

**Christmas Lunch and Parties** - Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Whole School Mass** - Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December - 9.15am

**Close for Christmas** - Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2021 - JULY 2022

# St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

## AUTUMN TERM 2021

INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September 2021
RE-OPEN	Thursday 3rd September 2021
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021
INSET DAY	Monday 2nd November 2021
CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS	Friday 10th December 2021 at 1.30pm



## SPRING TERM 2022

RE-OPEN	Monday 4th January 2022
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022
INSET DAY	Monday 21st February 2022
CLOSURE FOR EASTER	Thursday 24th March 2022 at 1.30pm



## SUMMER TERM 2022

RE-OPEN	Monday 12th April 2022
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 2nd May 2022
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 21st May 2022 to Friday 4th June 2022
INSET DAYS	Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th June 2022
CLOSURE FOR SUMMER	Wednesday 21st June 2022 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, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 through the following link: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://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**



'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.

HAF vouchers will be released from 24th November  
via text or email from [hello@holidayactivities.com](mailto: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.

**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.**



**JUST  
£20  
A DAY**

# **Christmas multi-sports camp**

**22nd & 23rd**

**DECEMBER  
8AM-5PM**

**St Ceciliias RC High  
School**

**Dont miss the festive fun! very limited space**

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