

# 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, 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

| Rec S       | <i>Ella B</i>   |             |                      | Rec T       | <i>Parwona A</i> |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------|
| <i>1/2S</i> | <i>Hugo M-D</i> | <i>1/2T</i> | <i>Olivia-Rose R</i> | <i>1/2A</i> | <i>George W</i>  |
| <i>3S</i>   | <i>Connie B</i> | <i>3/4T</i> | <i>Artem T</i>       | <i>4A</i>   | <i>Alice S</i>   |
| <i>5S</i>   | <i>Isla D</i>   | <i>5/6T</i> | <i>Tessa McM</i>     | <i>6A</i>   | <i>Kennedy M</i> |

#### **HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS**

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| <i>Teo J</i>     | <i>Rec S</i> |
| <i>Harper C</i>  | <i>1/2T</i>  |
| <i>Axel W</i>    | <i>1/2A</i>  |
| <i>Daisy McC</i> | <i>6A</i>    |

#### **CITIZEN'S AWARD**

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| <i>Maisie W</i> | <i>5S</i> |
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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 10th February will be week 2 of the Autumn/Winter Menu**

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

Thank you to everyone for supporting our NSPCC numbers day today, the children have enjoyed a range of different activities including bingo! Thank you for enabling us to make a donation to the NSPCC.

Next week, as part of our Jubilee Year of Hope celebrations, we have representatives from CAFOD visiting school on Monday delivering an assembly for the whole school and workshops in classes.

In addition to the Jubilee Year, it is the Diocese of Lancaster's centenary year. A special statue of Our Lady of Lourdes is making a tour of all the schools in the diocese. We will welcome the statue into school on Friday with a special assembly. The statue will stay with us for a couple of days in the new half-term before moving on to another school.

Following the super assembly led by our Reception Classes this week, it is the turn of Miss McGrath's class (Y4A) who will lead our worship on Thursday morning – parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Barnes

## Children's Mental Health Week



This year's theme is:-  
'Know Yourself, Grow  
Yourself'

Our Peace Ambassadors started the week off by leading an assembly to raise awareness of children's mental health. Throughout the week, classes have followed up with activities linking to this year's theme.

## National Storytelling Week

This week has been a fantastic week! At St Anthony's, we LOVE to read and listen to stories, but this week has been extra special. We have met authors, read language-rich, diverse award-winning stories and explored storytelling to new levels. It has been so lovely to see all the children engaged with their learning and enjoying their unique experiences inside and outside of the school building. Our next reading event will be author Joanne Moore visiting school followed by World Book Day which will take place on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March.

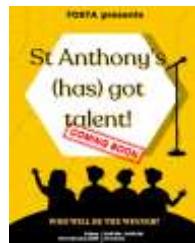
## Asda's Cashpot for Schools



### Fantastic News

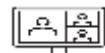
A huge thank you for supporting us in Asda's recent Cashpot for Schools initiative. We are delighted to say that your contributions have helped us raise £313.38 towards resources for school.

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



Tonight's the night that the children are going to wow you with their talents. They are so excited and can't wait to perform to those of you who are attending.

## 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, 21<sup>st</sup> January – 9.05am  
~~Y5/6T Class Mass~~ – Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January – 9.15am  
~~Y1/2S Class Mass~~ – Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January – 9.15am  
~~Y1/2T Class Assembly~~ – Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January – 9.05am  
~~RecS & RecT Class Assembly~~ – Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February – 9.05am  
~~Y6A Class Mass~~ – Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February – 9.15am  
~~NSPCC Number Day (Dressing up)~~ – Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February  
~~St. Anthony's (has) Got Talent~~ – Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February – 6.00pm  
~~Y4A Class Assembly~~ – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 9.05am  
~~Y1/2A Class Mass~~ – Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February – 9.15am  
~~Half Term~~ – Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February  
~~Inset Day~~ – Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February  
~~Y5S Class Mass~~ – Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February – 9.15am  
~~Y5/6T Class Assembly~~ – Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March – 9.05am  
~~Whole School Mass (Ash Wednesday)~~ – 5<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am  
~~World Book Day (Dressing-up)~~ – Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March  
~~Y1/2S Class Assembly~~ – Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March – 9.05am  
~~Y3/4 Class Mass~~ – Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am  
~~Y6A Class Assembly~~ – Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March – 9.05am  
~~Y1/2T Class Mass~~ – Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am  
~~Parents Consultation Meetings~~ – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
~~Tempest Photography – Class/Group Photos~~ – Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> March  
~~Y3S Class Assembly~~ – Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March – 9.05am  
~~Y4A Class Mass~~ – Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am  
~~Y1/2A Class Assembly~~ – Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April – 9.05am  
~~RecS & RecT Class Mass~~ – Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 9.15am  
~~Easter Reflection (whole School)~~ – Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April  
~~Close for Easter~~ – Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm

## Advance Notice – Parents' Meetings

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

## Advance Notice 2025 Statutory Assessments

Year 6 statutory assessments will take place from Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May inclusive and children in Year 1 will undertake their phonics screening week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June.

## Cake Sale

On Thursday, 13th February we are holding a cake sale in school to raise funds to support enrichment activities and we are appealing for donations of cakes. If you can support with our request, please can you send your donations to the school office next Wednesday, 12th or the Thursday morning. Please can we ask that all cakes be nut free. Children are invited to bring money to purchase cakes with prices ranging from 20p to 50p. Thank you in advance for your support.

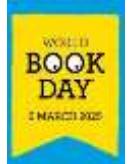
## Themed Own Clothes Days

### Home Clothes/Pyjama Day – Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February



Children are invited to wear their home clothes/pyjamas to raise funds for this year's chosen charity, St Catherine's Hospice.

### World Book Day – Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Class and Group Photographs



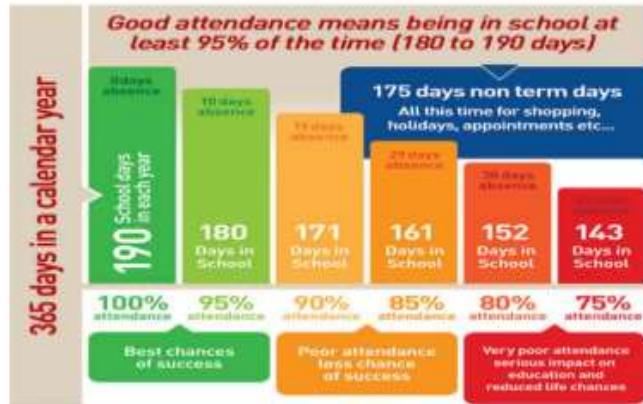
Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> March to take class and group photographs.

Please contact the school office no later than Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March if you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken.

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



This week our leading class is:- 4A closely followed by 5/6T. Well done from our Fairtrade Warriors



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

| Class               | % Attendance |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Rec S               | 94.8%        |
| Rec T               | 94.1%        |
| 1/2S                | 95.7%        |
| 1/2T                | 94.8%        |
| 1/2A                | 96.3%        |
| 3S                  | 96.9%        |
| 3/4T                | 96.7%        |
| 4A                  | 97.4%        |
| 5S                  | 98.7%        |
| 5/6T                | 99.4%        |
| 6A                  | 95.5%        |
| Whole School        | 96.5%        |
| Whole School Target | 96.0%        |

**Attendance Winners** - A huge well done to class 5/6T who have achieved 99.4% 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** – Unfortunately, all our classes have had 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.

## Author Visit



The talented Joanne Moore will be joining us in school on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 19<sup>th</sup> February and any payments received after that date will be refunded. Books are payable through PayPal:-

[Thebitdifferentcollection@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.thebitdifferentcollection.com)

TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER 2025 - JULY 2026

# St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

## AUTUMN TERM 2025

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| INSET DAYS            | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025                                 |
| RE-OPEN               | Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025                                |
| MID-TERM CLOSURE      | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 |
| INSET DAY             | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025                                  |
| CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 1.30pm                       |



## SPRING TERM 2026

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| RE-OPEN            | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026                                       |
| MID-TERM CLOSURE   | Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 |
| CLOSURE FOR EASTER | Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026 at 1.30pm                             |



## SUMMER TERM 2026

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|--------------------|--|
| RE-OPEN            | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026                                   |
| BANK HOLIDAY       | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                                      |
| MID-TERM CLOSURE   | Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026 |
| INSET DAY          | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026                                     |
| CLOSURE FOR SUMMER | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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



**nfhw** National Forum for Health & Wellbeing Ageing Well for Life www.nfhw.org.uk University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) taking care of your health

## **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