

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, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

1S	Dolly-Rae F	1/2T	Adona S	2A	Parwona A
3S	Rose C	3/4T	Arthur B	4A	Julia Z
5S	Lena M	5/6T	Ethan J	6A	Tilly-Mae C

CITIZEN AWARDS

Kohan W	2A
Isabella L	5/6T
Alice B	6A
Charlie B	6A

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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
14th September, 2026
will be week 1 of the
Spring/Summer menu

We have had a positive first full week back in school. Our Reception children have completed their transition period to St. Anthony's. The children are now attending full time and are settling in really well. The rest of the children have made a great start to this academic year and have adapted to their new environments, teachers and classmates.

It is lovely to see the children showing enthusiasm to our new positive recognition approach to behaviour, underpinned by three key pillars:

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Ready to Learn

We will update you shortly how this approach is impacting behaviour but, in the meantime, please do encourage your child to share their positive behaviour recognitions with you.

It was lovely to welcome those of you who were able to join us in school on Wednesday for our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions and we hope that you found these informative. Thank you for your continued support in helping us give every child the opportunity to grow and succeed.

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Tuesday for our whole school Mass. Next Tuesday, the children from Class 6A will attend Mass and parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in church at 9.15am.

Parents of our Catholic Year 4 children and any other Catholic children who have not already received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion are invited to attend an enrolment evening here at school at 6.15pm on Tuesday, 29th September – more information to follow.

Have a good weekend!
Mrs Barnes

Important Safety Reminder

Please can we ask that, if you send your child to school with grapes either as a break time snack or as part of their packed lunch, you cut them in half lengthways. NHS guidance states that whole grapes can be a major choking hazard especially in younger children. Thank you for helping us to keep every child safe at school.

Also, as we have children in school with severe nut allergies, please can we ask that you do not include any items in packed lunches that contain nuts e.g. Nutella. Thank you.

Car Park Bollards

In order to minimise movement on the car park during the start and end of the school day in the interest of child safety, we are continuing to close the car park off from 8.25am-9.00am and 2.30pm-3.30pm. Please can we ask that you be considerate of our neighbours and avoid blocking driveways when parking in bordering streets during drop off and pick up times.

Children's Birthdays – Own Clothes

In order to make children's special day memorable, we are continuing with our birthday tradition where the children can wear their own clothes for school on their birthday. Please do not worry, if your child's birthday falls on a weekend, they are welcome to wear their own clothes either on the Friday prior to their birthday or the following Monday. We are also continuing to celebrate children's birthdays every week during Friday's assembly where the children come to the front for everyone to sing 'Happy Birthday' to them. Due to children in school having food allergies, we do ask that you avoid sending birthday cake into school. We do permit small packets of sweets, which we will send home with the children at the end of the school day. Please do bear in mind that we have children in school who are vegetarian.

Our Lady's High School Open Evening

Our Lady's are holding their Open Evening from 6.00pm-8.00pm on Thursday, 1st October. This is an opportunity for our Year 6 children and their parents to have a look round the school prior to applying for a high school place.



Dates for your diary

~~Autumn Term begins~~ Thursday, 3rd September

~~Years 1-6 Meet the Teacher Meeting~~ Wednesday, 9th September

Year 4 Holy Communion and Reconciliation

Enrolment Evening - Tuesday, 29th September at 6.15pm

Nasal Flu Vaccination Session - Tuesday, 13th October

Half Term - Monday, 26th October - Friday, 30th October

Inset Day - Monday, 2nd November

Reception 2027 Open Night - Wednesday, 4th November

Tempest School Photos - Wednesday, 18th November

Parents' Afternoon/Evening - Wednesday, 18th November

Close for Christmas - Friday, 18th December at 1.30pm

Please see below the dates for this term's class Masses that will take place in church at 9.15am:-

~~Years 1-6 Mass~~ - Tuesday, 8th September

Class 6A Mass - Tuesday, 15th September

Class 5/6T Mass - Tuesday, 22nd September

Class 5S Mass - Tuesday, 29th September

Class 4A Mass - Tuesday, 6th October

Class 3/4T Mass - Tuesday, 13th October

Class 3S Mass - Tuesday, 20th October

Class 2A Mass - Tuesday, 10th November

Class 1/2T Mass - Tuesday, 17th November

Class 1S Mass - Tuesday, 24th November

Whole School Mass - Tuesday, 15th December

Please see below the dates for this term's class Assemblies that will take place in school at 9.05am:-

Class 6A Assembly - Wednesday, 30th September

Class 5S Assembly - Wednesday, 7th October

Class 3/4T Assembly - Wednesday, 14th October

Class 2A Assembly - Wednesday, 21st October

Class 5/6T Assembly - Wednesday, 11th November

Class 1S Assembly - Wednesday, 18th November

Class 4A Assembly - Wednesday, 25th November

Class 3S Assembly - Wednesday, 2nd December

Class 1/2T Assembly - Wednesday, 9th December

Reception 2027 Open Evening

We are having an Open Evening from 4.45pm-6.30pm on Wednesday, 4th November, for parents of children due to start primary school in September 2027. There will be the opportunity to meet our Leadership Team, staff from our Reception Unit and our Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls. There will be a tour of the school and parents will be able to ask questions to help them make an informed decision when applying for a primary school place for their child.

Lovely news to share

A huge well done to Alice who is one of our Year 6 children. Alice took part in the Alder Hey Children's Virtual Summer Challenge to complete 43 miles during the six weeks' holiday. Alice smashed the challenge, actually completing 45 miles and raising a tremendous £839.00, which will help to bring the 'Alder Hey Magic' to children and their families.

Alice's 'Just Giving' page is still open should anyone wish to support this truly worthwhile cause:-

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/keira1784152121522?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Advance Notice – KS2 SATS

Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments will take place from Monday, 10th May – Thursday, 13th May, 2027. Please can we ask that our Year 6 parents refrain from taking their children on holiday during this period.

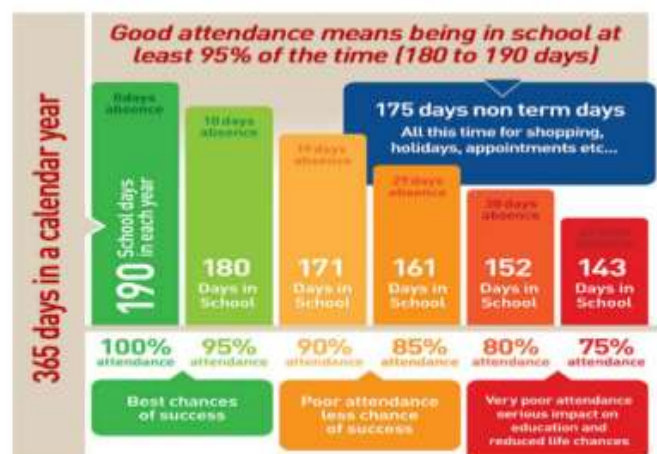
Hair Accessories

Please can we remind you that long hair should be tied back with accessories in school colours - black, white or purple. Please avoid large bows.

Wednesday Word

Please see below a link to this week's 'Wednesday Word' Catholic resource for families:-
<https://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Attendance – Friday, 4th September to Thursday, 10th September, 2026



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

Rec S	95.88%
Rec T	98.98%
1S	93.0%
1/2T	95.96%
2A	95.67%
3S	96.77%
3/4T	98.06%
4A	98.33%
5S	97.1%
5/6T	100.0%
6A	99.0%
Whole School	97.13%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 5/6T who have achieved 100.00% 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 – A huge well done to Classes Reception S, Reception T, 1/2T and 4A who have had no late marks this week.

School Admissions – September 2027

Online applications for primary and high school places for the September 2027 intake are now open.

Please apply using the following link:-
www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2027

lancashire.gov.uk

School transport

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.

Lancashire County Council



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
31 October 2026

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If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.

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Players Drama School presents 'Toy Story Tales'

It's not too late to book your child a place on Players Drama School's next block of fun-filled performing arts sessions entitled 'Toy Story Tales'.



Players presents...
DRAMA SCHOOL

TOY STORY TALES

BRINGING THE VERY BEST PERFORMING ARTS TRAINING TO ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY MONDAY
7th SEPTEMBER - 19th OCTOBER 2026

Experience the magic of performing, creating and storytelling as we bring Toy Story to life!

<https://www.playersdramaschool.co.uk/players-in-education/>

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Players DRAMA SCHOOL



THE PLAYERS TALE

Our story began in 1994. Now, with over three decades of experience, Players is a leading Performing Arts school, delivering Players in Education sessions in twenty primary schools across Lancashire. Players focuses on nurturing creativity and confidence through high energy Acting, Singing, and Dance classes. From budding performers to those simply wanting to build confidence and communication skills, our experienced teachers create a welcoming space where every child can thrive.

THIS COURSE

This programme consists of seven 1.5 hour after school sessions, held at your school. These bespoke, dynamic workshops will explore the magic of storytelling and imaginative role play while developing key rehearsal techniques, performance skills, and collaborative working. The classes are designed to strengthen communication skills, develop artistry and enhance self belief leading to a performance of "Toy Story Tales" on the final week.

We have limited availability on this very popular course. Reserve your place now by completing the link below or scan the QR code. The cost of the full course is £84.00 (Payment details and installments options given upon sign up.)

SIGN UP NOW OPEN

<https://www.playersdramaschool.co.uk/players-in-education/>

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Players DRAMA SCHOOL

Important Local Authority Information regarding Secondary School Applications and Transport Eligibility

Before submitting your application, it is essential that you carefully consider how your child will travel to and from your preferred secondary schools. Free travel assistance is only available to pupils who meet the criteria outlined in Lancashire County Council's **Home to School Transport Policy**.

When selecting your school preferences, please ensure you have read and understood the information available on the Lancashire County Council website regarding **school admissions and travel assistance**.

Please note:

- For transport purposes, the *nearest suitable school* is defined as the school closest to the family home. In some cases, this may be a school located within another local authority area.
- If you choose a school that is not considered the nearest suitable school, there is **no entitlement** to free transport. In such cases, you will need to make your own travel arrangements.
- Most children will attend their local school, which is typically within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent or carer.

If transport costs are a concern, we strongly encourage you to contact your **Area Education Office** before submitting your application.

SOUTH AREA

Preston, South Ribble,
West Lancashire and Chorley

(01772) 532109

If your child is not eligible to free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us.

The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to [plan how your child will get to school](#) if space on the bus is not available.

Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit [School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council](#) to make an application.

It is important to forward plan. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available should your child be allocated a place at your preferred school.

