

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 12TH JUNE, 2026

Rec S	Lottie J			Rec T	Ben S
1S	Seth S	1/2T	Eva P	2A	Isabel F-B
3S	Jacob B	3/4T	Rosie H	4A	Kuba K
5S	Monica B	5/6T	Dillan W	6A	Vinnie C

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Jack F	5/6T
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CITIZEN AWARDS

Charlie B – 5S	Imogen S – 5S
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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
15TH June, 2026
will be week 3 of the
Spring/Summer menu

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes/attended our Mini Vinnies' Coffee Morning after Mass on Sunday. We raised £65.00, which we are donating to our Parish Charities - The Foxton Centre and Water Aid. A special mention must go to our hard working Mini Vinnies who gave their free time to host such a lovely event.

Thank you to everyone who attended our 6A children's final class Mass at St. Anthony's on Tuesday and our 5S class children's Assembly on Wednesday relating to the Bible.

Unfortunately, we have had to change our 1/2T class Mass that was due to take place next Tuesday to the following Tuesday, 23rd June. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Our children from 2A class will have their Assembly on Tuesday afternoon, taking place at 2.40pm, and we look forward to the children's parents and grandparents joining us.

We have had a busy week in school with the phonics screening for our Year 1 children, the multiplication tables check for our Year 4 children and some of our other year groups have been undertaking assessments. Well done children.

Our Year 6 children had a visit from the Fire Service on Tuesday afternoon who delivered a valuable session on road safety, aimed at preparing the children for when travelling to and from high school.

Today, we have had our second FOSTA own clothes day in exchange for prizes for the Summer Fair, which is taking place after school on Wednesday, 24th June. Thank you on behalf of the FOSTA team for your generous donations. Also, to celebrate St. Anthony's Feast Day, we have had the ice cream van at school and the children and staff enjoyed an ice cream/lolly. The parish will celebrate at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, with all children invited onto the altar after communion for the final hymn. There will also be a gathering in the social club afterwards. FOSTA will be selling cakes as part of the celebration and would welcome cake donations, please drop off at the social club before Mass.

Have a lovely weekend – I hope to see as many of you as possible at church on Sunday morning.

Mrs Barnes



Dates for your diary

Phonics Screening

A huge well done to our Year 1 children who have completed their Phonics Screening Check this week. The children have, and always do, impress us with their determination, courage and positive attitude. Mrs Smith has had the pleasure of hearing the children read this week. Thank you for your support at home. We will report the children's scoring in their end of year report.

Multiplication Check

A huge well done to our Year 4 children who have completed their multiplication check! We are incredibly proud of the hard work and effort that the children put in and we are really encouraging them to keep practicing to make those multiplication facts super strong!

Years 1-5 Assessments

We have also begun our assessment period for our years one to five and we are very proud of how well the children have approached their assessments so far, trying their best throughout the week.

Under-fives Mini Skills Competition

On Tuesday, a group of our Reception children took part in the annual Under-fives Mini Skills Competition at West View Leisure Centre. The children completed several throwing, catching and relay events, competing against children from other schools in Preston. The children tried their hardest throughout the competition, showed excellent team work and behaviour and, most importantly, thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you for being amazing representatives of St. Anthony's and well done to Archie, Connor, Dennie, Livia, Mabel and Ruby-Rae.

New Reception 2026 Intake Lunch

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children and their parents to St. Anthony's for lunch next Wednesday. The children will have the opportunity to meet staff and the other children as well as being able to experience having a school lunch in our dining hall.

~~Summer Term begins~~ - Monday, 20th April
~~Yrs 5/6 Robinwood Trip~~ - Monday, 20th - Wednesday, 22nd April
~~Reception Vision Screening Checks~~ - Wednesday, 29th April
~~Bank Holiday Closure~~ - Monday, 4th May
~~Extra-curricular Before and After School Clubs begin~~ - Tuesday, 5th May
~~Year 6 Statutory Tests~~ - Monday, 11th - Thursday, 14th May inclusive
~~Class~~
~~Wear Green for Mental Health Day~~ - Friday, 15th May
~~Reception/Year 6 Height and Weight Checks~~ - Monday, 18th May
~~Reception 2026 Intake Induction Meeting~~ - Wednesday, 20th May
~~FOSTA Own Clothes Day~~ - Friday, 22nd May
~~Half Term Break~~ - Monday, 25th May - Monday, 1st June
~~Inset Day (School Closed)~~ - Tuesday, 2nd June
~~Year 4 Multiplication Check Window~~ - Monday, 4th June - Friday, 12th June
~~Reception Trip to Smithills Farm~~ - Wednesday, 3rd June
~~Mini-Vinnies Coffee Morning~~ - Sunday, 7th June 9.30am
~~Year 1 Phonics Screening Check~~ - week commencing 8th June
~~FOSTA Own Clothes Day~~ - Friday, 12th June
~~Year 6 Bikeability Training~~ - week commencing 15th June
~~New Reception Intake Lunch~~ - Wednesday, 17th June - 11.00am
~~Year 4 Sacrament of Holy Communion~~ - Sat/Sun, 20th/21st June
~~EYFS/KS1 Sports Day~~ - Monday, 22nd June - 9.15am-11.15am
~~KS2 Sports Day~~ - Monday, 22nd June - 1.30pm-3.15pm
~~FOSTA Summer Fair~~ - Wednesday, 24th June - after school
~~Move Up Day~~ - Thursday, 2nd July
~~FOSTA Summer Discos~~ - Wednesday, 8th July
~~Extra-curricular Before and After School Clubs Finish~~ - Friday, 10th July
~~Year 6 Leavers' Productions~~ - Mon, 13th July - 6.00pm & Tue, 14th July - 1.45pm
~~Year 6 Leavers' Assembly~~ - Thursday, 16th July - 2.00pm
~~Break up for Summer~~ - Friday, 17th July - 1.30pm

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

~~Class 5S Mass~~ - Tuesday, 28th April
~~Class 3/4T Mass~~ - Tuesday, 5th May
~~Class 3S Mass~~ - Tuesday, 12th May
~~Whole School Ascension Day Mass~~ - Thursday, 14th May
~~Class 5/6T Mass~~ - Tuesday, 19th May - Re-arranged
~~Class 4A Mass~~ - Friday, 5th June
~~Class 6A Mass~~ - Tuesday, 9th June
~~Class 1/2T Mass~~ - Tuesday, 16th June - **CHANGED TO Tuesday, 23rd June**
~~Class 2A Mass~~ - Friday, 26th June
~~Class 1S and 5/6T Mass~~ - Tuesday, 30th June
~~Reception Mass~~ - Tuesday, 7th July
~~Whole School Mass~~ - Friday, 17th July

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

~~Class 1S Assembly~~ - Wednesday, 6th May
~~Class 5S Assembly~~ - Wednesday, 10th June
~~Class 2A Assembly~~ - Tuesday, 16th June - 2.40pm
~~Class 3/4T Assembly~~ - Wednesday, 24th June
~~Class 3S Assembly~~ - Wednesday, 1st July
~~Class 1/2T Assembly~~ - Tuesday, 7th July - 2.40pm.

Special England Football Themed Lunch

Next Wednesday, our school catering team is hosting the following special England themed lunch to show support to England ahead of their big match that evening. As usual, there is no need to book in advance, just let class know on the day and make the necessary payment through your Arbor accounts, if appropriate.



There will also be the jacket potato option.

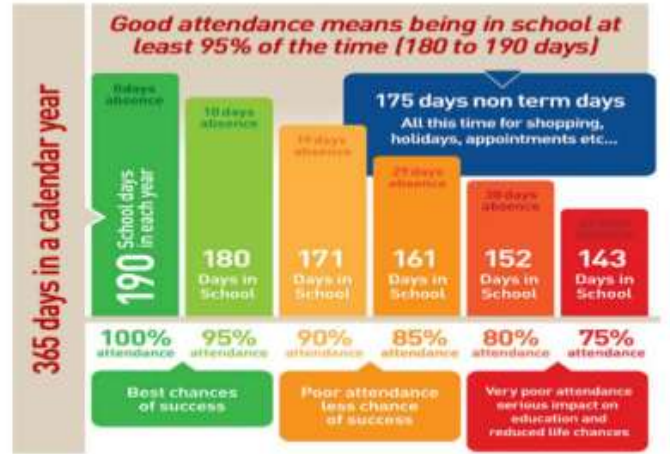
Get ready for Sports Day!

This year, our Sports Day will take place on Monday, 22nd June. EYFS and KS1 events will take place from 9.15am to 11.15am, and KS2 events will run from 1.30pm to 3.15pm. Parents are welcome to join us and can enter the field 15 minutes before the start of their child’s events. We kindly ask that everyone arrive promptly to help ensure the events run smoothly. Your support and encouragement would mean the world to the children, so please come along and cheer them on!

School Nurse Drop in Session

The School Nurse will be attending another one of Mrs Alty’s Coffee Mornings that will take place in school at 9.15am on Friday, 26th June. Please do pop in to have a chat with the School Nurse about any health and wellbeing related issues. There will also be the opportunity to have a catch up with Mrs Alty and other parents over a coffee.

Attendance – Friday, 5th June to Thursday, 11th June, 2026



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

Rec S	93.91%
Rec T	95.45%
1S	94.33%
1/2T	98.67%
2A	94.0%
3S	98.67%
3/4T	98.62%
4A	95.81%
5S	98.67%
5/6T	92.9%
6A	97.63%
Whole School	96.32%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Classes 1/2T, 3S and 5S who have all achieved 98.67% 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 our classes have had late marks this week.

Move Up Day

This year's move up day will take place on Thursday, 2nd July, when our Year 6 children will spend the day at their high school. We wish the children lots of luck and hope that they have a brilliant day. Children will need to make their own way directly to high school. Our new Reception children will be joining us and the rest of school will be spending time in their new classes. More information will follow.

Polite request – School Sports Kit

Our school sports kit supplies seem to have depleted and we are asking parents of children who have worn a school kit when representing school in external events to check at home. If you do find any items of kit, please return them to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Arbor School Meal Accounts

Just a gentle reminder, your Arbor school meal accounts must remain in credit at all times. Please can we, therefore, request that you all check your accounts and bring them up-to-date if necessary.

Plea from Mrs Alty

Mrs Alty is updating her Sand Play area and is sending out a special plea for donations of pre-loved miniature toys and objects. If you have any of the following items that you no longer need, Mrs Alty would be delighted to take these off your hands:-

People: domestic, military, fantasy, mythological;

Buildings: houses, schools, churches, castles;

Animals: wild, tame, marine;

Vehicles: water, space, war machines;

Vegetation: trees, shrubs, plants, flowers;

Structure: bridges, fences, gates, walls;

Natural Objects

Symbolic Objects: wishing wells, treasure chests, trophies, jewels, goblets.

Please drop donations off at the school office.

Thank you so much for your continued support in helping to enhance our children's learning and play.

Wednesday Word

Please see below a link to this week's 'Wednesday Word' Catholic resource for families:-

<https://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

The Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner has launched a survey entitled 'The Big Future' so that children can have a say on what it's like to be a child/young person in England today. The Commissioner aims to take children's views to the Government to help them make life better for children. The survey is confidential and children do not need to answer any question that they don't feel comfortable about.

The Commissioner is asking for parents support in encouraging your children to complete the survey below:-

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Free Online Sessions

The Autism and ADHD Advocates are running the following free online sessions for parents and carers. The sessions are designed to help families better understand their children's needs, including autism, ADHD, SEN, executive functioning, sensory processing and how these can affect behaviour, learning and daily life:-

Saturday, 13th June – Online morning session:-

[Executive Functioning Skills in SEND, Autism & ADHD | Online Session — The Autism & ADHD Advocates CIC](#)

Monday, 15th June – Online sensory session:-

[Understanding Your Sensory System | Online SEN Parent Session — The Autism & ADHD Advocates CIC](#)

FIBA World Cup Qualifier

British basketball history could be on the line in Manchester this July and Team GB would love you to be part of it. Great Britain Men return to the National Basketball Performance Centre at 3.00pm on Sunday, 5th July, to face Iceland in a potentially decisive FIBA World Cup Qualifier, with Marc Steutel's side aiming to reach the next phase of the World Cup qualifying for only the second time in programme history.

Having already earned an impressive 90–84 victory over Iceland in Reykjavik earlier in the campaign, GB now return home knowing another big result could secure their place in the next round.

Primary school children across the region are invited to purchase tickets via [GB Men vs Iceland tickets](#) and experience a major international basketball fixture live in Manchester.

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people and families to experience international basketball, support Great Britain on home soil and be part of what could be a historic day for the sport.