

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 2026

Rec S	Jonny S			Rec T	Grace C
1S	Sebastian L	1/2T	Cassia N	2A	Lilah R-H
3S	Alfie R	3/4T	Jasmine W	4A	Connor R
5S	Francis A	5/6T	Jude J	6A	Aaron W

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Edwin G	Rec S
Lucy S	5S

CITIZEN AWARDS

Tilly B	3S
Sonny D	3S
Ali E	5/6T
Emily K	5/6T

What a busy half term we have had. We are all ready for our much-needed break and hope that the weather is kind to us.

Our 2A children had their class Mass on Tuesday and our Reception children wowed us on Wednesday at their Assembly, which was about 'love' and 'how love is all around us'. It was lovely to see our youngest children standing so proudly performing in front of their family members. Thank you to everyone who attended.

We had an unprecedented number of children opting for the pancake dessert on Tuesday to the extent that Mrs Berry very kindly offered to have a 'pancake club' on Wednesday to cater for the children who missed out on having a pancake. A special thank you to Mrs Cartwright for offering to get strawberries, blueberries, squirty cream and, not to forget the strawberry sauce, as a treat for the children, the expression on their faces was priceless, and to Mrs Berry for getting the extra pancakes and taking the time to serve them to the children.

Thank you to our hardworking FOSTA team and volunteers for making the 'Love and Kindness' Disco such a success. The children had a great time and looked lovely in their colourful Valentines themed outfits.

We really hope that the children enjoy completing the daily actions on their Lent Calendar during the lead up to Easter. As we are not in school on Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, we will spend time reflecting on its significance during Monday's whole school worship.

We hope that you all have a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday, 23rd February.

Mrs Barnes

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
23rd February
will be week 2 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](#)

Mini Skills Event

Well done to a group of our Year 2 children who represented St. Anthony's in a Mini Skills Competition at West View Leisure Centre on Tuesday. The children participated in a range of activities, including relay racing, target throwing and kicking, and undertook each activity with great enthusiasm and determination. We are so proud of the children, who came fourth in the competition, for their sportsmanship and excellent behaviour.



Polite Reminder

Please can we ask that you bear our uniform policy in mind with regard to hairstyles! Long hair needs tying back with a simple ribbon or elastic hair band and please avoid tramline hairstyles or hair dyes.

Polite request

We really love celebrating children's birthdays but, for allergy reasons, we kindly ask that you avoid sending in birthday cakes. We do welcome sweets and chocolate if you wish, which we will send home with the children. Many thanks for your support.

Advance Notice - World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, which takes place on Thursday, 5th March, children are able to wear a costume linked to their favourite book.

Advance Notice - Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday, 19th March to take class and group photographs.

Please contact the school office no later than Monday, 16th March if you **do not** wish your child to have their photograph taken.

Updated Holiday List

Please see below our updated Holiday List for the 2026-2027 Academic Year.



Dates for your diary

Spring Term begins – Monday, 5th January, 2026
Whole School Epiphany Mass – Tuesday 6th January, 2026
5/6T Class Mass – Tuesday, 13th January, 2026 – 9.15am
5S Class Mass – Tuesday, 20th January, 2026 – 9.15am
6A Class Assembly – Wednesday, 21st January, 2026 – 9.05am
Compliment Day – Friday, 23rd January, 2026
3/4T Class Mass – Tuesday, 27th January, 2026 – 9.15am
KS1 Trip to Chester Zoo – Wednesday, 28th January, 2026
School Nurse Drop in Session – Friday, 30th January, 2026 – 9.00am
St Anthony's (has) Got Talent Show – Friday, 30th January – 6.00pm
Yr 6 SATs Parents' Meeting – Tuesday, 3rd February – 3.30pm
NSPCC Number Day – Friday, 6th February, 2026
Mini-Vinnies Coffee Morning – Sunday, 8th February
2A Class Mass – Tuesday, 10th February, 2026 – 9.15am
Rec Classes Assembly – Wednesday, 11th February, 2026 – 9.05am
FOSTA Love & Kindness Disco – Wednesday, 11th February, 2026
Robinwood Meeting – Thursday, 12th February, 2026 – 3.30pm
Half Term - Monday, 16th February - Friday, 20th February, 2026
6A Class Mass - Tuesday, 24th February, 2026 - 9.15am
4A Class Assembly - Wednesday, 25th February, 2026 - 9.05am
1/2T Class Mass - Tuesday, 3rd March, 2026 - 9.15am
World Book Own Clothes Day - Thursday, 5th March, 2026
3S Class Mass - Tuesday, 10th March, 2026 - 9.15am
5/6T Class Assembly - Wednesday, 11th March, 2026 - 9.05am
4A Class Mass - Friday, 13th March, 2026 - 9.15am
1S Class Mass - Tuesday, 17th March, 2026 - 9.15am
Parents' Consultation Meetings - Wednesday, 18th March, 2026
Tempest Photography Class Photos - Thursday, 19th March, 2026
FOSTA Own Clothes Day - Friday, 20th March, 2026
World Down Syndrome Day - Monday, 23rd March, 2026
Break the Rules Day - Wednesday, 1st April, 2026
Whole School Easter Liturgy - Thursday, 2nd April, 2026 - 10.00am
Close for Easter - Thursday, 2nd April, 2026 - 1.30pm

Advance Notice - Parents' Consultation Meetings

Our next Parents' Consultation Meetings will take place in the school hall on Wednesday, 18th March. There will be two sessions – afternoon from 1.30pm-3.00pm and after school from 3.30pm-6.30pm. Time slots will be available to book through Groupcall Messenger (Eduspot) in due course.

Advance Notice - Statutory Assessment Dates

Year 6 Statutory Assessments - Monday, 11th May to Thursday, 14th May inclusive

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - week beginning 8th June

Bags2School Initiative

We are delighted to say that we are taking part in the Bags2School clothing and shoe initiative in order to support our sustainability pledge and raise funds for our Forest School area. We will send home donation bags after half term but, in the meantime, we ask that if you are having a clear out over half term you bear this in mind. More information is available at: <https://bag2school.com>

Plea from our Reception Team

Our Reception team are looking for donations of pre-loved, good condition, complete, jigsaws, puzzles and games for the Reception classes. If you have any of those items that you would like to donate, our Reception team would love to take them off your hands. Thank you in advance from our Reception team and children.

World Book Day Costume and Book Swap Shop Donations

Thank you to those of you who have already donated costumes for our World Book Day Costume Swap Shop. We are still hoping to receive more costumes and ask that, if you have any pre-loved, outgrown, fancy dress costumes that you would like to donate, you send them to the school office.

We are also welcoming book donations for our World Book Day Book Swap Shop.

Thank you for supporting this fun and sustainable way to celebrate reading.

School Nurse Drop in Session - Friday, 27th February

The school nursing team are holding a parents/carers' drop in session in school from 9.00am on Friday, 27th February. The aim of the session is to give parents/carers the opportunity to have one-to-one time with a school nurse to discuss childhood health topics. Please contact the school office if you are interested in attending the session.

Parent Drop in Sessions for new Arbor Parent Portal App

The school office is holding the following drop in sessions to aid parents setting up the new Arbor Parent Portal App:-

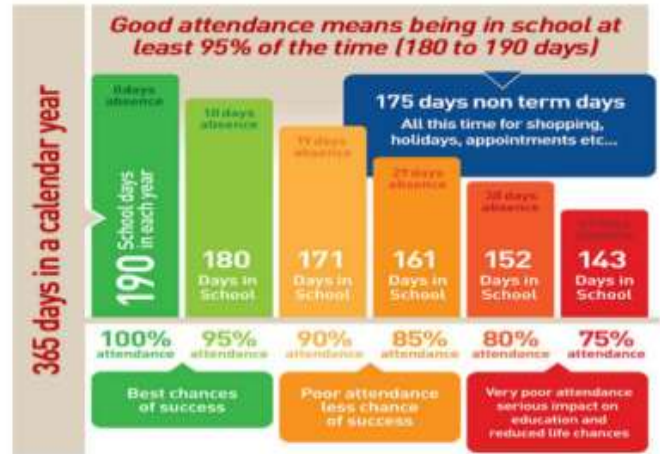
Wednesday, 18th March - 4.00pm-5.00pm
 Wednesday, 25th March - 9.00am-10.00am

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, 6th February to Thursday, 12th February, 2026



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

Rec S	90.82%
Rec T	97.73%
1S	93.0%
1/2T	92.67%
2A	95.67%
3S	98.33%
3/4T	93.33%
4A	93.55%
5S	95.67%
5/6T	97.85%
6A	98.62%
Whole School	95.24%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 6A who have achieved 98.62% 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.



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 late marks this week

"HARD KNOCK LIFE!" IT'S SHOWTIME AT YOUR SCHOOL

Get ready for a show bursting with energy, unforgettable characters, and a story full of heart. This exciting production promises fun, confidence building, and a show the whole school will love.

23 FEBRUARY **EVERY MONDAY**
18 MAY at St Anthony's Primary School

Show us what you've got and grab your chance to shine on stage!
Limited places available on this very popular course – book early to avoid disappointment!

SIGN UP NOW OPEN

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

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FOSTA News

Below is a summary of the money raised from recent FOSTA events:-

- Winter raffle raised £471.00 with over 30 fantastic prizes and vouchers won by the children and their families;
- St Anthony's (has) Got Talent Show was a wonderful evening, enjoyed by children and adults alike! The event raised £453.00;
- The Love and Kindness Discos were great fun and raised £1086.00.

An expenditure plan is being put together of how the money will be spent to enrich the children's experiences.

Additional exciting events are also in the pipeline for the benefit of the children and the FOSTA team will share the full itinerary with you in due course. In the meantime, the team would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a lovely half term break.



OUR STORY...

Our story began in 1994. Now, with over three decades of experience, Players is a leading performing arts school in Preston, delivering our Players in Education sessions in 20 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 will consist of ten one hour after-school sessions, held at your school. These bespoke, dynamic workshops will develop core theatrical skills while rehearsing and building towards our production of "It's a Hard Knock Life." This course will focus on rehearsal techniques, performance skills, and ensemble work, allowing students to experience the excitement of live performance as part of a complete Musical Theatre experience.

SIGN UP NOW...

We have limited availability on this very popular course. Reserve your place now via the link below. The cost of the full course is £90.00. (Payment details and the option to pay in two instalments given upon sign up.)

  *Players*
07359 835521



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

**ONE STOP
SHOP
Preston West**
Monthly Drop In -

No
appointment
needed

Families can access free advice & support

Community Gateway
Citizen Advice—Energy advice
Employment advice - DWP
Community Education Sexual Health
Debt Advice/Support
Free Funded Nursery Places
School Nurse team
Compass Bloom
INTACT
Lancashire Fire and Rescue
Onward Homes—Work well
SENDIAS
Primary Mental Health Team
Homestart
Northern community Bank

Second
Thursday of
the month,
2pm - 4pm



Preston West Family Hub
Ashton Primary School Site, Ainsdale Drive,
Preston, PR2 1TU
Telephone: 01772 536419

PRESTON WEST
**FAMILY
HUB**
PRESTON

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 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
INSET DAYS	Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th June 2027
CLOSURE FOR SUMMER	Wednesday 21 st July 2027 at 1.30pm

