

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 15TH MAY, 2026

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| Rec S | Emily G | | | Rec T | Aiwin J |
| 1S | Teo J | 1/2T | Arthur B | 2A | Ronnie W |
| 3S | Chloe R | 3/4T | Nicolas B | 4A | Phoebe R |
| 5S | Jake K | 5/6T | Year 5 – Elliott B | Year 6 | Everyone |

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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
18th May, 2026
will be week 2 of the
Spring/Summer menu

Well done to all our Year 6 children who sat their SATs this week. We are all extremely proud of you! The children had a great time at the park this afternoon and were very appreciative of their ice cream treat. Thank you very much to the whole school community for your encouragement and for ensuring that school was quiet, creating a calm environment for the children. We would also like to say thank you to the children's families for your continued support.

Thank you to everyone who attended 3S class Mass on Tuesday and our whole school Mass on Thursday to mark Ascension Day. The children sang and read beautifully.

Next Tuesday, the children from 5/6T class will attend Mass and we hope that you can join them.

It is lovely to see the children wearing green today to mark Mental Health Awareness Week. Thank you for helping us raise awareness of mental health in a positive and supportive way.

Our 3/4T class children have enjoyed their first week of swimming lessons. The children have all behaved fantastically whilst walking to and from the leisure centre and have paid attention in the water, performing exceptionally well so far.

Our Reception 2026 Induction Meeting will take place on Wednesday and we are looking forward to welcoming the new Reception parents to St. Anthony's and our existing parents whose children are joining us in our Reception unit this September. Parents will have the opportunity to meet our Early Years team and other members of the school community.

During the month of May, children who wish are continuing to pray the rosary daily at lunch time. Children are welcome to use a school set of rosary beads or bring their own from home.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Barnes

Reception and Year 6 Height/Weight Check

Reminder

The school nursing team will be in school this Monday, 18th May, to undertake our Reception and Year 6 children's height/weight screening. Year 6 children will also complete the online health questionnaire.

Walk to School Week

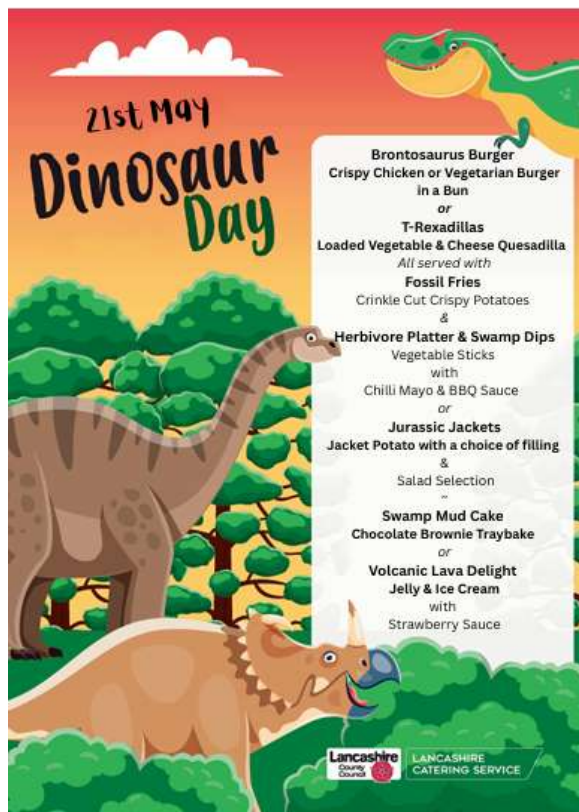
Walk to School Week takes place next week and school will be supporting this through activities and discussions in class.

We encourage as many children and families as possible to walk to school, or walk part of the journey. Even parking a little further away and walking the last section helps to promote healthy habits, wellbeing, and care for the environment.

We look forward to seeing lots of pupils taking part and enjoying the benefits of being active together.

National Dinosaur Day Themed Lunch

We are having the following themed lunch on Thursday, 21st May.



Dates for your diary

~~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, 1st June - Friday, 12th June~~
~~Reception Trip to Smithills Farm - Wednesday, 3rd June~~
~~Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - week commencing 8th June~~
~~Year 6 Bikeability Training - week commencing 15th June~~
~~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~~
~~Class 4A Mass - Friday, 5th June~~
~~Class 6A Mass - Tuesday, 9th June~~
~~Class 1/2T Mass - Tuesday, 16th June~~
~~Class 2A Mass - Friday, 26th June~~
~~Class 1S 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.~~

Donations for FOSTA's Own Clothes Day

Next Friday, 22nd May, FOSTA are holding the first of two own clothes days in exchange for donations of bottles, toys, teddy bears or gifts suitable for prizes for their Summer Fair's stalls and games.

Message from the Breakfast Club – Please can we request that you take any bottle donations directly to the school office. For health and safety reasons, the Breakfast Club staff are unable to accept bottles.

The second own clothes day will take place on Friday, 12th June, and the Summer Fair will be held on Wednesday, 24th June, with details to follow.

Thank you from the FOSTA team for your generous support.

Year 4 Multiplication Check/Year 1 Phonics Screening

Our Year 4 children will be taking part in the statutory multiplication check due to take place between Wednesday, 3rd June, and Friday, 12th June, and our Year 1 children will be having their phonics screening check week commencing 8th June. Please can we request that you avoid taking any holidays during this time or booking routine medical appointments.

Wednesday Word

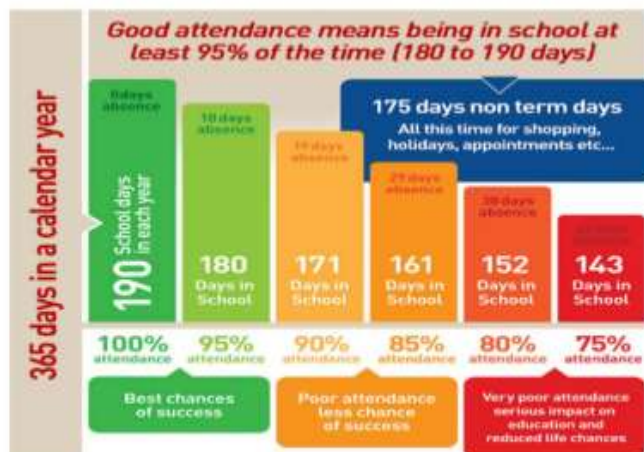
Please see below a link to this week's 'Wednesday Word' Catholic resource for families:-
<https://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Advance Notice - Year 6 Production/Assembly

This year our Year 6 children will be showcasing their leavers' production at 6.00pm on Monday, 13th July, and at 1.45pm on Tuesday, 14th July. More information will be sent home in due course but we can promise you an evening/afternoon that you won't forget!!

Our Year 6 Assembly will take place at 2.00pm on Thursday, 16th July. This will certainly be an afternoon where you will need your tissues!!

Attendance – Friday, 8th May to Thursday, 14th May, 2026



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

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| Rec S | 97.39% |
| Rec T | 95.45% |
| 1S | 94.67% |
| 1/2T | 97.67% |
| 2A | 97.0% |
| 3S | 98.0% |
| 3/4T | 97.24% |
| 4A | 95.16% |
| 5S | 95.67% |
| 5/6T | 96.77% |
| 6A | 98.28% |
| Whole School | 96.67% |
| Whole School Target | 96.0% |

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 6A who have achieved 98.28% 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 of our classes have had late marks this week.

Safeguarding Advice for Parents and Carers: Viral "Squishy Toy" Trend

We have been made aware of a viral trend circulating online where children are encouraged to heat soft "squishy" toys (sometimes called NeeDoh or jelly cube toys) in a microwave.

This is extremely dangerous because, when heated, these toys can burst and release hot contents, which may cause serious burns to the hands, face and skin.

- Please do talk to your child about the risks of copying online challenges or trends;
- Remind them that not everything seen online is safe or accurate;
- Ensure squishy toys or similar items are never heated or microwaved;
- Encourage your child to come to you if they see something online that concerns them.

If you would like more information and practical advice, please see the safeguarding alert here: [SAFEGUARDING ALERT: Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

Stall in aid of British Heart Foundation

Grace, Bella and Carys from our 3/4T class are running a stall on Mill Lane Park next Saturday, 23rd May, to raise money for such a worthy charity, The British Heart Foundation. The girls have designed this poster to advertise their initiative and we do hope that you can show your support.

