

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2026

<i>Rec S</i>	<i>Edric P</i>			<i>Rec T</i>	<i>Frankie R</i>
<i>1S</i>	<i>Arlene A</i>	<i>1/2T</i>	<i>Zuzanna K</i>	<i>2A</i>	<i>Oscar R</i>
<i>3S</i>	<i>Alfie S</i>	<i>3/4T</i>	<i>Helen D</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>Adimchi O</i>
<i>5S</i>	<i>Imogen S</i>	<i>5/6T</i>	<i>Theo K</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Kaedon E</i>

#### CITIZEN AWARD

<i>Arthur E</i>	<i>1/2T</i>
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Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended Y5/6T Class Mass on Tuesday; the children read and sang beautifully. Next Tuesday, we have Y5S Class Mass and Wednesday is Y6A Class Assembly. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend both events.

On Wednesday, Players Drama School visited to talk to the children about their performing arts after school club they run in school every Monday. If you are interested in your child joining their club, please contact Players Drama on 07368342092.

Mrs Berry has been busy undertaking auditions for St. Anthony's (has) Got Talent. She still has a few more auditions to view but hopes to let all the acts know by Monday whether they have been successful.

During the half term break, we are having repair work undertaken to the footpath next to school. The contractors aim to complete the work, weather permitting, by our return but please can we ask that you bear this work in mind when returning to school on the Monday.

Punctuality continues to be disappointing. Please can we ask that every effort be made for children to be in class for 8.45am prompt. Children who arrive late can disrupt the class and often struggle to settle when the lesson has already started. In line with statutory procedures, children who arrive after 9.15am receive the 'U' mark that affects not only their punctuality record but also their attendance.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Barnes

[office@stanthonys.mecmat.org](mailto: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  
19th January  
will be week 3 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](#)

### Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

On the lead up to Christmas, we are hoping to hold a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop located in the school foyer. If your child has any surplus pre-loved outgrown jumpers that you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, please can we ask that you drop them off at the school office at your earliest convenience.

### Publication from the Children's Commissioner

Please find below a link to an extremely useful publication from the Children's Commissioner entitled:

[What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives.](#)

This publication gives advice on the challenges that parents/carers face of managing children's everyday online habits.

### School Led Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs

Our school led before and after school extra-curricular clubs will resume this Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January and, unless we have contacted you, please assume that your child has been accepted into the clubs of their choice. Please can we request that you inform the school office when your child is unable to attend a club for any reason or if there are any changes to pick up arrangements. Staff run all our clubs voluntarily in their own time and there may be occasions when we have to cancel a club at short notice due to staff personal commitments or absence. We will always try to give you as much notice as possible.

### School Nurse Drop in Session

The school nursing team are holding a parents/carers' drop in session in school from 9.00am on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January. The aim of the session is to give parents/carers the opportunity to have one-to-one time with a nurse to discuss childhood issues such as emotional health, behaviour, diet, healthy lifestyle, sleep, bed-wetting, head lice or anything else that may be bothering your child. Please contact the school office if you are interested in attending the session so that we can give the school nursing team some idea of numbers.



### *Dates for your diary*

**Spring Term begins** – Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

**Whole School Epiphany Mass** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

~~5/6T Class Mass~~ – Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 – 9.15am

**5S Class Mass** – Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 – 9.15am

**6A Class Assembly** – Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026 – 9.05am

**Compliment Day** – Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2026

**3/4T Class Mass** – Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 – 9.15am

**KS1 Trip to Chester Zoo** – Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

**School Nurse Drop in Session** – Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 – 9.00am

**3S Class Mass** – Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026 – 9.15am

**Numbers Day** – Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**Mini-Vinnies Coffee Morning** – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**2A Class Mass** – Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 – 9.15am

**Rec Classes Assembly** – Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 – 9.05am

**FOSTA Valentines Disco** – Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**Half Term** – Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**6A Class Mass** – Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 – 9.15am

**4A Class Assembly** – Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 – 9.05am

**1/2T Class Mass** – Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2026 – 9.15am

**World Book Day** – Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

**5/6T Class Assembly** – Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 – 9.05am

**4A Class Mass** – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 – 9.15am

**1S Class Mass** – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 – 9.15am

**Parents' Consultation Meetings** – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

**Tempest Photography Class Photos** – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

**FOSTA Own Clothes Day** – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

**World Down Syndrome Day** – Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2026

**Break the Rules Day** – Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026

**Whole School Easter Liturgy** – Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2026 – 10.00am

**Close for Easter** – Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2026 – 1.30pm

### Scheduled Building Works - CAR PARK CLOSURE

Scheduled essential building work to St Anthony of Padua Church will begin week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> February with the car park being out of use for approximately eight weeks. We fully appreciate the inconvenience and disruption this will cause to us all and we, therefore, want to give you advance notice so that you can make any necessary arrangements, whether that be car sharing or planning your journey to school to allow additional time to park further away and walk. Please can we politely ask everyone to be considerate with their parking, avoiding blocking or using residents' driveways, parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school entrance or parking on the annexe car park which is for the Before and After School staff and other annexe users.

### Fulwood Library Free Event

To celebrate National Story Telling Week, Fulwood Library is holding a FREE 'Pirate Adventures' family event at 3.45pm on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February. There is no need to book, just make your way to Fulwood Library after school and join the fun! More details can be found here: [LCC Events](#)

### Advance Notice – Own Clothes Themed Days

The following own clothes themed days are taking place:-

#### NSPCC Number Day – Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February

Children are invited to come dressed as something linked to Maths for a cash donation of £1.00 which will be donated to NSPCC. This could be their favourite number, shape or anything that you can think of linked to Maths. There will also be a variety of Maths related activities taking place throughout the day.

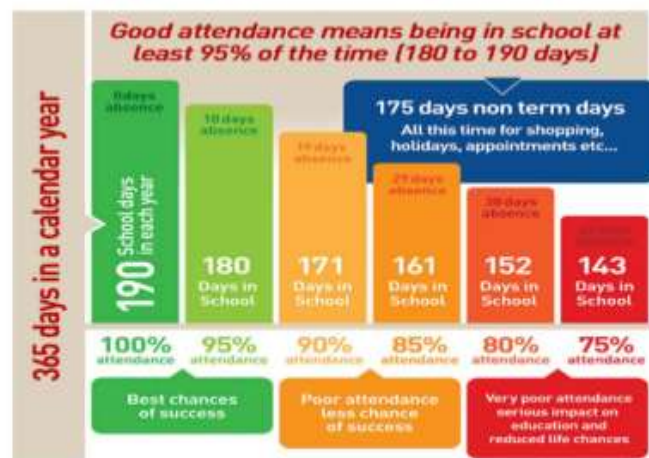
#### World Book Day – Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

Children are invited to wear a costume linked to their favourite book.

### Advance Notice – Parents' Meetings

Our next Parents' Meetings will take place in the school hall on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 in due course.

### Attendance – Friday, 9th December to Thursday, 15th January, 2026



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

Rec S	95.11%
Rec T	95.0%
1S	94.33%
1/2T	92.67%
2A	97.67%
3S	96.33%
3/4T	93.0%
4A	95.81%
5S	95.33%
5/6T	96.77%
6A	98.97%
Whole School	95.56%
Whole School Target	96.0%

**Attendance Winners** - A huge well done to Class 6A who have achieved 98.97% 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** – Well done to classes Reception T and 1/2T who have had no late marks this week

### **September 2026 Primary and High School Offer Notifications**

Below are the dates for September 2026 primary and high school offer notifications to parents:-

**High school offers:- 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2026**

**Primary school offers:- 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

The Pupil Access Team will issue offer notifications electronically for all online, ON TIME, applicants and letters by second-class post to those who applied through paper form. Online applicants will be able to view their own offer on the system on the morning of the offer date. All late applicants will receive offer notification by letter.

Please can we, therefore, remind you of the importance that you notify the Pupil Access Team direct should you change your address or contact details.

### **Advance Notice - Statutory Assessment Dates**

#### **Year 6 Statutory Assessments – May 2026**

This year's Year 6 statutory assessments will take place from Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May inclusive. Please can we request that you avoid taking your child out of school on the lead up to or during the assessment window. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - June 2026**

Children in Year 1 will undertake their statutory phonics screening check the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June. Please can we request that you avoid taking your child out of school during the assessment window. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Wednesday Word**

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

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

### **Exciting News – St Anthony's (has) Got Talent is returning on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 from 6.00pm-8.00pm**



Tickets are £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children, payable through Parent Pay accounts, with a deadline date of Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January. Children taking part in the show do not need a ticket.

Our judging panel will choose the best three acts on the night with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes being donated by FOSTA. There will also be a small treat for everyone performing.

We are sure that the evening is going to be a huge success with lots of talent shining through.

**GD COACHING**  
**MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CLUB**  
**ST CECILIAS LONGRIDGE**  
**16TH-20TH FEBRUARY**

**JUST £20 PER DAY**  
**DROP OFF 8-9AM**  
**PICK UP 4-5PM**

**VERY LIMITED SPACE !**  
**BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**  
**TEXT GARETH 078401 93500**