

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, 16TH OCTOBER, 2026

Rec S	Connor G			Rec T	Alfie D
1S	Lucas C	1/2T	Aiwin J	2A	Willow A
3S	Arlo R	3/4T	Jake H	4A	Jacob B
5S	Connie B	5/6T	Bella-Blu E	6A	Zabiah B

CITIZEN AWARD

Jake K	5/6T
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PLAYGROUND AWARDS LUNCHTIME AWARD

Ivy D and Henry W – 6A	Arthur E – 2A
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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
19th October, 2026
will be week 3 of the
Spring/Summer menu

We have had a busy week; the Immunisation Team were in school on Tuesday to administer the flu vaccine to children whose parents consented online. The team will be returning at a date to be confirmed to do a catch up session for the children who were absent on Tuesday.

ABC Portraits were in school on Wednesday to capture Reception class photos for the Lancashire Evening Post supplement. Keepsake photo proofs are coming soon! We will send them home with the Reception children as soon as we receive them. The cards will include full details on how to order a copy.

On Wednesday, Class 3/4T led us in worship. The children did a fantastic job exploring the theme of stewardship—speaking so elegantly and thoughtfully about our shared responsibility to look after our world and care for one another. It was wonderful to see their confidence shine through, and your presence meant the world to them. Next Wednesday, our children from Class 2A will lead us in worship. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in the school hall at 9.05am.

Next Tuesday, our children from Class 3S will attend Mass and, as always, parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in church.

Thank you everyone for supporting our school's participation in the "Show Racism the Red Card" initiative today. It was great to see our school community united in red to stand up against racism and show our commitment to equality, respect and kindness.

Today, Miss Mack-Thomson and I had the pleasure of taking eight children to see their artwork on display in the 'Hope' Art Exhibition at UCLAN. It was a humbling experience to have the opportunity to see the fantastic artwork created by pupils/students from local schools/colleges dedicated to raising mental health and suicide prevention awareness among young people. Well done children for being excellent ambassadors for St. Anthony's

Our Mini-Vinnies group is hosting a coffee morning following the 9.30am Sunday Mass – do come along and have a brew and a cake to support the Parish Charities – Water Aid and the Foxton Centre. If there are any bakers who would like to donate cakes for this worthwhile cause, please drop them off at the Padua Room before Mass.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Barnes

Positive Start for the Year 5/6 Boys Football League

Our Year 5/6 boys kicked off their league campaign last Thursday night, picking up 5 points from their opening 3 matches.

The team battled hard to earn back-to-back 1-1 draws against St Clare's and St Joseph's. Both fixtures were fiercely competitive, with both opposing managers commenting on the high quality and impressive level of play on display throughout.

Unfortunately, Alston Lane was unable to attend our final scheduled match of the evening, resulting in a default 3-point victory to round off the night.

With two strong performances and an unbeaten start to the season, the boys have set a fantastic foundation for the rest of the campaign. Well done, boys!

Top One Uniform

We have been asked to let you know that Top One Uniforms has moved premises from St John's Shopping Centre to:

85a Fishergate, Preston, PR1 2NJ (opposite Primark)

Their telephone number is 01772 828616

Coats

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child wears a coat to school every day. It is also recommended to label your child's coat with their name and class. This will enable us to quickly return any lost items to their rightful owners.

Arbor Lunch Accounts

Please could everyone check their Arbor lunch accounts and clear any outstanding balances. We will shortly be contacting parents of children with a deficit balance to request that they switch to packed lunches after half term. This will prevent outstanding balances from increasing further. Thank you for your cooperation.



Dates for your diary

Mini-Vinnies' Coffee Morning - Sunday, 18th October
Holy Communion Session 2 - Tuesday, 20th October
Harvest Festival Celebration - Thursday, 22nd October at 9.15am
Parliament Trip - Thursday/Friday, 22nd/23rd October
Half Term - Monday, 26th October - Friday, 30th October
Inset Day - Monday, 2nd November
Reception 2027 Open Night - Wednesday, 4th November
Holy Communion Session 3 - Tuesday, 10th November
Tempest School Photos - Wednesday, 18th November
Parents' Afternoon/Evening - Wednesday, 18th November
FOSTA Own Clothes Day - Friday, 20th November
M&M Theatre Group - Christmas Carol - Tuesday, 24th November
Holy Communion Session 4 - Tuesday, 24th November
LKS2 Advent Service - Thursday, 3rd December at 5.30pm
FOSTA Own Clothes Day - Friday, 4th December
KS1 Nativity - Wednesday, 9th December at 10.45am/2.00pm
Christmas Jumper Day - Friday, 11th December
FOSTA Christmas Fair - Friday, 11th December
EYFS Nativity - Wednesday, 16th December at 10.00am/2.00pm
UKS2 Carol Service - Wednesday, 16th December at 5.30pm
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:-

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 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

Wednesday Word

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

Harvest Festival Celebration

Our Harvest Festival Celebration will take place in church on Thursday, 22nd October, at 9.15am and everyone is welcome to join us! As part of our celebration, we are asking for donations of tins, packet and boxed food and toiletries. Our donations will go to the Salvation Army who support people in need in our community. Please can we request that you send any donations to school by Tuesday, 20th October!

On the day, the Fairtrade stall will be available at the back of church selling a range of Fairtrade items and gifts.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

We are pleased to say that Year 6 Leavers Hoodies are now available to order using the following link with a deadline date of Friday, 23rd October. Our Year 6 children will be able to wear their hoodie for the remainder of the school year in place of their school jumper.

<https://www.oneidentity.co.uk/product/leavers-hoodie-27-st-anthonys/>

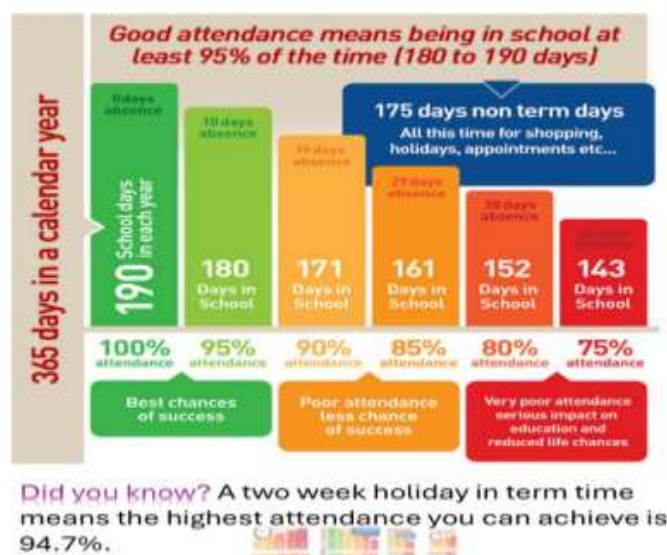
Half Term Reminder

We break up for Half Term next Friday, 23rd October, at 3.15pm and return to school on Tuesday, 3rd November, 2026.

Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies and other merchandise ranging from 20p to £1.50 will be on sale after half term on a first come basis. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.

Attendance – Friday, 9th October to Thursday, 15th October, 2026



Rec S	93.98%
Rec T	98.72%
1S	96.67%
1/2T	93.67%
2A	95.67%
3S	94.06%
3/4T	98.67%
4A	100.0%
5S	95.67%
5/6T	95.16%
6A	95.33%
Whole School	96.13%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 4A who have achieved 100.0% 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 S, Reception T and 4A who have had no late marks this week.

Bonfire Themed Lunch

To commemorate Bonfire Night, our kitchen team are serving a bonfire themed lunch on Thursday, 5th November. There is no need to book in advance, just let class know on the day, and make the £3.00 payment through your child's Arbor account, if applicable.



BONFIRE NIGHT
5th November

Firecracker Vegetarian
Sausage in a Bun
served with
Crispy Onions & Tomato Ketchup
or
Catherine Wheel Pizza Whirl
served with
Smokey Ridge Fries
Garden Peas or Baked Beans
or
Oven Baked Jacket Potato
served with
Choice of filling & Salad Selection
or
Sparkling Toffee Cake

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 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

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 PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
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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

If your child is baptised Catholic, you will also need to complete a supplementary form which is available from the school office and at Our Lady's Catholic High School. Baptism Certificates are also required.

The Players
DRAMA SCHOOL

Elves Who Wouldn't Mix

ORGANISED
PERFECT
LISTS
RULES

FUN
CREATIVE
CHAOTIC
NO RULES!

EVERY MONDAY AT ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
9TH NOVEMBER - 14TH DECEMBER
PLACES ARE LIMITED - SIGN UP HERE
CALLING ALL LITTLE ELVES!

Calling all Little Elves...

SCAN ME TO SIGN UP...

This Christmas, Players in Education is heading straight to the North Pole for six weeks of festive Performing Arts fun!

Meet Team Red - organised, prepared and VERY fond of rules...
... and Team Green - creative, chaotic and convinced rules are made to be broken.

They definitely don't mix... but when Christmas is suddenly at risk, they'll have to work together to save the big day!

We will ACT, SING, DANCE, improvise and create as we build confidence, make friends and prepare for our big Christmas performance!

ONLY £72.00 FOR THE FULL COURSE

Six weeks. ONE CHRISTMAS SHOW. A WHOLE LOT OF **ELF CHAOS!**

PLAYERSDRAMASCHOOL.CO.UK/
PLAYERS-IN-EDUCATION/

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Teacher Training

based at Our Lady's Catholic High School

Is teaching for you?
Next steps after university?
A career change?

Catholic Teaching Alliance teacher training courses (PGCE with QTS) available:

- Early Primary (3-7 years), General Primary (5-11 years)
- Secondary (11-16 years), Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years)

View our list of courses here
www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/pgce-courses.html

Please contact us for further information,
Call 01772 326931 or
Email CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk
Website: www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org



CATHOLIC
TEACHING
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Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity
NHS Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

IT'S BACK!

JINGLE BELL JOG

**Sunday 29th November 2026
From 12 noon**

University of Lancashire Sports Arena, Tom Benson Way, Preston PR2 1SC

Join us for a fancy dress, 1-mile toddle, walk, jog, or run around the university's running track.

Scan here to sign up!

£4 per person
£12 per family

To find out more visit: lthcharity.org.uk
or follow: [@LancHospCharity](https://www.facebook.com/LancHospCharity)

