

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

FRIDAY, 17TH JULY, 2026

Rec S	Azaiah K			Rec T	Jason V
1S	Teo J	1/2T	Beatrice P	2A	Arabella B-W
3S	Clodagh G and Ava W	3/4T	Jack L	4A	Phoebe R
5S	Santi F-B	5/6T	Artem T	6A	Lera T

YEAR 6 AWARDS

Y5/6T Star of the Year – Max W		Y6A Star of the Year Award – Lera T	
RE – Aaron W	Maths – Oliver S	Writing – Ali E	Reading – Esme L
Science – Leo E	History – Pierce F	Art – Clerin B	Progress – Harrison S
Sportsmanship – William W	School Spirit – Isla D	Sports All-Rounder – Eva-Mae R-G	Growth Mindset – Tristan E
Drama – Eliza W-B	Golden Heart – Esther A	St Anthony's Star – Hollie D	
Headteacher – Theo K		Sport – Ronnie B	
Courtesy/Citizenship – Lewis D		Eileen Cumming Shield – Amira R	

This week has certainly been an unforgettable week for everyone in school. To beat the heat and reward the children for being super stars this year, we hosted fun-filled water fights and it was safe to say that everyone got wet with myself wetter than most!! The children had so much fun and it was lovely to see them dodging, ducking and chasing each other and the staff with smiles on their faces and laughter echoing around the playground.

We had an emotional end to the week as we celebrated and said goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. Lots of proud staff and parents joined the children as they took part in their final assembly and leavers' Mass. We wish the children every happiness and success at high school. They are a credit to St. Anthony's and will be missed. We are also saying a fond farewell to Mrs Walmsley and Miss Hutchinson who are leaving us for pastures new. I am sure that you will join us in wishing them both all the very best for the future.

As we reach the end of another academic year, a special mention must go to our hardworking staff team and Governors and yourselves for your continued support. I hope that everyone has an enjoyable, relaxing, summer break and look forward to seeing you all back at school refreshed on Thursday, 3rd September.

Mrs. Barnes

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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
31st August, 2026
will be week 2 of the
Spring/Summer menu

Thank you on behalf of the staff

A huge thank you for your generous end of year gifts, cards and lovely messages of thanks; we really appreciate your kindness.

Reception Children's Right Start Training

This week our Reception children took part in the Right Start pedestrian training initiative. Our Right Start trained Reception team took small groups of children out to practice vital skills to help them stay safe near roads. The staff were extremely impressed how well the children listened to their instructions and were enthusiastic to learn the concept of the need to stop at the curb and use their eyes and ears to look and listen for traffic before attempting to cross a road. Well done children!!

Year 6 Production of 'Oliver with a Twist' Message from our Year 6 Staff Team

Our Year 6 children certainly shone brightly this week with their brilliant production of 'Oliver with a Twist'. The children performed to the whole school on Monday morning and then to their families on Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon. Each performance was brilliant, showcasing the talent and hard work of our young actors.

It was fabulous to see the children's team spirit, acting skills and confidence grow throughout the rehearsals and performances. The smiles on the children's faces as they took their final bows were a testament to the joy and pride they felt of their achievement.

A special thank you goes to the children's families who came along to watch the production and for the support that you gave them. Your encouragement certainly made a difference and helped make this production an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. We are so proud of our Year 6 children - well done children!



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, 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 **CANCELLED**
~~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.

Padua Pals Breakfast and After School Clubs Designated Email Address

In readiness for September, our Padua Pals staff team now have a designated email address. Please can we ask that you forward any registration forms or wrap-around care queries to the following email and the team will endeavour to respond to you promptly:-

paduapals@stanthonys.mecmat.org

Arbor is now live for making bookings for our wrap-around care venture. Please be aware, payment will need to be made at the time of booking. Please book as soon as possible so that we can gauge numbers.

Arbor School Meal Accounts

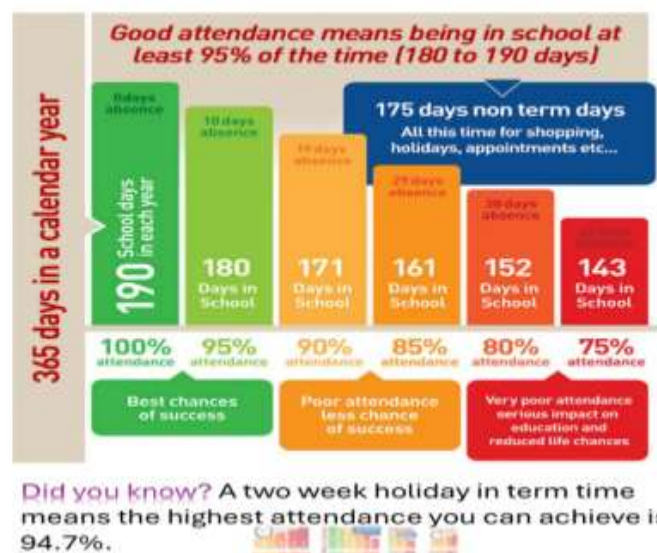
Please can we request that all outstanding dinner money be cleared via your Arbor App by the end of today. We will contact parents whose accounts are still in arrears before the start of term to remind them to send their child with a packed lunch to prevent the debt from rising further. Many thanks for your co-operation.

IMPORTANT Change to Free School Meals

We have now undertaken this year's eligibility check and have contacted those families who will be eligible for free school meals for the next academic year. All key stage 1 children will remain eligible to free school meals under the infant universal free school meals element.

Please can we remind you, children moving to Year 3 will no longer be entitled to infant free school meals and will need to pay for meals in advance through your Arbor App at a cost of £3.00 per day.

Attendance – Friday, 10th July to Thursday, 16th July, 2026



Rec S	88.7%
Rec T	90.61%
1S	87.67%
1/2T	90.67%
2A	94.0%
3S	94.0%
3/4T	93.45%
4A	91.29%
5S	96.0%
5/6T	97.0%
6A	98.62%
Whole School	93.06%
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.

ATTENDANCE CELEBRATIONS

We are delighted to share that 88 children had 100.0% attendance during the Summer term and 28 children received £5.00 vouchers for attending school every day this academic year. Well done children



No Lates – A huge well done to Reception T who have had no late marks this week.

Pupil Medical Conditions

Please can we ask that, if your child's medical needs/conditions change over the summer holidays, you email the school office prior to our return to school in September. For ease, we will transfer all medication/inhalers to your child's new class unless the medication is reaching its expiry date, in which case, we will contact you.

Change of Emergency Contact Details

As you are aware, our main communication platform with yourselves is through Arbor so it is imperative that your mobile number and email address are up-to-date at all times. Parents are able to amend their own contact details on Arbor and submit these for approval by ourselves. Other emergency contact details have to be updated by ourselves so we ask that you email any changes to the office email. Alternatively, messages can be sent through the Arbor App.

Wednesday Word

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

Summer Reading Challenge: Reading Heroes at Fulwood Library!

Fulwood Library is challenging children to read five books over their summer break and are welcoming families to pop into the library to sign their children up to the scheme so that they can earn stickers, prizes, and a certificate. Children can also enter optional challenges with grand prizes of sets of Lego worth £50.00. For more information on the reading challenge visit:-
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/lancs-reading-heroes/>

To support the challenge, the Library is hosting a range of bookable activities including crafts, STEM and a creative writing workshop hosted by the author Nathan Parker. There will also be a drop-in activities' table each day, and the usual children's activities such as Bounce and Rhyme and Lego Club will continue all summer. Information about the events is below:
<https://www6.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/upcomingevents?service=CUL&venues=Fulwood+Library>

Kellogg's Breakfast Scheme

Families visiting their local Morrisons Cafe throughout the summer holidays can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast', which includes a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. The best part, it's not just for kids, adults get to eat completely free too.



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THIS COURSE

This programme consists of seven 1.5 hour after school sessions, held at your school. These bespoke, dynamic workshops will explore the magic of storytelling and imaginative role play while developing key rehearsal techniques, performance skills, and collaborative working. The classes are designed to strengthen communication skills, develop artistry and enhance self belief leading to a performance of **"Toy Story Tales"** on the final week.

We have limited availability on this very popular course. Reserve your place now by completing the link below or scan the QR code. The cost of the full course is £84.00 (Payment details and installment options given upon sign up.)

SIGN UP NOW OPEN

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The sessions will now take place at St. Anthony's Annexe. Players' Drama team will collect the children from school to take them across to the Annexe and parents will need to pick up from the Annexe.

