

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

1S	Azaiah K	1/2T	Miles W	2A	Leo F
3S	Hugo M-D	3/4T	Dalton S	4A	Amelia C
5S	Anaya A	5/6T	Finley C	6A	Jenson R-H

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Gracie A	1/2T
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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

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Tuesday for Class 6A Mass. Next Tuesday, the children from Class 5/6T will attend 9.15am Mass and parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in church.

On Tuesday, a group of our Year 6 children took part in the first sporting event of the year at West View Leisure Centre. As well as being amazing competitors, the children were also very respectful to our opponents - a delight to take out to compete and certainly excellent ambassadors for St. Anthony's. Well done children, we are very proud of you.



The School Office is currently carrying out their annual update of pupil records on Arbor. Please log into your Arbor App to review your child's information, paying attention to the ethnicity and religion sections. If any details need changing, please update them directly through the Arbor App. Alternatively, please feel free to contact Mrs Howlett who will be happy to make any necessary changes on your behalf.

We have some bittersweet news to share, two valued members of staff, Mrs Alty, our Family Support Worker, and Mrs Cryer, our Cook, will be leaving us in a few weeks' time. Mrs Alty has been offered a wonderful opportunity to take up a teaching related role at an Independent Special School and Mrs Cryer has decided to hang her apron up to have more family time. We will be very sad to see both members of staff go, but we are sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best and every happiness for the future.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Barnes

SCHOOL MEALS

Week commencing
21st September, 2026
will be week 2 of the
Spring/Summer menu

Year 6 Talk

The Year 7 Transition Lead from Our Lady's High School, along with two former St. Anthony's pupils, visited our Year 6 children on Wednesday to talk to them about secondary school life at Our Lady's and answer questions that the children had about transitioning to high school. We find that this session is an excellent opportunity for the children to gather thoughts and insights that they can discuss with their parents at home in preparation for making high school choices.

Book and PE Bags

Please can we request that, if you have recently purchased a school book/PE bag via the Arbor App, you pop into the school office to collect it. Alternatively, you are welcome to send your child instead.

Years 4 Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion Enrolment Meeting

Parents of our Catholic children in Year 4, as well as older children who have not yet made their Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, are invited to attend an enrolment meeting here at school at 6.15pm on Tuesday, 29th September.

Our Lady's High School Open Evening

Our Lady's High School are holding their Open Evening from 6.00pm-8.30pm on Thursday, 1st October. This is an opportunity for our Year 6 children and their parents to have a look round the school prior to applying for a high school place.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

The Lancashire Immunisation Team will be visiting school on Tuesday, 13th October, to administer the flu vaccine to eligible Reception to Year 6 children. To ensure that your child receives the vaccine, parents must complete the online consent form sent directly from the Immunisation Team. Please can we make you aware, school cannot consent on your behalf.



Dates for your diary

~~Autumn Term begins~~ Thursday, 3rd September

~~Years 1-6 Meet the Teacher Meeting~~ Wednesday, 9th September

Year 4 Holy Communion and Reconciliation

Enrolment Evening - Tuesday, 29th September at 6.15pm

Nasal Flu Vaccination Session - Tuesday, 13th October

Reception Children's LEP New Starter Supplement Photo -

Wednesday, 14th October

Half Term - Monday, 26th October - Friday, 30th October

Inset Day - Monday, 2nd November

Reception 2027 Open Night - Wednesday, 4th November

Tempest School Photos - Wednesday, 18th November

Parents' Afternoon/Evening - Wednesday, 18th November

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:-

~~Years 1-6 Mass~~ - Tuesday, 8th September

~~Class 6A Mass~~ - Tuesday, 15th September

Class 5/6T Mass - Tuesday, 22nd September

Class 5S Mass - Tuesday, 29th September

Class 4A Mass - Friday, 9th October **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE**

Class 3/4T Mass - Tuesday, 13th October

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 6A Assembly - Wednesday, 30th September

Class 5S Assembly - Wednesday, 7th October

Class 3/4T Assembly - Wednesday, 14th October

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

Reception Class LEP Supplement Photographs

ABC Portraits will be visiting school on Wednesday, 14th October, to take Reception class photographs for the Lancashire Evening Post's Reception 2026 supplement. If you **DO NOT** wish your child to have their photograph taken for the supplement, please can you contact the school office no later than Friday, 9th October.

Reception 2027 Open Evening

We are having an Open Evening from 4.45pm-6.30pm on Wednesday, 4th November, for parents of children due to start primary school in September 2027. There will be the opportunity to meet our Leadership Team, staff from our Reception Classes and our Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls. There will be a tour of the school and parents will be able to ask questions they may have to help them make an informed decision when applying for a primary school place for their child.

Tempest Individual and Family Photographs

ADVANCE NOTICE Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday, 18th November, to take individual and family photographs. If you **DO NOT** wish your child to have their photograph taken, please can you contact the school office no later than Friday, 13th November. There will also be the opportunity for family photographs involving other siblings who do not attend St. Anthony's such as babies, toddlers and older siblings at high school. If you would like to take up this offer, please can we ask that you be at school for 8.15am prompt.

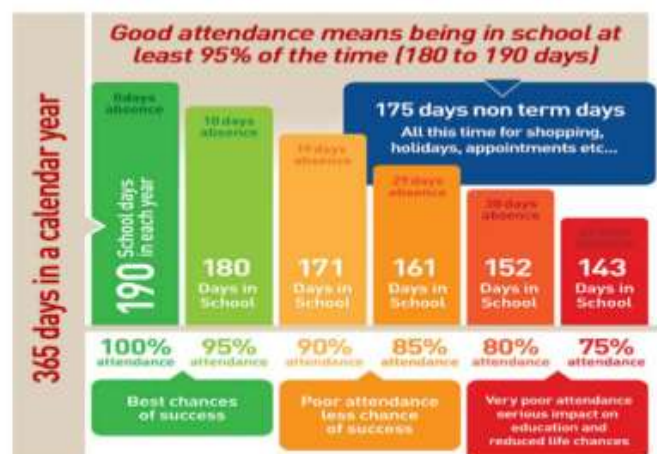
Advance Notice – KS2 SATS

Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments will take place from Monday, 10th May – Thursday, 13th May, 2027. Please can we ask that our Year 6 parents refrain from taking their children on holiday during this period.

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, 11th September to Thursday, 17th September, 2026



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

Rec S	99.53%
Rec T	96.57%
1S	94.0%
1/2T	94.0%
2A	95.33%
3S	93.55%
3/4T	98.06%
4A	97.67%
5S	90.65%
5/6T	97.0%
6A	92.67%
Whole School	95.21%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class Reception S who have achieved 99.53% 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 – A huge well done to Reception T who have had no late marks this week.

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 PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

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



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

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Leyland Boot Room Swap Shop

Leyland Boot Room is a community organisation who collect new/used sports shoes to share with the local community through a swap shop initiative to aid children's involvement in grass root sports.

Mrs Cartwright is supporting this worthwhile cause by collecting unwanted football boots, astros, or sports shoes that children have outgrown or no longer require. Please pop into the school office if you would like to donate any pre-loved items. We will share the date/location of the next swap shop in due course should any families wish to head down.



OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2026
6PM UNTIL 8.30PM
Headteacher Talk at 6pm | 7pm | 7.45pm
COME AND FIND OUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE One of Ours

OPEN DAY
Friday 9 October at 10am
Friday 9 October at 11.15am
To book an Open Day appointment please use the QR Code or click here

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