

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 19TH JUNE, 2026

Rec S	Azaiah K			Rec T	Lucas C
1S	Parwona A	1/2T	Noah C	2A	Rose C
3S	Charlie F	3/4T	Louis C	4A	Hugo G
5S	Lucy S	5/6T	Courtney-Mae E	6A	Aaron W

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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
22nd June, 2026
will be week 1 of the
Spring/Summer menu

What a busy week!

It was so lovely to see our school and parish community come together last Sunday to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Anthony of Padua.

Thank you to our parents and grandparents who attended our 2A class Assembly on Tuesday afternoon. The children did fantastically well in sharing the feast day of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist and participated with great reverence and sincerity. Next Tuesday morning, the children from 1/2T class will attend Mass and 3/4T class will have their Assembly on Wednesday morning. Please do try to join us.

We were delighted to welcome our new Reception children to St. Anthony's on Wednesday lunchtime. The children enjoyed their very first taste of school meals and got to meet staff and their new class pals. We hope that the children had a great time and look forward to them joining us again at our pre-school visits.

Our Year 6 children are busy rehearsing for their Year 6 Leavers' Production entitled 'Oliver with a Twist'. It is lovely to see the children running through their lines on stage and we can't wait to watch them showcase their production in a few weeks' time. Parents and grandparents prepared to be wowed!

This weekend is a special weekend for the children who are making their First Holy Communion at St. Anthony's. We pray that receiving this sacrament will help the children's faith continue to grow and strengthen and hope that they have a wonderful time marking this memorable occasion with their families and friends.

We are really hoping that the weather will be kind to us this coming Monday, 22nd June, for our whole school sports day. Please can all children come to school in their school uniform and ensure that they have their PE kit in school in readiness for getting changed. Should the weather be hot, please do put sun cream on your children and send them with a sun hat and water bottle. We look forward to you joining us.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a lovely weekend.

The St. Anthony's Team.

Sports Festival Success! 🏆

A massive congratulations and a huge well done to every single child who participated in Tuesday's Sports Festival across our cricket, netball, boys' football, girls' football, giant skills tennis, and frisbee teams! Every child performed brilliantly, showing fantastic sportsmanship and truly doing the school proud with how well they represented us. A huge thank you must also go to our wonderful parents for your invaluable help with transport, and to all of our amazing staff who coached the teams and cheered them on so loudly from the sidelines. Well done everyone, and thanks again! — Mr. Pitcher

Year 6 Bikeability Training

This week, our Year 6 children have taken part in Bikeability training. The training has enabled the children to master essential road safety skills, preparing them for cycling independently, confidently and, most importantly, safely on our busy roads. The children have worked so hard and the trainers awarded everyone who completed the training an official Bikeability certificate and badge. Well done Year 6 children.

Next Term's Years 1-6 Toast/Fruit Toast

Next term's toast/fruit toast can now be purchased through your Arbor App under 'School Shop'. The deadline date for placing orders is Friday, 10th July. Unfortunately, orders cannot be placed after deadline day. Please can we remind you, we are not able to accept cash payments anymore so please do not hesitate to pop into the school office if you need help accessing your Arbor App. As yet, we are still waiting for confirmation from the Dairy as to the cost of milk for next term. We will add this payment item to Arbor as soon as we receive this information.

Increase in Cost of School Meals

Further to our previous notification, please can we remind you, the cost of KS2 school meals will be increasing to £3.00 per day from 1st September. EYFS and KS1 children will continue to receive free school meals through the universal infant free school meal scheme as will children who are entitled to free school meals due to their parents being in receipt of certain income related benefits.



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
~~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.

Important message to Year 2 Parents

Please can we remind parents whose children will be moving to Year 3 in September that they will no longer be entitled to universal infant free school meals. If you wish your child to continue having school meals, payment will need to be made through your Arbor Apps. All meals must be paid for in advance.

If you think that your child may be entitled to free school meals and you have not already applied, please do so through the link below:-

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

Key Stage 2 Book Bag

Message for parents of children who are moving into Year 3 in September.

If you would like to purchase the key stage 2 book bag, please can we ask that you make the £5.00 payment through your Arbor App under 'School Shop' before Friday, 10th July.

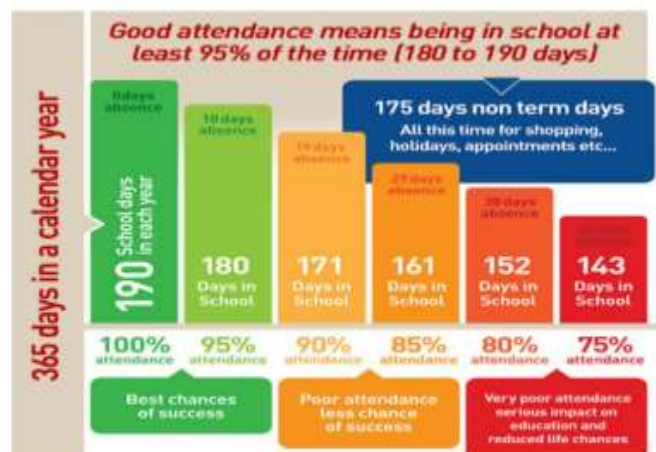
Get ready for Sports Day!

Our Sports Day is taking place this coming Monday. EYFS and KS1 events will take place from 9.15am to 11.15am, and KS2 events will run from 1.30pm to 3.15pm. Parents are welcome to join us and can enter the field 15 minutes before the start of their child's events. We kindly ask that everyone arrive promptly to help ensure the events run smoothly. Your support and encouragement would mean the world to the children, so please come along and cheer them on!

Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair will take place on the KS2 playground after school this coming Wednesday, 24th June. Games will cost between 50p and £1.00 so please can the FOSTA team ask that you bring some spare change with you. The event promises to be so much fun and the FOSTA team look forward to you joining them. Please can we remind you, all children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Attendance – Friday, 12th June to Thursday, 18th June, 2026



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

Rec S	95.22%
Rec T	91.36%
1S	93.33%
1/2T	97.67%
2A	96.33%
3S	99.0%
3/4T	92.76%
4A	96.77%
5S	93.33%
5/6T	97.33%
6A	90.34%
Whole School	94.97%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 3S who have achieved 99.0% 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 – Unfortunately, all our classes have had late marks again this week.

School Nurse Drop in Session

The School Nurse will be attending another one of Mrs Alty's Coffee Mornings that will take place in school at 9.15am next Friday, 26th June. Please do pop in to have a chat with the School Nurse about any health and wellbeing related issues. There will also be the opportunity to have a catch up with Mrs Alty and other parents over a coffee.

Move Up Day

This year's move up day will take place on Thursday, 2nd July, when our Year 6 children will spend the day at their high school. We wish the children lots of luck and hope that they have a brilliant day. Children will need to make their own way directly to high school. Our new Reception children will be joining us and the rest of school will be spending time in their new classes. More information will follow.

Arbor School Meal Accounts

Just a gentle reminder, your Arbor school meal accounts must remain in credit at all times. Please can we, therefore, request that you all check your accounts and bring them up-to-date if necessary.

Toys in school reminder

We kindly ask that children do not bring toys from home into school, including items such as squishies and fidget toys. Unfortunately, these items can become a distraction during learning time and may be misplaced or cause upset.

Please be reassured that children who require sensory resources as part of their SEND support will continue to have access to appropriate equipment provided by school as part of their individual provision.

Wednesday Word

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

A colorful poster for Vault Youth Zone, featuring a large orange and yellow arrow pointing upwards. The poster includes contact information, opening times, and social media links. It also features two QR codes for membership sign-up and a photo of a young woman.

OPENING - EARLY 2026
Vault Youth Zone, Tithebarn Street, Preston, PR1 1DN

To sign up online today or find out more about us, visit www.vaultyouthzone.org/become-a-member

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www.vaultyouthzone.org/

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Membership now open, Sign up!

OPENING TIMES (AFTER GRAND OPENING)

Day	Time
MONDAY	Junior: 4pm - 8pm
TUESDAY	Senior: 5pm - 9pm
WEDNESDAY	Partnerships Night: 4pm - 8pm
THURSDAY	Junior: 4pm - 8pm
FRIDAY	Senior: 5pm - 9pm
SATURDAY	Junior: 11am - 3pm Senior: 5pm - 9pm
SUNDAY	Inclusion: 11am - 2pm Girls only: 2.30pm - 5.30pm

Junior Club
8 years - Year 6

Senior Sessions
Year 7 - 19 years

Or up to 25 for those with additional needs

Open to all young people for just 50p per visit!
Tithebarn Street, Preston, PR1 1DN

Charity number: 120633 Company number: 1406044

Lancashire SEND Roadshow

The Children and Family Wellbeing Service are holding a SEND Roadshow on Wednesday, 1st July, from 1:30pm-4:30pm at Moor Nook Family Hub.

This is a fantastic opportunity for families to come along, meet a range of friendly professionals, and explore the support available for children and young people with additional needs — all in one welcoming space. Whether you have questions, need advice, or simply want to understand what help is available, this event offers a relaxed and informal chance to speak directly to services without waiting for appointments.

- ✧ Everyone is welcome – there is no criteria and no diagnosis needed.
- ✧ Drop in at any time during the session
- ✧ Talk face-to-face with a variety of support services

Please do come along—even if you are just curious or would like a chat. The team would love to see you there and support you in finding the right help for your family.