

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 2026

<i>Rec S</i>	<i>Theo R</i>			<i>Rec T</i>	<i>Robyn H</i>
<i>1S</i>	<i>Ruairi L</i>	<i>1/2T</i>	<i>Octavia H</i>	<i>2A</i>	<i>George W</i>
<i>3S</i>	<i>Miles J</i>	<i>3/4T</i>	<i>Carys G</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>Hope B</i>
<i>5S</i>	<i>Tilly-Mae C</i>	<i>5/6T</i>	<i>Elliott B</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Archie M</i>

CITIZEN AWARD

<i>Phoebe R</i>	<i>4A</i>
<i>Santi F-B</i>	<i>5S</i>
<i>Ronnie B</i>	<i>5/6T</i>

HEADTEACHER AWARD

<i>Tristan E</i>	<i>5/6T</i>
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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
26th January
will be week 1 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](#)

Thank you to everyone who attended 5S class Mass on Tuesday and 6A class Worship on Wednesday. The children reminded us of the golden rule – to treat others as you would like to be treated - it was an inspiring assembly. Our 3/4T children look forward to you joining them at their class Mass on Tuesday next week. Fr. Andrew popped into school to visit 3S today, it was an opportunity for them to chat and ask him questions. He will be visiting a different class each week.

Well done to our Reception children who took part in balance bike training on Thursday. The children had an amazing time and it was great to see them grow in confidence as they maneuvered the balance bikes around the playground, up and down the ramp and around the cones. The children were a credit to school and even the rain didn't dampen their spirits.

Today is National Compliment Day and, to mark this occasion, the children have been taking part in a range of activities relating to different acts of kindness. It was lovely to see the children complimenting and sharing kind words with each other.

Mrs Berry has completed the auditions for St. Anthony's (has) Got Talent and she was extremely impressed with the dedication, bravery and enthusiasm of the children. It was a very tough decision to make the final selection and, as well as letting the parents know whether their child has been successful, Mrs Berry spoke to all the children to thank them for entering and assured the unsuccessful acts that there will be other opportunities in the future.

Our Years 1 and 2 team are really looking forward to Wednesday's trip to Chester Zoo and know that the children are going to have a fantastic day, returning with lots of wonderful memories to share with you.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Barnes

FOSTA's Winter Raffle - Friday, 30th January

FOSTA are holding a winter raffle, to be drawn at the 'St. Anthony's (has) Got Talent' show on the evening of Friday, 30th January. Children have brought home a book of raffle tickets to sell along with a leaflet giving details of the amazing prizes on offer. A thank you goes to all our supportive local businesses for donating our prizes. Please don't worry, you don't have to attend the talent show to enter the raffle; we will notify the winners of unclaimed prizes on the Monday.

Please return tickets to school no later than Thursday, 29th January, along with any unsold tickets in order to abide by the Lottery Act's guidance. Additional books are available at the school office that will give you even more chances of winning. Good Luck from the FOSTA team.

St. Anthony's (has) Got Talent - Friday, 30th January from 6.00pm-8.00pm

Tickets are now on sale through your Parent Pay accounts at £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children, with a deadline date of Thursday, 29th January. Children taking part in the show do not need a ticket. There are a limited number of tickets on a first come basis.

Our judging panel will choose the best three acts on the night with 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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.

School Nurse Drop in Session - Friday, 30th January

The school nursing team are holding a parents/carers' drop in session in school from 9.00am on Friday, 30th 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.

NSPCC Number Day - Friday, 6th 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.



Dates for your diary

Spring Term begins - Monday, 5th January, 2026

Whole School Epiphany Mass - Tuesday 6th January, 2026

5/6T Class Mass - Tuesday, 13th January, 2026 - 9.15am

5S Class Mass - Tuesday, 20th January, 2026 - 9.15am

6A Class Assembly - Wednesday, 21st January, 2026 - 9.05am

Compliment Day - Friday, 23rd January, 2026

3/4T Class Mass - Tuesday, 27th January, 2026 - 9.15am

KS1 Trip to Chester Zoo - Wednesday, 28th January, 2026

School Nurse Drop in Session - Friday, 30th January, 2026 - 9.00am

St Anthony's (has) Got Talent Show - Friday, 30th January - 6.00pm

3S Class Mass - Tuesday, 3rd February, 2026 - 9.15am

Yr 6 SATs Parents' Meeting - Tuesday, 3rd February - 3.30pm

NSPCC Number Day - Friday, 6th February, 2026

Mini-Vinnies Coffee Morning - Sunday, 8th February

2A Class Mass - Tuesday, 10th February, 2026 - 9.15am

Rec Classes Assembly - Wednesday, 11th February, 2026 - 9.05am

FOSTA Love & Kindness Disco - Wednesday, 11th February, 2026

Robinwood Meeting - Thursday, 12th February, 2026 - 3.30pm

Half Term - Monday, 16th February - Friday, 20th February, 2026

6A Class Mass - Tuesday, 24th February, 2026 - 9.15am

4A Class Assembly - Wednesday, 25th February, 2026 - 9.05am

1/2T Class Mass - Tuesday, 3rd March, 2026 - 9.15am

World Book Own Clothes Day - Thursday, 5th March, 2026

5/6T Class Assembly - Wednesday, 11th March, 2026 - 9.05am

4A Class Mass - Friday, 13th March, 2026 - 9.15am

1S Class Mass - Tuesday, 17th March, 2026 - 9.15am

Parents' Consultation Meetings - Wednesday, 18th March, 2026

Tempest Photography Class Photos - Thursday, 19th March, 2026

FOSTA Own Clothes Day - Friday, 20th March, 2026

World Down Syndrome Day - Monday, 23rd March, 2026

Break the Rules Day - Wednesday, 1st April, 2026

Whole School Easter Liturgy - Thursday, 2nd April, 2026 - 10.00am

Close for Easter - Thursday, 2nd April, 2026 - 1.30pm

Advance Notice - Parents' Consultation Meetings

Our next Parents' Consultation Meetings will take place in the school hall on Wednesday, 18th 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 (Eduspot) in due course.

Advance Notice - Statutory Assessment Dates

Year 6 Statutory Assessments - Monday, 11th May to Thursday, 14th May inclusive

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - week beginning 8th June

Mini Vinnies Coffee Morning - Sunday, 8th February

Our Mini Vinnies are hosting a coffee morning after Mass on Sunday, 8th February, to raise money for the Parish Charities - Water Aid and the Foxton Centre.

If anyone would like to support our Mini Vinnies cause by donating cakes, please can we ask that they be dropped off at the Padua Room before Mass on the day.

'Love & Kindness' Disco - Wednesday, 11th February

FOSTA are holding a 'Love & Kindness' disco on Wednesday, 11th February, and children are invited to wear something red or pink.

Reception, Years 1 and 2 Disco will take place straight after school and will run until 4.30pm, with pick up from the KS2 playground. Children can come to school dressed ready for the disco.

Tickets are £5.00, which includes a drink, crisps and a small packet of sweets, payable through Parent Pay.

Years 3,4,5 and 6 Disco will take place from 4:45pm until 6:00pm with drop off at the hall door and pick up from the KS2 playground.

Tickets are £4.00, payable through Parent Pay. Sweets and drinks are available to purchase at the Disco.

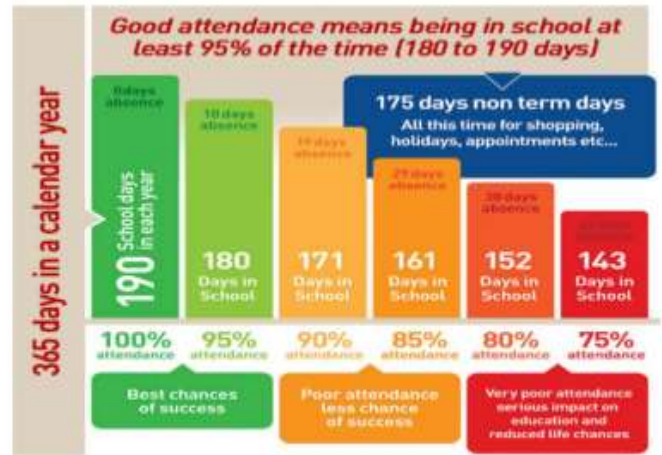
** Mobile phones aren't permitted at the disco**

New Arbor Parent Portal App

As part of our transition to the Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, we have migrated to a new management information system called Arbor that holds all our pupil and staff data. From 1st April, we will be introducing the Arbor Parent Portal App that will be our platform for communication purposes with yourselves and for payment of school meals, trips, events and other income related items. Arbor Parent Portal App will replace Groupcall Messenger (Eduspot) and Parent Pay.

We will shortly be sending home comprehensive information about the switch. In the meantime, please be aware that all outstanding meal balances on Parent Pay will need clearing and, unfortunately, if your child's account is in debt you will not be able to access the new Arbor Parent Portal App to pay for meals. In which case, from 1st April, you will need to send your child with a packed lunch until the debt is paid.

Attendance – Friday, 16th January to Thursday, 22nd January, 2026



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

Rec S	89.24%
Rec T	92.73%
1S	93.0%
1/2T	98.0%
2A	96.67%
3S	94.67%
3/4T	90.67%
4A	93.23%
5S	90.0%
5/6T	97.42%
6A	97.59%
Whole School	94.07%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 1/2T who have achieved 98.0% 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 this week

Years 5 and 6 News

Plea for Recyclable Materials

As part of Years 5 and 6 art unit this term, the children will be creating sculptures out of recyclable materials. We are asking for donations of cardboard (cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes etc.) and plastic containers. We cannot use toilet roll tubes, containers that have had direct contact with food or tins. Please can any donations be sent to school by Friday, 30th January.

Year 6 SATs Presentation for Parents

In preparation for SATs in May, a presentation for Year 6 parents/carers will take place in the school hall on Tuesday, 3rd February, at 3.30pm. The presentation will provide key dates and information about the SAT process and support on how to prepare children for the assessments. We advise parents/carers of all our Year 6 children to attend.

Years 5 and 6 Robinwood Residential Presentation for Parents

In advance of our residential visit to Robinwood in April, we will be holding a presentation for parents/carers to provide important information about the trip. The presentation will take place in the school hall on Thursday, 12th February, at 3.30pm. We recommend that all parents/carers of children who are going on the trip attend.

Wednesday Word

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

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

Myerscough College Junior Basketball Sessions

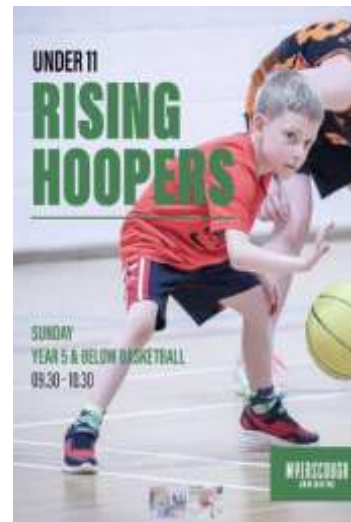


Myerscough College, based on St Michaels Road, PR3 0RY, are running the following sessions for Year 3 to Year 6 children that are specifically for beginners who would like to give basketball a try in a fun, engaging and supportive environment!

Tuesday - Under-12's Girls only
-5.00pm-6.00pm

Sunday - Under-11's Rising Hoopers (boys and girls)
- 9:30am-10:30am

The first session is completely FREE and, after that, sessions will cost just £3.00, payable on the day with no need to book in advance!



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