

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE ARE GOD'S WORK OF ART

ISSUE 8 | AUTUMN TERM 2026 | SCHOOL NUMBER 01772 726621 |



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

Rec S	Alicia W			Rec T	Delilah M
1S	Eliana S	1/2T	Beatrice P	2A	Ava O
3S	Freddie S	3/4T	Oscar B	4A	Ava W
5S	Phoebe R	5/6T	Ruby I	6A	Holly G

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Hugo G	5/6T
--------	------

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Olive D	2A
---------	----

office@stanthonys.mecmat.org

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
2nd November, 2026
will be week 2 of the
Autumn/Winter menu

A huge thank you from our Mini-Vinnies group to those of you who attended Sunday's coffee morning following Mass and to those of you who provided cakes. The event raised £65.00 in support of the Parish Charities – Water Aid and the Foxton Centre.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Class 3S Mass on Tuesday. Our next Class Mass will take place on Tuesday, 10th November, when it will be the turn of our children from Class 2A. As always, parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in church.

On Wednesday, Class 2A led us in worship with the theme of World Mission Sunday. The children did an excellent job of sharing their lovely ideas about how we can share God's love. Thank you to everyone who joined us. Our next Class Assembly will take place on Wednesday, 11th November, when it will be the turn of our children from Class 5/6T to lead us in worship. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in the school hall at 9.05am.

As part of Years 3 and 4 Geography topic, Classes 3S and 4A have both been on a walk around our local area to explore different types of land use. The children looked for shops, leisure facilities, housing, places of worship and educational buildings. It was a great opportunity to bring the children's classroom learning to life! Class 3/4T will have their walk to look forward to after half term.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in church yesterday for our Harvest Festival celebration and for the donations, which we have sent to the Salvation Army who support people in need in our community. The Fairtrade stall at the back of church raised £118.00 for Fairtrade!

Today we said goodbye and a huge thank you to Mrs McCrudden, who will begin her maternity leave after half term. We send our best wishes to her and her family as they prepare to welcome their new baby. After half term, we welcome Mrs Good who will be teaching in Class 2A every Thursday and Friday. We are also pleased to welcome back Miss McGrahan to Class 4A following the birth of her baby boy. Mrs Smith will continue working alongside Miss McGrahan until she begins her own imminent maternity leave.

We cannot wait to hear all about the wonderful London adventures of Mrs Berry, Mr Pitcher, Mrs Thornton and, of course, the children over the last two days and we will share their experiences in our next newsletter.

On behalf of staff and myself, we wish everyone a lovely half term break and we hope that the children stay safe if they are attending any Halloween celebrations.

Mrs Barnes

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Just to remind our Year 6 parents, today is deadline day for ordering Year 6 Leavers Hoodies using the following link. 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/>

Arbor Lunch Accounts

Please can we remind you, any outstanding lunch balances must be cleared by the end of today. If this is not possible for any reason, we request that you switch your child to packed lunches after half term to prevent the outstanding balance from increasing further. Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 6 High School Application Reminder

Just to remind our Year 6 parents, deadline day is 31st October for making high school applications online using the following link:-

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Autumn/Winter Menu 2026/2027

Just to remind you, the Autumn/Winter school meal menu will begin after half term, starting at week 2.

Half Term Reminder

We break up for Half Term today 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.



Dates for your diary

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 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 5/6T Assembly - Wednesday, 11th November

Class 1S Assembly - Wednesday, 18th November

Class 4A Assembly - Wednesday, 25th November

Class 1/2T Assembly - Thursday, 26th November – New date!

Class 3S Assembly - Wednesday, 2nd December

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 and Prayer Leaders. 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.

Bonfire Themed Lunch

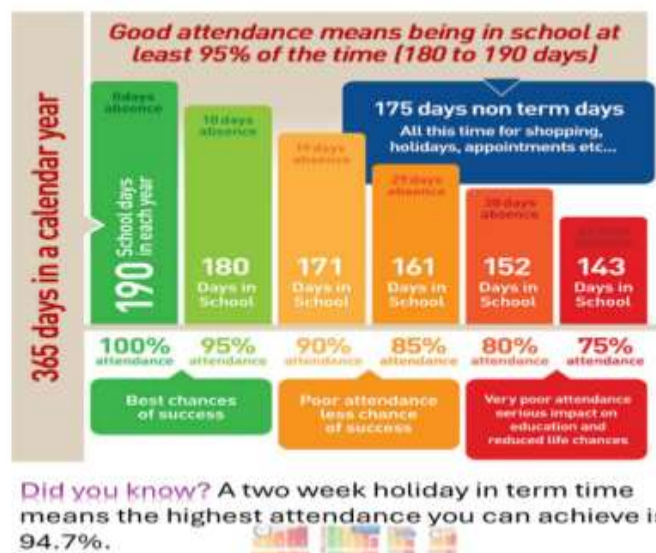
To commemorate Bonfire Night, our kitchen team is serving a bonfire themed lunch on Thursday, 5th November. There is no need to book in advance, just let class know on the day, and make the £3.00 payment through your child's Arbor account, if applicable.



Tempest Individual and Family Photographs

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!

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



Rec S	96.74%
Rec T	93.25%
1S	94.33%
1/2T	94.67%
2A	96.67%
3S	98.75%
3/4T	94.0%
4A	97.33%
5S	91.67%
5/6T	89.35%
6A	92.33%
Whole School	94.44%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 3S who have achieved 98.75% 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, 1/2T and 4A who have had no late marks this week.

Wednesday Word

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



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 1SG

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: [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LancHospCharity) @LancHospCharity

Kindly sponsored by **FR** **360**

Have you experienced waiting for children's speech and language therapy in England?

Parents and caregivers are invited to take part in a Doctoral research study

Who can take part?

Parents and caregivers of children and young people who have:

- Accessed services in the last 4 years
- Experienced waiting for speech and language therapy

What's involved?

- Completing a 15 minute online survey

Why take part?

- Share your experiences
- Help improve services

Important information:

- The survey is anonymous
- Participation is voluntary
- The research has ethical approval

For more information, please:

- Email Gillian.Rudd2@mail.bcu.ac.uk
- Or scan the QR code.



School Admissions – September 2027

Online applications for primary school places for the September 2027 intake are 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

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

lancashire.gov.uk

If your child is baptised Catholic, you will also need to complete a supplementary form which is available from the school office. Baptism Certificates are also required.



