

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 24TH APRIL, 2026

Rec S	Edwin G			Rec T	Harry M
1S	Hallie-Mae H	1/2T	Olivier F	2A	Charlotte B
3S	Primrose B	3/4T	Smit P	4A	Nancy-May V
5S	Vincent G	5/6T	Henry W	6A	Lnyah A-T

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Leah T	5S
Jack F & Matthew T	5/6T

CITIZEN AWARDS

Abigail K	5S
Esme L, Amira R & Thea R	6A

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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

Welcome back everyone. We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and managed to get some well-deserved family time. We have a busy term ahead of us, with lots going on, including welcoming our new Reception children and saying a fond farewell to our fantastic Year 6 children. Please do keep an eye on the 'Dates for your Diary' section of our weekly newsletter for regular updates.

Our Years 5/6 children returned safely from Robinwood on Wednesday afternoon. We were blessed with beautiful weather and had a great time. It was so lovely to see the children push themselves and overcome their fears as they completed their activities, developing teamwork, communication and resilience. A huge thank you to the staff that gave their time to accompany the children, especially Mr Martin who organised the trip.

It was nice to see the children from the uniformed organisations proudly wearing their uniform in school yesterday to mark St George's Day. Thank you to the parents/grandparents who joined us at Mass. Our class Masses begin next week with Y5S going to Mass on Tuesday.

Just to remind our Reception parents, the Lancashire Vision Screening Service are in school next Wednesday morning, 29th April, to undertake vision screening for our Reception children. We have not had any opt out forms returned by parents, so can confirm that all of our Reception children will take part in the vision screening.

We are pleased to say that the School Nurse will be attending Mrs Alty's next Coffee Morning that will take place in school at 9.00am on Friday, 1st May. Please do pop in to have a chat with the School Nurse about any health and wellbeing issues. There will also be the opportunity to have a catch up with Mrs Alty and other parents over a coffee.

Please find attached with this week's newsletter a letter from Lancashire County Council's Director of Education regarding important changes to the ways Ofsted inspect schools in England.

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Barnes

SCHOOL MEALS

Week commencing
27th April, 2026
will be week 2 of the
Spring/Summer menu



Dates for your diary

School Led Extra-Curricular Before and After School Clubs

All school led extra-curricular before and after school clubs will commence on Tuesday, 5th May, and will run until Friday, 10th July. We have sent out Club Information today.

Increase in Cost of School Meals – September

Lancashire County Council's School Catering Service notified us recently that, due to inflationary rises, the cost of KS2 school meals have increased to £3.00 per day. We have made the decision to hold off with this increase until September but are giving you advance notice of the increase. 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.

Payment of Dinners

Please remember to clear any outstanding school meal balances in your Arbor accounts. Please do not credit Parent Pay accounts as money can't be transferred to Arbor.

Nut Free School

Just a gentle reminder, due to the fact we have children in school with nut allergies, we request that you do not send your child to school with nuts or any food containing nuts.

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 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
Reception/Year 6 Height and Weight Checks – Monday, 18th 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, 1st June – Friday, 12th June
Reception Trip to Smithills Farm – Wednesday, 3rd June
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – week commencing 8th June
Year 6 Bikeability Training – week commencing 15th June
Year 4 Sacrament of Holy Communion – Sat/Sun, 20th/21st June
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
Break up for Summer – Friday, 17th July at 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
Class 4A Mass – Friday, 5th June
Class 6A Mass – Tuesday, 9th June
Class 1/2T Mass – Tuesday, 16th June
Class 2A Mass – Friday, 26th June
Class 1S 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 2A Assembly – Tuesday, 19th May – 2.40pm
Class 5S Assembly – Wednesday, 10th June
Class 3/4T Assembly – Wednesday, 24th June
Class 3S Assembly – Wednesday, 1st July
Class 1/2T Assembly – Tuesday 7th July – 2.40pm.

Forest School & Earth Day

On Wednesday, some of our Years 5 and 6 children took part in a Forest School session where they planted over 100 trees on the school field, kindly donated by the Woodland Trust. As it was Earth Day, the children spent time discussing how these trees will benefit our school environment and future generations to come.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Crosby from our parish, who generously gave his time to support the children with the planting. It was a fantastic morning of teamwork, learning and care for our planet.



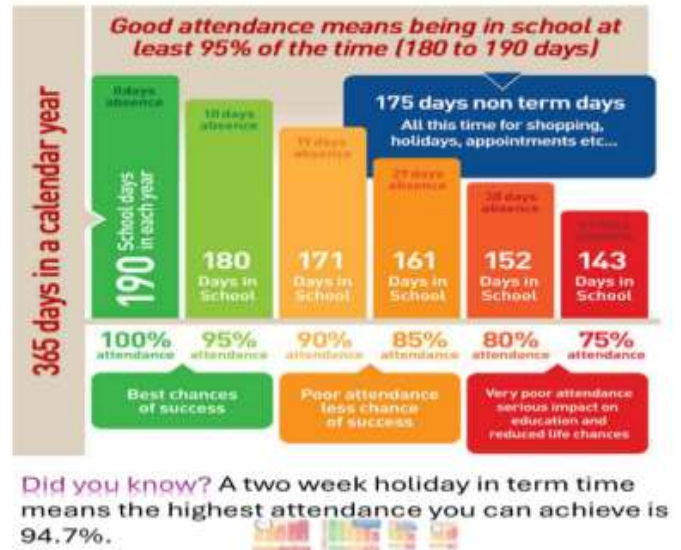
Spring Edition of All About Family Lancashire

Please see below a link to the Spring edition of 'All About Family Lancashire', which contains useful information for parents on the following topics:-

- OFSTED News;
- NSPCC advice on AI;
- Screentime to Greentime;
- New Children's Book Reviews;
- Advice on getting your child to read more;
- Fitness Advice from Department of Culture, Media & Sport;
- St John Ambulance advice on illnesses;
- Dietary Advice for Children;
- SEND advice;
- Adult Education Advice.

[All About Family Link](#)

Attendance – Friday, 3rd April to Thursday, 23rd April, 2026



Rec S	96.74%
Rec T	98.86%
1S	96.25%
1/2T	95.0%
2A	99.17%
3S	98.33%
3/4T	95.0%
4A	97.98%
5S	95.83%
5/6T	95.16%
6A	95.69%
Whole School	96.68%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 2A who have achieved 99.17% 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 Class 5/6T who have had no late marks this week.

Corpus Christi Procession

Please see below a poster regarding the annual Corpus Christi Procession that will take place at 2.00pm on Sunday, 7th June. It would be lovely if children could represent school in this procession, especially those children who are receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion in June.

