

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

1S	Arlo B	1/2T	Marcus H	2A	Darragh C
3S	Nylah S	3/4T	Louis C	4A	Sonny D
5S	Jacob T	5/6T	Jayden S	6A	Ellie D

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Lucy S	5/5T
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CITIZEN AWARD

Vincent O	5S
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LUNCHTIME AWARD

Frankie R	1/2T
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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
28th September, 2026
will be week 3 of the
Spring/Summer menu

Over the past two weeks, children from Years 5 and 6 competed in this year's hockey league at Preston Sports Arena. The children were fantastic and improved greatly over the two weeks, showing great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. A huge well done to Elena, Ivy D, Harriet, Abi, Jenson, Freddie, Ryan, Jayden, Zabiah and Henry!

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

Also on Tuesday, we have a parents' meeting for those who wish to enrol in the Holy Communion programme for the coming year. Baptised children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend the programme preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in December and Holy Communion in May. The meeting starts at 6.15pm in the school hall.

Next Wednesday, we have our first class led assembly of the school year. Mr Martin's class will lead us in worship in the school hall from 9.05am and parents and grandparents are welcome to join us.

Parents should have received an electronic consent form from the NHS for their child's flu vaccine, sent out electronically by the NHS. Please contact the school office if you have not yet received this and they will be happy to give you the Immunisation Team's direct contact number.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Barnes

✿ EYFS Donations ✿

Our EYFS team are looking to enhance their provision and would be very grateful for any donations of jigsaws, puzzles, role-play items (e.g. a till, shopping basket), artificial flowers/plants for our flower shop, or role-play food such as fruit and vegetables.

If you have any suitable items at home that you no longer need, the team would be delighted to give them a new lease of life in our EYFS setting! ❤️ Thank you for your continued support.

Mobile Phones in School

Please can we remind you that only children in Years 5 and 6 who walk to and from school alone are able to have mobile phones in school. Parents must request permission for this and agree to the phone being stored in a mobile phone locker throughout the day. If we find a child does have a phone in school without the required permission, we will confiscate it until the end of the school day and contact you to make you aware of the situation.

Polite Reminder – Ordering of School Lunches

Please can we remind you, if your child is going to be late and wants a school lunch, you need to phone the school office prior to the start of the school day to give them your child's meal choice. Children who arrive late will always be given a lunch but, unfortunately, for food preparation reasons, our kitchen team may not always be able to cater for specific meal choices if the office has not been notified prior.

Late Pick Ups

A polite reminder, school finishes at 3.15pm. If there is an unavoidable reason that you are going to be late, it is imperative that you contact the school office to let them know. We will take children who are not collected by 3.30pm to our After School Club who may charge you for the session.

Book and PE Bags

If you have recently purchased a school book/PE bag via the Arbor App, please either pop into the school office to collect it or send your child instead.



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

'Wear Red' Own Clothes Day - Friday, 16th October

Harvest Festival Celebration - Thursday, 22nd October at 9.15am

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

Is my Child too ill for school?

Determining whether a child is well enough for school can be a difficult decision for parents. With this in mind, the NHS has produced the following guidance on when a child needs to remain at home and when it is ok for them to be in school. This is very useful guidance as it helps protect others in school as well as ensuring that children do not miss school when unnecessary.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

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 from the NHS. Please can we make you aware, school cannot consent on your behalf.

'Wear Red' Own Clothes Day

We will again be taking part in the Show Racism the Red Card 'Wear Red Day' on Friday, 16th October, and everyone is invited to wear their own clothes with a splash of red, even if it is just red socks, a wristband or headband. This is a FA initiative where everyone is encouraged to come together to show that racism will not be tolerated in our community.

Harvest Festival Celebration

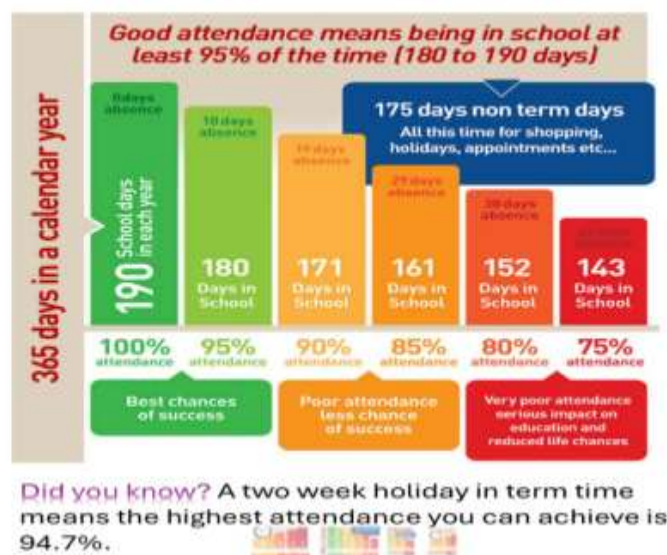
Our Harvest Festival Celebration will take place in church at 9.15am on Thursday, 22nd October, and everyone is welcome to join us! As part of our celebration, we are asking for donations of tins, packet and boxed food and toiletries. Our donations will go to the Salvation Army who support people in need in our community. Please can we request that any donations be brought into school by Tuesday, 20th October.

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, 18th September to Thursday, 24th September, 2026



Rec S	96.28%
Rec T	97.42%
1S	94.67%
1/2T	95.67%
2A	95.33%
3S	98.06%
3/4T	97.74%
4A	95.33%
5S	95.48%
5/6T	95.67%
6A	95.67%
Whole School	96.1%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 3S who have achieved 98.06% 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 classes have had 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.







**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY**

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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.

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Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
31 October 2026

lancashire.gov.uk

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**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



[OurLadysCatholicHighSchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurLadysCatholicHighSchool) [oichs_fulwood](https://www.instagram.com/oichs_fulwood) [oichspreston](https://www.x.com/oichspreston)

LOVE | LEARN | GROW BEING ONE OF OURS

Looking for adventure?

Want to learn new skills, have adventures and make new friends? Why not come along to our open evening...

Who
All young people aged 4 to 14 years & Adults too!
Parents / Carers are required to stay.

When
Monday 28th September
6.00 - 7.00pm

What
Open evening activities for girls, boys, Mums & Dads!

Where
Douglas Hall,
St Cuthbert's Church,
Lytham Road,
Preston, PR2 3AR

#PlaceToBelong
westlancsscouts.org.uk

Contact
Jan Townley 07827 344135
or email
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Help shape the future of support for families in Lancashire

We're changing how support works for children, young people and families in Lancashire, and we want your views to help shape what comes next.



What is Families First?
An approach that focuses on:

- Getting help earlier
- Not having to repeat your story
- Building strong, trusted relationships
- Supporting the whole family, with less assessment and more help

Who can get involved?
Young people, parents and carers, especially if you or your family have received Early Help or Children's Social Care Support in the last 12 months.

We are holding a workshop on:
Monday 2nd November
10.00am-12 noon
Ribbleton Family Hub, Ribbleton Hall Drive,
Preston, PR2 6EE

You can come independently or with support from a Social Worker or Family Support Worker.

Refreshments and activities for children will be available.

If you have any questions please email:
participation@lancashire.gov.uk
Please scan the QR code to let us know you want to be involved



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County Council

Together, we can build a support service that helps every family thrive in Lancashire

Childcare Provision Survey

Lancashire County Council's School Improvement Team has asked us to share this flyer with yourselves in the hope that you will complete the survey giving your views about school-age childcare provision.

Parents and Carers, tell us about your experience of using school age childcare in Lancashire




Scan the QR code

lancashire.gov.uk/childcare

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