

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 2026

Rec S	Taniya E			Rec T	Archie H
1S	Adam S	1/2T	Emilia J	2A	Benett J
3S	Billie C	3/4T	Bertie W	4A	Nellie-Marie McB
5S	Amelia H	5/6T	Ronnie B	6A	Lera T

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Scarlett H & Emily H – 5S	Elena I & Alice S – 5/6T
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CITIZEN AWARDS

Jonny S – Rec S	
Bella-Blu E, Carys G & Grace McG – 3/4T	Dillan W & Eliza W-B – 5/6T

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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
29th June, 2026
will be week 2 of the
Spring/Summer menu

Congratulations to our Year 4 children who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion last weekend. The girls looked beautiful in their communion dresses and the boys looked so smart. A special thank you goes to the catechists who prepared the children for such an important milestone in their journey of faith and to the children's families and staff members who have supported the children during their sessions and joined them for their special day.

Thank you for your support and co-operation during this week's excessive temperatures and please be assured that we have been trying very hard to keep the children cool and hydrated.

The busy term has continued this week with our sports day taking place on Monday, a shout out goes to the St. Anthony's team for organising/running the event. The children did themselves and us proud and seemed to have a great time despite the heat. Our summer fair took place after school on Wednesday, with the FOSTA team hosting such a super event. We are delighted to have such a committed FOSTA team who work tirelessly to raise funds, which will benefit the children! Also, thank you to everyone who attended and supported both events.

Thank you to everyone who attended our 1/2T children's class Mass on Tuesday and our 2A children's class Mass today. 3/4T class had their Assembly on Wednesday morning. The children worked incredibly hard to prepare and it certainly paid off. Mr Pitcher was immensely proud to hear the children speak so clearly and confidently in front of the whole room, and their beautiful singing absolutely blew us all away. Thank you to everyone who joined us. Our 1S and 5/6T classes will have a joint Mass on Tuesday and 3S class will have their Assembly on Wednesday. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us.

This morning, our Years 5 and 6 children had the pleasure of attending the high school to watch a matinee performance of the musical Grease. The performing arts and music students certainly showcased an entertaining show.

We wish our Year 6 children lots of luck at their high school on Thursday and we look forward to welcoming our new Reception children to St. Anthony's. The rest of the children will be spending time in their new classes and we are sure that they will have a great time and will be eager to share the highlights of their day with you.

Enjoy the weekend!
Mrs Barnes

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

Next term's toast/fruit toast and milk is now available for purchasing through your Arbor App under 'School Shop'. The deadline date for placing orders is Friday, 10th July. Unfortunately, we cannot accept orders 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.

IMPORTANT Change to Free School Meals

Free school meals are changing from September 2026 with the Government changing their eligibility criteria so that more families can access the free school meal element with families in receipt of Universal Credit also now being eligible. Also, annual free school meal checks are to be completed, which may mean that some families who were previously eligible may not be now. We will shortly be carrying out an eligibility check on everyone so that we know which families will be eligible for free school meals from September. Everyone will be notified direct of the outcome of the check. More information about the changes can be found below:-

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/06/expanding-free-school-meals-what-parents-need-to-know/>

If you do not wish us to undertake the eligibility check on your behalf, please notify the school office via email by this Monday, 29th June, 2026.

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, you will need to pay for them in advance through your Arbor App. School meals will cost £3.00 per day from September. Providing that you have consented to us undertaking an eligibility check on your behalf, you will be notified if your child will be entitled to receive a free school meal.

Arbor Meal Accounts

Please can we remind everyone to check your child's Arbor account and, if relevant, clear any outstanding balances with immediate effect. Thank you for your support.



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, 1st 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
~~EYFES/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.

Sports Day Success! *🏆*

What a spectacular Sports Day we had! Even though the weather was incredibly hot with bright blue skies, the heat did not slow us down for a second.

We were blown away by the amazing determination and fantastic team spirit the children showed from start to finish. Whether they were sprinting, tackling the hurdles, or cheering on their teammates, their energy was infectious and led to some brilliant sporting successes across the board.

A huge thank you to all our parents, families and friends who came along to support, cheer, and brave the sunshine with us. Your wonderful encouragement from the side-lines made the day extra special for the children.

Summer Fair

It was lovely to see our families enjoying the summer fair despite the excessive heat. FOSTA will share the total amount raised shortly. We are sure that you will join us in saying a huge thank you to our hard-working FOSTA team and volunteers who gave up their own time to organise such a successful event, their dedication to school is really appreciated.

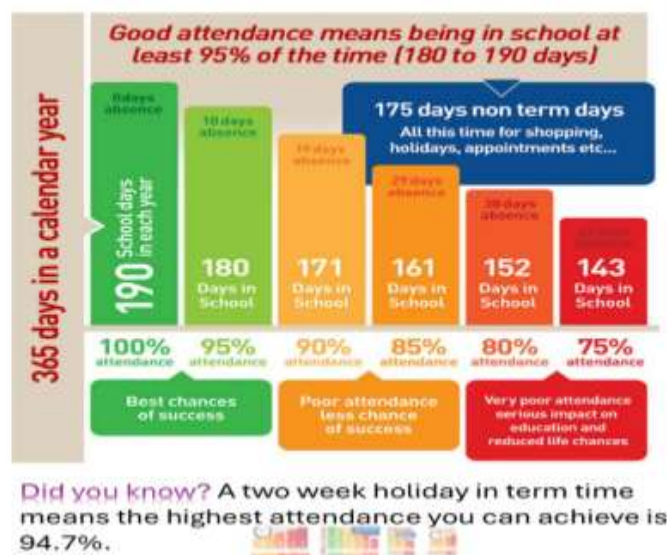
Move Up Day Arrangements

Please can we remind parents of our Year 6 children that the children need to go straight to their high school on Thursday for their transition day and will remain there for the day. All other year groups should go to their classes as normal; the children will then move into their new classes to meet their teacher and support staff. At the end of the day, the children will return to their current classes for dismissal.

Autumn Swap Shop Plea

If your child has outgrown their school jumper and you no longer have use for it, please consider donating it to the school office for our Autumn Swap Shop.

Attendance – Friday, 19th June to Thursday, 25th June, 2026



Rec S	89.57%
Rec T	89.09%
1S	92.67%
1/2T	94.0%
2A	93.0%
3S	95.67%
3/4T	93.1%
4A	92.58%
5S	92.33%
5/6T	95.33%
6A	97.93%
Whole School	93.38%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 6A who have achieved 97.93% 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 Led Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs

All school led before and after school extra-curricular clubs will finish on Friday, 10th July, until after the summer break.

Polite Request – Mobile Phones

We have noticed an increase in the number of children bringing mobile phones to the school office each morning. Please can we remind you, only Year 6 children can bring mobile phones to school, which should be kept in a mobile locker. We will shortly be sending locker consent forms home to those of you whose children are currently bringing their mobile phone to school and request that you return the form to the school office with the relevant payment. Please can parents whose Year 6 children have a locker, remind them to return their locker key to the school office no later than Thursday, 16th July. Lost locker keys will necessitate a £5.00 replacement fee.

Wednesday Word

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

FOSTA Summer Discos

Arbor is now live for you to purchase tickets for FOSTA's summer discos taking place on Wednesday, 8th July.

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.

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 with sweets and drinks available to purchase at the disco.

Please note, we do not allow mobile phones at the disco.



WE'RE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM!

MANAGER OF St Anthony's Pre-School/Playgroup

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- ★ Level 3 and previous experience in early years leadership or management
- ★ Holds a current enhanced DBS

Interested? → **CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS**

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