

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 2026

Rec S	Dolly-Rae F			Rec T	Griffith B-W
1S	Seth S	1/2T	Valentina Z	2A	James W-A
3S	Pippa J	3/4T	Louis C	4A	Jacob T
5S	Evie S	5/6T	Ivy D	6A	Isaac S

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Hugo M-D	2A
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CITIZEN AWARDS

Zohayb M	4A
Jack F	5/6T

Welcome back everyone, we hope that you all had a lovely half term break. We have had a busy week in school with lots of additional workshops / lessons taking place.

On Monday, our Key Stage 2 children had a visit from members of CAFOD who delivered workshops aimed at helping the children understand the work that CAFOD do to support the neediest around the world as they follow Jesus' teachings. We will be supporting CAFOD through our fund raising this Lent with competitions to decorate Easter eggs, make Easter bonnets and Easter Gardens – more information to follow!

Our 3/4T class visited OLCBS for their food technology lesson; and educators from PNE Community Education Trust ran a STEM workshop using Ozobots for the Years 5 and 6 classes.

Thank you to everyone who attended 4A class Assembly on Wednesday. Next Tuesday, our 1/2T children look forward to you joining them at their class Mass.

We remember in our prayers Deacon Tom who served our parish and school so well for many years. Deacon Tom died recently and his funeral took place this morning.

We are really looking forward to seeing the children in their costumes next Thursday, 5th March, to celebrate World Book Day!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Barnes

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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
2ND March, 2026
will be week 3 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](#)

Year 6 Secondary School Place Offers

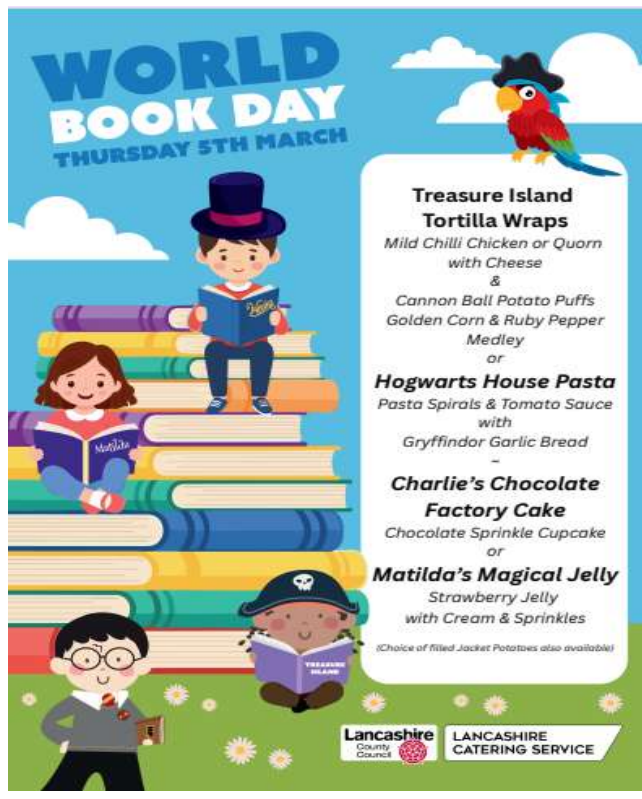
The Schools Admissions Team will email secondary school offers to parents of our Year 6 children on Monday, 2nd March. The Team have requested that parents allow a full day for their email to arrive before making contact.

World Book Day Costume Swap Shop Donations

This is our last appeal for donations of pre-loved costumes that your child has outgrown. Hopefully, we will be holding our costume swap shop in the school foyer from Monday until Wednesday of next week.

World Book Day Themed Lunch

On Thursday, to celebrate World Book Day, we are having the following themed lunch. There is no need to book in advance, just let class know on the day and make the payment in advance through your parent pay accounts, if applicable. There will also be a Jacket Potato alternative with the usual choice of fillings.



Wednesday Word

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

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



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
- 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
- 3S Class Mass** – Tuesday, 10th March, 2026 – 9.15am
- 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
- FOSTA Easter Family Bingo** – Friday, 27th 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

Sporting News

A group of our Years 3 and 4 boys represented school with immense pride and passion during Tuesday's Sir Tom Finney Trophy event. Throughout a morning of high-intensity football, the team displayed incredible teamwork and a relentless "never give up" attitude. Their determination matched some exceptional goal-scoring abilities, with the boys finding the back of the net in style across multiple matches. Whilst the boys unfortunately missed out on progressing to the knockout stages, losing only to the side that went on to be the eventual tournament winners, their performance was nothing short of brilliant. We are incredibly proud of their sportsmanship and spirit. Well done, boys!

3/4T DT Session

Our 3/4T children had a fantastic morning at the high school showcasing their Design and Technology skills! The children worked with impressive focus to create delicious seasonal fruit salads, expertly demonstrating professional cutting techniques like the bridge and the claw. Not only did the results look incredibly yummy, the children's behaviour was exemplary, making them a true credit to school.

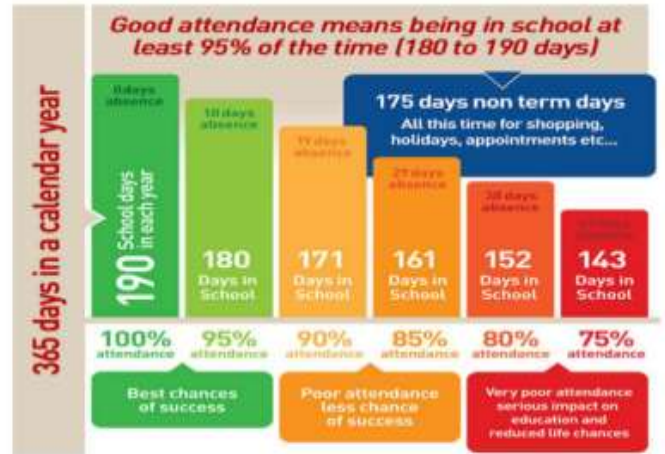
Space Sensory Centre Visit

We had a fantastic time at the Space Sensory Centre on Thursday! The children loved exploring the calming sensory room and space-themed activities, and it was wonderful to see their excitement and confidence grow.

We hope to visit again soon and give even more children the chance to enjoy this amazing experience.



Attendance – Friday, 13th February to Thursday, 26th February, 2026



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

Rec S	95.22%
Rec T	98.18%
1S	93.67%
1/2T	97.33%
2A	95.33%
3S	96.0%
3/4T	96.33%
4A	97.42%
5S	86.67%
5/6T	96.77%
6A	94.48%
Whole School	95.16%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Reception T who have achieved 98.18% 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 Reception T who have had no late marks this week

Bags2School Initiative

As you are aware, we are taking part in the Bags2School clothing and shoe initiative in order to support our sustainability pledge and raise funds for our Forest School area. Please can we ask that, if you have any unwanted pre-loved clothing or shoes that you would like to donate to this worthwhile initiative, you return them to school in the provided donation bag no later than Tuesday, 10th March.

More information about the initiative is available at: <https://bag2school.com>

Parent Drop in Sessions for new Arbor Parent Portal App

The school office is holding the following drop in sessions to aid parents setting up the new Arbor Parent Portal App:-

Wednesday, 18th March - 4.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday, 25th March - 9.00am-10.00am

Advance Notice - Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday, 19th March to take class and group photographs.

Please contact the school office no later than Monday, 16th March if you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken.

FOSTA Own Clothes Day

FOSTA are holding an own clothes day on Friday, 20th March in exchange for donations of chocolate, sweets, raffle/tombola items suitable for prizes for the Easter Bingo and other events taking place during the summer term. Thank you in advance for your support.

Updated Holiday List

Please see below our updated Holiday List for the 2026-2027 Academic Year.

Please can we ask that you refer to this list before booking any family holidays. All holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised except for exceptional circumstances.

FOSTA Family Easter Bingo

FOSTA are holding a Family Easter Bingo event at St Anthony's Social Club on Friday, 27th March. Doors will open from 6:00pm with Bingo starting at 6:30pm.

Tickets for the event are £1.00 per person and both adults and children will need a ticket, payable through parent pay accounts. Bingo books will be on sale on the evening, there will also be a raffle and games so please do bring cash to the event. All money raised will go towards buying resources for school.

Spaces are limited to 95 so it is advisable to purchase tickets early to avoid disappointment. This is a family event so please can we make you aware, children will not be able to attend unless accompanied by an adult. The FOSTA team look forward to you joining them for a fun evening.



Easter Family Bingo
Friday 27th March 2026
At St. Anthony's Social Club
Doors open at 6:00pm with Bingo starting at 6:30pm



Tickets cost £1 per person
** Tickets are available to be purchased via ParentPay. **

Bingo books available to buy on the night
(£1 per book or 6 books for £5)
Also Killer Bingo/Raffle

Tickets are limited to 95 people so buy early to avoid disappointment.
As it is a family event, everyone needs a ticket.

All proceeds raised will go to F.O.S.T.A and go towards additional resources for St Anthony's Catholic Primary School
Thank you for your support

'Stop means Stop' Information for Parents

Please see below an information leaflet from Lancashire County Council's Road Safety Team who are running a school crossing patrol campaign to raise awareness about safer driving near school crossings:-

School Crossing Patrol Signals



Figure A - Sign upside down - Not ready to cross pedestrians



Figure B - Sign sideways - Barrier to prevent pedestrians crossing. Not ready to cross pedestrians



Figure C - Sign held up high - ready to cross pedestrians. Vehicles must stop unless unsafe to do so.



Figure D - Sign held up high - All drivers must stop

Please support your local School Crossing Patrol Service
Find out more online - www.roadafetygb.org.uk

With thanks to Lane Repreth and Muddborough Road Safety Team for the original development of this leaflet.

Stop means STOP

School Crossing Patrol Service



Road Safety GB

Information for Parents and Drivers

Parents

Even where a School Crossing Patrol is provided, parents remain responsible for making sure their children get to school safely, just as they do when a zebra crossing or pelican crossing is provided.

When children arrive at the Crossing Point:

- The Patrol will tell them to wait on the pavement and use the Stop sign as a barrier to prevent them from edging forward, until they are called across (see fig B overleaf).
- The Patrol will use the Stop sign to instruct traffic to stop (see fig C). The Patrol may need to wait for a safe gap in the traffic.
DO NOT FOLLOW THE PATROL INTO THE ROAD!

- When the traffic has stopped the Patrol will call you to cross over (see fig D). Please walk in front of the Patrol so he or she can see you.
- The Patrol will remain in the centre of the road until all the children and adults have completed crossing the road.

Drivers

When approaching a school you should reduce your speed and be prepared to stop, also be patient and considerate. School Crossing Patrols need to see and be seen! It can be difficult to see children on the pavement, especially if there are parked cars by the school. Children may run into the road without thinking about traffic.

If you are a driver, remember:

- By law you **MUST** stop when signalled to do so by a Patrol displaying a Stop sign.
- School Crossing Patrols can stop traffic to cross any pedestrian, adult or child.
- Do not move forward and remain patient.
- Do not park close to where a Patrol is working and **NEVER** on the zigzag markings.
- Look out for signs or flashing amber lights which warn of a School Crossing Patrol ahead.

Park with courtesy and consideration to others, observing all parking regulations in accordance with the Highway Code and in such a way that our children are able to enter and leave the school safely.

It is an offence under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 if you do not stop when signalled to do so by a School Crossing Patrol.

If you do not stop the possible penalties include:

- A fine of up to £1,000
- 3 Penalty Points
- Disqualification

Please slow down when approaching a patrol

Remember that a child struck at 20mph will most likely survive but at 40mph they will almost certainly die.

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AUTUMN TERM 2026

INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September 2026
RE-OPEN	Thursday 3rd September 2026
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026
INSET DAY	Monday 2nd November 2026
CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS	Friday 18th December 2026 at 1.30pm



SPRING TERM 2027

RE-OPEN	Monday 4th January 2027
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027
INSET DAY	Monday 22nd February 2027
CLOSURE FOR EASTER	Thursday 25th March 2027 at 1.30pm



SUMMER TERM 2027

RE-OPEN	Monday 12th April 2027
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 3rd May 2027
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
INSET DAYS	Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th June 2027
CLOSURE FOR SUMMER	Wednesday 21 st July 2027 at 1.30pm

