

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 2026

Rec S	Ralph P			Rec T	Joseph T
1S	Haelyn M	1/2T	Penelope O'D	2A	Eden O'S
3S	Clodagh G	3/4T	Andre G	4A	Cillian N
5S	Eliza B	5/6T	Freddie R	6A	Penny W

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Louie B	2A
Axel W	3/4T
Tilly-Mae C	5S
Amelia H	5S
Pierce F	6A

CITIZEN AWARD

Lewis W	5S
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I had the pleasure of joining our KS1 children on their visit to Chester Zoo on Wednesday. We were blessed with lovely weather and had a great day exploring the different areas of the zoo and spotting the animals.

Our 3/4T class Mass took place this morning, thanks to all the parents and grandparents that joined the children in church. Our 3S class Mass, which was due to take place next Tuesday, will now take place on Tuesday, 10th March.

Thank you to those of you who have purchased tickets for this evening's St. Anthony's (has) Got Talent show which promises to be a fantastic evening! Mrs Berry has enjoyed watching the rehearsals and knows that the children cannot wait to show off their talents to you.

The contractors have notified us that there will be a delay in the essential building work commencing on the church and, therefore, the car park will remain accessible until further notice.

Next week we welcome back Mrs Carroll from her maternity leave. Mrs Carroll will be working part-time in our 1S class along with Mrs McCrudden who is joining our team after the half term break. We are pleased to say that Miss McKelvie will remain with us until February half term.

Please don't forget it is NSPCC Number Day next Friday and children are invited to come dressed as something linked to Maths for a cash donation of £1.00 which will be donated to NSPCC.

Have a great 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 February
will be week 2 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](#)

KS2 Kurling Success at West View

Our KS2 Kurling team performed amazingly at the event held at West View on Tuesday. The children showed great skill and determination throughout the competition, growing in confidence as each game progressed. They won their heat in impressive style, but were unfortunately, knocked out in the following round.

Mrs Berry was incredibly proud of the children's teamwork, effort, and positive attitude. Well done to everyone who took part!



KS1 Trip to Chester Zoo

On Wednesday, our KS1 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Chester Zoo. The sun was shining, the children were exceptionally well behaved, and everyone involved had a wonderful time. We saw a wide range of animals and the children learned lots about different habitats, conservation, and wildlife. Thank you to everyone for their support in making this trip possible. We are sure that the children returned home full of enthusiasm about their day at the zoo.

Fancy Dress Costume Swap Shop

In the lead-up to World Book Day that takes place on Thursday, 5th March, we are excited to announce that we will be hosting a 'Fancy Dress Costume Swap Shop' that will be on display in the school foyer.

If your child has any pre-loved, outgrown, fancy dress costumes that you would like to donate, please can you drop them off at the school office at your earliest convenience.

We are also welcoming donations of gently used books that your child has already enjoyed. These will be included in our 'Book Swap' ahead of the big day.

Thank you for supporting this fun and sustainable way to celebrate reading.



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~~
- ~~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

Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents in preparation for May's SATs

A presentation for Year 6 parents/carers will take place in the school hall on Tuesday, 3rd February, at 3.30pm. The presentation will provide key dates, information about the SAT process and support on how to prepare children for the assessments. We advise parents/carers of all our Year 6 children to attend.

Mini Vinnies Coffee Morning - Sunday, 8th February

Our Mini Vinnies are hosting a coffee morning after Mass on Sunday, 8th February, to raise money for the Parish Charities - Water Aid and the Foxton Centre.

If anyone would like to support our Mini Vinnies cause by donating cakes, please can we ask that they be dropped off at the Padua Room before Mass on the day.

'Love & Kindness' Disco - Wednesday, 11th February

Parent Pay is now live for you to purchase tickets for FOSTA's 'Love & Kindness' red/pink themed disco.

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.

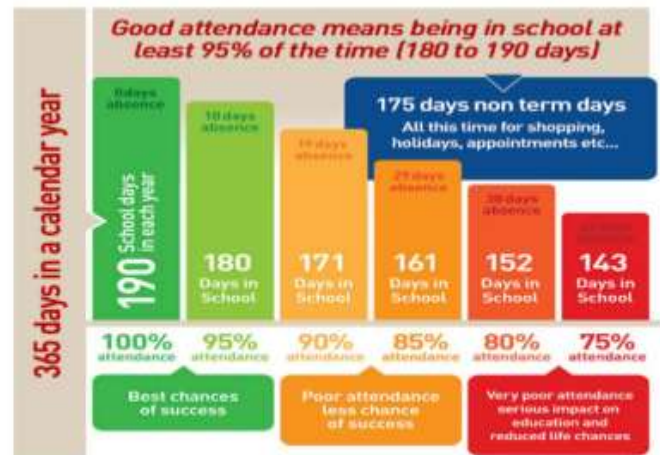
Years 3,4,5 and 6 Disco will take place from 4:45pm until 6:00pm with drop off at the hall door and pick up from the KS2 playground.

Tickets are £4.00 with sweets and drinks available to purchase at the Disco.

Outstanding Meal Payments

Arbor Parent Portal App will go live from 1st April. This App will replace Parent Pay and we, therefore, politely remind you that all outstanding meal balances on Parent Pay will need clearing prior to switch over. Unfortunately, if your child's account remains in debt you will need to send them to school with a packed lunch until you are in a position to clear your account. Please contact the school office if you want to discuss this matter.

Attendance – Friday, 23rd January to Thursday, 29th January, 2026



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

Rec S	87.56%
Rec T	97.27%
1S	91.67%
1/2T	97.0%
2A	96.67%
3S	96.67%
3/4T	96.0%
4A	95.81%
5S	94.33%
5/6T	95.81%
6A	97.93%
Whole School	95.28%
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 this week

Parent Drop in Sessions for new Arbor Parent Portal App

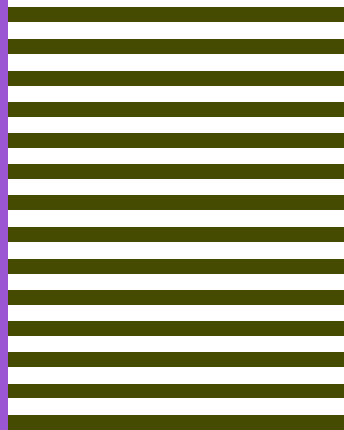
The school office are holding the following drop in sessions to aid parents setting up the new Arbor Parent Portal App:-

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

Wednesday Word

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

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



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AND THE SNOWDOG

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