

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 3RD JULY, 2026

Rec S	Faith O			Rec T	Robyn H
1S	Alessia B	1/2T	Octavia H	2A	Jaden A
3S	Daphne P	3/4T	Helen D	4A	George K
5S	Francis A	5/6T	Jenson R-H	6A	Maisie W

<u>HEADTEACHER AWARDS</u>	
Lola B – Rec T	Katie B – 3S
<u>CITIZEN AWARD</u>	
Isla D – 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

SCHOOL MEALS

Week commencing
6th July, 2026
will be week 3 of the
Spring/Summer menu

Wow, what a week we have had, it's been super busy with lots of positives happening, including England reaching the next stage of the World Cup!

The children from 3S class started the first week of their two week block of swimming lessons on Monday. The 3S staff team are so proud of the children's determination and progress so far, they have shown such resilience throughout the week. The team look forward to seeing the children grow further in confidence throughout their second week.

We welcomed our local Police officers in to school on Monday afternoon to deliver an engaging, age appropriate, hate crime session to our Years 4 and 5 children. The session focused on the importance of inclusivity, how we should respect each other's differences and highlighted ways of how we can take a stand against bullying and prejudice. Well done to the children for participating in such an important awareness session.

It was lovely to see the children from 1S class join the children from 5/6T class at Mass on Tuesday morning and thank you to everyone who attended. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Reception children's class Mass which was due to take place this coming Tuesday but the children will join the rest of school at the Year 6 Leavers' Mass on the last day of term. The children from 3S class led a reflective and thoughtful worship about St. Paul on Wednesday morning, all the children spoke clearly and sang beautifully. Thank you to everyone who attended. 1/2T class will have their Assembly this coming Tuesday with everyone welcome.

Yesterday, we held a successful transition day and the children, including September's Reception children, enjoyed spending time in their new classrooms getting to know their teacher and support staff. It was lovely to see the children starting to build relationships and familiarising themselves with new class routines in readiness for September. The teachers were so impressed by how quickly the children settled in to their new classes and look forward to them joining them in September.

A huge well done to the children who represented St. Anthony's at the various sporting events this week. The children were great ambassadors for school and we are very proud of their efforts. Thank you to the parents and staff who helped transporting the children to and from the events.

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Barnes

Proud moment for two of our children

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the amazing achievements of two of our children, Daphne and Beatrice, whom you will remember were crowned winners of January's 'St. Anthony's Got Talent' competition.

The girls were invited to perform on the opening night of OLCHS's fantastic production of Grease. They truly captivated the audience, showcasing their confidence, enthusiasm, and star quality. They represented our school brilliantly and demonstrated the wonderful talent we have here at St. Anthony's.

Well done to both girls on this well-deserved success—we are very proud of you!



Padua Pals Breakfast and After School Clubs

We are delighted to share that planning is now well underway for our new wrap-around care venture entitled 'Padua Pals'. Information about Padua Pals, including session times and prices, is available under the 'parents' section of our website – after school club. Copies of registration and medical forms are available either electronically or in paper version from the school office. Our Padua Pals team are so excited about this new venture and cannot wait for the children to join them in September.

Years 5/6 Rounders' Fixture

On Tuesday, our Years 5/6 rounders' team took part in the group stages of the Preston Schools Rounders' Competition. The team played three matches, securing two wins and one draw, which saw them finish top of their group and progress to the semi-finals. A fantastic achievement - well done to all the players for their teamwork, determination, and excellent sporting attitude.



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, 4th 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
~~EYFYS/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 **CANCELLED**
~~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.

Preston Schools' Athletics

Congratulations to our Key Stage 2 athletics team, who took part in the Preston Schools' Athletics event on Wednesday. The children competed across a range of track and field events, demonstrating outstanding effort throughout. They showed excellent attitude, resilience, and sportsmanship, and represented the school with real pride both on and off the track. Well done to all involved.



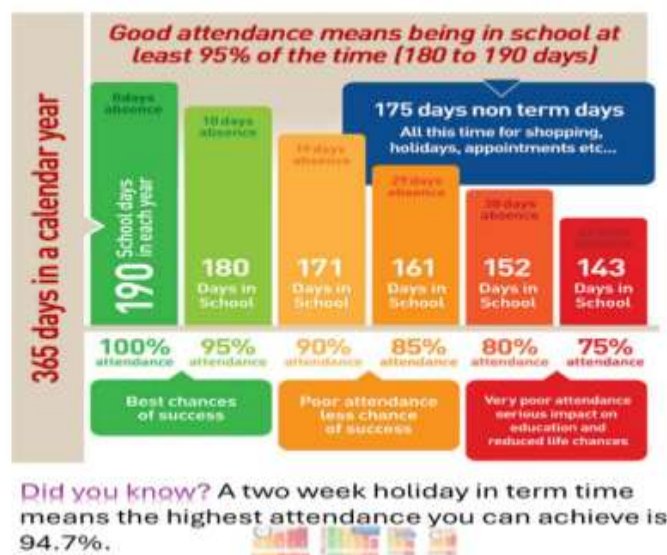
CAFOD Cake Sale

Our School Council is hosting a cake sale in school this coming Monday to raise funds for CAFOD who work tirelessly to tackle poverty overseas. If you would like your child to help raise money for this worthwhile cause by purchasing cakes, please send them to school with some loose change. Donations of shop bought cakes are extremely welcome which can be dropped off at the school office on Monday morning. Please can we remind you, we are a nut free school so please do avoid donating anything containing nuts.

School Led Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs

All school led before and after school extra-curricular clubs will finish next Friday until after the summer break.

Attendance – Friday, 26th June to Thursday, 2nd July, 2026



Rec S	91.74%
Rec T	95.0%
1S	91.0%
1/2T	89.33%
2A	94.67%
3S	97.0%
3/4T	89.31%
4A	90.0%
5S	93.0%
5/6T	97.67%
6A	97.59%
Whole School	93.28%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 5/6T who have achieved 97.67% 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.

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

Please do not forget that the deadline date for next term's toast/fruit toast and milk is next Friday, 10th July, and, unfortunately, we cannot accept orders after deadline day. Payment is through your Arbor App under 'School Shop'. 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

As we mentioned in last week's newsletter, 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. Next week, we will be undertaking this year's eligibility check and will contact those families who will be eligible for free school meals for the next academic year as soon as these results are to hand. All key stage 1 children will remain eligible to free school meals under the infant universal free school meals element.

Important message to Year 2 Parents

Please can we remind parents whose children will be moving to Year 3 in September that, unless we notify you to let you know that your child will be eligible for free school meals for the next academic year, 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.

Replacement Book and PE Bags

Arbor is now live for purchasing replacement book and PE bags. Please can we request that payment be made by next Friday, 10th July. Items purchased will be distributed to the children prior to us breaking up.

FOSTA Summer Discos

Arbor is now live for you to purchase tickets for FOSTA's summer discos taking place this coming Wednesday.

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.

Year 6 Leavers' Production

Our Year 6 children's leavers' production entitled 'Oliver with a Twist' will take place on:-

Monday, 13th July at 6.00pm

Tuesday, 14th July at 1.45pm

Each Year 6 child will be issued with two tickets per performance. Please can we request that any surplus tickets be returned to the school office so that they can be redistributed. Unfortunately, due to health and safety regulations, we are restricted to the number of tickets we can allocate.



Leavers' Celebration Lunch

To celebrate our wonderful Year 6 children, our kitchen team is serving a Leavers' Lunch on Tuesday, 14th July. As usual, there is no need to book in advance, just let class know on the day and make payment through your Arbor App, if relevant.



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.

Pupil Medical Conditions

Please can we ask that, if your child's medical needs/conditions change over the summer holidays, you email the school office prior to our return to school in September. For ease, we will transfer all medication/inhalers to your child's new class unless the medication is reaching its expiry date, in which case, we will contact you.

Wednesday Word

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

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

