

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FRIDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

A very warm welcome back everyone! We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer break and managed to spend some quality family time. It has been lovely to see the children back in school looking so smart, full of energy and enthusiasm for the year ahead. The teachers are extremely impressed by how quickly the children have settled into their new class routines, are working really hard and forming lovely friendship groups. A special mention to our Reception children and their families who are joining our St. Anthony's family. Our EYFS team can't wait to welcome the children to school over the next few weeks. We also welcome our new children and their families who have joined us across other year groups.

The DFE has recently updated its statutory guidance 'Working together to improve attendance' which aims to tackle ongoing absence rates and align with the new Ofsted inspection framework. The focus is for schools to work in partnership with parents to help every child thrive academically and personally and remove any barriers to learning. Attendance and punctuality are vital to this and we, therefore, ask for your support in ensuring that children are in school, on time, every day unless the reason for absence is unavoidable. Please also avoid taking children out of school for medical appointments unless there is no alternative and taking holidays during term time. Our target attendance for all children is 96% and we will be monitoring attendance and punctuality closely with contact being made with yourselves if we feel that your child's attendance/punctuality is a cause for concern.

This coming Tuesday, 8th September, Years 1-6 will attend Mass and then Class Masses will begin the following week. Class Assemblies will commence on Wednesday, 30th September – parents and grandparents are welcome to join us. Please refer to the 'dates for your diary' section which lists when each Class Mass and Assembly will take place.

Parents from Years 1-6 are invited into school this coming Wednesday, 9th September, for our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. These meetings will provide you with the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, meet the staff team, hear about class routines and expectations as well as having the opportunity to ask any questions. Each class will hold meetings at 3.30pm and 4.00pm, please do try to attend one of these sessions.

Have a good 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
7th September, 2026
will be week 3 of the
Spring/Summer menu

Padua Pals Wrap-around Care

We are delighted to say that our new wrap-around care facility 'Padua Pals' is now up and running. Our fantastic wrap-around care team will be hosting fun, engaging, sessions which we are sure that the children will love as well as serving healthy breakfast and snacks.

Our Breakfast Club sessions run from 7.30am and our After School sessions run until 6.00pm. Sessions can be booked and paid for through your Arbor App. Alternatively, we also accept tax free childcare vouchers.

School Uniform

Please can we ask that all children wear their full school uniform including school shoes to school every day and have their PE kit in school in readiness for their PE sessions. Please can we remind you, the only jewellery to be worn in school should be simple plain stud earrings (not coloured) which must be removed on PE days. For health and safety reasons, we are not able to remove children's earrings for them should they forget and alternative arrangements will need to be made. Long hair must be tied back with simple hair accessories in school colours. A polite request, if your child had their hair braided over summer, please can we ask that these be removed.

Labelling of School Uniform

Please can we ask that you label all items of your child's uniform, coat and shoes. We often have items of clothing left at school that we are unable to reunite with their owner due to them not being labelled.

Labelling of Lunch Boxes/Bags

Please can we ask that you label your child's lunch box/bag with their name and class. This will help our welfare staff support the children during lunchtime.

Nut Free School

Just to remind you, we have children in school with nut allergies so we kindly ask that you avoid sending children into school with nuts or items containing nuts.



Dates for your diary

~~Autumn Term begins~~ Thursday, 3rd September

Years 1-6 Meet the Teacher Meeting - Wednesday, 9th September

Nasal Flu Vaccination Session - Tuesday, 13th October

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 - Tuesday, 6th October

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

IMPORTANT Change to Free School Meals

We have contacted those families who are eligible for free school meals for this academic year. All key stage 1 children will remain eligible under the infant universal free school meals element.

Children who have moved to Year 3 will no longer be entitled to infant free school meals and meals must be paid for in advance through your Arbor App at a cost of £3.00 per day. Please can we remind you, you will be asked to send your child with a packed lunch if your account goes into a deficit balance.

Pupil Medical Conditions

Children's medication/inhalers have been forwarded to their new classes. Please can we ask that you contact the school office if there have been any changes to your child's health/medical conditions over the summer break.

Change to Emergency Contact Details over Summer

Please can we ask that, if you have updated your contact number/email address over summer, you update these on Arbor. Your child's other emergency contact details have to be updated by ourselves so we ask that you email any changes to the office email. Alternatively, messages can be sent through your Arbor App.

School Admissions – September 2027

Online applications for primary and high school places for the September 2027 intake are now open with closing dates as follows:-

Secondary School - 31st October, 2026

Primary School - 15th January, 2027

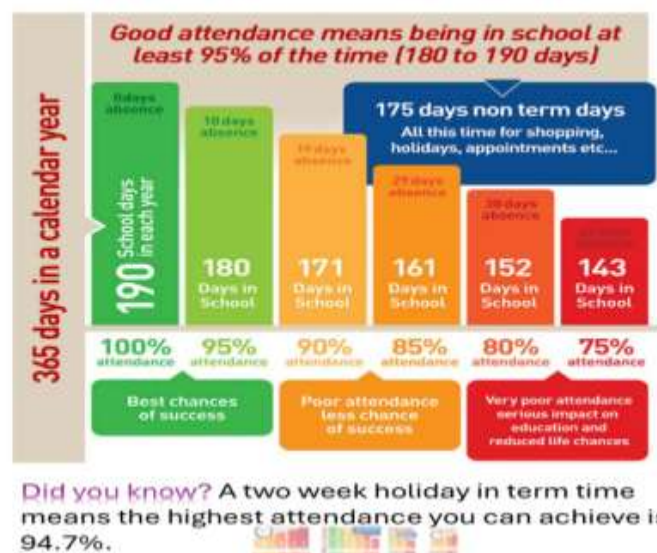
Please apply using the following link:-

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.

You will receive an email confirmation of your application.

If your child is baptised Catholic, you will also need to complete a supplementary form which is available from the school office and at Our Lady's Catholic High School. Baptism Certificates are also required.

Attendance –



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Rec T	
1S	
1/2T	
2A	
3S	
3/4T	
4A	
5S	
5/6T	
6A	
Whole School	
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners –

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

Wednesday Word

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

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

YEAR 6 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

Head Girl	Monica	Head Boy	Zabah
Deputy Head Girl	Imogen	Deputy Head Boy	Francis

HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2026-2027

Bernard	Matthew	Henry	Lewis
Artem	Scarlett	Kylan	Ellie

PRAYER LEADERS FOR 2026-2027

Elena	Lucy	Vincent	James
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PREFECTS FOR 2026-2027

Isabella Ivy D	Evie Alice S	Ruby Ivy R	Simon Holly	Harriet Jenson
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SPORTS LEADERS FOR 2026-2027

Freddie	Umar	Tilly-Mae	Ryan
Charlie Abigail	Jude Jayden	Elliott Santi	Amelia

PLAY LEADERS FOR 2026-2027

Leah	Eliza	Alice B	Emily
Courtney-Mai	Farwa	Andrew	Jake

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS CHILDREN ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT



Players presents...
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<https://www.playersdramaschool.co.uk/players-in-education/>



THE PLAYERS TALE

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THIS COURSE

This programme consists of seven 1.5 hour after school sessions, held at your school. These bespoke, dynamic workshops will explore the magic of storytelling and imaginative role play while developing key rehearsal techniques, performance skills, and collaborative working. The classes are designed to strengthen communication skills, develop artistry and enhance self belief leading to a performance of "Toy Story Tales" on the final week.

We have limited availability on this very popular course. Reserve your place now by completing the link below or scan the QR code. The cost of the full course is £84.00 (Payment details and installment options given upon sign up.)



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