

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 5th JUNE, 2026

Rec S	Nihal S			Rec T	Charlotte F
1S	Arthur K	1/2T	Dalton S	2A	Sadie B
3S	Akilah K	3/4T	Oscar B	4A	Sam G
5S	Simon M	5/6T	Tristan E	Year 6	Esme L

HEADTEACHER AWARD

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Welcome back for our last half term of the school year. It promises to be very busy with Feast Day celebrations, our Year 4 children's Sacrament of Holy Communion, Sports Day and the Summer Fair amongst a host of events taking place!

We hope that you all had a great extended half term break and made the most of the fantastic weather.

Thank you to the staff and volunteers who joined our Reception children at their visit to Smithills Farm on Wednesday. The children had a great time despite the weather and, I am sure, they were eager to share with you their experiences from the day.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who attended our 4A class Mass today. Our children from 6A class will attend Mass on Tuesday and we really hope that everyone will join them at which will be their last class Mass at St. Anthony's. It is also 5S class Assembly on Wednesday, please do try to attend.

As a school, we were saddened to read about the death of the local boy who tragically lost his life after getting into difficulty whilst swimming in the River Ribble at Ribchester. The Health Protection Team are sharing an important reminder, which I have attached at the bottom of this newsletter, of how quickly situations can change. Even on hot days, open water can be dangerously cold, and conditions are often unpredictable. Please do share this important message with your children.

This Sunday, the Mini-Vinnies are hosting a coffee morning after the 9.30am Mass, donations of cakes gratefully received, please drop off in the Padua Room before Mass.

Next week, we are celebrating St. Anthony's Feast Day; we will be having the ice-cream van in school on the Friday and joining the parish to celebrate on the Sunday, 14th June, for Mass and a gathering in the Social Club afterwards. All children are invited to come up onto the altar for the final hymn. FOSTA will be selling cakes in the Social Club as part of the celebration and would welcome cake donations, please drop off at the Social Club before Mass. I hope that many of you will be able to join us for this celebration.

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
8th June, 2026
will be week 2 of the
Spring/Summer menu

Smithills Farm Visit

Our Reception children had so much fun at Smithills Farm on Wednesday. The children were so excited on their coach journey to the farm and could not wait to explore what the farm had to offer. The children particularly enjoyed travelling on the bumpy tractor, having a ride on a donkey and spending time in the 'Pets Corner' where they met baby lambs, rabbits, pygmy goats and emus. Getting to feed the goats and sheep was the highlight of the visit.

It was an amazing day and the Reception team were so proud of how well the children represented St. Anthony's.

Assessment Check Window

Just to remind you, our Year 1 children will be having their phonics screening check throughout next week and it is the Year 4 Multiplication check window too. Please can we request that the children arrive in school on time and that you try to avoid any absences or booking medical appointments during the assessment window.

The Year 1 phonics screening check is not a formal test, but a way for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their phonics skills to read words and that they are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning. It is a school-based check to make sure that children receive any additional support promptly, should they need it. It is not a stressful situation because the teacher will be well equipped to listen and understand children's level of skills. We will let parents know the results at the end of the summer term.

However, it is a statutory requirement that Year 4 children complete the Multiplication check to assess their times tables knowledge. The children have worked extremely hard in preparation for this assessment and we will let parents know the results in due course.

Year 6 Summer Production

This year's Year 6 Leavers' Production is entitled 'Oliver with a Twist' with performances taking place on Monday, 13th July at 6.00pm and Tuesday, 14th July at 1.45pm. The casting has now taken place and rehearsals will begin shortly. Watch this space for news about this celebration of our Year 6 children's journey at St. Anthony's.



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~~
~~EYFS/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~~
~~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.~~

Summer Fair

Our FOSTA team are working hard organising the Summer Fair for our school community to enjoy and bring in vital funds to support school. The second own clothes day will take place next Friday, 12th June, and the FOSTA team would be grateful for donations of bottles, mixed bags of sweets, ie haribo, small toys or tombola type prizes. If anybody has any teddies to donate the FOSTA team would also appreciate these.

Message from the Breakfast Club – Please can we request that you take any bottle donations directly to the school office. For health and safety reasons, the Breakfast Club staff are unable to accept bottles.

Feast Day of St. Anthony of Padua

The Feast of St. Anthony of Padua takes place on Saturday, 13th June and, to commemorate this special day, the ice cream van will be visiting school next Friday.

Pupils and staff will be able to enjoy an ice cream/ice lolly, hopefully, in the sunshine. Please contact the school office no later than next Wednesday, 10th June, if you **do not** wish your child to participate for any reason or if you would prefer to bring in a treat from home instead.

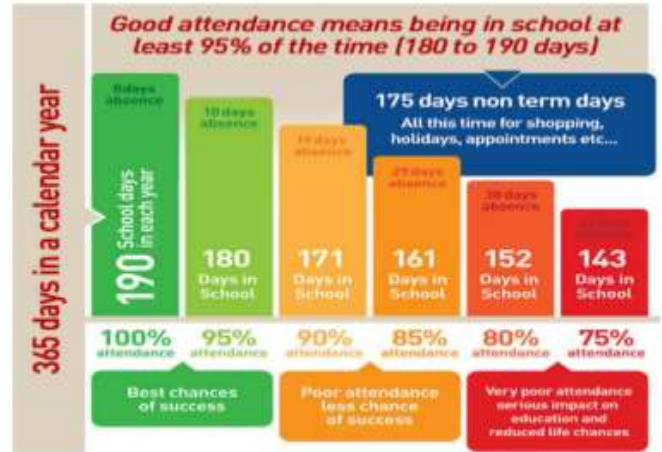
Get ready for Sports Day!

This year, our Sports Day will take place on Monday, 22nd June. EYFS and KS1 events will take place from 9.15am to 11.15am, and KS2 events will run from 1.30pm to 3.15pm. Parents are welcome to join us and can enter the field 15 minutes before the start of their child’s events. We kindly ask that everyone arrive promptly to help ensure the events run smoothly. Your support and encouragement would mean the world to the children, so please come along and cheer them on!

Wednesday Word

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

Attendance – Friday, 22nd May to Thursday, 4th June, 2026



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

Rec S	91.3%
Rec T	98.94%
1S	91.67%
1/2T	95.56%
2A	93.89%
3S	93.89%
3/4T	97.41%
4A	95.16%
5S	92.22%
5/6T	95.16%
6A	93.68%
Whole School	94.15%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 3/4T who have achieved 97.41% 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 Class 3S who have had no late marks this week.

Plea from Mrs Alty

Mrs Alty is updating her Sand Play area and is sending out a special plea for donations of pre-loved miniature toys and objects. If you have any of the following items that you no longer need, Mrs Alty would be delighted to take these off your hands:-

People: domestic, military, fantasy, mythological;

Buildings: houses, schools, churches, castles;

Animals: wild, tame, marine;

Vehicles: water, space, war machines;

Vegetation: trees, shrubs, plants, flowers;

Structure: bridges, fences, gates, walls;

Natural Objects

Symbolic Objects: wishing wells, treasure chests, trophies, jewels, goblets.

Please drop donations off at the school office.

Thank you so much for your continued support in helping to enhance our children's learning and play.

Water safety – important message for parents and schools

Following recent tragic incidents involving water, this is an important reminder of how quickly situations can change. As the weather gets warmer, more children and young people are spending time around rivers, lakes and the coast, increasing the risk of harm.

Even on hot days, open water can be dangerously cold, and conditions are often unpredictable.

Children and young people may not always recognise these risks, so it's vital that key safety messages are shared.

Key water safety messages

Please help reinforce the following advice with children and young people:

- **Stop and Think:** Check for hidden hazards such as deep water, currents and cold temperatures
- **Stay Together:** Never go into or near water alone; choose areas with lifeguards where possible
- **Call 999 in an emergency:** Ask for the Coastguard at the coast, or Fire & Rescue if you are inland
- **Float** – If you fall in, stay calm, float on your back and control your breathing



Cold water shock

Many recent incidents have involved cold water. Even strong swimmers can be affected. Sudden immersion can cause panic, loss of breathing control and reduced ability to swim.

If you fall into water:

- Try to stay calm: The effects of cold water shock usually pass within the first minute
- Float on your back to regain control of your breathing
- Once calm, call for help or swim to safety if possible

A Life-saving skill: Float to Live

Teaching children how to float could save a life:

- Tilt your head back with ears in the water
- Relax and breathe slowly
- Move hands and feet gently to stay afloat

In an emergency:

