

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 2026

Rec S	Hattie B			Rec T	Lola B
1S	Ziyaan G	1/2T	Nnenia O	2A	Harry B
3S	Finn T	3/4T	Noah F	4A	Connie B
5S	Ryan A	5/6T	Eva-Mae R-G	6A	Imogen S

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Charlie B	5S
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CITIZEN AWARD

Henry W	5/6T
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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
9th February
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](#)

Last Friday's 'St. Anthony's (has) Got Talent' show was a huge success. A big thank you to everyone who supported this event. Congratulations to all of our talented children, you were amazing and, as always, made us very proud. Well done to our prize winners – 1st Daphne and Beatrice P, 2nd Theo K and 3rd Ivy and Edith D and Harriet H.

Thank you to everyone for supporting today's Number Day and enabling us to donate to the NSPCC Charity. Everyone looked fantastic in their 'Number' related outfits and had a great time celebrating Number Day.

Our Mini Vinnies are really looking forward to hosting their coffee morning after Mass on Sunday. All proceeds raised will go to the Parish Charities - Water Aid and the Foxton Centre. The children are really hoping that you can support their cause by donating cakes that you can drop off at the Padua Room before Mass.

We have a busy week ahead of us. Our 2A children have their class Mass at 9.15am on Tuesday, it's our Reception children's Assembly in the hall at 9.05am on Wednesday, FOSTA are hosting their 'Love and Kindness' Disco after school on Wednesday and it's our Years 5 and 6 parents' Robinwood meeting after school on Thursday.

A special mention goes to the children from Years 4, 5 and 6 who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the next week.

Please do not forget, we break up for half term at 3.15pm next Friday, 13th February.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Barnes

Lovely news to share

A huge well-done goes to one of our Year 5 children. Charlie, who plays darts at academy level, was part of a team who completed a Darts Marathon over the weekend to raise money for the Macmillan Nurses' Charity. Charlie spent over an hour throwing darts contributing to the 100,000-point target. Charlie really enjoyed taking part in the event and helping raise money for such a worthwhile cause.

Primary Schools' Maths Challenge

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who visited the high school yesterday to take part in the Interschools' Primary Maths Challenge. Throughout the day, the children demonstrated outstanding effort, teamwork, and enthusiasm in every task they faced. They were wonderful representatives of our school. Well done Max, Isla, Oliver, Penny, Maisie, Theo, Ali and Amarah.

Year 5/6 Girls Football League

It was a super performance yesterday from our Year 5/6 girls' football team as we completed our league fixtures. The team played two and won two, finishing the campaign with a record of one loss, one draw and three wins. The team displayed great determination and teamwork throughout. We are extremely proud of them for their positive attitude, resilience and team spirit. Well done Amira, Esme, Farwa, Maisie, Tilly-Mae, Eva-Mae, Amelia and Eliza.

Reception Stay and Play

Today's Stay and Play Session was linked to the Number Day theme and our Reception children had so much fun completing a range of maths related activities with their parents and other family members. The session was a huge success and a big thank you goes to everyone who attended. Please do not worry if you were not able to attend this one, we are planning to host another session next term.

Plea from our Reception Team

Our Reception team are looking for donations of pre-loved, good condition, complete, jigsaws, puzzles and games for the Reception classes. If you have any of those items that you would like to donate, our Reception team would love to take them off your hands. Thank you in advance from our Reception team and children.



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

World Book Day Costume and Book Swap Shops

Thank you to those of you who have already donated costumes for our World Book Day Costume Swap Shop. If anyone else has any pre-loved, outgrown, fancy dress costumes that you would like to donate, please can you drop them off at the school office before our February half term break.

We are also welcoming book donations for our World Book Day Book Swap Shop.

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

'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.

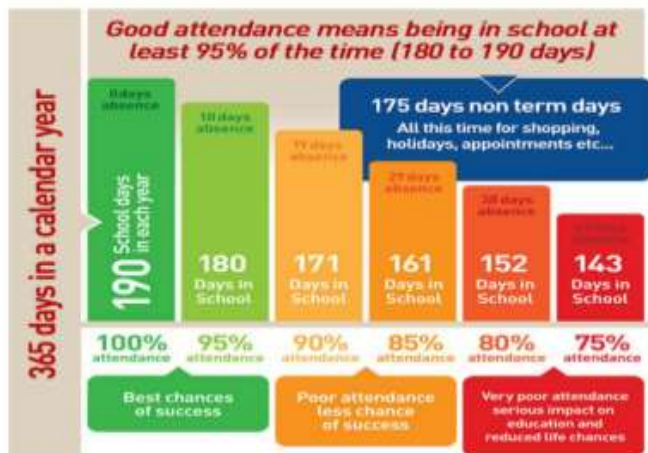
Tickets are £4.00 with sweets and drinks available to purchase at the Disco.

Please note, we do not allow mobile phones at the disco.

School Nurse Drop in Session - Friday, 27th February

The school nursing team are holding a parents/carers' drop in session in school from 9.00am on Friday, 27th February. The aim of the session is to give parents/carers the opportunity to have one-to-one time with a school nurse to discuss childhood issues such as emotional health, behaviour, diet, healthy lifestyle, sleep, bed-wetting, head lice or anything else that may be bothering your child. Please contact the school office if you are interested in attending the session so that we can give the school nursing team some idea of numbers.

Attendance – Friday, 30th January to Thursday, 5th February, 2026



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

Rec S	95.52%
Rec T	97.27%
1S	97.67%
1/2T	97.67%
2A	90.33%
3S	97.33%
3/4T	95.0%
4A	95.48%
5S	93.67%
5/6T	99.35%
6A	97.24%
Whole School	96.04%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 5/6T who have achieved 99.35% 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>

Polite Request

We have received complaints from one of our neighbouring residents about inconsiderate parking by parents whilst dropping off/picking up their children. Please can we ask that you be mindful when parking and refrain from obstructing driveways, causing access issues for residents!

Catholic Teaching Alliance's September 2026 Teaching Programmes

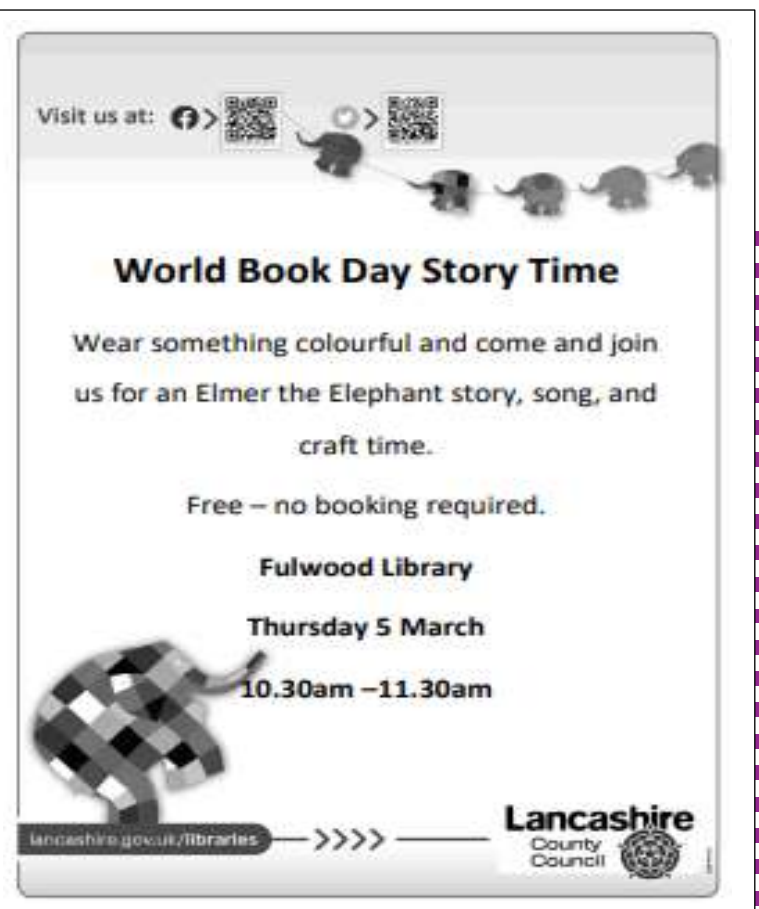
The Catholic Teaching Alliance, based at Our Lady's Catholic High School, is currently recruiting for their September 2026 teacher training programmes.

Should anyone be interested in becoming a teacher and would like more information, please contact the Catholic Teaching Alliance through the contact details below:-

Email: CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk
Telephone: 01772 326931
Website: catholic-teaching-alliance.org



A poster for a 'Swap, Shop & Share' event. At the top is a house icon with a cross inside. Below it, the title 'Swap, Shop & Share' is written in a large, bold, green font. Underneath, in smaller pink text, it says 'FREE PRE-LOVED CHILDREN'S CLOTHES'. The poster features several line-art icons of children's clothing: a t-shirt, a pair of shorts, a long-sleeved shirt, a dress, and a jacket. The event details are: '7th February 10 -1 at Tanterton Christian Fellowship'. It encourages browsing pre-loved clothes for free and enjoying tea, coffee, and cake with friends. The phrase 'Everyone is welcome' is written in a colorful font. At the bottom, there are logos for Tanterton Christian Fellowship, a QR code, a newsletter sign-up, and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.



A poster for 'World Book Day Story Time'. At the top, it says 'Visit us at:' followed by a Facebook icon and two QR codes. Below this is a string of colorful paper lanterns. The main title is 'World Book Day Story Time' in a bold, black font. The text below reads: 'Wear something colourful and come and join us for an Elmer the Elephant story, song, and craft time.' It states 'Free – no booking required.' and lists the location as 'Fulwood Library' on 'Thursday 5 March' from '10.30am – 11.30am'. At the bottom left is a stylized illustration of Elmer the Elephant with a checkered pattern. At the bottom right is the Lancashire County Council logo and the website lancahire.gov.uk/libraries.