

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 6TH MARCH, 2026

Rec S	Taniya E			Rec T	Amy C
1S	Kohan W	1/2T	Maddison G	2A	Noah M
3S	John David A	3/4T	Ethan S	4A	Caleb B
5S	Simon M	5/6T	Amelia C	6A	Daniel J

CITIZEN AWARD

Mabel H	Rec S
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Wow, what another busy, fun-packed, week we have had!!

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who attended our 1/2T Class Mass on Tuesday. Next week we have 3S Class Mass on Tuesday and 5/6T Class Assembly on Wednesday with everyone welcome to join us. Father Andrew is saying Mass at 7.30am every Friday during Lent to cater for people who wish to attend Mass before they go to work. This Mass replaces the 9.15am one so, unfortunately, we have had to cancel our 4A Class Mass that was due to take place next Friday, 13th March. Please do not worry though; we will assign another 4A Class Mass date for the start of next term.

Members from PNE's Community Education Trust visited school again on Wednesday to deliver their second of six football led STEM workshops to our Years 5 and 6 children. The children had so much fun problem solving and working together during the STEM and Coding related activities using robots as their tools!

Well done to the children who represented St. Anthony's in Wednesday's Swimming Gala. The children's team spirit and sportsmanship shone through during the event.

The children looked amazing in their World Book Day costumes and it was lovely seeing them proudly taking part in our whole school parade. There was a real buzz around school and we would like to thank you all for enabling the children to celebrate World Book Day in style.

As you are aware, we will no longer be using Parent Pay from next Friday, 13th March, to charge for school related items/events. Please can we, therefore, ask that you ensure that you clear any outstanding dinner money accounts by next Friday in readiness for us switching to Arbor.

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
9th March, 2026
will be week 1 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](#)

Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, a group of our Years 5 and 6 children competed in the annual Preston Schools' Swimming Gala at West View Leisure Centre. The team showed fantastic effort, determination and teamwork with every swimmer giving their best in all races. Thanks to their hard work and outstanding performances, the team proudly finished third place overall, which is a wonderful achievement. Well done to Eva, Esme, Amira, Abigail, Oliver, Leo, Jenson and Ryan and thank you for being amazing representatives of St. Anthony's.



Reconciliation Service

Today, our 5S children took part in a calming session of reflection and reconciliation with Father Andrew. The children who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation had the opportunity to receive the sacrament again and the whole class enjoyed time to reflect on their Lenten promises and talk to God in church during this season of Lent.

Parents' Consultation Meetings Online Booking System

The online booking system for our next Parents' Consultation Meetings, due to take place on Wednesday, 18th March, will go live from 1.00pm, Monday, 9th March, and will remain open until 1.00pm, Tuesday, 17th March. The meetings will take place in the school hall from 1.30pm until 3.00pm and then from 3.30pm until 6.30pm. Parents will receive an electronic notification inviting them to make an appointment.

Bags2School Initiative Deadline Day

Please can we ask that any unwanted pre-loved clothing or shoes be brought to school by Tuesday, 10th March.

More information about the initiative is available at: <https://bag2school.com>



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
1S/6A Classes 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
FOSTA Easter Family Bingo - Friday, 27th March, 2026
Easter Competitions – Tuesday 31st March, 2026
Break the Rules Day - Wednesday, 1st April, 2026
Close for Easter - Thursday, 2nd April, 2026 - 1.30pm

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

Parent Drop in Sessions for new Arbor Parent Portal App

The school office is 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

Advance Notice - Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday, 19th March, to take class and group photographs.

Please contact the school office no later than Monday, 16th March, if you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken.

FOSTA Own Clothes Day

FOSTA are holding an own clothes day on Friday, 20th March, in exchange for donations of chocolate, sweets, raffle/tombola items suitable for prizes for the Easter Bingo and other events taking place during the summer term. Thank you in advance for your support.

Updated Holiday List

Please see below our updated Holiday List for the 2026-2027 Academic Year.

Please can we ask that you refer to this list before booking any family holidays. All holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised except for exceptional circumstances.

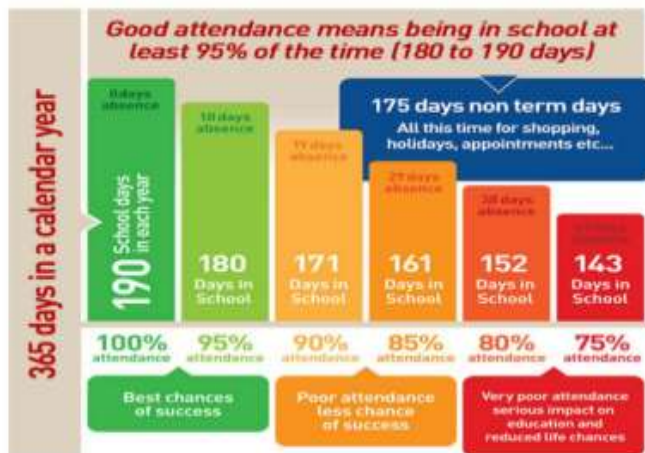
En Pointe Dance Show Performance



En Pointe Dance Academy are performing the show 'On Stage' on Sunday, 22nd March.

Tickets are available through the picture link.

Attendance – Friday, 27th February to Thursday, 5th March, 2026



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

Rec S	93.91%
Rec T	97.27%
1S	93.33%
1/2T	98.0%
2A	95.67%
3S	94.0%
3/4T	96.67%
4A	96.77%
5S	96.0%
5/6T	94.84%
6A	95.52%
Whole School	95.63%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 1/2T who have achieved 98.0% 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 classes have had late marks this week

Wednesday Word

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

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

FOSTA Family Easter Bingo

FOSTA are holding a Family Easter Bingo event at St. Anthony's Social Club on Friday, 27th March. Doors will open from 6:00pm with Bingo starting at 6:30pm.

Tickets for the event are £1.00 per person and both adults and children need a ticket, payable through parent pay accounts. Bingo books will be on sale on the evening, there will also be a raffle and games so please do bring cash to the event. All money raised will go towards buying resources for school.

Spaces are limited to 95 so it is advisable to purchase tickets early to avoid disappointment. This is a family event so please can we make you aware, children will not be able to attend unless accompanied by an adult. The FOSTA team look forward to you joining them for a fun evening.



Easter Family Bingo
Friday 27th March 2026
At St. Anthony's Social Club
Doors open at 6:00pm with Bingo starting at 6:30pm



Tickets cost £1 per person
** Tickets are available to be purchased via ParentPay. **

Bingo books available to buy on the night
(£1 per book or 6 books for £5)
Also Killer Bingo/Raffle

Tickets are limited to 95 people so buy early to avoid disappointment.
As it is a family event, everyone needs a ticket.

All proceeds raised will go to F.O.S.T.A and go towards additional resources for St Anthony's Catholic Primary School.
Thank you for your support



MAD SCIENCE CAMPS 2026 INFORMATION

EASTER CAMPS
WEEK 1: Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April
Lancaster Chaplaincy, LA1 4YW
AKS Prep School, Lytham, FY8 1DT
St Pius X Catholic Prep School, Preston, PR2 8RD

WEEK 2: Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April
Alderley Edge School for Girls, SK9 7QE
Liverpool College Prep School, L18 8BU
The King's School, Chester, CH4 7QL

Don't forget to bring your packed lunch!

**FULLY INSURED
HIGHLY TRAINED
DBS CHECKED
PRESENTERS**

SUMMER CAMPS ALSO AVAILABLE TO BOOK NOW!

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS & TAX FREE CHILD CARE ACCEPTED

ALL VENUES
8.30am - 5pm each day
Suitable for all primary school children
£200 for 4 days
£220 after 15th March (end of early bird)

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Call 01772 628844 Email help@madsciencenw.com



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AUTUMN TERM 2026

INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September 2026
RE-OPEN	Thursday 3rd September 2026
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026
INSET DAY	Monday 2nd November 2026
CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS	Friday 18th December 2026 at 1.30pm



SPRING TERM 2027

RE-OPEN	Monday 4th January 2027
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027
INSET DAY	Monday 22nd February 2027
CLOSURE FOR EASTER	Thursday 25th March 2027 at 1.30pm



SUMMER TERM 2027

RE-OPEN	Monday 12th April 2027
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 3rd May 2027
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
INSET DAYS	Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th June 2027
CLOSURE FOR SUMMER	Wednesday 21 st July 2027 at 1.30pm

