WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Rec S	*Sophie W*			*Rec T*	*Ariella M*
1S	*Jonny S*	*1/2T*	*Haelyn M*	*2A*	*Lucius R*
3S	*Sadie B*	*3/4T*	*Ronnie W*	*4A*	*Charlie F*
5S	*Vincent O*	*5/6T*	*George K*	*6A*	*Elliott B*

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Livia R-H	*1/2T*

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break and managed to spend some quality time together as a family. This half term is always a busy, but exciting one! As well as lots of learning taking place in classes, we will also be preparing for our Christmas performances, Carol service and festive FOSTA events.

A special thank you to our Year 6 leaders who gave up their free time to showcase our lovely school during Wednesday's Reception 2027 Intake Open Evening. The children were brilliant and we received some lovely compliments about how polite, helpful and welcoming they were. The children are a credit to St. Anthony's and to their families.

This week, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Smith who started her maternity leave on Thursday. We know you will join us in wishing Mrs Smith and her husband the absolute best as they prepare to welcome their precious bundle of joy very soon. We cannot wait to hear the happy news of the arrival and look forward to welcoming Mrs Smith back for a visit with her little one. From all the children from Class 4A: Goodbye Mrs Smith, we will miss you so much!!

November is the month of the Holy Souls and this month we will be remembering in our prayers our family members and friends who have passed away – the children will be bringing home a form today to add names to our remembrance book. May they rest in peace.

Next Wednesday at 11.00am, we will mark Remembrance Day by holding a minute's silence to remember those who died during times of conflict - we will remember them! Poppy merchandise ranging from 20p to £1.50 will remain on sale in school until then.

Our next Class Mass will take place on Tuesday, 10th November, when it will be the turn of our children from Class 2A. As always, parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in church.

Our next Class Assembly will take place on Wednesday, 11th November, when it will be the turn of our children from Class 5/6T to lead us in worship. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in the school hall at 9.05am. Please note that there is a change of date for Class 1S Assembly, which will now take place on Tuesday, 17th November at 2.30pm.

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 November, 2026 will be week 3 of the Autumn/Winter menu

London Visit

Just before half term, some of our Year 6 children enjoyed an unforgettable two-day residential trip to London. Accompanied by Mrs Berry, Mr Pitcher and Mrs Thornton, the children experienced a range of exciting educational opportunities, including a fascinating visit to the Houses of Parliament, where they observed live debates, an inspiring tour of Westminster Abbey, and a fantastic performance of 'Matilda' the Musical at the Cambridge Theatre.

Over the course of the trip, the children walked an impressive 34,000 steps, taking in famous landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, Downing Street, Trafalgar Square and Covent Garden.

Throughout the visit, the children were exceptional ambassadors for St. Anthony's, demonstrating outstanding behaviour, resilience and respect, and earning praise from members of the public and staff alike. It was a memorable experience filled with learning, friendship and lasting memories.

Year 2 Fire Safety Talk

On Tuesday, our Year 2 children had a visit from the Fire Service. The crew delivered an important age-appropriate talk about fire safety in our homes as well as giving the children tips about what we need to do in an emergency. They also shared information on how to enjoy fireworks and bonfires safely with family members. Thank you to our local firefighters for helping the children learn how to keep safe.

Reception 2027 Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome prospective families to our Reception 2027 Intake Open Evening on Wednesday. Families had the opportunity to meet our leadership team, staff and Year 6 leaders who had the pleasure of escorting our visitors to have a look around our Reception unit. We hope that those who attended found the evening useful and that it assists you in making an informed decision about your primary school preferences. Please remember that the deadline day to submit your primary school application through Lancashire County Council is 15th January, 2027. If your child is baptised Catholic, please visit the school office to collect a supplementary application form. Please return this form, along with a copy of your child's Baptism certificate, to school prior to deadline day.

Dates for your diary

Holy Communion Session 3 *- Tuesday, 10th November*
Tempest School Photos *- Wednesday, 18th November*
Parents' Afternoon/Evening *- Wednesday, 18th November*
FOSTA Own Clothes Day *- Friday, 20th November*
M&M Theatre Group - Christmas Carol *- Tuesday, 24th November*
Holy Communion Session 4 *-Tuesday, 24th November*
FOSTA Film Night *- Monday, 30th November - 5.00pm - 7.00pm*
Yrs 3&4 Advent Service *- Thursday, 3rd December at 5.30pm*
FOSTA Own Clothes Day *- Friday, 4th December*
KS1 Nativity *- Wednesday, 9th December at 10.45am/2.00pm*
Christmas Jumper Day *- Friday, 11th December*
FOSTA Christmas Fair *- Friday, 11th December*
EYFS Nativity *- Wednesday, 16th December at 10.00am/2.00pm*
Yrs 5&6 Carol Service *- Wednesday, 16th December at 5.30pm*
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:-

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 5/6T Assembly *- Wednesday, 11th November*
Class 1S Assembly *-Tuesday, 17th November @ 2.30pm – New date*
Class 4A Assembly *- Wednesday, 25th November*
Class 1/2T Assembly *- Thursday, 26th November – New date!*
Class 3S Assembly *- Wednesday, 2nd December*

Reception 2026 LEP Supplement Photo Reminder

Just a quick reminder for our Reception parents/carers - If you would like to order a copy of the LEP Reception 2026 Supplement photo and haven't done so yet; please return your ABC Portraits order form to school on Monday. Alternatively, you can place a telephone order by calling ABC Portraits on 07484612160 between 4.00pm and 8.00pm.

Tempest Individual and Family Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday, 18th November, to take individual and family photographs. If you DO NOT wish your child to have their photograph taken, please contact the school office no later than Friday, 13th November. As previously mentioned, there will also be the opportunity for family photographs that include siblings who do not attend St. Anthony's. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please arrive at school for 8.15am prompt.

Coats

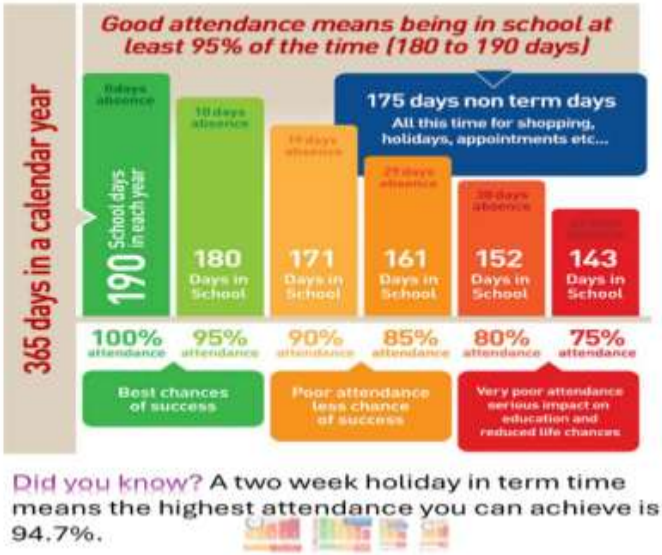
As the weather gets colder, please can we ask that you make sure your child brings a coat to school every day. We also recommend labelling the coat with your child's name and class so that we can quickly return any lost items to their rightful owners.

Advance Notice of Christmas Events

Please see below our Christmas related events that will take place on the lead up to Christmas:-

FOSTA Film Night - Monday, 30th November - 5.00pm-7.00pm
Years 3 & 4 Advent Service - Thursday, 3rd December - 5.30pm
KS1 Nativity - Wednesday, 9th December - 10.45am and 2.00pm
Christmas Jumper Day - Friday, 11th December
FOSTA Christmas Fair - Friday, 11th December - afternoon
EYFS Nativity - Wednesday, 16th December - 10.00am and 2.00pm
Years 5 & 6 Carol Service - Wednesday, 16th December - 5.30pm

Attendance – Friday, 23rd October to Thursday, 5th November, 2026



Rec S	*94.77%*
Rec T	*96.61%*
1S	*94.58%*
1/2T	*92.92%*
2A	*95.0%*
3S	*92.97%*
3/4T	***97.08%***
4A	*96.25%*
5S	*95.83%*
5/6T	*91.94%*
6A	*91.25%*
Whole School	***94.39%***
Whole School Target	**96.0%**

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 3/4T who have achieved 97.08% 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 Classes 1/2T, 2A and 3/4T who have had no 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



School Admissions – September 2027

Online applications for primary school places for the September 2027 intake are open.

Please apply using the following link:- www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.



If your child is baptised Catholic, you will also need to complete a supplementary form which is available from the school office. Baptism Certificates are also required.





