

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 2026

<i>Rec S</i>	<i>Lottie J</i>			<i>Rec T</i>	<i>Lucas C</i>
<i>1S</i>	<i>Arthur-James V</i>	<i>1/2T</i>	<i>Carmen T</i>	<i>2A</i>	<i>Rose C</i>
<i>3S</i>	<i>Zainab P</i>	<i>3/4T</i>	<i>Rosie H</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>Jemima D</i>
<i>5S</i>	<i>Leah T</i>	<i>5/6T</i>	<i>Henry W</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Hollie D</i>

HEADTEACHER AWARD

<i>Nylah S</i>	<i>2A</i>
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Happy New Year everyone. It is lovely to see our children back in school and we hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas break with your families.

On Tuesday, we all joined the parish at Mass to commemorate the Feast of the Epiphany. The children read and sang beautifully and were a credit to school. Next Tuesday, Y5/6T will have their class Mass at 9.15am, parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please do check the 'Dates for your Diary' section of the newsletter to note when your child's class Mass and assembly are taking place.

Now that the snow and icy weather has arrived, if your child walks to and from school alone, please can we request that you remind them to take extra care on the icy footpaths. Please also ensure that they have appropriate winter footwear and a warm coat in school for when they are outdoors during break and lunch times, weather permitting.

This year, National Compliment Day falls on Saturday, 24th January, and we will, therefore, be celebrating it on Friday, 23rd January. National Compliment Day is about spreading kindness and positivity and we will be inviting our children to celebrate this with us during the day through activities relating to different acts of kindness. This is a lovely way of showing appreciation and empathy to each other.

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
12th January
will be week 2 of the
Autumn/Winter Menu

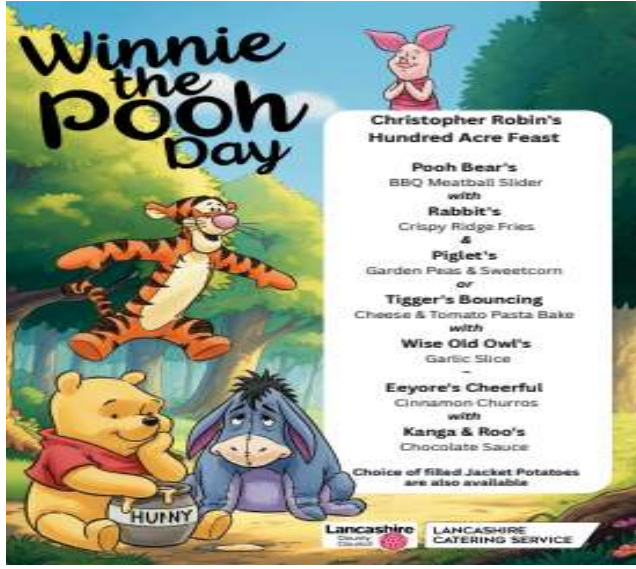
As of September 2025, key stage 2 meals will increase to £2.90

Autumn/Winter Meal Menu link:-

[Autumn/Winter Menu 2025/2026](#)

Winnie the Pooh Themed Day

On Thursday, 15th January, we are having a Winnie the Pooh themed lunch. There is no need to book in advance, just let class know on the day and make the payment in advance through your parent pay accounts, if applicable. There will also be a Jacket Potato alternative with the usual choice of fillings.



REMINDER - Upcoming closing date for September 2026 Primary School Application Process

The closing date for September 2026 primary school application process is **Thursday, 15th January**. Applications must be completed online through the following link: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools Please can we remind you, if your child is baptised Catholic, you will also need to complete the supplementary form that is available from the school office. This form needs returning to school by the application closing date along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

School Led Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs

Our school led before and after school extra-curricular clubs will resume on Monday, 19th January. Unless you hear differently, please assume that your child has been accepted into the clubs of their choice as per your club expression of interest response. Please can we request that you inform the school office when your child is unable to attend a club for any reason or if there are any changes to pick up arrangements. Staff run all our clubs voluntarily in their own time and there may be occasions when we have to cancel a club at short notice due to staff personal commitments or absence. We will always try to give you as much notice as possible.



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

3S Class Mass - Tuesday, 3rd February, 2026 - 9.15am

Numbers Day - Friday, 6th February, 2026

2A Class Mass - Tuesday, 10th February, 2026 - 9.15am

Rec Classes Assembly - Wednesday, 11th February, 2026 - 9.05am

FOSTA Valentines Disco - Wednesday, 11th February, 2026

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 Day - Thursday, 5th March, 2026

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

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

School Nurse Drop in Session

The school nursing team are holding a parents/carers' drop in session in school from 9.00am on Friday, 30th January. The aim of the session is to give parents/carers the opportunity to have one-to-one time with a 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.

Scheduled Building Works - CAR PARK CLOSURE

Scheduled essential building work to St Anthony of Padua Church will begin week commencing 2nd February with the car park being out of use for approximately eight weeks. We fully appreciate the inconvenience and disruption this will cause to us all and we, therefore, want to give you advance notice so that you can make any necessary arrangements, whether that be car sharing or planning your journey to school to allow additional time to park further away and walk. Please can we politely ask everyone to be considerate with their parking, avoiding blocking or using residents' driveways, parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school entrance or parking on the annexe car park which is for the Before and After School staff and other annexe users.

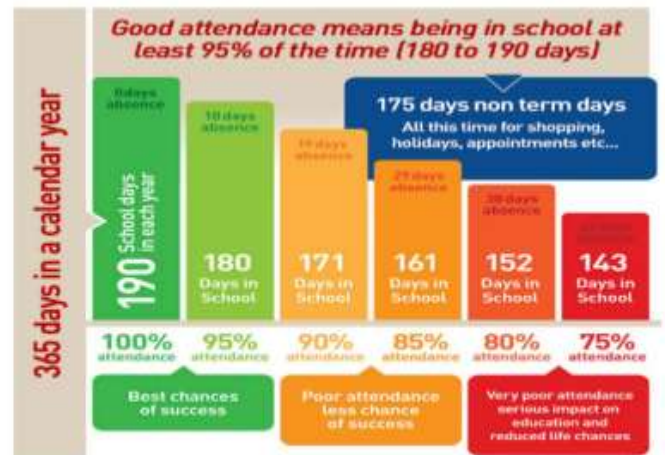
Outstanding Parent Pay Accounts

Please can all our key stage 2 parents check your parent pay accounts and, if relevant, clear any outstanding balances. Please can we remind you that all meals should be paid for in advance.

Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

On the lead up to Christmas, we are hoping to hold a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop located in the school foyer. If your child has any surplus pre-loved outgrown jumpers that you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, please can we ask that you drop them off at the school office at your convenience.

Attendance – Friday, 19th December to Thursday, 8th January, 2026



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

Rec S	90.54%
Rec T	95.0%
1S	83.33%
1/2T	95.33%
2A	93.0%
3S	96.64%
3/4T	94.0%
4A	97.42%
5S	94.0%
5/6T	98.06%
6A	97.24%
Whole School	94.13%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 5/6T who have achieved 98.06% 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

Wednesday Word

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

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

Advance Notice - Statutory Assessment Dates

Year 6 Statutory Assessments – May 2026

This year's Year 6 statutory assessments will take place from Monday, 11th May to Thursday, 14th May inclusive. Please can we request that you avoid taking your child out of school on the lead up to or during the assessment window. Thank you for your co-operation.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - June 2026

Children in Year 1 will undertake their statutory phonics screening check the week beginning 8th June. Please can we request that you avoid taking your child out of school during the assessment window. Thank you for your co-operation.

Exciting News – St Anthony's (has) Got Talent is returning – More information about the event will follow

We have given out entry forms today - auditions will take place from Wednesday next week.

