

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE ARE GOD'S WORK OF ART

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2026

Rec S	Philip M			Rec T	Ivy T
1S	Lottie J	1/2T	Liam C	2A	Holly W
3S	Arabella B-W	3/4T	Edith D	4A	Eliza C
5S	Connor R	5/6T	Jack L	6A	Ivy D

HEADTEACHER AWARD

James B	1S
Rosie H	5S

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Willow A	2A
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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 October, 2026
will be week 2 of the
Spring/Summer menu

A special shout-out goes to Mrs Berry and Mr Pitcher, who completed the Manchester Half Marathon on Sunday. Congratulations both of you on your achievements.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Class 4A Mass today. Next Tuesday, our children from Class 3/4T will attend Mass and, as always, parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in church.

On Wednesday, Class 5S led us in worship with the theme of God's creation. The children shared the story of creation and reminded us how we are God's stewards of the earth. Thank you to everyone who attended. Next Wednesday, our children from Class 3/4T will lead us in worship. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in the school hall at 9.05am.

October is Black History Month when the children learn about and celebrate the contributions of black people to history and society. Linked to this, we held a live Assembly yesterday and we are also supporting the 'Show Racism the Red Card' initiative next Friday.

Today, we said good-bye to our much-loved Family Support Worker, Mrs Alty, who is leaving us to take up an exciting new challenge at a special school. Mrs Alty has been a valued part of St Anthony's for the last six years, making such a difference to so many of our children and their families. On behalf of our entire school community, I would like to say thank you to Mrs Alty for her dedication, kindness and hard work over the years. Both staff and children will miss her greatly, but we wish her good luck and every happiness in her new role. We are pleased to say that we have appointed a new Family Support Worker who will be joining us in a few weeks.

Our Enrolment Masses will take place tomorrow and Sunday for the children entering the First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Preparation Programme 2026/2027. It is very important that all children attend one of these Masses, accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Barnes

Class 2A Change in Staffing News to Share

Mrs McCrudden, who job shares in Class 2A with Mrs Carroll, will be starting her maternity leave after half term. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Good who will be taking over Mrs McCrudden's part of the job share. To ensure a smooth transition, Mrs Good will be spending the next two Tuesdays in class, working alongside Mrs Carroll, and getting to know the children.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Just to remind you, the Lancashire Immunisation Team will be in school next Tuesday morning to administer the flu vaccine to eligible Reception to Year 6 children. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine, please ensure that you have completed the online NHS consent form. If you have not received the original link, please contact the school office who will be happy to forward it directly onto you. Please can we make you aware, school cannot consent on your behalf.

Reception Class LEP Supplement Photographs

Reminder message for our Reception parents - ABC Portraits will be visiting school next Wednesday to take Reception class photographs for the Lancashire Evening Post's Reception 2026 supplement. If you **DO NOT** want your child to be included in the supplement, please let the school office know by Monday.

London Trip Parents' Meeting Reminder

Message to parents of children attending the upcoming London trip on 22nd and 23rd October - We will be holding an information meeting in school next Wednesday at 5.30pm. Please do try to join us, as we will be discussing important details regarding the trip. If you are unable to make it, please contact the school office prior to the meeting.

'Wear Red' Own Clothes Day

Next Friday, we will be taking part in the Show Racism the Red Card 'Wear Red Day' and everyone is invited to wear their own clothes with a splash of red, even if it is just red socks, a wristband or headband. This is a FA initiative where everyone is encouraged to come together to show that racism will not be tolerated in our community.



Dates for your diary

~~Autumn Term begins~~ Thursday, 3rd September

~~Years 1-6 Meet the Teacher Meeting~~ Wednesday, 9th September

~~Year 4 Holy Communion and Reconciliation~~

~~Enrolment Evening~~ Tuesday, 29th September at 6.15pm

Holy Communion Enrolment Masses - Saturday/Sunday, 10th/11th October

Nasal Flu Vaccination Session - Tuesday, 13th October

Holy Communion Session 1 (in church) - Tuesday, 13th October

Reception Children's LEP New Starter Supplement Photo - Wednesday, 14th October

London Trip Parents' Meeting - Wednesday, 14th October

Hope Art Exhibition at UCLAN - Friday, 16th October

'Wear Red' Own Clothes Day - Friday, 16th October

Mini-Vinnies' Coffee Morning - Sunday, 18th October

Holy Communion Session 2 - Tuesday, 20th October

Harvest Festival Celebration - Thursday, 22nd October at 9.15am

Parliament Trip - Thursday/Friday, 22nd/23rd October

Half Term - Monday, 26th October - Friday, 30th October

Inset Day - Monday, 2nd November

Reception 2027 Open Night - Wednesday, 4th November

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 Own Clothes Day - Friday, 4th December

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday, 11th December

FOSTA Christmas Fair - Friday, 11th December

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 3/4T Mass - Tuesday, 13th October

Class 3S Mass - Tuesday, 20th October

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 3/4T Assembly - Wednesday, 14th October

Class 2A Assembly - Wednesday, 21st October

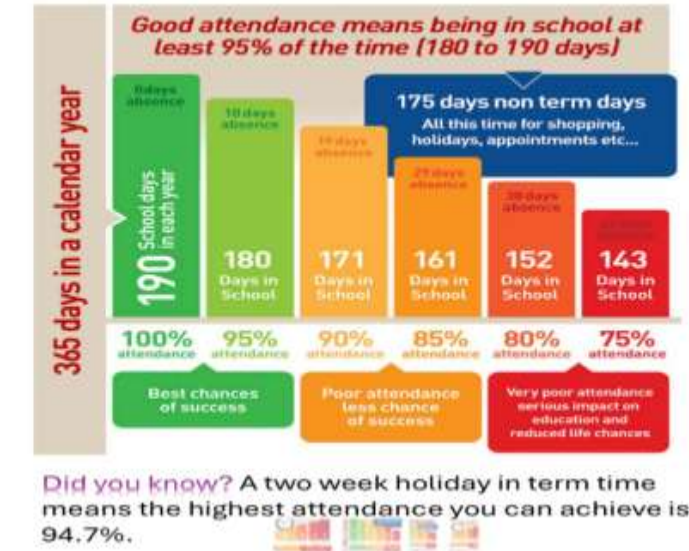
Class 5/6T Assembly - Wednesday, 11th November

Class 1S Assembly - Wednesday, 18th November

Class 4A Assembly - Wednesday, 25th November

Class 3S Assembly - Wednesday, 2nd December

Class 1/2T Assembly - Wednesday, 9th December



Rec S	97.69%
Rec T	99.15%
1S	96.33%
1/2T	95.0%
2A	96.0%
3S	97.5%
3/4T	98.67%
4A	98.67%
5S	97.42%
5/6T	95.16%
6A	95.33%
Whole School	96.95%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Reception T who have achieved 99.15% 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 4A who have had no late marks this week.

‘Hope’ Art Exhibition at UCLAN

We are delighted to share that some of our children’s artwork will be on display at the ‘Hope’ Art Exhibition, UCLAN, which will be open to members of the public on 14th and 15th October. The founders of the Mary O’Gara Foundation developed the ‘Hope’ Exhibition, which is dedicated to raising mental health and suicide prevention awareness among young people. Pupils/students from local schools and colleges have lovingly created the artwork on display.

Harvest Festival Celebration

Our Harvest Festival Celebration will take place in church on Thursday, 22nd October, at 9.15am and everyone is welcome to join us! As part of our celebration, we are asking for donations of tins, packet and boxed food and toiletries. Our donations will go to the Salvation Army who support people in need in our community. Please can we request that you send any donations to school by Tuesday, 20th October!

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

We are pleased to say that Year 6 Leavers Hoodies are now available to order using the following link with a deadline date of Friday, 23rd October. Our Year 6 children will be able to wear their hoodie for the remainder of the school year in place of their school jumper.

<https://www.oneidentity.co.uk/product/leavers-hoodie-27-st-anthonys/>

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 and high school places for the September 2027 intake are now open.

Please apply using the following link:-

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2027

lancashire.gov.uk

School transport

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.

Lancashire County Council



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
31 October 2026

lancashire.gov.uk

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Lancashire County Council

Teacher Training

based at Our Lady's Catholic High School

Is teaching for you?
Next steps after university?
A career change?

Catholic Teaching Alliance teacher training courses (PGCE with QTS) available:

- Early Primary (3-7 years), General Primary (5-11 years)
- Secondary (11-16 years), Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years)

View our list of courses here
www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/pgce-courses.html

Please contact us for further information,
Call 01772 326931 or
Email CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk
Website: www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org



CATHOLIC TEACHING ALLIANCE




TIPPYTOES BABY BANK

Winter Warmer Event

Help us keep little ones warm this winter!
We are collecting clean, good condition children's items for 0-5 years.

A safe warm bed, warm clothes and cosy essentials can make a huge difference to a child's health, wellbeing and future.

Children's coats (0-5yrs)
Hats, scarves & gloves
Wellies
Pyjamas & cosy socks
Blankets & sleepbags
Puddle suits
Pram cosy toes

Warm clothes = Happy little ones

Drop off points
Last day: Friday 23rd October

A 3 Eagleton Way PR1 9SL
B 294 Tag lane PR2 3UY
C 3 Hillpark avenue PR5 0AS

Message us here or text us on **07852304225** if you can help

Thank you for your kindness and support!





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St Cuthberts Church, Lytham Road, Fulwood, PR2 3AR

WEDNESDAY

Juniors (4-11yrs): 6pm - 7pm & Seniors (10+): 7.15pm - 8.15pm

SATURDAY

All ages welcome: 10.45am - 11.45am

Visit ensomartialarts.co.uk or call 0800 688 9963



For more information contact Enso on 0800 688 9963

26th-30th OCTOBER 8AM-5PM

GD COACHING

JUST £20 PER DAY

halloween MULTISPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS

TEXT GARETH TO BOOK 07840193500 @ ST CECILIAS RC HIGH SCHOOL

St Anthony's Pre-School/Playgroup

Play Learn Grow Together

Small Steps Bright Futures

CLOSING DOWN SALE

A fantastic opportunity to pick up quality early years resources, equipment and more!

Tuesday 13th October
Wednesday 14th October
Thursday 15th October
10am till 2pm

CASH ONLY

All items are in boxes and will be sold as bundles.

Role Play Maths Malleable Small World Craft Lots of Books

We also have larger items available including:

Office Filing Cabinets Fridge Small Oven with Hob

And much more!

At St Anthony's Annexe
St Anthony's Drive
Fulwood PR2 3SQ

Any money made from the sale will go towards redundancy for the staff.
Thank you for your support

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity

NHS Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

IT'S BACK! **JINGLE BELL JOG**

Sunday 29th November 2026
From 12 noon

University of Lancashire Sports Arena, Tom Benson Way, Preston PR2 1SG

Join us for a fancy dress, 1-mile toddle, walk, jog, or run around the university's running track.

Scan here to sign up!

£4 per person
£12 per family

To find out more visit: lthcharity.org.uk
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