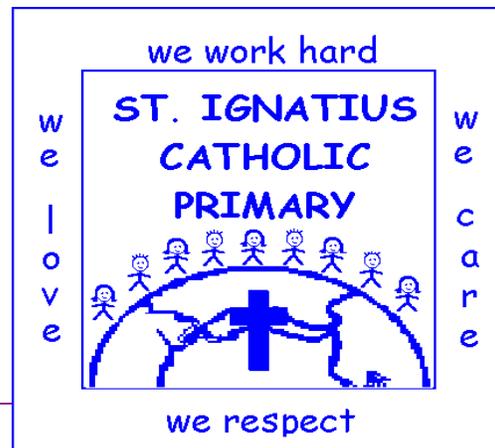


# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ST IGNATIUS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE WORK HARD. WE CARE, WE  
RESPECT, WE LOVE.

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### ***Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December***



What a joyful week it has been! It has been truly lovely to hear the children singing so beautifully during our celebrations – their voices have filled the school with festive cheer.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your incredible support with the Christmas Fair and discos. Your contributions and involvement made these events a great success, and the children had an absolutely wonderful time. We are so grateful for the sense of community and togetherness that shines through at this time of year.

We are delighted to share that our new Headteacher, Mrs Archibald, has been in school this week, meeting staff and children. She is very much looking forward to joining our wonderful school community in January and continuing the fantastic work that makes our school so special.

Finally, as we finish school for Christmas, we say a fond farewell to Mr Higginbottom and Mrs McCrudden. We thank them for their hard work, dedication, and the positive impact they have had on our school community. We wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Please note an **additional INSET day on Monday, 23rd February 2026**, introduced by the Mater Ecclesiae Academy. Please mark this date in your calendars.

**HAF Holiday club – 22-24<sup>th</sup> December & 2<sup>nd</sup> January - 10am -2pm in school** – please book a place this week – only a few places left.



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### **SCHOOL DAY**

School starts at 8:45am

All children should be in class for 8.45am prompt in readiness for morning registration

School finishes at 3:15pm

### **SCHOOL MEALS**

All Infant children are entitled to universal free school meals

Junior meals cost £2.90 per day unless a child has a free school meal entitlement

All meals must be paid for in advance through Arbor accounts

### **AUTUMN/WINTER MENU**

### **Outstanding Balances on Arbor Accounts**

Please can we request that all outstanding balances on Arbor be cleared.

## Clubs

NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK

## Link to Wednesday word

[Faith - Magazine - Page 1](#)

Late pickups – please be aware that children need to be collected from school on time. Any late pickups will be billed. Many thanks for your support.

## Attendance

School has achieved an attendance rate of 95.1% this week – which is better but still slightly under our target.

Good attendance is vital for children's learning, wellbeing, and social development. Every day in school counts, and when children attend regularly, they build strong routines, make better progress, and feel more connected to their classmates and teachers. Thank you to everyone for helping us reach this important goal – let's keep it up!

## Winning classes attendance –

Year 1 - 97.1% - Well done!

## St Alphonsa Cathedral Foodbank

Saturday mornings - 11:30 – 1:30pm.

Please speak to the office or Mrs Croly for further information.



## Dates for your diary

~~03.11.2025 School CLOSED for INSET training~~  
~~04.11.2025 School reopens~~  
~~04.11.2025 Mini-skills at West View~~  
~~05.11.2025 Healthy Heart Day (own clothes)~~  
~~11.11.2025 Remembrance Service 10.50am~~  
~~11.11.2025 Girls 5/6 Football at UCLAN sports arena after school~~  
~~13.11.2025 Year 3 and 4 attending Mass at English Martyr's 11.15am~~  
~~21.11.2025 – Own clothes (donation for Pantomime)~~  
~~28.11.2025 – Pantomime (Own clothes and donation)~~  
~~01.12.2025 – Advent Mass in school~~  
~~01.12.2025 – Height and Weight checks (EYFS/Year 6)~~  
~~01.12.2025 – Donations – Chocolates and bottles for Christmas Fair~~  
~~05.12.2025 – Christmas Fair (beginning at 2pm)-~~  
~~08.12.2025 – Rec/KS1 Disco~~  
~~09.12.2025 – KS2 Disco~~  
~~10.12.2025 Final Year 6 Sports club~~  
12.12.2025 – Christmas dinner  
16.12.2025 – 9.30 EYFS performance  
17.12.2025 – 2.00 Year 4, 5 and 6 performance  
18.12.2025 – Year 5 & 6 and EYFS & Year 1/2 Christmas party (party clothes)  
19.12.2025 – Advent service in school 9:15am  
19.12.2025 – Year 3 & 4 Christmas party (party clothes)  
19.12.2025 School closes for Christmas – 3.15pm  
05.01.2026 School reopens

**September 2026 - EYFS parents/carers - please ensure you have applied for a place before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

## Admissions consultation.

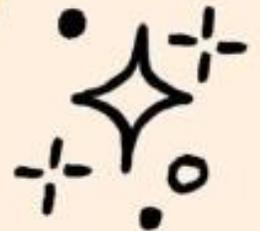
Our school admission policy has been updated and the documents are available on the school website.

[Admissions | St Ignatius' Catholic Primary School](#)



Recycling Lives Charity  
&  
Catherine Beckett Community Centre

# COMMUNITY PANTRY



**EVERY  
TUESDAY  
FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup>  
OF DEC**



£5 per bag - bag must be no bigger than a standard bag for life

Doors Open 2.30 - 6.00

## LOCATION

 Catherine Beckett Community Centre  
112 Deepdale Road, Preston

## PAY AS YOU GO CAFE

3.30 - until it's gone!

- ▶ Hot meals every week
- ▶ Halal and Veg Options



## Getting ready for Christmas

Date	Time	Event
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December		Children to bring donations of chocolate or bottles for the fair
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	14.30	Advent Mass
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	14.00 – early collection from usual exits (if possible).	Christmas Fair
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	15.30-16.30pm Reception & KS1	Christmas Disco
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December		Rocksteady Performance
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	1:45	Choir performing
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	14.00	Year 1 -3 Performance
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	15.30-16.30pm – KS2	Christmas Disco – change of date
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	12.00	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30	EYFS Performance
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	14.00	Year 4, 5 & 6 KS2 Performance
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning	Y5&6 Christmas Parties – party clothes
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	EYFS, Year 1/2 Christmas Party – party clothes
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Advent Read-around
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties - party clothes
School closes for Christmas holidays	3.15pm	

