



Weekly Newsletter



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Star Awards

Rec S Kylan C

Year 1/2S Emily K

Year 3/4S Dylan G

Year 5/6S Tessa M

Rec T Lewis W

Year 1/2T Thea R

Year 3/4T Harry G

Year 5/6T Oliver D

Year 1/2A Phoebe G

Year 3/4A Ernie P

Year 5/6A Patrick W

Headteacher Awards

Bobby W 5/6T

Staffing

As you are aware Mr Booth leaves us as DHT at the end of this term and to support us in the absence of this leadership role, we have appointed Mrs V Berry as our Acting DHT. We will advertise in the near future for a substantive DHT and we'll keep you informed of any updates on this in the future.

Mrs Jones takes over leading the 5/6 Team and Miss Davies has taken on the school's Assessment role and joins our Senior Leadership Team.

Free School Meals

We are aware circumstances may have changed recently for some of our families. If you are now entitled to certain benefits, you may be entitled to free school meals and for the school to claim additional funding to be used in school. The contact number to check if you are eligible is 01772 532191.

Train to Teach with the Catholic Teaching Alliance

Are you looking for a new challenge? Would you like a job where no two days are the same? Have you considered training to be a teacher?

If you, or somebody you know is, or soon to be, a graduate, the Catholic Teaching Alliance, based in Preston, offers bespoke PGCE training in Early Primary, Primary, Secondary (Preston or Blackburn) and Secondary 14-19 (Post 16).

With over 60 schools in the alliance we are able to offer a range of experiences in a variety of locations. Please contact us for further information, or to book onto one of our online information sessions, call 01772 326931 or email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk



School Photographs

Proofs have been sent home of school photographs. If you wish to place an order you can do so either online at www.tempest-orders.co.uk or via school on the order form provided. The deadline for orders through school is **Friday November 27th**. Orders will not be accepted after this date. The LEP Reception class photographs should be ordered through school and again the deadline for orders is Friday November 27th.

Data Collection Sheets

Thank you to those that have registered on the Parent Lite app and submitted data collection sheets. For those that have had difficulty and been unable to register, please see attached a step by step guide. We would ask that you register as soon as possible and submit your information, even if there are no changes. It is vital that school holds the most up to date information for your child.

Lost Uniform

Please can we ask parents/carers to check at home for any uniform that doesn't belong to their child. If you do find any, please can it be returned to school so we can pass it on to the correct child, many thanks.

EU Settlement Scheme

The EU Settlement Scheme has been set up to provide immigration status to those who need it as the UK leaves the EU. It is therefore important that everyone that needs to apply. The EU Settlement Scheme has been designed with European Economic Area (EEA) citizens and their representatives to be simple and straightforward. It will be looking for reasons to grant, not for reasons to refuse. It is estimated that there are 3.5 million EU citizens living in the UK and the Government is committed to enabling them to continue to live here. The UK's departure from the EU means that EEA citizens, and their family members, will no longer be able to rely on the right of free movement and will need to obtain immigration status to demonstrate their right to remain in the UK. It means that they can continue to be eligible for: • Public services, such as healthcare and schools; • Public funds and pensions; • British citizenship, if they meet the requirements and want to apply. The Scheme opened on 30 March 2019 and applications must be made by June 2021. It is free to make applications to the Scheme. Full guidance on how to apply is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus>

SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability)

Please see attached poster for information and advice

Admissions



Reminder that the closing date for Primary School applications is Friday 15th January. Apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Fulwood Library

Fulwood Library will remain open during this current lockdown with limited services.

Temporary opening times as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	-	10 am to midday and 2pm to 4pm.
Tuesday and Saturday	-	10am to midday.

Please see the attached poster explaining the services and facilities currently on offer.

Face Covering

Can we please ask that anybody entering school premises and dropping off/picking up children from the playground wears a face covering. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Positive Covid Tests

Please can we ask parents to email Mrs Birch on bursar@st-anthonys.lancs.sch.uk if they have a positive result within their household, rather than waiting until the morning to phone us.

Diary of a Lockdown Kid.

Life in Lockdown!

Having a birthday during lockdown was not the greatest but it will definitely will be a birthday to remember. As we both had our birthday on the same day we could not see each other or have a party together as usual. Although, we wanted to see each other we knew it would best to keep each other safe. The worst part was that we couldn't do anything on our birthday such as going out to a restaurant or somewhere nice to celebrate. We very much hope next year will be different, so that we can see each other, and hopefully we will get back to normal soon.

Lockdown in school is still very different and hard to get used to as we are not used to our teachers wearing face masks every time they leave the classroom or sanitizing our hands every time we go in and out the school building. If we meet another pupil in the corridor who is not in our bubble, one of us will need to stand back and make space. The same rule requires with our toilet system.

Another class in inside the toilets we will need to wait outside the bathroom until they leave. For assembly, we would usually all gather in the hall and our head teacher would speak to us but due to Covid-19 we can no longer do that. Instead we have our school assembly online which sometimes can cause issues with logging on or sometimes the connection is bad.

Thank you for reading our entry and we hope to get back to normal soon!

Eve B & Kiera D

Blue Peter on You Tube

CBBC have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter) and have asked that we pass on the following to parents!

"Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If you think your child would be interested in this, please subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.30pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer."

Thanks so much

The Blue Peter Team!

Nut Allergy

A reminder not to send anything into school containing nuts. We have a number of children in school with nut allergies, thank you.

Parking outside School

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking your car outside/near school, particularly at the end of the school day and please don't park on the zebra crossing when using the car park.