

# BACK TO SCHOOL @ST ANTHONY'S

## WE ARE GOD'S WORK OF ART



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### Star of the Week Awards

There are no Star of the Week Awards this week

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### SCHOOL DAY

All classes begin at 8:55am  
– doors open from 8:45am

School ends at 3:15 pm

### LUNCHES

We provide School meals –

Free to children in EYFS  
and KS1.

KS2 meals cost £2.35 and  
payment should be made  
through parent pay  
accounts.



### Nativity

How wonderful to see our youngest pupils perform for the first time at St Anthony's. They have certainly risen to the challenge of performing for an audience. Well done to them all and a big thank you to staff and parents for supporting the children. A massive thank you for the donations.

### KS1 Advent Service

KS1 children did a fabulous job of retelling us the nativity story. The children sang with joy and spoke beautifully. It was wonderful to perform for our school and parish community. Again, a massive thank you for the donations.

### St Anthony's in Solihul

We keep in our prayers the school community and families of the boys who have died following the tragic accident last Sunday. What should be a happy time will now be filled with sadness and grief for them. We pray that God sends comfort to them and that their community is there for them at this very sad time.

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas. We look forward to seeing the children in January



Dates for your diary

## FOSTA

A huge thank you to the FOSTA team for all the events that they have organised so far. They are a wonderful, kind and friendly bunch of people who want the best for our school. If you are interested in helping out, please get in touch. A special mention to Emma Wilson, who does not even have children at our school anymore, she has kindly kept FOSTA alive during the pandemic ready for Mrs Lloyd to take over this year. Thank you, Emma, you are a star!

## Staff

We say goodbye to Miss Dalal today and thank her for her work since half term. We also say goodbye to Mr Billington. Mr Billington will keep in touch and may pop in from time to time to cover for staff absences. We thank him for his work with us.

A big thank you to all the staff who work tirelessly to do the best job they can for our pupils. They all go above and beyond!

## Fundraising

We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your donations to our fundraising initiatives this term. The following worthwhile charitable causes have benefitted from your generosity as well as our minibus fund:-

Mary's Meals - £274.37

CAFOD Own Clothes Day - £64.50

Mini Vinnies Coffee Morning (Salvation Army) - £125.00

Fairtrade Bauble Competition - £74.80

Nativity Performance and Advent Service (Minibus Fund) - £498.74

World Cup Own Clothes Day (Minibus Fund) - £130.00

## Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December is OWN CLOTHES DAY

**Christmas Closure** - School closes for Christmas at **1.30pm** on **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022** and re-opens on **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023**



## PE DAYS

EYFS - Thursday

1/2S Miss Clarke – Wednesday (extended session)

1/2T Miss Noblett – Wednesday & Friday

1/2A Miss Martin – Monday & Wednesday

3/4S Mr Martin – Wednesday & Friday

3/4T Mrs Shaw – Tuesday & Friday

3/4A Mrs Eshborn – Tuesday and Thursday

5/6S Mrs Gunson/Mrs Boardman – Monday & Thursday

5/6T Miss Davies – Tuesday & Thursday

5/6A Mrs Noonan – Monday & Friday

- Times subject to change – please keep PE kits in School.

## Fairtrade Warrior Christmas News



A massive thank you to all those children who entered our Christmas Bauble competition. We received lots of entries of a very high standard, the judges had very difficult decisions to make.

Huge congratulations to our winners:

Reception: Alfie S

Year 1/2: Jacob T

Year 3/4: Ava R

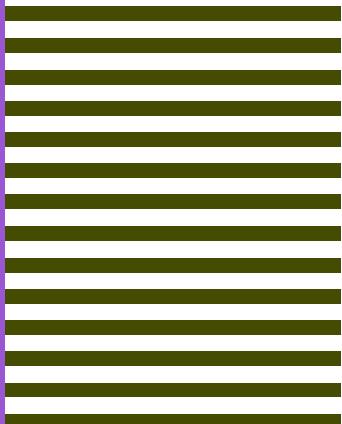
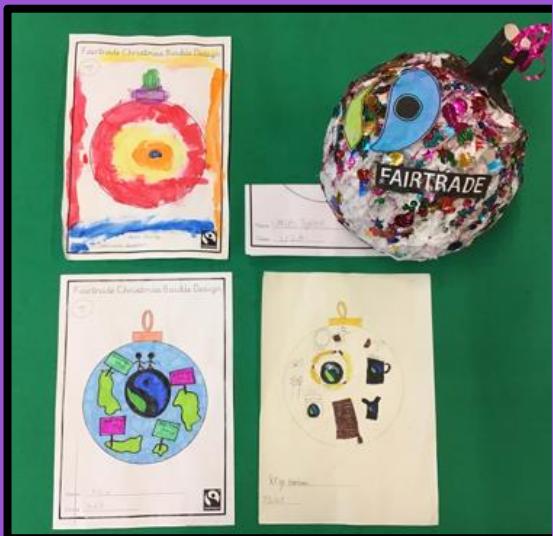
Year 5/6: Kray H

Prizes will be awarded in Monday's closing assembly.

We also had great success with our table top Christmas decoration sale. Money raised will be donated to the Fairtrade Foundation.

Once again, many thanks for your support.

Fairtrade Warriors



## **FOSTA Christmas Hamper Raffle**

The Christmas Hamper raffle will be drawn in school on Monday, 19th December. On behalf of the FOSTA Team, we would like to say thank you to you all for your generous donations of items for the hampers and purchase of raffle tickets.

## **Ju Jitsu Club Availability**

There are spaces available in our extremely successful Ju Jitsu Club. The club takes place in the school hall from 3.30pm to 4.30pm every Friday throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact Nicky at Enso Martial Arts on 0800 688 9963 for more information. There is a small cost to attend the classes.

## **School Meal Menu**

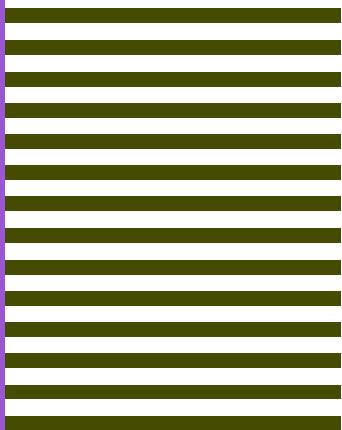
Next week is week one and the first week back to school after Christmas will also be week one.

## **Winter Water Safety - Royal Life Saving Society UK ( RLSS UK )**

In light of the recent water related tragic deaths of the four children, we are sharing the following information which we have received:-

Stay safe in winter – the dangers of frozen waters. In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety>



## Lancashire County Council Libraries: Safe, Warm and Welcome spaces

We have received the following useful information from Lancashire County Council:-

Our libraries are all warm and welcome spaces, where you can find:

- a warm drink
- a space to sit
- free computers and Wi-Fi
- charging points for your phone or laptop
- events and activities
- help from staff to find information

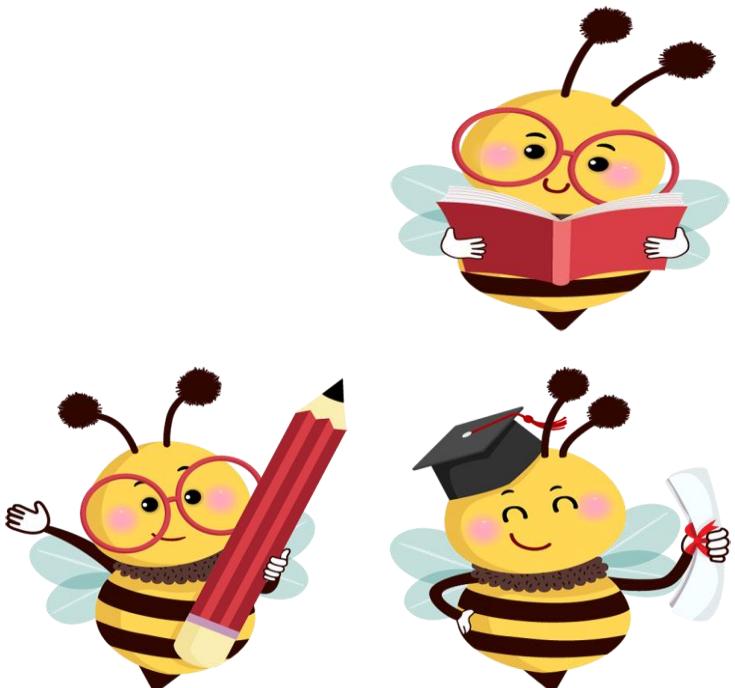
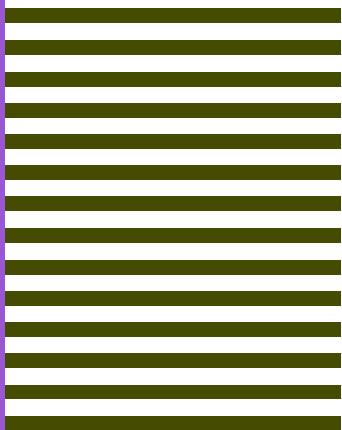
What's on the list for LCC libraries:

<https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/index.asp>

[Find a library](#) to view facilities, what's on and opening times. All our libraries have disabled access.

[Search for events](#) at our libraries where you can get together with others for a chat, play board games or learn something new.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/warm-and>Welcome-places/>



# December 2022

Ten Ten Resources Parent Newsletter

**As December arrives, we find ourselves already in the second week of Advent - our time of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Amidst all the busyness of getting ready for nativity plays and carol services, the fun of decorating trees, wrapping gifts, and no doubt plenty of pre-Christmas celebrating, Advent is a time to pause, reflect and get ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts.**

In the Gospel for the Second Week of Advent, we hear an important message from John the Baptist. Perhaps you'd like to read it again with your child/ren:

## Matthew 3: 1 - 12 (paraphrased)

**A man called John the Baptist came with a message. He cried out to the people:**

**“Prepare for the Lord! Change your ways!”**

**John lived a simple life in the desert. He wore simple clothes made of camel hair with a leather belt and he ate the food he found in the desert.**

**People were interested in John, and they started to listen. Soon they wanted to change, just like John said, and John baptised them with water so they could start afresh.**

**People began to think that John was the special one they had been waiting for, but John said:**

**“There is someone coming after me who is far greater and more powerful than me. I baptise you with water, but He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.”**

John tells the people they must get ready for the Lord and just like the people in the Gospel who listened to that message and decided to change, we too can think about the choices we make and decide to make a new start. Children learned that when we follow Jesus' example in our words and actions, we become messengers too – spreading the message of God's love!

## The Jesse Tree: From Creation to Christmas



**Why not...**

*Building on the theme of penance, you might like to talk about the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family.*