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Science Star of the Week Awards – Friday, 17th March, 2023

Rec S	Sonny B			Rec T	Amelia C
1/2S	Kayden G	1/2T	Monica B	1/2A	Vincent G
3/4S	Borys J	3/4T	Connor A	3/4A	Kennedy M
5/6S	Lilly R	5/6T	Dominic J	5/6A	Joseph B

Headteacher Awards

3/4A	Isaac S
3/4A	Aaron W
3/4A	Max W

Mr Weir

You may have noticed that Mr Weir has not been with us for a while. Unfortunately, he has been poorly after an accident, however, I am pleased to say that he is on the mend. During his time away from school he has decided that it is time for him to take early retirement. We hope to celebrate his time at St Anthony's with him and have invited him to come to school in the next few weeks. Mr Weir has been at St Anthony's for 25 years and has been very much part of the team and worked for a number of Head Teachers. We have very much appreciated all his work and support. I know those of you who have known Mr Weir over the years may want to send in their best wishes for the future, we will make sure he receives these. Good luck to Mr Weir.

OFSTED Inspection

As you will be aware, we had an OFSTED Inspection Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The Inspector will prepare a letter for you to see what the school does well and what areas we need to work on next. Thank you to those who contributed to the parent view questionnaire.

Have a lovely weekend.

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SCHOOL DAY

School starts at 8:45am
with doors opening from
8:40am

School finishes at 3:15pm

LUNCHES

School meals are free to all
children in EYFS and KS1.

Cost £2.35 to KS2 children
unless they are entitled to
free school meals.

Meal payments must be
made in advance through
Parent Pay accounts.

School Meal Menu

*Next week is week two of
the Autumn Term Menu*



Dates for your diary

London Trip

We had an amazing time in London last week. It was non-stop but extremely enjoyable and informative. We packed in such a lot and many children had first experiences. It is an aspirational trip and targeted towards those children who step up to a leadership role in school, such as School Council, Laudato Si, Mini Vinni's, Fair Trade Warriors, Sports Leaders, Anti Bullying Ambassadors, Head Team and House Captains.

- We travelled on the train to London;
- Got the tube to look at Buckingham Palace;
- Walked past Horse Guards Parade and Number 10;
- Visited Westminster Abbey where we looked at where the King will be crowned;
- Had a guided tour of Houses of Parliament;
- Had a massive tea in Pizza Hut;
- Saw Matilda the musical - WOW!;
- Went to sleep in a London Hotel and enjoyed a very hearty breakfast;
- Learned to dance like the stars in the show and finally....
- Went on a Thames river cruise.

Then it was train home and a BIG rest at the weekend.

Although very tiring it was well worth it and every child was a superstar! However, Miss Davies was 'A little bit naughty!'

"Autism and Education: Our Journey" Flyer

This flyer advertises a free parents and carers talk and is about one family's experience of raising children with autism within our education system.

Tempest Photography in School – Class Group Photographs – Thursday, 23rd March, 2023

Easter Break – School closes for Easter at 1.30pm on Thursday, 6th April, 2023 and re-opens on Monday, 24th April, 2023



PE DAYS

EYFS – Thursday

*1/2S Miss Clarke – Wednesday (extended session)
1/2T Mrs Chamley/Mrs Berry – 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 Friday*

*5/6S Mrs Gunson/Mrs Boardman – Thursday and Friday
5/6T Miss Davies – Tuesday & Thursday
5/6A Mrs Noonan – Monday & Friday
Times are subject to change – please keep PE kits in School.*

Attendance – Friday, 10th March to Thursday, 16th March

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	92.3%
Rec T	87.7%
1/2S	96.6%
1/2T	86.3%
1/2A	91.3%
3/4S	94.7%
3/4T	91.4%
3/4A	97.1%
5/6S	92.0%
5/6T	97.0%
5/6A	93.5%
Whole School	92.9%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Year 3/4 Mini Skills Competition

Well done to a group of our Year 3/4 children who competed in the Preston School's Mini Skills Competition at West View Leisure Centre this week. The children competed against several schools in events including bucket ball, football target, ball pass and relays. The event was very competitive and the children enjoyed the challenge with lots of effort, togetherness and smiles all round. Thank you for being amazing representatives of St Anthony's.

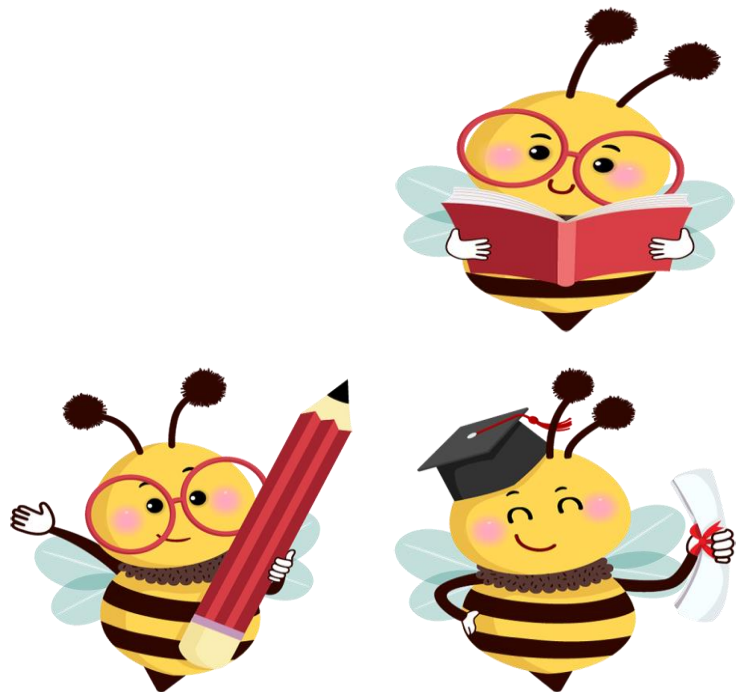
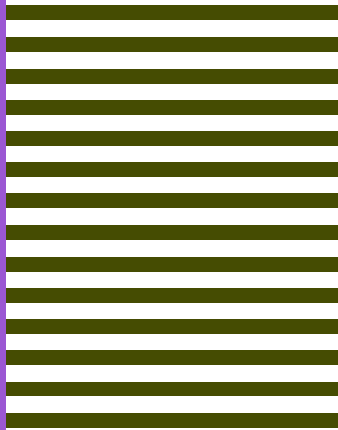


Tempest Photography

Advance notice – Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday, 23rd March to take class group photographs. Please email Mrs Howlett (office@st-anthonys.lancs.sch.uk) if you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken.

Philharmonic Orchestra Concert entitled Music from Stage and Screen

This concert may be of interest to our Year 5/6 children who take Brass lessons. It is a family friendly concert taking place on Sunday, 26th March at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool and will feature music from film and television. This includes music from Space Odyssey 2001, Downtown Abbey, Doctor Who, The King and I, Indiana Jones and Star Wars. Not forgetting adverts for Hovis and Stella Artois! Tickets can be purchased from the Box Office on 01253 290190 or online at www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk



Sunday Mass

Thank you for your support with helping more children to attend Mass over the last few months. We will be continuing to ensure that a member of staff will be in attendance each Sunday morning during term time and any children who would like to come along to join them are welcome to do so. Please see below the names of staff who will be attending:-

Date	Member of Staff
19 th March	Mrs Gunson
26 th March	Mrs Livesey
2 nd April	Mrs Shaw

Mrs Livesey will be attending Mass this Saturday evening if any children would like to join her.

FOSTA Easter Discos – Wednesday, 5th April

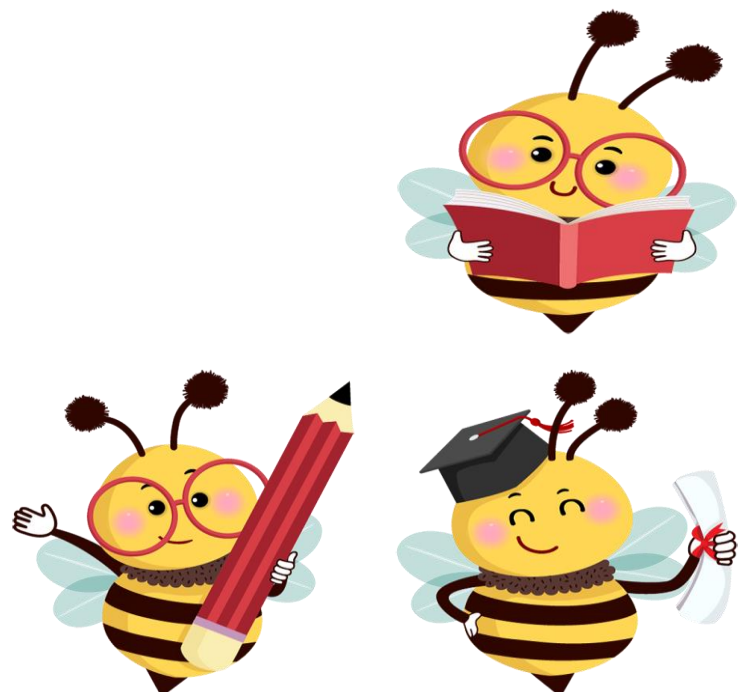
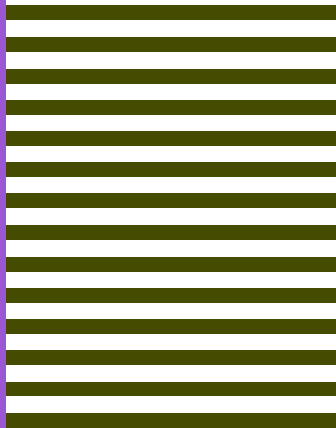
FOSTA discos will take place on Wednesday, 5th April from 3.30pm-4.30pm for Reception and Year 1/2 children and from 4.45pm-6.00pm for Year 3/4/5 and 6 children.

Reception and Year 1/2 children will be able to go straight to the disco from school and can come to school in their own clothes. Tickets are £4.50 which includes a drink and sweets. Pick up will be from the key stage 2 playground.

Tickets for Year 3/4/5 and 6 children are £3.50 and sweets and drinks are available to buy at the disco. Drop off will be at the hall door by the car park and pick up will be from key stage 2 playground.

Payment for both discos should be via your Parent Pay account.

****Please note: Mobile phones are not allowed into the disco****

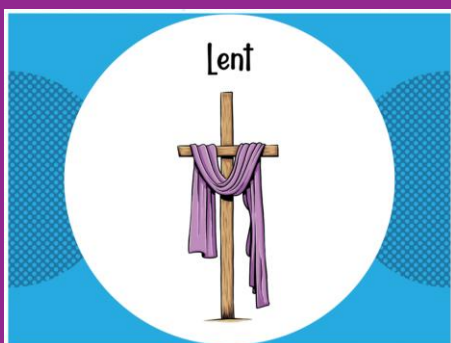


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Ten Ten Resources Parent Newsletter

Have you ever noticed how we like to characterise different months and seasons? For example, January is painted as the longest, bluest month of the year – so much so that ‘Blue Monday’ is a term coined to refer to the third Monday in January. Other months and seasons similarly characterised include February – romance and playfulness due to Valentine’s Day and being the shortest, quirkiest month; and October – pumpkin-spice and all things nice!

But these characterisations don’t leave much room for nuance. Even the bluest Januaries will have some light, and the most playful of Februaries will have harder moments. And for most people, October doesn’t consist of endless pumpkin-spice lattes!



This year, the month of March is taken up wholly with the Liturgical Season of Lent. In the Church, Lent is represented by the colour purple, worn by priests and seen on the altar. Purple, like the season of Lent, symbolises a time of prayer, penance and preparation for Jesus’ death on the cross and Resurrection at Easter. It offers a chance for us to reflect on our relationship with God and make a fresh start as the Church focuses on the three pillars of Lent, almsgiving, fasting and prayer – or as children in school will know them, GIVE, ACT, PRAY:

But even in this somewhat austere season, there is room for nuance! On the fourth Sunday of Lent, called Laetare Sunday, Catholics are invited to celebrate! ‘Laetare’ is the Latin word for ‘rejoice’ and on this day only, the purple of Lent is swapped for rose pink, symbolising hope and a reminder of what is to come on Easter Sunday. This Sunday is also Mothering Sunday, where historically believers would return to the mother church where they received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Jesus,

Be the centre. As I start my journey through Lent, I welcome you into my heart. Be my guide as I GIVE to others.

Be my strength as I ACT by making good choices.

Be my friend as I PRAY and get to know you more.

Amen



Prayer

Jesus said to the man, “Do you believe...?”

...The man said, “Lord, I believe,” and worshipped Him.

John 9:37-38

Here are some ideas from the prayers to help inspire your home prayer times:

‘I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.’

Dear God, we believe that you hold us and everything you created in your loving care. Thank you for our beautiful earth, which we need to take care of. Help us to care for our planet in small ways each day. Amen

‘I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.’

Dear God, we believe that you hold us in your loving care. You gave us Jesus, your Son, to be the Light of the World and to set an example for us to follow. Help us to be like Jesus and bring joy and peace to others. Amen