# BACK TO SCHOOL @ST ANTHONY'S WE ARE GOD'S WORK OF ART



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<u>Star of the Week Awards – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023</u>						
Rec S	Esmae R-H			Rec T	Chloe O	
1/25	Elliott B	1/2T	Dexter B	1/2A	Hanna T	
3/45	Oliver S	3/4T	Audrey H	3/4A	Tessa McM	
<u>5/6</u> 5	Orzela M	5/6T	Emily B	5/6A	Annie S	

## Headteacher Awards

3/4A	Lera T
3/4A	Ali E
5/6A	Fearne B

<u>Citizen Award</u>				
3/4A	Hollie D			

We have had another busy but productive week and it was lovely to see our children making the news on the OLCHS newsletter with Year 3/4 using the OLCHS food technology resources to learn about Design Technology.

Spring seems to be well on the way, and fingers crossed for a sunny weekend – please remember to change clocks on Sunday to be on time for school on Monday.

Have a wonderful 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.

### <u>School Meal Menu</u>

Next week is week three of the Autumn Term Menu

#### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place in school on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 3.30pm-6.30pm. The booking system for appointments will go live from 1.00pm today, Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, through Groupcall Messenger. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Howlett from our school office if you require any assistance.

#### FOSTA Easter Discos – Wednesday, 5th April

FOSTA discos will take place on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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\*\*

#### **Uniform Swap Shop**

As part of our contribution to the environment we will again be offering a 'Uniform Swap Shop' to allow all families an opportunity to recycle and reuse school uniform. If you have any 'new' or 'good as new' items of uniform that your child has outgrown, we invite you to donate them to school before Friday, 31<sup>ST</sup> March. We will open our swap shop for two days – Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April where all parents are invited to take any items they can make use of free of charge. This will be held all day on both days in our school foyer, first come first served. For hygiene reasons please no underwear, socks or shoes.

#### Dates for your diary

Parents' Evening - Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 3.30pm-6.30pm - in school

**Year 3/4 Easter Reflection Performance** - Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am and 2.00pm - St Anthony's Church

*Easter Break* - School closes for Easter at 1.30pm on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April and re-opens on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April

**Uniform Swap Shop** - Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April - all day - school foyer



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, 17<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Class	% Attendance	
Rec S Rec T 1/2S 1/2T 1/2A 3/4S 3/4T 3/4A 5/6S	95.0% 96.4% 96.9% 96.3% 97.3% 93.0% 93.0% 97.9% 94.5% 95.3%	
5/6T 5/6A Whole School Whole School Target	92.0% 93.9% 95.3% 96.0%	

#### Part-time Site Supervisor and Cleaner Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a part-time Site Supervisor and a part-time Cleaner. If any parents or grandparents are interested in these vacancies, please contact Mrs Cartwright, our School Business Manager, through our school office number – 01772 726621.

#### **Polite Notices**

Please can we request that dogs are not brought onto the school grounds when dropping off and picking up your children.

Please can we request that you refrain from smoking within the school grounds when dropping off and picking up your children. Many thanks

#### 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
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs Livesey
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Mrs Shaw



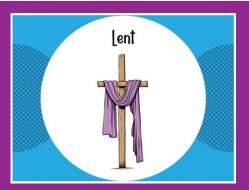


# March 2023



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 Januarys will have some light, and the most playful of Februarys will have harder moments. And for most people, October doesn't consist of endless pumpkin-spice lattes!

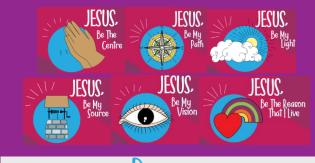


This year, the month of March is taken up wholly with the Liturgical Season of Lent. In the Church, Lent is represented by the colour purple, worn by priests and seen on the altar. Purple, like the season of Lent, symbolises a time of prayer, penance and preparation for Jesus' death on the cross and 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