

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



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Star of the Week Awards Friday, 15th December, 2023

Rec S	James W-A/Cassian S			Rec T	Joshua W
1/2S	Finley C	1/2T	Bella-Blu E	1/2A	Louis C
3/4S	Isabella L/Harriet B	3/4T	Francis A	3/4A	Eliza B
5/6S	Lilly R	5/6T	Theo C	5/6A	Phoebe G

Headteacher Awards

3/4A	Vinnie C/Lewis D
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Citizen Awards

3/4S	Leo E
3/4T	Isla D
5/6S	Ernie P

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SCHOOL DAY

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

School finishes at 3:15pm

SCHOOL MEALS

School meals cost £2.50 to KS2 children unless they have a free school meal entitlement

Meal payments must be made in advance through Parent Pay accounts

AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

Next week will be week two of the Autumn/Winter menu

Week 14

Thank you!

Many thanks to all those who supported the Carols and Cakes event which took place last Sunday. It was a lovely joint event with the Parish.

Quiz night

I am looking forward to attending this evening's FOSTA Family Quiz at St. Anthony's Parish Centre. Mrs Berry and I are going to be a team!

End of term

Just a reminder that we finish at 1:30pm next Friday, 22nd December. Please can we ask that if your child is walking home they get home safely.

Advent Prayer

Lord, help us to see the signs of your love today in the world around us and in the people we meet. Train us to be ready to see you and recognise you when you come in glory. Amen

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ballard

A huge well done to Class 1/2T for gaining the most certificates this week



Most correct answers in Year 5/6 - Jessie B

Most correct answers in Year 3/4 - Dillan W

Most correct answers in Year 1/2 - Jack L

Attendance

It's not a surprise that our overall figure is lower this week at 93.4% as there have been lots of illnesses going around. I am sure that with a good rest over Christmas we will be able to get that figure up to 100% for the whole school. The winning class this week is **1/2A** with 96.3%. The children will be awarded an extra playtime or a treat of their choice next week to say well done.

A Huge Thank You

We are delighted to say that we raised £140.00 from Thursday's Advent Celebration. The money is being donated to Mary's Meals, the charity who provide school meals for children living in the world's poorest countries. The £140.00 will provide school meals for seven children for a whole year so thank you for your generosity.

School Led Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs

All school led before and after school extra-curricular clubs will finish today, Friday, 15th December, until after Christmas.



Dates for your diary

- After School Extra Curricular Clubs begin – Monday, 11th September
- Parents' Evening – Tuesday, 17th October
- FOSTA Disco – Wednesday, 18th October
- October Half Term – Monday, 23rd October – Friday, 27th October
- FOSTA Halloween Party – Friday, 27th October
- Inset Day – Monday, 30th October
- Open Day – Monday, 6th November
- Tempest – Individual/Sibling photos – Wednesday, 22nd November
- FOSTA Own Clothes Day – Friday, 24th November
- Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Thursday, 30th November
- FOSTA Christmas Fair – Friday, 8th December – 1.00pm-3.30pm
- Carols and Cakes – Sunday, 10th December – 2.00pm
- EYFS Nativity – Tuesday, 12th December – 9.15am and 2.30pm
- FOSTA Family Quiz Night – Friday, 15th December**
- KS1 Advent Service – Tuesday, 19th December – 10.00am and 2.00pm**
- School closes for Christmas – Friday, 22nd December at 1.30pm**



PE DAYS

EYFS – Wednesday

- 1/2S Miss Clarke – Tuesday & Wednesday*
- 1/2T Mrs Chamley/Mrs Walmsley – Tuesday & Wednesday*
- 1/2A Miss Martin – Wednesday & Friday*

- 3/4S Mr Martin – Thursday & Friday*
- 3/4T Mrs Shaw – Tuesday & Thursday*
- 3/4A Mrs Eshborn – Tuesday & Friday*

- 5/6S Mrs Boardman – Wednesday & Friday*
- 5/6T Miss Davies – Monday & Thursday*
- 5/6A Mrs Mowatt – Monday & Thursday*

Times are subject to change – please keep PE kits in school.

Attendance – Friday, 8th December to Thursday, 14th December

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	93.0%
Rec T	94.5%
1/2S	94.0%
1/2T	87.0%
1/2A	96.3%
3/4S	96.0%
3/4T	94.3%
3/4A	91.3%
5/6S	94.1%
5/6T	94.2%
5/6A	93.2%
Whole School	93.4%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Junior Breaktime Snack

Just to remind you, it's deadline day today, Friday, 15th December, for you to order next term's toast/fruit toast for junior children through your parent pay accounts. Unfortunately, orders will not be able to be taken after today.

Whole School Milk

Just to remind you, it's deadline day today, Friday, 15th December, for you to order next term's milk through your parent pay accounts. Unfortunately, orders will not be able to be taken after today.

Fairtrade Warrior Christmas Tree Decoration Competition



As you are aware, we have extended our deadline for entries until Monday, 18th December, so you have one last chance this weekend to get creative and design a simple Fairtrade themed tree decoration.

Please bring your entries into school with a £1.00 entry fee. All donations will go to 'The Fairtrade Foundation'. The winning entries for each key stage will receive a prize and their decorations will be displayed in school.

Year 1/2 Advent Service

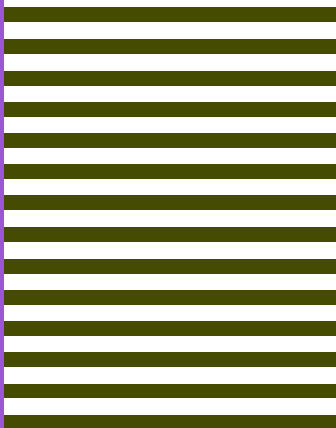
Our Year 1/2 children will be holding their Advent Service at church on Tuesday, 19th December. There will be two services, one at 10.00am and the other at 2.00pm, and each child has now been allocated three tickets per service which must be presented on the day.

Christmas Parties

Next week is party time for our children and below are the days when classes will be having their party:-

- Tuesday, 19th - Year 5/6 classes
- Wednesday, 20th - EYFS and Year 1/2 classes
- Thursday, 21st - Year 3/4 classes

Children are able to wear party clothes on their party day but please can we ask that they do come in sensible shoes and a warm coat.



Christmas Lunch

Just to remind you, it's the children's Christmas lunch next Friday, 22nd December. Lunches will not be able to be ordered on the day so please can we ask that, if you haven't ordered your child a Christmas lunch, you send them to school with a packed lunch.

Parent Pay

Please can we request that you check your parent pay accounts and clear any outstanding charges if need be. Please can we also remind you, school lunches **must** be paid for in advance at all times and accounts **should never be in deficit balances**.

Uniform and Jewellery

Please can we remind you of our school policy on accessories and jewellery:

A simple ribbon or elasticated hair band (in school colours, black or white) may be used to keep long hair tidy and away from the face. Hard, plastic hair bands are not permitted for safety reasons;

Long hair should be tied back securely, plaited if very long, and kept away from the face;

No nail varnish or cosmetics should be worn;

KS2 (Years 3-6) children are allowed to wear one pair of singular plain gold/silver stud earrings.

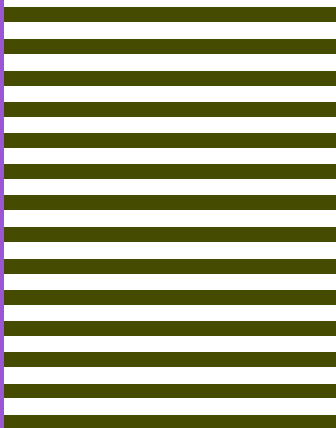
Polite Reminder

Please can we remind you that, if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you need to notify the office or leave a message on the absence line prior to the start of the school day. This is particularly important for absences of children who walk/cycle to school on their own.

Site Supervisor Vacancy – 26.25 hours per week

Cleaner Vacancy – 7.50 hours per week – 3.30pm-5.00pm

If either of the above two vacancies are of interest to you, or you know someone who might be interested, please contact the school office on 01772 726621 for more information.



Notice of gas works which may affect your journey to and from school

Please find attached a letter from Cadent Gas Limited informing us of gasworks which are due to start in the local area from 2nd January for approximately three months. This work may affect your journey to and from school.

Five Dinners

Please see the link below advertising a free meal plan service in case you want to add some variety to you meal times:-

<https://fivedinners.com/>

September 2024 Primary School Application Process

The application process for primary school places is open and applications should be completed online at: www.lancashire.gov.uk by Monday, 15th January, 2024. If your child is baptised Catholic you will also need to complete a supplementary form which is available from the school office. Baptism certificates need to be sent to school with the form.

FOSTA RAFFLE WINNERS

All 2nd prizes must be collected from the school office by an adult

Class	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
Rec S	Freddie S	Lilah R-H	Evelyn R
Rec T	Hugh W	Vincent M	Hugh W
1/2S	Cian O'D	Clodagh G	Matei P
1/2T	Finn T	Diarmuid B	Elsie M
1/2A	Jemima D	Ava W	Pippa J
3/4S	Elliott B	Kaedon E	Oliver S
3/4T	Simon M	Theo K	Audrey H
3/4A	Holly G	Lera T	Holly G
5/6S	Ruby D	Sean L	Alex H
5/6T	Tiffany O'D	Ollie T	Ollie T
5/6A	Betty P	Carys H	Cai D

