

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



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Thursday, 21st December, 2023

No Star Awards this week

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1/2S		1/2T		1/2A	
3/4S		3/4T		3/4A	
5/6S		5/6T		5/6A	

Headteacher Awards

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Citizen Awards

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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 15

Goodbye from Mrs Ballard

Firstly, I hope that you all have a tremendous Christmas and New Year. A good rest for everyone is needed after the big day so I hope that you do get some time to recharge.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have been the Headteacher of St. Anthony's. A truly wonderful community of people in school, families and in the Parish. I will miss your children very much, they are a credit to you as parents and to school. I have many happy memories to take away with me and some very kind words from some of you, which I will treasure. It is the end of an era but an extremely happy era. As a team we have been very happy, including those that have moved on. Coming to work every day to work with lovely, caring and hardworking people is a blessing. It is also a blessing and a privilege to work with the wonderful children that have been through school over the years.

I know that St. Anthony's will continue to grow and provide the best education for the pupils, it isn't one person that shapes the school it is a team effort. My time as Headteacher is ending and it is a new beginning for St. Anthony's. I am also having a new beginning with a new role as School Adviser for Lancashire County Council and, as sad as I am to leave, I am looking forward to a new challenge. All the best for the future and God bless you all.

Happy Christmas! **Mrs Ballard**

A huge well done to all 1/2 Classes for gaining the most certificates this week



Most correct answers in Year 5/6 – Jerin J

Most correct answers in Year 3/4 – Dillan W

Most correct answers in Year 1/2 – Maja G

Attendance

It's not a surprise that our overall figure is low again this week at 93.6% 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 **1/2T** with 97.3%. The children will be awarded an extra playtime or a treat of their choice after our Christmas break to say well done.

Goodbye to Mrs Cairns

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Cairns after over 20 years working at St. Anthony's. We wish her a long and happy retirement and say a huge thank you from all the staff and children she has worked with over her long career as a Teaching Assistant.

School's Thank You to our FOSTA Team

We would like to say a huge thank you to our hardworking FOSTA Team who work tirelessly to organize events which benefit all of our children.



Dates for your diary

Start of Spring Term - Monday, 8th January
Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs begin - Monday, 15th January
Reception September 2024 Admission closing date – Monday, 15th January
3/4S Swimming - 22nd January - 2nd February
February Half Term - Monday, 12th February – Friday, 16th February
3/4T Swimming - 26th February - 8th March
3/4A Swimming - 11th March - 22nd March
Year 6 SATS – w/c 13th May



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, 15th December to Thursday, 21st December

<i>Class</i>	<i>% Attendance</i>
<i>Rec S</i>	<i>93.0%</i>
<i>Rec T</i>	<i>93.2%</i>
<i>1/2S</i>	<i>95.0%</i>
<i>1/2T</i>	<i>97.3%</i>
<i>1/2A</i>	<i>90.3%</i>
<i>3/4S</i>	<i>92.0%</i>
<i>3/4T</i>	<i>91.7%</i>
<i>3/4A</i>	<i>93.3%</i>
<i>5/6S</i>	<i>96.6%</i>
<i>5/6T</i>	<i>94.8%</i>
<i>5/6A</i>	<i>91.9%</i>
<i>Whole School</i>	<i>93.6%</i>
<i>Whole School</i>	
<i>Target</i>	<i>96.0%</i>

Message of Gratitude from the FOSTA Team

Our FOSTA Team have asked that we say thank you to you all on their behalf for helping them to raise a tremendous amount of money from their recent school fundraising events with all proceeds going to our mini bus fund. The FOSTA Team will update us on the final total money raised but, so far, they are able to tell us that the Christmas Fair raised £825.60 and the Raffle approximately £614.00. What a success these events have been.

Fairtrade Warriors Christmas Tree Decoration Competition



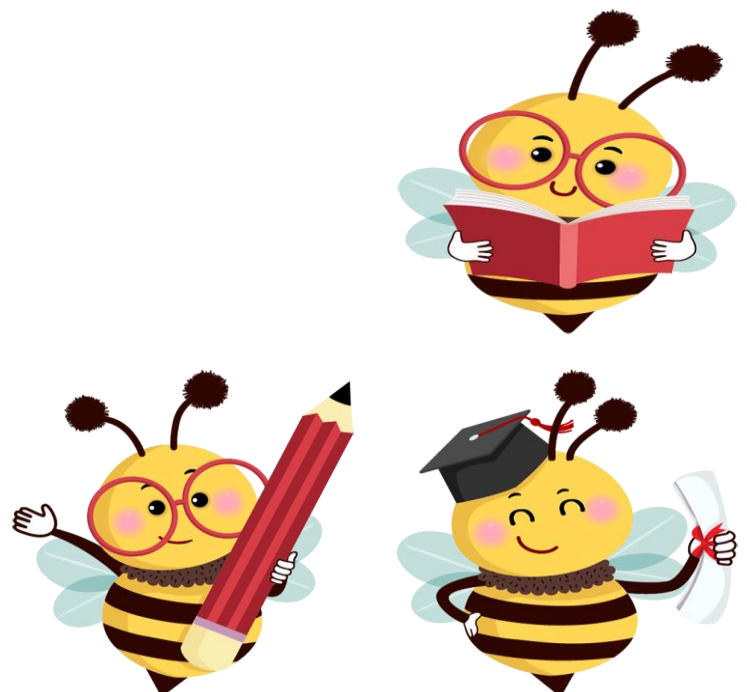
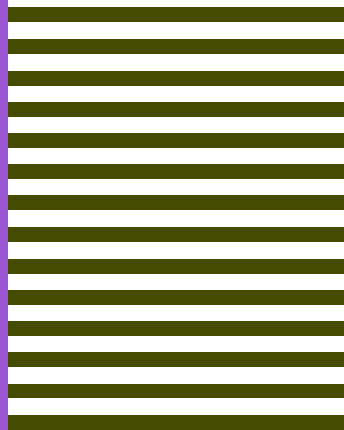
A massive thank you to all those children that entered our Christmas competition. The entries we received were of a high standard so Mrs Ballard had difficult decisions to make!

Huge congratulations to our winners:-

- Reception – Nicole
- Year 1/2 – Bella-Blu
- Year 3/4 – Imogen
- Year 5/6 – Kennedy

The winning designs will be displayed in school. The total money raised was £51.00 which will be donated to the Fairtrade Foundation.

Once again, many thanks for all your support - Fairtrade Warriors



School Led Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs

Our school led before and after school extra-curricular clubs will resume on Monday, 15th January. Unless you hear differently, please assume that your child will be accepted on to the clubs of their choice as per your groupcall club expression of interest forms.

Parent Pay

Please can we request that you check your parent pay accounts and clear any outstanding balances before your child resumes school lunches next term. 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.

Preston Community Family Support Events

Two events are taking place over the Christmas break, one entitled 'Circus Skills' and the other 'Winter Wonderland'. If anyone is interested in attending either of these events, information can be found on our website along with this week's newsletter.



September 2024 Primary School Application Process

The application process for primary school places 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.

