

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024**

#### **Star of the Week Awards**

<b>Rec S</b>	Cassia N			<b>Rec T</b>	George W
<b>1/2S</b>	Theo S	<b>1/2T</b>	Carys G	<b>1/2A</b>	Jerin J
<b>3/4S</b>	William W	<b>3/4T</b>	Emily K	<b>3/4A</b>	Eliza W-B
<b>5/6S</b>	Hugo S	<b>5/6T</b>	Tiffany O'D	<b>5/6A</b>	Fearne B

#### **Headteacher Awards**

<b>1/2A</b>	Pippa J
<b>3/4A</b>	Lera T

We have had another action-packed week in school. Everyone is getting ready for World Book Day and preparations started this week with the 'Book Bus' visiting and some children having the opportunity to choose new books for their class to read.

We have had two groups of children out of school taking part in competitions - well done to the Mini Skills team and the Dance group on their dedication and amazing behaviour - we are very proud of you.

Have a lovely weekend!

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#### **SCHOOL DAY**

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

All children should be in class for 8.45am prompt in readiness for morning registration

School finishes at 3:15pm

#### **SCHOOL MEALS**

All Infant children are entitled to universal free school meals

Junior meals cost £2.50 per day unless a child has a free school meal entitlement

All meals must be paid for in advance through Parent Pay accounts

#### **AUTUMN/WINTER MENU**

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

A huge congratulations to Class 1/2S who have again retained their crown for gaining the most certificates this week.

**A huge well done to Ola, Jakub, Harrison and Alfie who have all received another Emerald Certificate**



Most correct answers in Year 5/6 – Archie G

Most correct answers in Year 3/4 – Ali E

Most correct answers in Year 1/2 – Bertie W

### **Year 3/4 Mini Skills Competition**

On Tuesday, six of our Year 3/4 children took part in a Mini Skills competition at West View Leisure Centre. The children completed relays, catching and throwing events and a football target challenge. Our team finished in second place overall, which is an outstanding achievement! The children worked extremely well as a team and they were an absolute credit to our school. Well done to William, Elliott, Oliver, Harriett, Maisie and Eva-Mae!



### **Year 4, 5/6 Preston Schools' Dance Competition**

On Wednesday, a group of our Year 4, 5/6 children attended a Preston Schools' Dance Competition. All children represented our school amazingly and danced professionally. You definitely showed them "How it's Done".



### *Dates for your diary*

- Start of Spring Term - Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January*
- Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs begin - Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January*
- Reception September 2024 Admission closing date - Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January*
- 3/4S Swimming - 22<sup>nd</sup> January - 2<sup>nd</sup> February*
- FOSTA St. Anthony's Got Talent - Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January*
- Parents' Evening - Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February*
- February Half Term - Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February*
- 3/4T Swimming - 26<sup>th</sup> February - 8<sup>th</sup> March*
- Author Visit - Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March*
- World Book Day - Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March*
- FOSTA Own Clothes Day - Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March*
- 3/4A Swimming - 11<sup>th</sup> March - 22<sup>nd</sup> March*
- FOSTA Disco - Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March*
- Tempest Class and Group Photos - Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March*
- FOSTA Easter Bingo - Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March*
- Easter Reflection Garden Competition - Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March*
- Close for Easter - Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm*
- Start of Summer Term - Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April*
- Year 6 SATS - w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May*



### *PE DAYS*

### **NEW ARRANGEMENTS WEEK COMMENCING 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY:-**

***Please don't forget, Reception children should continue to bring their PE kit to school whilst the rest of our children should wear their PE kit on their relevant PE days:-***

- Reception – Wednesday*
- Year 1/2S - Wednesday and Thursday*
- Year 1/2T - Monday and Wednesday*
- Year 1/2A - Wednesday and Thursday*
- Year 3/4S - Thursday and Friday*
- Year 3/4T - Tuesday and Thursday*
- Year 3/4A - Tuesday and Friday*
- Year 5/6S - Tuesday and Friday*
- Year 5/6T - Monday and Thursday*
- Year 5/6A - Monday and Thursday*

## World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday, 7th March and we hope that you will join us celebrating this special day. We celebrate World Book Day in our school because we recognise the impact reading can have on your child's future. This year we are asking for a small donation from each child/family of between £1.00 and £5.00 so that each class can purchase new books/reading resources to enhance our school and classroom library. Donations can be made through your Parent Pay accounts.

Dressing up and bringing books into school is a big part of World Book Day celebrations and is something that our children and staff particularly enjoy. We are, therefore, inviting children to dress up this World Book Day as it's an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other. The book choice is key – even if it's just a prop or a clue, make sure your child is recommending something to read with their costume. Please also encourage your child to bring their favourite book into school to show to their class. This book doesn't need to be the book character that they are dressed up as.

We are mindful that the cost of living crisis might make this difficult for some families, so we have organised the following to make sure that our World Book Day is fun and inclusive for all:-

- We encourage you to use things you already have at home to make a creative costume. Please don't feel that it's necessary to buy brand new shop-bought costumes;
- Our costume swap shop is now open. Please leave your preloved fancy dress costume on the clothing rail in the school entrance and feel free to help yourself to anything that your child likes the look of.

## Access to books

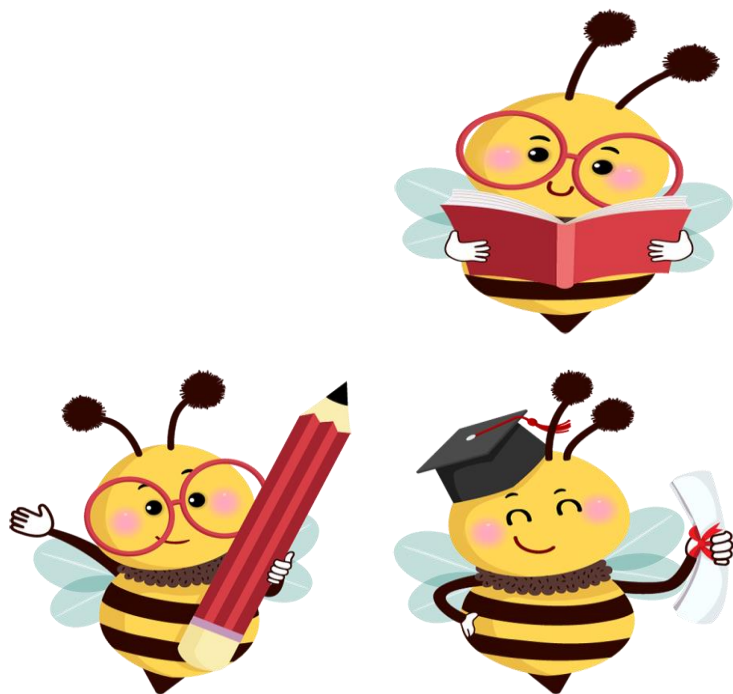
- Our very special book swap shop is now open. Please feel free to drop off any unwanted books into the book swap box which can also be found in the school entrance then have a browse and feel free to take a book you would like to read;

Attendance – Friday, 23rd February – Thursday, 29th February

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	93.5%
Rec T	94.5%
1/2S	92.3%
<b>1/2T</b>	<b>97.0%</b>
1/2A	89.0%
3/4S	95.7%
3/4T	93.7%
3/4A	96.0%
5/6S	95.3%
5/6T	95.5%
5/6A	91.9%
Whole School	<b>94.0%</b>
Whole School Target	<b>96.0%</b>

## Attendance

A huge well done to our Class 1/2T children who this week have achieved the highest percentage attendance of 97.0%. The children will be awarded an extra playtime or treat of their choice. Our overall percentage attendance this week is 94.0%

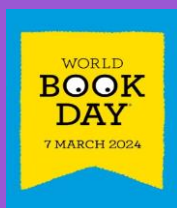


- Getting a free £1.00 book for your child is easy – simply take your £1.00 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1.00 book OR use it to get £1.00 off ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller online at:

[worldbookday.com/participating-retailers](http://worldbookday.com/participating-retailers)

We have so much planned for our children, including an author visit, a national live book quiz, World Book Day whole school costume parade, class swaps and much more!

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day which couldn't happen without your support so a huge thank you.



### Weekly Friday Mass

On Friday, 8th March, all children from Year 1/2 will be attending the 9.15am mass and it would be lovely to see parents/grandparents at this mass if commitments allow.

### Tempest Class and Group Photographs

Tempest will be in school on Thursday, 21st March to take class and group photographs. Please email the school office by Friday, 15th March if you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO WEAR THEIR FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM TO SCHOOL ON PHOTOGRAPH DAY.

### FOSTA Easter Disco

FOSTA's Easter Discos will take place on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at the following times:-

Reception and Year 1/2 disco – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Reception and Year 1/2 children will go straight from class to the disco.

Reception children may come to school in their party clothes. With Wednesday being a PE day for our Year 1/2 children, please can they come to school in their PE kit and bring their party clothes with them in a bag with their name and class clearly marked on it.

Pick up will be from the KS2 playground.

Tickets are £4.50 which includes a drink and sweets.

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 disco – 4.45pm – 6.00pm

Drop off for Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 children will be through the hall door by the car park

Pick up will be from the KS2 playground

Tickets are £3.50 and drinks and sweets will be available to buy at the disco.

Please pay through your Parent Pay accounts.  
\*\*No mobile phones are allowed into the disco\*

### FOSTA Easter Family Bingo

FOSTA are holding a Family Easter Bingo night at St. Anthony's Social Club on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March to raise money for our mini bus fund. Doors will open at 6.00pm with Bingo starting at 6.30pm. We hope you will join us for a fun evening. (Please see separate flyer with further details about the Bingo).

Tickets for the Bingo are £1.00 per person and can be purchased through Parent Pay accounts. Spaces are limited to 100 so it is advisable to buy early to avoid disappointment. This is a family event so everyone needs a ticket and all children must be accompanied by a paying adult.





## St Anthony's Easter Reflection Garden

### Competition

Advance Notice - On Wednesday, 27th March, we are holding an Easter Reflection Garden competition with all proceeds raised going to the Mary's Meals Charity. Mary's Meals serve nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. More information about the competition will follow.

### School Lunches

Please can we remind you, school lunches must be paid for in advance at all times and accounts should never be in deficit balances. Deficit balance accounts may result in you being asked to send your child into school with a packed lunch until the outstanding balance is cleared.

### Welcome to Cricket Session

Attached to this week's newsletter is a flyer from Grimsargh Cricket Club who are running an hour's indoor nets session for anyone in key stage 2 who may like to try cricket before the season begins. The session will run from 4.00pm-5.00pm, Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, at Lukey's Cricket Centre, Henrietta Street, Preston.

