

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE, 2024

<b>Rec S</b>	Hugo M-D			<b>Rec T</b>	Louie B
<b>1/2S</b>	Matei P	<b>1/2T</b>	Elsie W	<b>1/2A</b>	Summer O
<b>3/4S</b>	Alice S	<b>3/4T</b>	Jenson R-H	<b>3/4A</b>	Daniel J
<b>5/6S</b>	Dante G	<b>5/6T</b>	Hannah F/Ephraim O	<b>5/6A</b>	Archie G/Annie S

#### HEADTEACHER AWARDS

<b>5/6S</b>	Oliver G
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#### SCHOOL DAY

School starts at 8.45am with doors opening from 8.40am

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

School finishes at 3.15pm

#### SCHOOL MEALS

Next week will be week 2 of the new Spring/Summer Menu

This term's special themed lunches:

St George's Day – 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Swing into Spring – 16<sup>th</sup> May  
80 D Day – 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Euro 2024 – 11<sup>th</sup> July

Please can we request that all outstanding dinner money be cleared via your parent pay accounts. Electronic reminders are sent home every time an account goes into a deficit balance and failure to pay will necessitate you being requested to send your child with a packed lunch. Many thanks for your co-operation.

We have had a busy sporting week taking part in several sports events including the Preston Sports Festival. I must give a special mention for the Years 5/6 cricket team who won the Preston Schools' Cricket Tournament! Also, a huge well done to Mr. Martin and the rest of the staff team in being awarded the School Games Mark Platinum Award – the highest award possible!

In school, it is lovely to hear our Year 6 children practising for the Year 6 Leavers' Production – I am excited to watch it in a couple of weeks' time and I am preparing to be wowed! The children are proudly wearing their leavers' hoodies for the last few weeks of term.

Please note that on Friday next week, we have an own clothes day with donations being requested for the summer fair (see FOSTA posting for further details).

We will be having a transition day for all pupils on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, you will be receiving further details about new classes next week ahead of this.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs. Barnes



## Dates for your diary

A huge congratulations to Class 1/2S children who have gained the most certificates this week



Most correct answers in Year 5/6 – Maja G

Most correct answers in Year 3/4 – Elena I

Most correct answers in Year 1/2 – Diarmuid B

### Weekly Friday Mass

Please see below the timetable for this term's 9.15am Friday masses and it would be lovely to see parents/carers/grandparents at these masses if commitments allow:-

Date	Years
26/04/24	5/6
03/05/24	Reception, 1/2
09/05/24	Ascension Mass
17/05/24	5/6
24/05/24	Reception, 1/2
07/06/24	3/4
14/06/24	5/6
21/06/24	Reception, 1/2
28/06/24	3/4
05/07/24	5/6
12/07/24	Reception, 1/2

~~Start of Summer Term – Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April~~  
~~Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs begin – Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April~~  
~~Year 3/4 Bolton Museum Trip – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April~~  
~~May Bank Holiday – Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May~~  
~~Year 4 children receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> May~~  
~~Year 6 SATS – w/c Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May~~  
~~Reception S Trip to Bring Yer Wellies – Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May~~  
~~Reception T Trip to Bring Yer Wellies – Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May~~  
~~Wear green for Mental Health Awareness Week – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May~~  
~~Reception and Year 6 Height/Weight Checks – Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May~~  
~~Reception 2024 Intake Induction Evening – Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May~~  
~~Half Term – Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May~~  
~~INSET Days – Monday and Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June~~  
~~Year 4 Multiplication Check window – Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June~~  
~~Class 5/6S – Year 6 children Bikeability Sessions – Thursday and Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June~~  
~~Year 1 Phonics Screening – Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June~~  
~~Reception 2024 Intake Lunch – Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June~~  
~~Class 5/6T – Year 6 children Bikeability Sessions – Monday and Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June~~  
~~Class 5/6A – Year 6 children Bikeability Sessions – Wednesday and Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June~~  
~~St. Anthony's Feast Day – Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June~~  
~~FOSTA Own Clothes Day – Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June~~  
~~Our Lady's Catholic High Year 6 Move Up Day and Whole School Transition Day including new Reception children – Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> July~~  
~~FOSTA Summer Discos – Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July~~  
~~FOSTA Own Clothes Day – Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July~~  
~~Year 6 Production afternoon performance – Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July~~  
~~Year 6 Production evening performance – Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July~~  
~~Whole School Sports Afternoon and Evening followed by FOSTA Summer Fair – Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July~~  
~~Reports to be sent home – Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July~~  
~~Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm~~  
~~Year 6 Leavers Mass – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am~~  
~~Close for Summer – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm~~

### School Games Mark Platinum Award

We are delighted to announce that St. Anthony's have achieved the School Games Mark Platinum Award for the 2023/24 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. We are one of just six schools to achieve this award, which is an outstanding achievement.

### Years 5/6 Preston Schools' Cricket Tournament

Last week, our Years 5/6 cricket team took part in the Preston Schools' Cricket Tournament at Fulwood and Broughton Cricket Club. After winning our three games in the group stage, the team made it all the way to the final and faced St. Joseph's. St. Anthony's restricted the opposition to just a few runs in their innings and went on to bat superbly to win the competition in style. A huge well done to Fearne, Elise, James, Louis, Roman, Kray, Cai and Archie!



Attendance – Friday, 14th June – Thursday, 20th June

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	93.0%
Rec T	88.6%
1/2S	92.3%
1/2T	87.0%
1/2A	95.0%
3/4S	95.7%
3/4T	94.6%
3/4A	93.0%
5/6S	94.7%
5/6T	90.6%
<b>5/6A</b>	<b>96.8%</b>
Whole School	<b>93.0%</b>
Whole School Target	<b>96.0%</b>

### Attendance Winners

Well done to our 5/6A children who this week have achieved the highest percentage attendance of 96.8%. The children will be awarded an extra playtime or treat of their choice. Our overall percentage attendance this week is 93.0%.

### Attendance Reminder

Please can we remind you, if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, it is essential that you contact the school office before the start of each school day. Unless we hear from you, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Any holidays taken during term time will always be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Penalty notices will be issued for absences of five days and over.

### Preston Schools' Sports Festival

On Tuesday, thirty-eight of our children took part in the annual sports festival at UClan. We entered teams in the Years 5/6 tennis, Years 5/6 cricket, Years 5/6 netball, Years 3/4 boys football, Years 3/4 girls football and Year 3 giant skills competitions. The children enjoyed a fantastic day of competition and represented the school with pride. Thank you to all who took part for being excellent representatives of St. Anthony's.

### Years 5/6 Food Technology Unit

This week, our Years 5/6 children have visited OLCHS as part of their food technology unit. The children have researched where food comes from and all about healthy eating. When at the high school, the children made pasta salads which were 'amazing'!

### Maths Competition

A huge well done to Scarlett, Archie, Billy and Jessie who represented our school at a Maths Competition this week. The team were placed third - an incredible achievement!



### FOSTA Own Clothes Days

We will be having own clothes days on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, and Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, in exchange for donations for prizes for the summer fair. Our FOSTA team are requesting donations of tombola related prizes, sweets and chocolate for lucky dips/children's games and alcoholic drinks for adult related prizes. Please can we ask that you drop off any alcohol to the school office as opposed to sending it in with children. Many thanks for your support on behalf of school and our hard working FOSTA team.

A polite message from the Breakfast Club team – please can you avoid sending children to Breakfast Club with any glass related items or alcohol.

### FOSTA Summer Discos

FOSTA's summer discos will take place on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July at the following times:-

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

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

Reception children may come to school in their party clothes but with Wednesday being a PE day for our Years 1/2 children, please can we ask that you send them to school in their PE kit and send their party clothes with them in a bag with their name and class clearly marked.

Reception children will need to be picked up from class and Years 1/2 children from the KS2 playground.

Tickets are £4.50 which includes a drink and sweets.

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

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

Pick up will be from the KS2 playground. Children will not be allowed to walk home alone after the disco without written consent specifically for the disco.

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\*

### Tickets for FOSTA Summer Discos – Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Tickets for FOSTA's Summer Discos can now be purchased through Parent Pay accounts with a deadline date of Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Please be aware, tickets must be purchased prior to children attending the disco. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you are having difficulty accessing your Parent Pay account.

### Increase in Cost of School Meals – September

We have been notified by Lancashire County Council's School Catering Service that, due to inflationary rises, the cost of KS2 school meals will be increasing. Therefore, from 1st September, school meals will increase to £2.70. EYFS and KS1 children will continue to receive free school meals through the universal infant free school meal scheme as will children who are entitled to free school meals due to their parents being entitled to certain income related benefits.

### Important message to Year 2 Parents

Please can we remind parents whose children will be moving to Year 3 in September that they will no longer be entitled to universal infant free school meals. If you wish your child to continue having school meals, payment will need to be made through your child's Parent Pay account. Please be aware, school meals MUST be paid for in advance.

If you think that your child may be entitled to free school meals and you haven't already applied, please do so through the link below:-

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

### School Uniform Policy

Please can we remind parents of the following points as specified in our Uniform Policy:-

- KS2 (Years 3-6) children are allowed to wear one pair or singular plain gold/silver stud earrings. Personal effects, such as jewellery, (including body piercings), religious artefacts, watches, hair slides should ideally be removed for PE to establish a safe working environment. If children forget, they will be responsible for removing their own earrings before PE and swimming and looking after them. Children unable to remove earrings should come to school, ready for lesson, with earrings adequately taped with a sufficient amount of tape to prevent the piercing penetrating, for example, the bone behind the ear, should an unintentional blow be received from someone or some item of equipment, such as a ball. Staff are not required to remove or tape up earrings for pupils. Watches must be named.
- Nail varnish or other cosmetics may not be worn.
- 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. School policy is that long hair should be tied back securely, plaited if very long, and kept away from the face. No extreme hairstyles or tramlines are allowed.

**Please can we make you aware, children will not be able to represent school at external events if you do not adhere to the extreme hairstyles or tramlines element of our uniform policy.**

- Naming clothing cannot be stressed enough. With so many children wearing similar clothes, items can easily be mislaid. If the items have been named they can be returned to your child.
- We do not keep lost property at school and lost clothing will be added to the swap shop.

**A number of jumpers have recently been handed in to the school office which, if not claimed by next Wednesday, 26th June, will be added to our swap shop stock.**



### Year 6 Parent Request – Leavers Photo Board

The Year 6 leavers' party is being organised by a group of Year 6 parents and will take place on the evening of Friday, 19th July. If you would like a photograph of your child to be included on the photo board at the Year 6 leavers' party please send in 2/3 school related photographs of your child to the school office no later than Monday, 1st July. Please ensure you write the name of your child on the back of the photographs. As photographs will not be returned, please send a print or a copy of the original. All photographs will be disposed of in confidential waste.

### Year 6 Leavers' Party

As you are aware, a group of our Year 6 parents are organizing a 'Class of 24' leavers' party which will be held in St. Anthony's Parish Club on the evening of Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July. Our Year 6 children will be bringing home a poster giving more information about this event.

### St. Anthony's After School Club New Parents Look Round Visits

St. Anthony's After School Club's second visit afternoon will take place next Thursday, 27th June between 4.30pm and 5.00pm. This visit afternoon is for parents who are interested in a place for their child at the After School Club from September 2024. Parents and children will have the opportunity to see the premises, meet the staff and for children to join in activities if they want so that they can familiarise themselves with the services that the After School Club offer

### Summer free learn to ride sessions

Go Velo who have been delivering our Year 6 bikeability sessions at school over the last week are running free learn to ride sessions during the summer holidays. Places will be awarded on a first come basis. Further information and guidance on how to book a place on their sessions will be displayed on their website in due course:-

<https://www.govelo.co.uk/holiday-clubs/>



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**Summer Holidays**  
Dates: 5th - 9th August  
Venue: St Mary's and St Andrews Primary School, Station Ln, Barton, Preston PR3 5DY  
Time: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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