

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

<i>Rec S</i>	<i>N/A</i>			<i>Rec T</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>1/2S</i>	<i>Alfie S</i>	<i>1/2T</i>	<i>Finn T</i>	<i>1/2A</i>	<i>Pippa J</i>
<i>3S</i>	<i>Lena M</i>	<i>3/4T</i>	<i>Lucy S</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>Scarlett H</i>
<i>5S</i>	<i>Percy F</i>	<i>5/6T</i>	<i>Matilda W</i>	<i>5/6A</i>	<i>Jenson S</i>

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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 1 of the Spring/Summer Menu

Key stage 2 school meals are now charged at £2.70 for paying parents

Thank you to all our parents who were able to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. Hopefully, it was useful to see your child's classroom and hear the expectations for the school year ahead.

Next week, we have our new school year Mass on Wednesday at 9.15am. This is for all our children in Years 1-6 and parents and grandparents are warmly invited to join us in church.

Our Reception children have completed their settling in period and are now all attending full time. They have made a super start to their school life and will begin joining us in assemblies over the coming weeks.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Barnes

REPORTING WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK



Most correct answers in Year 5/6 –

Most correct answers in Year 3/4 –

Most correct answers in Year 1/2 –

Collective Worship/Assemblies

For the new school year, we are introducing some changes as to how we organise our prayer and liturgy/ assemblies in school.

We are introducing new 'Class Assemblies' with each class taking it in turns to lead an assembly for the rest of the school and their parents. Each class will lead an assembly once a term.

In addition, we are changing our Mass rota with individual classes attending Mass rather than as a phase. This will allow the children to be more involved in planning and leading the Mass. Again parents are warmly invited to attend the Class Mass. Please see the 'Dates for your Diary' section for dates for all classes.

We will be continuing to hold whole school Masses at the beginning and end of term and on Holy Days.

From September, we will no longer have our Awards Assembly on Teams. Instead, awards will be given during our Friday Collective Worship in front of our school family.



Dates for your diary

Meet the Teacher – Wednesday, 11th September – 3.25pm
New School Year Mass – Wednesday, 18th September - 9.15am
Y5S Class Assembly – Tuesday, 24th September - 9.00am
Y1/2S Class Mass – Wednesday, 25th September - 9.15am
Y5/6T Class Assembly – Tuesday, 1st October - 9.00am
Y1/2T Class Mass – Wednesday, 2nd October - 9.15am
Y1/2A Class Mass – Wednesday, 9th October - 9.15am
Harvest Festival – Thursday, 10th October - 9.15am
Y4A Class Assembly – Tuesday, 15th October - 9.00am
Y3S Class Mass – Wednesday, 16th October - 9.15am
Half Term Monday, 21st – Friday, 25th October
Y3/4T Class Assembly – Tuesday, 29th October - 9.00am
Y6A Class Mass – Wednesday, 30th October - 9.15am
Parents' Evening – Wednesday, 30th October
Whole School Mass – All Saints Day Friday, 1st November - 9.15am
Y3S Class Assembly – Tuesday, 5th November - 9.00am
Y5/6T Class Mass – Wednesday, 6th November - 9.15am
Open Day / Evening for new starters – Wednesday, 6th November
Y1/2S Class Assembly – Tuesday, 12th November - 9.00am
Y5S Class Mass – Wednesday, 13th November - 9.15am
Y1/2T Class Assembly – Tuesday, 19th November - 9.00am
Y4A Class Mass – Wednesday, 20th November - 9.15am
Y1/2A Class Assembly – Tuesday, 26th November - 9.00am
Y3/4T Class Mass – Wednesday, 27th November - 9.15am
LKS2 Advent Service – Tuesday, 3rd December - 6.00pm
Rec T Class Mass – Wednesday, 4th December - 9.15am
Y6A Class Assembly – Tuesday, 10th December - 9.00am
Rec S Class Mass – Wednesday, 11th December - 9.15am
KS1 Nativity – Wednesday, 11th December - 2.15pm / 5.15pm
UKS2 Carol Service – Tuesday, 17th December - 6.00pm
EYFS Nativity – Wednesday, 18th December – 10.00am / 2.15pm
Whole School Mass – Friday, 20th December - 9.15am
School Closes for Christmas – Friday, 20th December - 1.30pm

Reception 2025 Intake Open Afternoon / Evening

We will be hosting an Open Afternoon / Evening for new starters on Wednesday, 6th November. New parents are welcome to visit the school during the school day between 1.30pm – 3.00pm when you can see the school in action or in the evening from 3.45pm – 6.00pm. No appointment necessary!

Holy Communion

The parish is beginning preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion with the first session on Wednesday, 18th September, and Initiation Masses the weekend 21st/22nd September. Information has been sent out to Year 4 parents. If you are a Year 4 parent and haven't already registered your child to the programme, or have a child in Year 5 or 6 who would like to join, please contact the school office on Monday, 16th September.

Peace Ambassadors

St Anthony's are looking to appoint one child from each class to be a Peace Ambassador for the year. This is an important role as we are looking for someone who is going to be responsible, committed to and enthusiastic about the position, who will act as a positive role model and support their peers with creating a safer and happier environment for the entire community.

Children will get the opportunity to attend training, run activities across the school, deliver an assembly and attend a peace conference.

Children who would like to apply will be given an application form. This can be filled in at home or in school. Please complete the form by **Friday, 20th September**, and hand it into your class teacher who will then pass it on to Miss Martin.

Online Safety Guidance for parents

Please find attached this week's online safety guidance update for parents on social pressures:-

<https://beta.nationalcollege.com/guides/socialpressures-linked-to-social-media-influencers>

Attendance – Friday, 6th September to Thursday, 12th September

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	98.5%
Rec T	100.0%
1/2S	95.3%
1/2T	93.3%
1/2A	97.7%
3S	98.3%
3/4T	97.2%
4A	96.1%
5S	96.8%
5/6T	96.0%
6A	100.0%
Whole School	97.0%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to classes Reception T and 6A who have both achieved 100.0% attendance this week.

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 may be issued for absences of five days and over.

Cycling to School

If your child is cycling to school they **must wear a helmet** for their own safety. In addition, please ensure that they are aware of the dangers of the road and the need to be respectful of pedestrians.

Asda's Cashpot for Schools Fundraiser

From now until 30th November, Asda are running a fundraiser initiative entitled Cashpot for Schools. Every time you shop at Asda they will donate a percentage of your total bill to our school's cashpot fund. Please support us with this initiative and help us raise funds for school by signing up through the link below and selecting our school to benefit each time you shop. Many thanks for your support.

[Cashpot for schools \(asda.com\)](http://asda.com/cashpot)

Reminder Nasal Flu Vaccination

Just to remind you, the Lancashire Immunisation Service will be in school on Wednesday, 25th September, to administer the flu vaccination to Reception - Year 6 children.

If you haven't already consented to your child having the nasal flu vaccination in school and would like them to, please contact the Lancashire Immunisation Team on the number below:-

0333 358 3397, Option 2 – Option 1.

Our Lady's High School Open Evening

Our Lady's are holding their Open Evening on Thursday, 3rd October, from 6.00pm – 8.30pm. This is an opportunity for our Year 6 children and their parents to have a look round prior to applying for a high school place.

Below is our PE timetable for the autumn term. Please ensure that your child comes into school in their PE kit on these days (except for our Reception children who keep their PE kit in school).

Reminder – for safety purposes, children's earrings should be removed or covered with tape/plasters on PE days.

Reception S and T (Miss Forbes, Mrs Carlton and Miss Carroll) – Thursday (PE kit to be kept in school)

1/2S (Miss Clarke) – Monday and Thursday

1/2T (Mrs Chamley and Mrs Walmsley) – Monday and Thursday

1/2A (Miss Martin) – Monday and Thursday

3S (Mrs Eshborn) – Monday and Friday

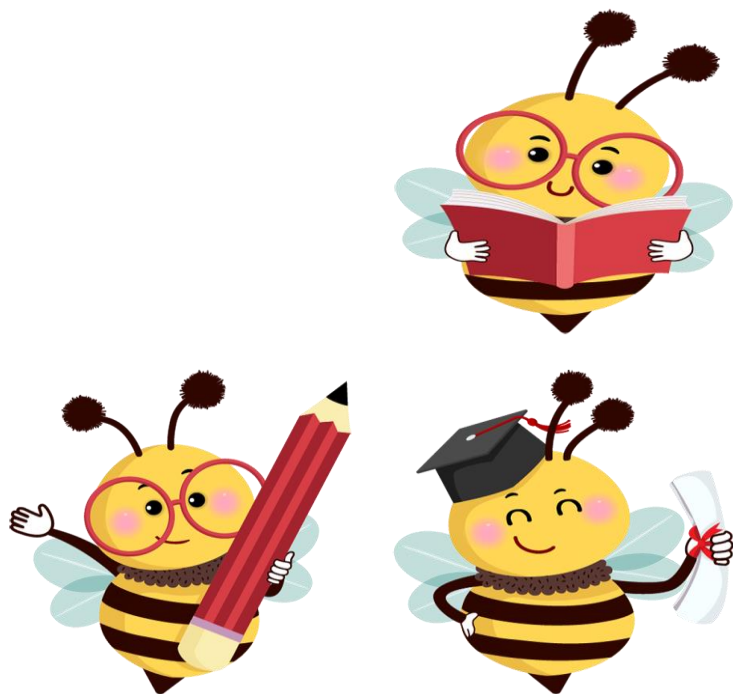
3/4T (Mr Pitcher) – Tuesday and Thursday

4A (Miss McGrahan) – Monday and Friday

5S (Mrs Boardman and Mrs Berry) – Wednesday and Friday

5/6T (Mr Martin) – Wednesday and Friday

6A (Mrs Woodward) – Tuesday and Wednesday



Labelling of Uniform

Please can we request that you label all items of uniforms and coats. We had various items of clothing left in our lost property last term which we couldn't locate the owner due to them not being labelled. Many thanks for your support.

Nut Free School

Just to remind you, we have children in school with nut allergies so we kindly ask that you do not send your children into school with nuts or items containing nuts. Many thanks for your support.

School Admissions – September 2025

Online applications through:-
www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools for primary and high school places for the September 2025 intake are now open with closing dates as follows:-

High School - 31st October, 2024

Primary School - 15th January, 2025

Please be aware, you should receive an email confirmation of your online application.

If your child is baptised Catholic you will also need to complete a supplementary form which is available from the school office and at Our Lady's Catholic High School. Baptism Certificates are also required.

Children's Birthdays – Own Clothes

We will be continuing with our birthday tradition where children are able to wear their own clothes for school on their birthday.

Important message to Year 3 Parents

Please can we remind parents whose children are now in Year 3 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. Failure to pay will result in you being requested to send your child with a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.

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/>

Increase in cost of School Meals – September

Just to remind you, due to inflationary rises, the cost of KS2 school meals has now increased 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 in receipt of certain income related benefits.

