

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

<b>Rec S</b>	N/A			<b>Rec T</b>	N/A
<b>1/2S</b>	Isabella M	<b>1/2T</b>	Rose H	<b>1/2A</b>	Evelyn R
<b>3S</b>	Nellie-Marie McB	<b>3/4T</b>	Bella-Blu Ellis	<b>4A</b>	Charlie B
<b>5S</b>	Archie M	<b>5/6T</b>	Leo E	<b>6A</b>	Phoebe G

#### 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 3 of the Spring/Summer Menu

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

This week we had our New Year Mass on Wednesday and it was lovely that some parents and grandparents could join us – the children sang so well and it was a really joyous Mass.

We also had our first competitive sporting event this week, a mini-skills competition for Years 5 & 6. Well done to our team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall – a great achievement.

Next week, we begin with our new rota for class assemblies and Masses. On Tuesday, Mrs Boardman's Class will be leading the assembly for the whole school and their parents are invited to join us in the school hall at 9.00am. On Wednesday, Miss Clarke's Class have their first class Mass and their parents are invited to join us in church at 9.15am.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Barnes

REPORTING WILL BEGIN SHORTLY



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, 11<sup>th</sup> September – 3.25pm

**New School Year Mass** – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September – 9.15am

**Y5S Class Assembly** – Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September – 9.00am

**Y1/2S Class Mass** – Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September – 9.15am

**Y5/6T Class Assembly** – Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October – 9.00am

**Y1/2T Class Mass** – Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 9.15am

**Y1/2A Class Mass** – Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October – 9.15am

**Harvest Festival** – Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October – 9.15am

**Y4A Class Assembly** – Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October – 9.00am

**Y3S Class Mass** – Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October – 9.15am

**Half Term** – Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Y3/4T Class Assembly** – Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October – 9.00am

**Y6A Class Mass** – Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October – 9.15am

**Parents' Evening** – Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Whole School Mass** – All Saints Day Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November – 9.15am

**Y3S Class Assembly** – Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November – 9.00am

**Y5/6T Class Mass** – Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am

**Open Day / Evening for new starters** – Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November

**Y1/2S Class Assembly** – Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November – 9.00am

**Y5S Class Mass** – Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am

**Y1/2T Class Assembly** – Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November – 9.00am

**Y4A Class Mass** – Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am

**Y1/2A Class Assembly** – Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November – 9.00am

**Y3/4T Class Mass** – Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am

**LKS2 Advent Service** – Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 6.00pm

**Rec T Class Mass** – Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15am

**Y6A Class Assembly** – Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December – 9.00am

**Rec S Class Mass** – Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15am

**KS1 Nativity** – Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December – 2.15pm / 5.15pm

**UKS2 Carol Service** – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December – 6.00pm

**EYFS Nativity** – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December – 10.00am / 2.15pm

**Whole School Mass** – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15am

**School Closes for Christmas** – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December – 1.30pm

### **Reception 2025 Intake Open Afternoon / Evening**

We will be hosting an Open Afternoon / Evening for new starters on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Reminder Nasal Flu Vaccination

Just to remind you, the Lancashire Immunisation Team will be in school on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, to administer the flu vaccination to children whose parents have consented through the Immunisation Service.

### 'Winter Coat Swap'

We will shortly be holding a 'Winter Coat Swap' similar to our 'Uniform Swap'. If you have any new / used (good condition) coats which you would like to donate to our 'Winter Coat Swap' please can you drop them off at the school by Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October. We will publish dates for the swap in the next few weeks ahead of the colder weather arriving.

### Online Safety Guidance for parents

Please find attached this week's online safety guidance update for parents on parental controls for Android and Iphones:

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/parent-controls-for-apps-android>

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/parental-controls-for-iphone-apps>

### 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.

Attendance – Friday, 13th September to Thursday, 19th September

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	93.2%
Rec T	97.4%
1/2S	96.0%
1/2T	96.7%
<b>1/2A</b>	<b>98.7%</b>
3S	96.7%
3/4T	96.6%
4A	98.4%
5S	95.8%
5/6T	98.1%
6A	95.0%
Whole School	<b>96.7%</b>
Whole School Target	<b>96.0%</b>

**Attendance Winners** - A huge well done to class 1/2A who have achieved 98.7% 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.

### 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 \(asda.com\)](https://www.asda.com/cashpot-for-schools)

### 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.

### No Nuts Please

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.

### Our Lady's High School Open Evening

Our Lady's are holding their Open Evening on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### School Admissions – September 2025

Online applications through:-

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://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 - 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024

Primary School - 15<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Pledge for fairer trade & climate justice

**BE THE CHANGE**



Our Fairtrade Warriors have been busy this week. As part of Fairtrade Fortnight they have researched who our local Member of Parliament is, (Sir Mark Hendrick) and sent an email asking him to sign the 'Be the Change' pledge.

This pledge asks him to make a simple personal commitment to work with Fairtrade and fair trade campaigners here in the UK, and to listen to the farmers and workers around the world, to make sure policies developed at Westminster contribute to a future that is fair for all.

We hope we get a positive response.

### Tempest Individual and Family Photographs

**ADVANCE NOTICE** Tempest Photography will be visiting school on Wednesday, 20th November, to take individual and family photographs. If you **do not** wish your child to have their photograph taken, please can you inform the school office by emailing [office@st-anthonys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-anthonys.lancs.sch.uk) no later than Friday, 15th November. Parents are welcome to bring other siblings who attend nursery/high school to have a family photograph taken. Please can we ask that you be at school for 8.15am prompt if you wish to take up this offer.

### Sporting Success

On Tuesday we took part in the first sports event of the year at West View Leisure Centre. The team were amazing competitors but also very respectful to our opponents - a delight to take out to compete. Their skill and determination earned them 2<sup>nd</sup> place! Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.



### Choirs in Harmony

Attached with this week's newsletter is a flyer advertising the above event which is taking place at Church on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October.

