

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

Rec S	N/A			Rec T	N/A
1/2S	Nnenia O	1/2T	Arlo R	1/2A	Louis C
3S	Connor R	3/4T	Andrew S	4A	Tilly-Mae C
5S	Daniel J	5/6T	Harrison S	5/6A	Elise L

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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

It has been lovely to welcome back the children into school this week and to see their smiling faces!

A special welcome to our Reception Classes who are joining us for the first time and to our new staff; new teachers - Mr Pitcher, Mrs Woodward, Miss McGrahan; new teaching assistants – Miss Duffy, Miss Hopkinson, Mrs Kelly; and new site staff – Mr Nickson; we welcome them all into our St. Anthony's family.

The children look very smart in their new uniforms but please can I remind you that the only jewellery worn in school should be simple plain studs (not coloured) and simple hair accessories in school colours.

We look forward to welcoming parents into the classrooms next week on Wednesday for our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. Classes from Year 1 – Year 6 will host two sessions at 3.25pm and 4.00pm.

All the children have had the opportunity to experience a Ju Jitsu taster session today and a full range of extra-curricular activities will be available from next week.

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

Whole School 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 Night 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 - 10am / 2.15pm

Whole School Mass – Friday, 20th December - 9.15am

School Closes for Christmas – Friday, 20th December - 1.30pm

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 have a child in Year 5 or Year 6 who would like to join the preparation programme, please contact the school office.

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.

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/>

Pupil Medical Conditions

Please can we ask that you contact the school office if there has been any changes to your child's health/medical conditions over the summer break.

Attendance – Up to Thursday, 6th September

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	
Rec T	
1/2S	100.0%
1/2T	92.2%
1/2A	97.8%
3S	99.5%
3/4T	100.0%
4A	95.7%
5S	95.7%
5/6T	92.8%
6A	96.4%
Whole School	96.7%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to classes 1/2S and 3/4T 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.

Important Lancashire County Council Information to parents – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices for holidays in term-time

Attached to this week's newsletter is the above information leaflet informing parents of Department for Education national changes to penalty notices issued to parents for unauthorised absence. These changes came into effect on 19th August, 2024.

Change of Personal Information

As you are aware, our main communication platform with yourselves is through Groupcall Messenger so it is imperative that you contact the school office if you have changed either your mobile number or email address over summer. The same applies to change of address and emergency contact details.

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.

Reception Place

Welcome to our new starters in our Reception Class. Due to movement over the summer break we have one space available in our Reception cohort. If you know anyone who would be interested in the place, please ask them to contact the school office.

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

Online Safety Guidance

Please find listed below a link to the National College which gives useful guidance to parents on online safety:-

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/supporting-children-going-back-to-school>



Nasal Flu Vaccination

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

Please complete the flu immunisation form by clicking the link below by Wednesday, 11th September:-

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/1ed672a2>

If your child has already had their vaccination at their GP, you wish to withdraw your consent form, any details change after the form has been completed or you have any other queries, please contact the Lancashire Immunisation Team on the number below:-

0333 358 3397, Option 2 – Option 1.

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.

