

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

**FRIDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024**

<b>Rec S</b>	<i>Ava O</i>			<b>Rec T</b>	<i>Noah C</i>
<b>1/2S</b>	<i>Alfie R</i>	<b>1/2T</b>	<i>Seraphin M</i>	<b>1/2A</b>	<i>George B</i>
<b>3S</b>	<i>Jemima D</i>	<b>3/4T</b>	<i>Matthew T</i>	<b>4A</b>	<i>Evie S</i>
<b>5S</b>	<i>Evelyn W</i>	<b>5/6T</b>	<i>Esther A</i>	<b>6A</b>	<i>Lola F-B</i>

### CITIZEN'S AWARD

<i>Lilly W-A</i>	<i>5/6T</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

Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> November will be week 2 of the Autumn/Winter Menu

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

During November, the month of the Holy Souls, we continue to pray for friends and family who have died. Pages for our remembrance book are available in the school entrance.

This week we have had a team in from STEM First, delivering a STEM Cyber Workshop with Classes 5/6T and 6A. The children had a great time problem solving and completing the 'escape room' challenges. The team complimented the children's behaviour, resilience and perseverance during the day – well done children! A similar workshop will be delivered for Class 5S later in the school year.

It was lovely to see so many parents attending the coffee morning with Mrs Alty and Mrs Thornton this morning. More events to be advertised in the new year!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Barnes

### Christmas Lunch –Thursday, 19th December, 2024

Our kitchen staff will be placing their food order for our Christmas lunch on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. Please can we ask, if your child wants a lunch and you haven't already returned the order form, that you do so on Monday. Please be aware, we will not be able to accept any additional orders after Monday.

### Uniform Swap Shop

Our uniform swap shop is now on display in the school entrance. Please feel free to pop in and help yourself to any items of pre-loved uniform.

### Tempest Individual and Family Photographs

Tempest Photography will be visiting school on Wednesday, 20th November, to take individual and family photographs.

### Plea for unwanted wool/yarn

If anyone has any spare/unwanted wool/yarn we would be extremely grateful if you could consider donating it to school for craft activities. Many thanks in advance.

### Polite Reminder – No Dogs on School Premises

A parent has contacted us regarding an incident of dog fouling on the school path during pick up time. Please can we remind you that dogs are not allowed on the school premises.



### *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  
**Show Racism the Red Card** – Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October  
**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  
**School Photographs** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
**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  
**Parish Carol Concert** – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm  
**UKS2 Carol Service** – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December – 6.00pm  
**EYFS Nativity** – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December – 10.00am / 2.15pm  
**Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day** – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December  
**Whole School Mass** – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15am  
**School Closes for Christmas** – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December – 1.30pm

### Advent Service

All the children from Years 3 and 4 will be leading the Advent Service in church on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, at 6.00pm but everyone is welcome to attend.

## KS2 Outdoor Area

Our KS2 outdoor area is almost complete now, and we are thoroughly grateful for the contribution from FOSTA to enable the children to have this fantastic area to use. The children are having lots of fun exploring with the new equipment in the area and, once all deliveries are complete, we will officially open it. We hope that the children have had many positive things to say about their new experiences.



Attendance – Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	91.3%
Rec T	97.3%
1/2S	97.3%
1/2T	93.5%
<b>1/2A</b>	<b>98.7%</b>
3S	93.7%
3/4T	96.9%
4A	96.8%
5S	94.2%
5/6T	98.1%
6A	94.5%
Whole School	<b>95.7%</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.

**No Lates** - A huge well done to classes 1/2S, 1/2A and 5S who have had no lates 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.

### FTW Campaign: 'Be the Change – Save the Change'

A special mention goes to Class 4A who this week are in the lead filling their bottle with loose change from home.



We would appreciate your support by allowing your child to continue bringing into school any loose change that you are happy to donate.

### Advance Notice - Christmas Jumper Day

We will be having our Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, to coincide with our Christmas lunch.



### Parent Pay Accounts

Please can we ask that our KS2 parents log into your child's parent pay account and ensure that there are no outstanding balances for school lunches. Please can we remind you that ALL meals must be paid for in advance.

### School Admissions – September 2025

Online applications through:- [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) for primary school places for the September 2025 intake are now open with a closing date of:-

Wednesday, 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. Baptism Certificates are also required. Both documents must be handed to school prior to the closing date.**

### FOSTA News

#### Christmas Family Disco



FOSTA's Christmas Family Disco is a sell out and we are sure that it is going to be a fantastic evening.







# OUR JINGLE BELL JOG IS BACK!

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**  
 Arrive from 11.30am - Jog starts 12 noon  
 Where: UCLAR Sports Arena, Preston  
 Why: To have a blast while raising funds for our Children's Fund!

Join us for a fun-filled 1-mile festive jog to support our Children's Fund! Bring the whole family along for a day of excitement, featuring special guests, including the big man himself - SANTA!

Don't forget to wear your best costume because we'll be awarding prizes for the best fancy dress!

Book your tickets today at [www.fthcharity.org.uk](http://www.fthcharity.org.uk) or contact Lucy Clark at 01772 528500.

We can't wait to see you there!

Just **£3** per person

**£10** for a family of 4



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## THE <sup>Wednesday</sup> WORD SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus (using the language and imagery of His time) describes the 'earth-shaking' signs of His return at the end of time. The Gospel gives us only images about the end of the world, not a detailed time-table.

Jesus reminds us to look beyond the troubles of the world, to something far more important. Jesus assures us that although many things in the world may change,

His words will last forever. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded in His life and in the life to come.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **Faithfulness**.

Dom Henry Wierzbrough

**A Word from Pope Francis** "Let us give thanks for all the blessings which God has bestowed on us, especially for His patience and for His Faithfulness."

### THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the time for the end of the world is near, many things will happen. In those days they will see the Son of Man approaching in the clouds with great power and glory; then he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father."

Adapted from Mark 13:24-32  
 The 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Come and learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church and say a prayer for your family & friends; all are very warmly invited.

**2024 The Year of Prophan Family Time Prayer & Share**

### Good News for Everyone

When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable and trustworthy, who are loyal and have staying power through both good times and bad times. We can all ask God to help us to grow in faithfulness. It's a gift worth asking for.

SPREAD THE WORD and bring GOOD NEWS to your friends by sharing THE WEDNESDAY WORD

