

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 2024

<i>Rec S</i>	<i>Alessia B</i>			<i>Rec T</i>	<i>Beatrice P</i>
<i>1/2S</i>	<i>Benett J</i>	<i>1/2T</i>	<i>Miles J</i>	<i>1/2A</i>	<i>Harry B</i>
<i>3S</i>	<i>Hugo G</i>	<i>3/4T</i>	<i>Harrison L</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>Lewis W</i>
<i>5S</i>	<i>Ali E</i>	<i>5/6T</i>	<i>Emmanuel S</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Maya-Rose N</i>

CITIZEN AWARDS

<i>Holly B</i>	<i>3S</i>
<i>Lucy C</i>	<i>6A</i>

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

<i>Louie B</i>	<i>1/2T</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 2nd December will be week 1 of the Autumn/Winter Menu

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

It was lovely to welcome the Reception parents into school on Wednesday for a 'stay and play' session – the children very much enjoyed sharing phonics and reading activities with their parents.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the parent survey for our RE Inspection this week. Inspectors were in school for two days looking at our Catholic life, curriculum RE and prayer and liturgy. During the inspection, the children were exemplary and made us very proud. We look forward to sharing the report when we receive it (it usually takes around 2 weeks!)

We have a very busy week next week with our Year 3 and Year 4 children leading our Advent Service in church on Tuesday evening – everyone is welcome. We also have two PTFA events; movie night on Thursday evening and our Christmas Fair on Friday afternoon – thank you to everyone for the donation of prizes for our non-uniform day today.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Barnes

Whole School Break time Snack

Next term's toast/fruit toast, available to all children in school, can now be purchased through parent pay accounts with a deadline date of Friday, 13th December. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take orders after the deadline day.

Whole School Milk

Next term's milk can now be purchased through parent pay accounts with a deadline date of Friday, 13th December. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take orders after the deadline day.

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



Our 'Be the Change – Save the Change' campaign continues and this week our leading class bottles are: - Classes 1/2A and 4A. Well done!

We are fully appreciative of the donations you make and hope that you continue to donate your loose change.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



The Royal British Legion would like to thank you for your huge efforts in raising £409.37 towards this year's Poppy campaign. This was the 3rd highest amount out of the twenty four schools in the Preston West area, which is a fantastic achievement.



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
- Show Racism the Red Card** – Friday, 18th October
- 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
- School Photographs** – Wednesday 20th November
- 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
- OLCHS Cluster Advent Service** – Wednesday 4th December – 6.00pm
- 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
- Parish Carol Concert** – Sunday 15th December – 2pm
- UKS2 Carol Service** – Tuesday, 17th December - 6.00pm
- EYFS Nativity** – Wednesday, 18th December – 10.00am / 2.15pm
- Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day** – Thursday, 19th December
- Whole School Mass** – Friday, 20th December - 9.15am
- School closes for Christmas** – Friday, 20th December - 1.30pm

Message from Tempest Photography

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free **delivery** back to school is **Tuesday, 3rd December**. Orders can be placed through the Tempest website using your unique link or by visiting www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you require any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Whole School Christmas Film Night

School and the FOSTA team are holding a Christmas Film Night from 6.00pm – 8.00pm on Thursday, 5th December. The event will cost £5.00 per child, which includes popcorn, a bar of chocolate OR haribo and a drink of hot chocolate or juice – payable through parent pay.

If your child has a specific dietary requirement or ALLERGY, please inform the school office so that we can accommodate for your child's needs.

Children are able to wear their pyjamas and bring a teddy or blanket. However, this is optional and not necessary if they prefer to wear something else.

This is an ideal opportunity for you to do some Christmas shopping or wrap presents whilst your little ones are having fun at our Film Night.

Thank you from school and the FOSTA team for supporting us and helping to raise money towards more fun and educational resources for school.

Attendance – Friday, 22nd November to Thursday, 28th November, 2024

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	84.8%
Rec T	95.0%
1/2S	85.0%
1/2T	96.8%
1/2A	94.0%
3S	96.0%
3/4T	94.8%
4A	94.8%
5S	96.1%
5/6T	94.8%
6A	91.4%
Whole School	93.2%
Whole School	96.0%
Target	

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to class 1/2T who have achieved 96.8% attendance this week.

No Lates - A huge well done to classes Reception T and 1/2A 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



Christmas Events

All the children are looking forward to you coming to watch them perform in their special Advent and Christmas events.

Years 3 and 4 have an Advent Service in church on Tuesday, 3rd December at 6.00pm.

Years 1 and 2 have two Nativities in church on Wednesday, 11th December at 10.30am and 5.15pm – PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE OF THE FIRST NATIVITY FROM AFTERNOON TO MORNING

Years 5 and 6 have a Carol Service in church on Tuesday, 17th December at 6.00pm.

The Reception classes have Nativities in school on Wednesday, 18th December at 10.00am and 2.15pm

Christmas Jumper Day

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



School Led Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs

Advance Notice - All school led before and after school extra-curricular clubs will finish on **Friday, 13th December** until after Christmas.

School Admissions – September 2025

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

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

FOSTA News

Christmas Hamper Raffle Donations

As is tradition, we are collecting items for our class Christmas hampers that we will be raffling in school on Thursday, 19th December. Each class teacher has a list of suggested items and we would be grateful if you could sign up to donate one of the items from the list. Please can you send your donations to school by Friday, 13th December so that the FOSTA team have time to make up each class hamper. Thank you to those who have already donated prizes and thank you for your support.

Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets

FOSTA are running their Annual Christmas hamper raffle that will be drawn in school on Thursday, 19th December. All children should have brought home a book of raffle tickets to sell with the first prize being one of our eleven amazing Christmas hampers. Please return all tickets to school by Friday, 13th December, along with any unsold tickets to abide by the Lottery's Act. Extra books of raffle tickets are available from the school office if needed.

Christmas Fair – Friday, 6th December

The Christmas fair will take place in school on Friday, 6th December commencing in the afternoon and continuing after school when parents are welcome to join their children. There will be stalls and Christmas games costing between 50p and £1.00 and children are invited to bring some money to spend. OLCBS Y10 entrepreneurs will also be running a stall, as will our Mini-Vinnies and we will have a special visit from Father Christmas.

A big thank you from FOSTA for all of your support, it is very much appreciated.

Local Area SEND Partnership Inspection

OFSTED and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are currently inspecting the local authority. This inspection aims to provide an independent, external evaluation of the effectiveness of the partnership arrangements for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). It will also assess how well members of our local area partnership work together to improve the experiences and outcomes for these children and young people, including those at SEN Support and with Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs).

The local authority would very much value your opinion and ask that you complete the OFSTED survey below before Tuesday, 3rd December:-

<https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10327156>

THE Wednesday WORD **SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday 27th November 2024

This Sunday is the start of the season of Advent, a word which means 'important arrival'. Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus.

The Gospel reminds us that there is no time to lose. We shouldn't put off our good resolutions until New Year. Now, Advent, is the time to think about the way we live our lives and begin to make any necessary changes.

The message is clear for all of us: we are to 'stay awake!' Pope Francis reminds us, "Christ asks us to be wide awake and alert, to see the things in life that really matter."

Enrich this special season through exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **ADVENT**.

Dom Henry Warehough

A Word from Pope Francis "Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Prince of Peace. It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 1st December 2024

Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars and on the earth, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man approaching in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand upright, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Watch yourselves; be careful not to let your hearts be weighed down with the cares of life. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."

Adapted from Luke 21:25-28:31-36
The 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

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 Preparing for Christmas: Family Time Overleaf

Having Hope in our Families Advent reminds us that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, into our world. Let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome him, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God, through living a good life!

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



Join
**SAINT ANTHONY'S
SINGERS**
for a

CAROL CONCERT with Nativity readings

featuring children from St Anthony's Primary School

St Anthony's Church, Cadley Causeway
2.00pm Sunday 15 December 2024

and afterwards a
Festive Singalong
with **LOST & FOUND**



in St Anthony's Club
Refreshments available.

Pocket money presents, Auction and Sale of Work
Cash only please

All proceeds to our 2024 Parish Charities:

* The Mary O' Gara Foundation

* Sightsavers



Recruiting for September 2025

Catholic Teaching Alliance - Train to Teach in Local Schools

Have you thought about a career in teaching?

Established since 2014, the CTA has 10 years' experience in delivering teacher training.

Train locally - schools in Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool or the Fylde coast.

Apply now for a September 2025 start

PGCE with QTS

Minimum requirements for our teacher training courses are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary), plus an honours degree, class 2:2 or above.

For more information

Call: 01772 326931

Email: CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Website: <https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/pgce-courses.html>

Three Left Feet Christmas Performances

Three Left Feet Company are hosting the following spellbinding events for children and families:-

Christmas Tales with Mrs Claus



Date: 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th December

Run time: 45 minutes with 15-minute photo opportunity with Mrs Claus and Jingle the Elf included

Venue: Ashton Memorial, Williamson Park, Lancaster

Cosy down by the fireplace surrounded by the shimmering lights of the Christmas tree for an adorable and enchanting storytelling experience that is sure to get you feeling festive! The one and only Mrs Claus has travelled all the way from the North Pole to tell you a heart-warming collection of holiday tales with the help of her favourite elf.

As you settle in for the stories, remember that Christmas is a season bursting with wonder and delightful surprises... Who knows? Just when you least expect it, things might take an unexpectedly magical turn!

This show is perfect for little ones and all those who believe. This performance does not feature Father Christmas in person, he's a little busy preparing for the big day!

£10.00 Child, £12.00 Adult - available to book online via TryBooking

STILL WORKING?

NEED TO GET THE REST OF THE SHOPPING DONE?

WANT THE KIDS OUT OF THE HOUSE WHILE YOU PREPARE FOR THE BIG DAY?

OR JUST WANT TO TIRE THEM OUT SO THEY SLEEP ON CHRISTMAS EVE.



JUST
£16

Christmas multi-sports fun day

23rd

DECEMBER
8AM-5PM

ALSTON LANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dont miss the festive fun! very limited space
TEXT GARETH TO BOOK 07840193500

Magic Christmas Toyshop - part of Christmas at the Castle



Date: 21st & 22nd December

Run time: Between 11.00am-1.00pm & 2.00pm-4.00pm

Venue: Lancaster Castle

*Step inside The Magic Toyshop for an exciting, immersive festive experience at **Lancaster Castle** this Christmas! You'll be transported back in time to a magical Victorian Toyshop where our eccentric toy maker and his larger-than-life creations cannot wait to meet you. From life-sized toy soldiers, to a ballerina in a music box, and even a song and dance by a marionette, the delights of the Magic Toy Shop will astound and amaze all who step inside.*

This event is free and no booking is necessary.

The walk-through experience should last approximately 5-10 minutes and is wheelchair accessible.

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- Boost communication & social skills
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Find your nearest Preston venue

Mini Voices age 4-7, Little Voices age 7-12, Voices age 13-18

Leyland

Balshaw's School, Church Rd,
 Leyland PR25 3AH

Bamber Bridge

Valley Church, Bamber Bridge,
 Preston PR5 6GS

Fulwood

Christ Church, Victoria Rd,
 Preston PR2 8NE

Chorley

Primrose Gardens, Fleet Street,
 Chorley, PR7 2EE



WEDNESDAYS
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Food Access



The Household Support Fund

- ✓ Help for you & your family
- ✓ Options to help with food / toiletries / clothing
- ✓ Help with gas & electricity
- ✓ Help with household items

Email: household@preston.gov.uk
 Tel: 01772 906777
 Website: www.preston.gov.uk/householdsupportfund

Work clubs

Please visit the Help in Preston website www.helpinpreston.com/article/2708/Work-Clubs or www.helpinpreston.com/fortnightly-job-bulletin for further information or email: S.Little@preston.gov.uk

Looking for jobs?

Useful information and links to live job vacancies in Preston area can be found here www.helpinpreston.com/weekly-job-bulletin

Financial and debt advice

Please contact Lisa Gray email: L.Gray@preston.gov.uk

Healthy Start Scheme
 If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.
 If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. We'll add your benefit onto this card every 4 weeks.
 E: healthy_start@nhs.uk
 T: 0300 330 7010

Lancashire County Council Free School Meals
 If you are in receipt of benefits and you have children, they may be entitled to free school meals.
 E: fm.south@lancashire.gov.uk

Help In Preston website provides a list of local services including a food access page:

www.helpinpreston.com

EMERGENCY FOOD PARCELS

If you have no food and no money to buy any, you may be eligible for an emergency food parcel, please contact the providers below:

- Lay Preston:**
 City Office
 Email: contact@laypreston.com
 Tel: 01772 288227
- Preston Community Hub:**
 100 South Street, Preston
 Email: prestoncommunityhub@preston.gov.uk
 Tel: 01772 238887
- Salvation Army:**
 City Office
 Email: preston@salvationarmy.org.uk
 Tel: 01772 589425
- Near Food Bank:**
 City Office
 Email: preston@nearfoodbank.co.uk
 Website: www.nearfoodbank.co.uk
- Share IT:**
 100 South Street, Preston
 Tel: 01772 277776
 Email: shareit@shareit.org.uk
 Website: www.shareitpreston.org.uk
- Peterborough Food Bank:**
 100 South Street, Preston
 Email: preston@peterboroughfoodbank.org.uk
- Sahara in Preston:**
 100 South Street, Preston
 Email: sahara@preston.saharainpreston.com
 Tel: 01772 788280
- Ashton Food Aid:**
 100 South Street, Preston
 Email: ashtonfoodaid@gmail.com

- FOOD PANTRIES**
 (Membership fee of £2.50 - £3.00)
- The Intract Centre:**
 100 South Street, Preston
 Tel: 01772 288227
 - Ascension Church:**
 100 South Street, Preston
 Email: ascensionchurchpreston@gmail.com
 Tel: 01772 288227
 - Broadgate Food Pantry:**
 100 South Street, Preston
 Email: ashton_foodaid@preston.gov.uk
 Tel: 01772 912227
 - Preston's Promise Food Pantry:**
 100 South Street, Preston
 Email: prestonpromise@gmail.com
 - Project Fit Preston CIC:**
 City Office
 Email: preston@projectfitpreston.com
 Tel: 01772 288227

- HOT MEAL PROVIDERS**
- Preston United Youth Development Programme Family Food Hub:**
 100 South Street, Preston
 Email: prestonfamilyfoodhub@preston.gov.uk
 Tel: 01772 288227
 - Crucigate Church:**
 City Office
 Email: crucigate@crucigatechurch.org.uk
 Tel: 01772 288227
 - Lay Preston:**
 City Office
 Tel: 01772 288227
 - Pillingington Community Centre:**
 100 South Street, Preston
 Tel: 01772 288227

Contact all the firms of prest. For updated services please visit www.helpinpreston.com

Many faith and community groups also offer support via their Holiday Food Markets. If you live close to a faith or community group such as a church or mosque, please contact them to ask if they offer any support in accessing food.