

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 2024

<b>Rec S</b>	<i>Astrid K</i>			<b>Rec T</b>	<i>Olive D</i>
<b>1/2S</b>	<i>Noah F</i>	<b>1/2T</b>	<i>Primrose B</i>	<b>1/2A</b>	<i>James W</i>
<b>3S</b>	<i>Filip K</i>	<b>3/4T</b>	<i>Hope B</i>	<b>4A</b>	<i>Vincent G</i>
<b>5S</b>	<i>Lnyah A-T</i>	<b>5/6T</b>	<i>Ava R</i>	<b>6A</b>	<i>Jayden N</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 11<sup>th</sup> November 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 is lovely to see our Year 6 children proudly wearing their Leavers Hoodies in school. The children are able to wear them as part of their uniform, getting maximum use out of them!

This week we held our Open Day for prospective Reception parents. Our Year 6 children showed the families around school and we are incredibly proud of how they represented our school – well done children!

We have begun trialing the Class Dojo platform with our Year 3 and Year 4 classes – thank you to the parents who have signed up. If the trial is successful, we will roll it out to the rest of the school.

November is the month of the Holy Souls; we are creating a Remembrance Book to remember our family and friends who have died. Our children have been given a sheet to complete, but additional pages are available in the school entrance if needed. At 11.00am on Monday, we will be marking Remembrance Day by holding a minute's silence to remember those who died during times of conflict – we will remember them!

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Barnes

## Reception 2025 Open Day Event

We held our open day event this week and our Year 6 leaders had the opportunity to show off our lovely school to the parents and children who attended. Our children were BRILLIANT and we have had some great feedback about their conduct and behaviour as well as how knowledgeable they were about our school. The children are a credit to St. Anthony's and to their families too! A big thank you for being so amazing!

## KS2 Outdoor Area

Our KS2 Outdoor Area is almost complete, the renovation work has now finished, and we are in the final stages of waiting on deliveries of various items to add to this area.

We would like to thank all parents who voted for the renovation of this area, which will support the learning and enrichment of our children now and in future years to come. We would also like to thank all parents and our FOSTA team who helped raise the funds for this project, none of this would be possible without your contributions.



## *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  
**~~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

### St. Anthony's Coffee Morning Invite

On Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, we are excited to be hosting a Coffee Morning in association with Family Learning and Children and Families Teams. If you would like to join us, please either email Mrs Alty – [s.alty@st-anthonys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.alty@st-anthonys.lancs.sch.uk) or let the school office know.

There will also be the opportunity to take any items from our pre-loved uniform stock which will be on display.



### Tempest Individual and Family Photographs

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.

Attendance – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November to Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	93.0%
Rec T	93.6%
1/2S	94.7%
1/2T	97.7%
1/2A	96.3%
3S	95.0%
3/4T	96.6%
4A	94.8%
5S	98.7%
5/6T	98.7%
6A	92.4%
Whole School	95.7%
Whole School Target	96.0%

**Attendance Winners** - A huge well done to classes 5S and 5/6T who have achieved 98.7% attendance this week.

**No Lates** - A huge well done to classes Reception T, 1/2S, 1/2A and 5/6T 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.

### Sporting News

This week, a group of our children from Class 1/2A represented St. Anthony's in the KS1 Mini Skills tournament. All the children who took part demonstrated great skill, resilience and teamwork. Despite it being a range of new activities for us, our children learnt very quickly and got better with every try. A huge well done to all involved and thank you for being such wonderful representatives of St. Anthony's.



### Fairtrade Warriors News

Our FTW campaign: 'Be the Change – Save the Change' is well underway. This week a special mention goes to Classes 4A, 5/6T and 6A who are all doing well in filling their bottles with loose change from home.



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

### 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 Treasurer Vacancy

FOSTA's treasurer, Sharon Davies, is stepping down this year and FOSTA are looking for a new treasurer to join the committee. If anyone is interested, or would like more information, please contact the school office. The role involves ordering/collecting floats for events, banking income and managing the bank accounts.







# OUR JINGLE BELL JOG IS BACK!

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Arrive from 11.30am - Jog starts 12 noon  
 Where: UCLAN Sports Arena, Preston  
 Why: To have a blast while raising funds for our Children's Fund!



Scan to sign up!

Just £3 per person

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 prizes, including the big one himself - SANTA!

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



Ready to go?

369

£10 for a family of 4

Book your tickets today at [www.lthcharity.org.uk](http://www.lthcharity.org.uk) or contact Lucy Clark at 01772 528506.

We can't wait to see you there!

**RWANDA GROUP TRUST**

**TABLE TOP SALES**

**SATURDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 10AM-1PM**

**ST. ANTHONY'S ANNEXE**

**ST. ANTHONY'S DRIVE**

**(NEXT TO OUR LADY'S HIGH SCHOOL)**

**CHRISTMAS CRAFTS/TOYS/GIFTS/'PRE-LOVED' CLOTHES AND ITEMS**



CONTACT BERNADETTE TO BOOK A TABLE FOR £10:

07734 972897/grannyrazzle2024@hotmail.com

## THE Wednesday WORD SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL A Gift to You & Your Family from Your Catholic School

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

God wants us to trust and depend on Him, and to share our gifts of time, talent and money to help others. When used well, our gifts help us to find our purpose in life and to improve the lives of those around us.

This Sunday's Gospel shows us that even the smallest of good deeds, done with love, does not escape Jesus' attention. The widow's gift was so little that, in some ways, it would hardly make much difference.

But Jesus reminds us that the amount we give is not as important as the love with which we give a gift.

The Wednesday Word is a weekly gift from your school - to you and your family. Enjoy a very special time together exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **GIFT**.

Don Henry Westrough

A Word from Pope Francis: "Life is a precious gift, but we realize this only when we give it to others."

### THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted with respect in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive." He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over but she, from the little she had, has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on."

Adapted from Mark 12:38-44  
 The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share

Good News for Everyone

We are all unique and valuable to God. Out of His love for us, God has entrusted us with individual gifts to bring to the world - gifts to be shared. The value of our gift is greatly increased when given with love. Sharing our gifts, with love, brings us closer to God.

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

