

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 2024

<i>Rec S</i>	<i>Lucius R</i>			<i>Rec T</i>	<i>Darragh C</i>
<i>1/2S</i>	<i>Thea-May N</i>	<i>1/2T</i>	<i>John David A</i>	<i>1/2A</i>	<i>Gabi P</i>
<i>3S</i>	<i>Jacob T</i>	<i>3/4T</i>	<i>Harriet H</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>Monica B</i>
<i>5S</i>	<i>Josiah Q</i>	<i>5/6T</i>	<i>William C</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Daisy McC</i>

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

<i>1/2A</i>	<i>Ethan S</i>
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CITIZEN'S AWARD

<i>4A</i>	<i>Charlie B</i>
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office@st-anthonys.lancs.sch.uk

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 16th December will be week 3 of the Autumn/Winter Menu

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

During the second week of advent, our Years 1 and 2 children led us in two beautiful nativities in church. They sang carols, undertook readings and created a lovely tableau reminding us of the real meaning of Christmas – thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended.

We also had a 'guitar assembly' when children, who have guitar lessons in school, showcased their talents – again thank you to parents for attending.

FOSTA have been very busy this month and we thank them for putting on our Christmas Fair last week and for hosting the FOSTA Christmas party in the social club tonight.

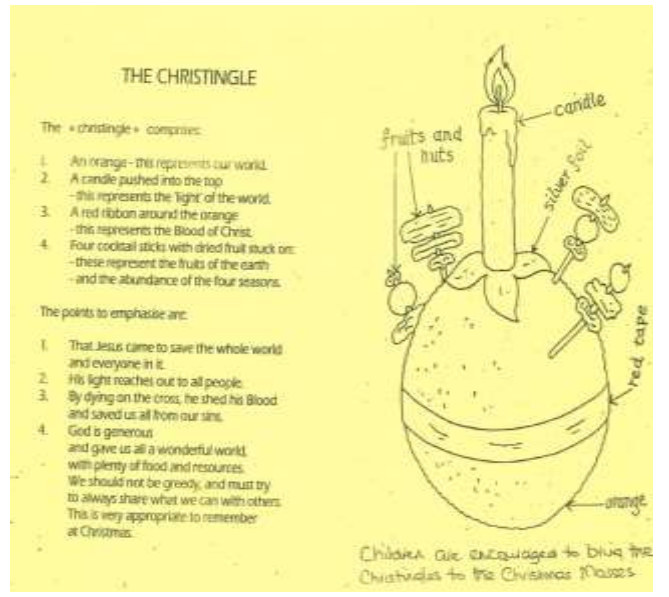
It was lovely to be able to share our latest RE inspection report with you this week. We were thrilled to have been graded outstanding in all areas.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Barnes

Christingles

Everyone is invited to join us at the 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass or the 9.30am Christmas morning Mass. Children are encouraged to make and bring a 'christingle' with them – please see instructions below. Children will be invited to bring them up to the altar during the Mass.



Sporting News

Our Year 5/6 football team played a fantastic match against St. Andrew's, displaying excellent organisation, teamwork, and commitment. Despite the 3-0 scoreline, they fought hard until the final whistle, showcasing their skills and determination. While the result may not reflect their efforts, the team's performance was commendable and a testament to their dedication to the sport.

Carol Concert – Sunday, 15th December

Please can we request that those children who are taking part in this Sunday's Carol Concert be at church for 1.40pm prompt. The children are able to wear their own clothes/Christmas jumper.



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 – 10.15pm / 5.15pm
- Parish Carol Concert** – Sunday 15th December – 2pm
- Christmas Parties** – Tuesday 17th December
- 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

Christmas Party Day

Tuesday, 17th December, is our whole school party day and children are able to come to school in their party clothes.

Years 5 and 6 Carol Service

On Tuesday, 17th December, our Years 5 and 6 children will be taking part in a Carol Service at church. The service will start at 6.00pm and last approximately one hour. Children will need to be in school uniform and arrive by 5.45pm. If your child is unable to attend, please inform your child's teacher as soon as possible. It would be lovely to see as many family members and friends as possible to celebrate this Christmas celebration.

Christmas Events

Our special Christmas performances continue. The children have been practising so hard and are really looking forward to you coming to watch them shine.

Next week is the turn of our:-

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

and:-

our Reception children who have Nativities in school on Wednesday, 18th December at 10.00am and 2.15pm

Christmas Jumper and Lunch Day

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



Attendance – Friday, 6th December to Thursday, 12th December, 2024

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	92.2%
Rec T	92.7%
1/2S	89.7%
1/2T	94.2%
1/2A	90.7%
3S	95.5%
3/4T	94.7%
4A	96.5%
5S	97.7%
5/6T	96.5%
6A	95.2%
Whole School	94.2%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to class 5S who have achieved 97.7% attendance this week.

No Lates – Unfortunately, all of our classes have had 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.



School Led Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs

Just to remind you, ALL school led before and after school extra-curricular clubs finish today, **13th December**, until after Christmas.

Whole School Break time Snack Deadline Day

Today, 13th December, is deadline day for purchasing next term's toast/fruit toast. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take orders after today.

Whole School Milk Deadline Day

Today, 13th December, is deadline day for purchasing next term's milk. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take orders after today.

Polite Reminder

Please can we remind you, the annexe car park isn't for school use and, therefore, parking is prohibited at all times.

End of Term Reminder

Just to remind you, next Friday, 20th December, is the last day of term and school closes at 1.30pm prompt.

Scarlet Fever Case

We have a case of scarlet fever in school. Please visit [Scarlet fever - NHS](#) which contains advise on what to do if you suspect that your child has scarlet fever.

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 and Raffle Tickets

FOSTA will be drawing their annual Christmas hamper raffle in school on Thursday, 19th December. Please can we request that any outstanding hamper donations and raffle tickets we sent in on Monday, 16th December.

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



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



Our 'Be the Change – Save the Change' campaign continues and this week our leading class bottle is:- Class 4A again.

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



Drinks and Snacks

Please can we ask that you avoid sending children to school with sweets, nuts, fizzy or energy drinks. Children are allowed cordial as part of their packed lunch but we encourage the drinking of water throughout the day to keep children hydrated.

No Nuts Reminder

We have children in school with severe nut allergies so please ensure that children's packed lunches **DO NOT** contain nuts.

No Make Up

Please can we remind you that make up does not form part of our school uniform. Please can all children, therefore, refrain from wearing any type of make up for school.


Stationery

Children are provided with stationery for use in class so there is no need for them to bring any stationery or pencil cases from home.

Wednesday 11th December **Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME**

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

When the crowds asked John the Baptist, "what must we do?" He answered, "If anyone has two coats they should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and they said to him, "Master, what must we do?" He said to them, "Don't collect any more than you should." Then he said to some soldiers, "Don't force people to pay money to make you leave them alone, but be satisfied with your pay." By now, a feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John the Baptist might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandal strap."



From the Gospel of Sunday 15th December 2024 Luke 3: 10-18 (the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **MERCY**.





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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

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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 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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4-18

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- Boost communication & social skills
- Small class sizes of no more than 8
- LAMDA examinations

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Rachel@littlevoices.org.uk
 littlevoices.org.uk/preston



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

Leyland

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

WEDNESDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL

Bamber Bridge

Valley Church, Bamber Bridge,
 Preston PR5 6GS

THURSDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL

Fulwood

Christ Church, Victoria Rd,
 Preston PR2 8NE

MONDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL

Chorley

Primrose Gardens, Fleet Street,
 Chorley, PR7 2EE

TUESDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL



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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



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 559425
- 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
 Tel: 01772 288227
- Ascension Church:**
 100 South Street
 Email: preston@ascensionchurch.org.uk
 Tel: 01772 288227
- Broadgate Food Pantry:**
 100 South Street
 Email: preston@broadgatefoodpantry.org.uk
 Tel: 01772 288227
- Preston's Promise Food Pantry:**
 100 South Street, Preston
 Email: preston@prestonpromise.org.uk
- Project Fit Preston CIC:**
 City Office
 Email: preston@projectfit.org.uk
 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: preston@crucigatechurch.org.uk
 Tel: 01772 288227
- Lila Preston:**
 City Office
 Tel: 01772 288227
- Pilgrimage 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.