

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 2024

<i>Rec S</i>	<i>Kiera B</i>			<i>Rec T</i>	<i>Holly W</i>
<i>1/2S</i>	<i>Ella H</i>	<i>1/2T</i>	<i>Vincent M</i>	<i>1/2A</i>	<i>Penelope O'D</i>
<i>3S</i>	<i>Adimchi O</i>	<i>3/4T</i>	<i>Grace McG</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>Zabah B</i>
<i>5S</i>	<i>Harriet B</i>	<i>5/6T</i>	<i>Betty P</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Zach R-G</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 6<sup>th</sup> January 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

We have had a week full of carols this week: a group of children took part in the Parish Carol Service last Sunday, our Years 5 and 6 children led the school carol service on Tuesday, our peace ambassadors visited Brooklands Nursing Home to sing carols and a group of children sang to elderly parishioners in the social club. With our EYFS Nativity, Christmas parties and Christmas lunch it certainly has been a festive week!

We have drawn the Christmas raffle this week – all winners have been notified. A huge thank you to FOSTA for their fund raising for school this term, they have raised an amazing total £2,814.00! Thank you to all the parents for supporting them in their efforts to raise money and create memories for our children.

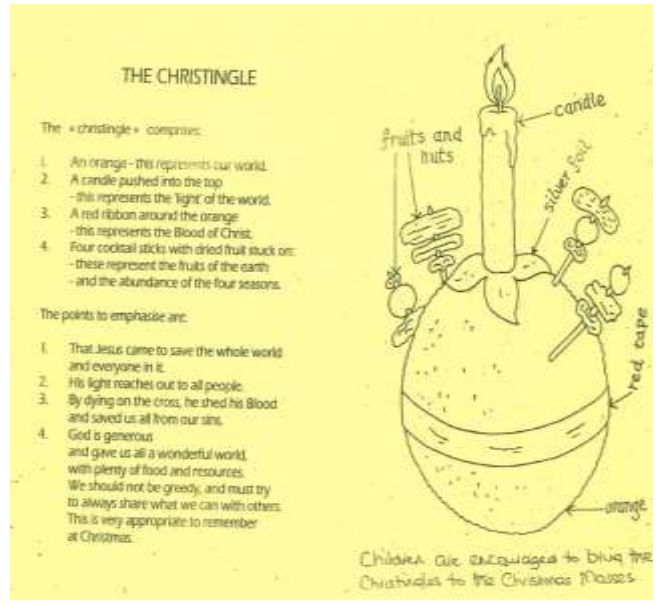
Please do check the diary dates section for the dates and times of class Masses and assemblies for next term.

Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas!

Mrs Barnes

## Christingle

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



## Christmas Wishes

Mrs. Cartwright and I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2025.

## Years 5 and 6 Carol Service

It was wonderful to see so many families and friends at the Years 5 and 6 Carol Service at Church on Tuesday evening. It was a memorable occasion full of music, reflection and festive joy. The children were outstanding and performed the carols and readings beautifully. Thank you to all who attended and, of course, to our amazing pupils for their marvellous performance.



## *Dates for your diary*

Y5 & Y6 Greek History Day – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January  
Whole School Mass – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January – 9.15am  
Y5S Class Assembly – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – 9.05am  
Y5/6 Crucial Crew visit  
Y3S Class Mass – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – 9.15am  
Y3/4T Class Assembly – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – 9.05am  
Y5/6T Class Mass – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – 9.15am  
Y1/2S Class Mass – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – 9.15am  
Y1/2T Class Assembly – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 9.05am  
RecS & RecT Class Assembly – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – 9.05am  
Y6A Class Mass – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 9.15am  
Y4A Class Assembly – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – 9.05am  
Y1/2A Class Mass – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – 9.15am  
Y5S Class Mass – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – 9.15am  
Y5/6T Class Assembly – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 9.05am  
Whole School Mass (Ash Wednesday) – 5<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am  
World Book Day (Dressing-up) – 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Y1/2S Class Assembly – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – 9.05am  
Y3/4 Class Mass – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am  
Y6A Class Assembly – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 9.05am  
Y1/2T Class Mass – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am  
Y3S Class Assembly – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 9.05am  
Y4A Class Mass – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am  
Y1/2A Class Assembly – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – 9.05am  
RecS & Rec T Class Mass – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 9.15am  
Easter Reflection (whole school) Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

### EYFS Nativity

We are extremely proud of the Reception children in how they performed their Nativity this week. They loved sharing the story of Jesus' birth through narration, singing and dancing! We hope everyone who watched the performance enjoyed it as much as they enjoyed performing it. Well done Reception!

### 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 yet again.

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



### FOSTA News

On behalf of our FOSTA team, we would like to say a huge thank you for helping them raise a huge amount of money from their recent Christmas events:-

Film Night - £735.00

Disco - £605.00

Raffle - £512.00

Fair - £962.00

Total money raised £2,814.00

I am sure that you will all join us in thanking our hard-working FOSTA team for giving their free time to raise money that will go towards fun and educational resources for our children.

Attendance – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December to Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	87.0%
Rec T	87.7%
1/2S	92.3%
1/2T	93.2%
1/2A	90.0%
3S	93.4%
3/4T	94.0%
<b>4A</b>	<b>95.0%</b>
5S	90.0%
5/6T	91.9%
6A	94.8%
Whole School	<b>92.0%</b>
Whole School Target	<b>96.0%</b>

**Attendance Winners** - A huge well done to class 4A who have achieved 95.0% attendance this week.

**No Lates** – Unfortunately, all of our classes have had lates this week.

Well done to the children who have achieved 100% attendance this term – 61 certificates were awarded in assembly.

### 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.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** **Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME**

**1 Enjoy reading the Gospel**

Mary had been told by an angel that she was to give birth to a son named Jesus. When she heard that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also going to have a baby, she went as quickly as she could to visit Elizabeth. Mary went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth gave a loud cry and said to Mary, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For as soon as your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed are you for believing the promise made to you by the Lord."



From the Gospel of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 - Luke 1:39-44 (the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C)

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

**2 "Spend time with someone in need, visit someone who is sick, offer a smile." Pope Francis**

What did Mary do when she heard about Elizabeth? In this Sunday's Gospel, even though Mary had many of her own preparations to make for the birth of Jesus, she still went out of her way to visit her elderly relative Elizabeth. Ask your child who they like to go and visit most? When did they last get a warm welcome and how did it make them feel? Who always makes them feel especially welcome and looked after? Tell your child about the people you like to visit.

**3 "Working together to practice hospitality, will make us better human beings." Pope Francis**

As a family, think about people who visit your home. Each of you say who most fills you with joy when they call to visit. What are some of the things we can do to make visitors feel more welcome this Christmas? Is there someone that you can invite for a meal, or to play, and make them feel especially valued - maybe a relative who lives on their own, or maybe a friend from school? Come and visit Church together this Sunday, giving thanks to God for all your family and friends and for the many blessings that Christmas brings. All are warmly invited.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to see all **visitors** to our home this Christmas as special people who are loved by you. Amen.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to ...



## NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that children can feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service. There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

