

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 2024

<i>Rec S</i>	<i>Teo J</i>			<i>Rec T</i>	<i>George H</i>
<i>1/2S</i>	<i>Clodagh G</i>	<i>1/2T</i>	<i>Elsie W</i>	<i>1/2A</i>	<i>Ethan S</i>
<i>3S</i>	<i>Caleb B</i>	<i>3/4T</i>	<i>Vincent O</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>Sera B</i>
<i>5S</i>	<i>Esme A</i>	<i>5/6T</i>	<i>Esme P</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Ethan H</i>

CITIZEN AWARD

<i>Rec T</i>	<i>Emilia J</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 9th December 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

We have had a lovely first week of Advent in school. Our Year 3 and Year 4 classes led us in a beautiful Advent service in church on Tuesday – they sang and read so well, it truly was a joy to attend. On Wednesday, a group of children participated in Our Lady's Catholic High School's Advent Service. They undertook readings and displayed artwork with a theme of 'love' – we are very proud of them. We have also decorated the school with Advent wreaths and many cribs as we prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas time.

Mrs. Carroll's Reception Class had their first class Mass, when they offered up their Advent promises. They did very well in church all receiving a blessing and displayed super behavior – well done Reception T.

Next week, we have two performances of KS1 Nativity in church and Mrs. Woodward's Year 6 Class are leading the school assembly on Tuesday – parents and grandparents welcome.

With our Christmas Fair this afternoon, I think everybody will be ready for the weekend – enjoy!

Mrs. Barnes

Film Night

A huge thank you goes to our hard-working FOSTA Team for giving up their own time to help organise/run our hugely successful Film Night. All money raised will go towards more fun and educational resources for school so thank you for your continued support. The children had so much fun!

Mary's Meals Message of Appreciation

We have received this lovely message of appreciation from Mary's Meals for raising £467.11 for their charity:-

"From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your incredible generosity which will have a life-changing impact on some of the world's poorest children, providing them with food, education and hope for a brighter future."

Sporting Wow Moment

Eight brave boys from Years 5/6 stepped up to represent school in a penalty shootout against another school at Deepdale, home of Preston North End. Facing a roaring crowd of thousands during the Preston vs. West Brom match, they showed incredible courage and determination with every penalty taken.



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
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

Guitar Assembly

Our children who are having guitar lessons on a Wednesday afternoon with Phil are performing in school on Wednesday, 11th December at 2.15pm. The children are really looking forward to their parents and grandparents joining them if commitments allow.

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.

Years 1 and 2 have two Nativities in church on Wednesday, 11th December at 10.15am 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.



Attendance – Friday, 29th November to Thursday, 5th December, 2024

Class	% Attendance
Rec S	82.6%
Rec T	93.6%
1/2S	82.7%
1/2T	95.2%
1/2A	94.0%
3S	95.5%
3/4T	93.3%
4A	95.2%
5S	96.1%
5/6T	96.8%
6A	94.1%
Whole School	92.9%
Whole School	96.0%
Target	

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to class 5/6T who have achieved 96.8% attendance this week.

No Lates - A huge well done to class Reception T 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.



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.

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.

FOSTA Reminder

Please can we remind you that the deadline date for hamper donations and raffle tickets is **Friday, 13th December**.

SEND Newsletter

Below is the link to Lancashire County Council's Winter SEND Newsletter.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/media/958481/send-newsletter-winter-2024.pdf>

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.

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.

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.

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday 4th December 2024

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about John the Baptist calling people to prepare themselves for Christ's arrival. John alerted the people of the need to change some of their ways and to the fact that Jesus was coming.

This Gospel can serve to remind us about the importance of preparing ourselves as Christmas approaches: to repent (to look into our hearts and see if there are any ways that we could make a change for the better), and to be busy doing the things that Jesus told us to do, loving God and loving one another through our words and through our deeds. In these ways we prepare our hearts to be filled with a joy that lasts long after the Christmas festivities have passed.

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

Dom Henry Warebrough

A Word from Pope Francis "In this second week of Advent, we ask for the grace to prepare ourselves with faith to celebrate Christmas."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 8th December 2024

At the time when Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of Judaea, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the desert. John went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice cries in the wilderness; prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all people will see the saving power of God.'


Adapted from Luke 3:1-6
The 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C

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 Preparing for Christmas: family time Overleaf

Having Hope in our Families John the Baptist encouraged people to change their hearts. His message is for us too. Good preparation is always important in everything we do. Preparing ourselves well for Christmas will help us to draw closer to Jesus, and so experience and share more of God's love.

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.

Does your child love to sing and act?
 Help your child reach their Full potential!



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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

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 AFTER SCHOOL

THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

MONDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

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

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:**
 Email: shareit@shareitpreston.com
 Website: www.shareitpreston.com
- 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:**
 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: ascensionchurchpreston@gmail.com
 Tel: 01772 288227
 - Broadgate Food Pantry:**
 100 South Street
 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
 Email: preston@preston.gov.uk
 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.