

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 2025

<i>Rec S</i>	<i>Ziyaan G</i>			<i>Rec T</i>	<i>Adam S</i>
<i>1/2S</i>	<i>Zainab P</i>	<i>1/2T</i>	<i>Hugh W</i>	<i>1/2A</i>	<i>Cassian S</i>
<i>3S</i>	<i>Hanna T</i>	<i>3/4T</i>	<i>Henry W</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>Bernard J</i>
<i>5S</i>	<i>Ronnie B</i>	<i>5/6T</i>	<i>Lucy G</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Lincoln B</i>

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

<i>Vinnie C</i>	<i>5S</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 20th January 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 busy week with all our extra-curricular clubs up and running before and after school (and during lunch-time!)

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who attended our Y5S assembly this week - the class read and sang beautifully. The behaviour of the rest of the children was exemplary, including our Reception Classes who joined our Tuesday assembly for the first time. Next week, we look forward to Y3/4T leading our worship.

You may be aware that Mrs. Carroll has impending maternity leave, which has had to start earlier than planned! She is well in herself, however unfortunately will not be returning until after her maternity leave - we wish her all the best for the arrival of her little one!

Punctuality has been disappointing over the last two weeks with every class having lates that disrupt learning for the class. Please can we ask that every effort be made for the children to be in class for 8.45am. Doors are opened from 8.40am.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs. Barnes

Years 3/4 Mini Skills Competition

On Tuesday, six of our children from Years 3/4 took part in the annual Under 9 Mini Skills Competition at West View Leisure Centre. The children completed various throwing, catching and relay events and competed against lots of other schools in Preston. The children represented school with pride and finished sixth place overall, which is a fantastic achievement! More importantly, the children had fun and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you for being amazing and well done to Henry, Jayden, Zabab, Ivy R, Ivy D and Evie!



Years 5/6 Crucial Crew Workshop

On Wednesday, our Years 5/6 children visited UCLan to take part in the Crucial Crew safety event. The event was organised by Child Safety Media who, in collaboration with professionals from the combined Emergency Services and local agencies, delivered health and well-being messages to Years 5/6 children in preparation for their migration to secondary school. The event encouraged model behaviour and good citizenship through active participation in a range of interactive and fun health and safety activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt valuable lessons throughout the day.



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



Our 'Be the Change – Save the Change' campaign continues this term and we hope that you can continue donating your loose change.



Dates for your diary

~~Y5/6 Greek History Day – Wednesday, 8th January~~

~~Whole School Mass – Friday, 10th January – 9.15am~~

~~Extra-curricular clubs begin – Monday, 13th January~~

~~Y5S Class Assembly – Tuesday, 14th January – 9.05am~~

Y5/6 Crucial Crew visit at UCLAN

~~Y3S Class Mass – Wednesday, 15th January – 9.15am~~

~~Y3/4T Class Assembly – Tuesday, 21st January – 9.05am~~

~~Y5/6T Class Mass – Wednesday, 22nd January – 9.15am~~

~~Y1/2S Class Mass – Wednesday, 29th January – 9.15am~~

~~Y1/2T Class Assembly – Thursday, 30th January – 9.05am~~

~~RecS & RecT Class Assembly – Tuesday, 4th February – 9.05am~~

~~Y6A Class Mass – Wednesday, 5th February – 9.15am~~

~~NSPCC Number Day (Dressing-up) – Friday, 7th February~~

~~St. Anthony's (has) Got Talent – Friday, 7th February – 6.00pm~~

~~Y4A Class Assembly – Tuesday, 11th February – 9.05am~~

~~Y1/2A Class Mass – Wednesday, 12th February – 9.15am~~

~~Half Term – Monday, 17th February – Friday, 21st February~~

~~Inset Day – Monday, 24th February~~

~~Y5S Class Mass – Wednesday, 26th February – 9.15am~~

~~Y5/6T Class Assembly – Tuesday, 4th March – 9.05am~~

~~Whole School Mass (Ash Wednesday) – 5th March – 9.15am~~

~~World Book Day (Dressing-up) – Thursday, 6th March~~

~~Y1/2S Class Assembly – Tuesday, 11th March – 9.05am~~

~~Y3/4 Class Mass – Wednesday, 12th March – 9.15am~~

~~Y6A Class Assembly – Tuesday, 18th March – 9.05am~~

~~Y1/2T Class Mass – Wednesday, 19th March – 9.15am~~

~~Parents Consultation Meetings – Wednesday 19th March~~

~~Y3S Class Assembly – Tuesday, 25th March – 9.05am~~

~~Y4A Class Mass – Wednesday, 26th March – 9.15am~~

~~Y1/2A Class Assembly – Tuesday, 1st April – 9.05am~~

~~RecS & RecT Class Mass – Wednesday, 2nd April – 9.15am~~

~~Easter Reflection (whole School) – Thursday, 10th April~~

~~Close for Easter – Friday, 11th April at 1.30pm~~

Advance Notice 2025 Statutory Assessments

This year's Year 6 statutory assessments will take place from Monday, 12th May to Thursday, 15th May inclusive and children in Year 1 will undertake their phonics screening week commencing 9th June. Please can we request that you avoid taking your child out of school during the assessment window. Thank you for your co-operation.

PE Days



This term's PE days are as follows:-

Reception S	Thursday
Reception T	Thursday
1/2S	Thursday and Friday
1/2T	Monday and Thursday
1/2A	Monday and Thursday
3S	Monday and Wednesday
3/4T	Monday and Thursday
4A	Monday and Wednesday
5S	Tuesday and Friday
5/6T	Wednesday and Friday
6A	Tuesday and Wednesday

Please ensure that children have their PE kit in school for their PE days. Please can we also remind you that all items of clothing and shoes must be named.

Reception Stay and Play Session

Our Reception team are holding a stay and play session on Wednesday, 29th January. The session will run from 9.00am-10.30am and all our Reception parents are welcome to join us.

Advance Notice – Themed Days

We are having the following themed days and everyone is invited to wear costumes relating to the themed day:-

NSPCC Number Day – Friday, 7th February

As part of the Number Day, children will be taking part in lots of different Maths activities. They are also invited to come dressed as something linked to Maths for a donation of £1.00. This could be their favourite number, shape or anything that you can think of linked to Mathematics.

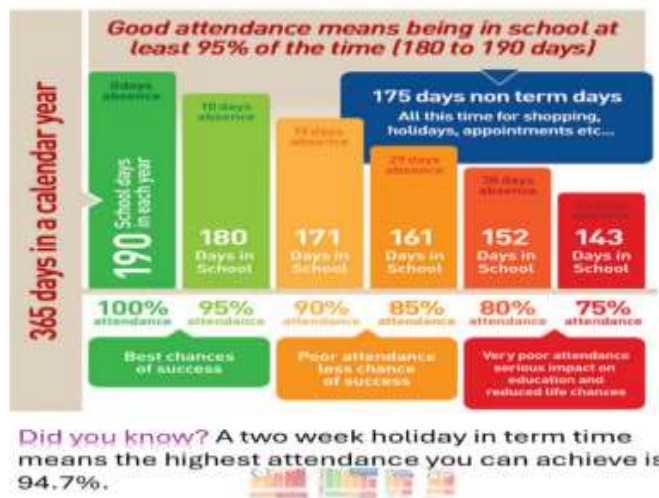
World Book Day – Thursday, 6th March

Children are invited to wear a costume linked to their favourite book and are encouraged to bring the book to school to share with their class.

Advance Notice – Parents' Meetings

Our next Parents' Meetings will take place in the school hall on Wednesday, 19th March. There will be two sessions – afternoon from 1.30pm-3.00pm and after school from 3.30pm-7.00pm. Ten minute time slots will be available to book through Groupcall Messenger in due course.

Attendance – Friday, 10th January to Thursday, 16th January, 2025



Class	% Attendance
Rec S	96.5%
Rec T	96.4%
1/2S	93.0%
1/2T	95.8%
1/2A	93.7%
3S	98.6%
3/4T	94.7%
4A	93.9%
5S	95.5%
5/6T	95.2%
6A	97.2%
Whole School	95.4%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to class 3S who have achieved 98.6% attendance this week.

Punctuality – Registration is at 8.45am prompt and when a child arrives in class after 8.45am they receive a late mark. Arriving on time is important, being late means that children miss the start of lessons, which means lost learning.



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.

Parking Issues

We have received complaints from neighbouring residents about inconsiderate parking by parents whilst dropping off and picking up children from school. Please can we ask that you be mindful when parking and refrain from obstructing driveways causing access issues for residents. It has also been brought to our attention about dangerous parking issues that are regularly occurring in the church car park. Please can we ask that you consider our children's safety by avoiding parking on the pedestrian crossing or near the car park entrance/exits causing visibility problems.

Enso Martial Arts After School Club

Enso Martial Arts have spaces available at their Ju Jitsu club, which runs from 3.30pm-4.30pm every Friday. The club takes place in our school hall and Enso will be onsite for the children at the end of the school day. If you require more information, or would like to book a place, please contact Nicky from Enso on 0800 688 9963.



Years 3, 4 and 5 Basketball Sessions at Myerscough College

Myerscough College are running junior basketball sessions on a Sunday for Years 3,4 and 5 boys and girls. The sessions will run from 9.30am-10.30am commencing Sunday, 19th January. Please complete the link below if you are interested in your child attending the sessions:-
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNKUzvajvMID3wA8grTZWvKJLeQTC1cNYIC9UDxrdP4-RJQ/viewform?usp=sf_link



Myerscough College Basketball Academy

RIISING HOOPERS

UNDER 11'S BASKETBALL SESSIONS

STARTING SUNDAY JANUARY 19TH
9:30 - 10:30AM
SCHOOL YEARS 5 AND BELOW
Sessions at Myerscough College, PR2 0RY

PLEASE COMPLETE SIGN UP FORM

For more info - jshuttlesworth@myerscough.ac.uk

TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER 2025 - JULY 2026

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

AUTUMN TERM 2025

INSET DAYS	Monday 1st September 2025
RE-OPEN	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025
INSET DAY	Monday 3rd November 2025
CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS	Friday 19th December 2025 at 1.30pm



SPRING TERM 2026

RE-OPEN	Monday 30th January 2026
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026
CLOSURE FOR EASTER	Thursday 2nd April 2026 at 1.30pm



SUMMER TERM 2026

RE-OPEN	Monday 20th April 2026
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 4th May 2026
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 29th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
INSET DAY	Monday 1st June 2026
CLOSURE FOR SUMMER	Friday 17th July 2026 at 1.30pm



Exciting News – St Anthony's (has) Got Talent is returning – More information will follow



FOSTA presents

St Anthony's (has) got talent!

COMING SOON

WHO WILL BE THE WINNER?

Friday 7th February 2026 8:00 PM - 8:00 PM at school.

absolute
February Half Term Holiday Camp
 Queen's Drive Primary School PR2 3LA

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February **ADN** 4-11

Full Day £25 / Half Day £15
 Full 5 Day Week £110

8:30am - 4:30pm
 Sat Half Day 8:30am - 10:30am
 Sun Half Day 10:30am - 12:30pm

HOW TO BOOK
 1. Scan the QR code
 2. Click "Book now"
 3. Create/Sign in to your account
 4. Proceed to payment

<https://absolute.classforkids.io/camp/74>
 admin@absolute-futbol.org AbsoluteFutbol
 George - 07761 561456 absolutefutboltd

ONE STOP SHOP
Preston West

This is a Warm and Welcome Session
 Come along and enjoy a hot Drink and bite to eat.

Monthly Drop In -
 Families can access free advice & support

Community Gateway
 Citizen Advice
 Employment advice - DWP
 Relationship advice
 Runshaw College Apprenticeships
 Community Education Sexual Health
 Debt Advice/Support
 Free Funded Nursery Places
 School Nurse team

No Appointment Needed

Second Thursday of the month, 2pm - 4pm

Preston West Family Hub
 Ashton Primary School Site, Ainsdale Drive,
 Preston, PR2 1TU
 Telephone: 01772 536419

Lancashire County Council

PRESTON WEST FAMILY HUB PRESTON

The Incredible Years!

The Incredible Years program is an evidence-based program shown to strengthen positive parent-child interactions and attachment, reduces harsh discipline and fosters parents' ability to promote children's social, emotional, and language development.

JANUARY GROUP

Venue: St Gregory's Catholic Primary School, Blackpool Road, Deepdale, Preston, PR1 6HQ
Start: Tuesday 28th January 2025
Time: 09.30 - 12.00
Course Length: 14 weeks (excluding school holidays) end 20th May
Email: vcl.019.theparentingteam@nhs.net
Phone: 0300 247 0040

The Incredible Years group visits:

- Play
- Praise
- Coaching
- Boundaries
- Rules
- Commands
- Consequences
- Calming Techniques
- Problem Solving
- Emotional Regulation

"I felt nervous about coming to the group but now I feel excited."
"I didn't realise that my mood and behaviour affected my son, now I know the power of modelling behaviours I want to see more of."

The Incredible Years
NHS

LANCASHIRE WOMEN

Steps to Confidence Course

3 weeks course
Starting
Monday 27th January 2025
1-2:30pm
Preston West Family Hub
 Ashton Primary School Site, Ainsdale Drive,
 Preston, PR2 1TU
 Telephone: 01772 536419

- Take steps to understand and build on your confidence.
- Want to set some goals, build your resilience
- Plan for 2025, being your positive year.
- Receive a £20 supermarket shopping voucher upon completion.

To Book a Place please call the group organisers
Susan on 07878101134
 or
Jo on 07488706362

PRESTON WEST FAMILY HUB PRESTON