

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 24TH JANUARY, 2025

<i>Rec S</i>	<i>Miles W</i>			<i>Rec T</i>	<i>Ruairi L</i>
<i>1/2S</i>	<i>Jaden A</i>	<i>1/2T</i>	<i>Scarlett C</i>	<i>1/2A</i>	<i>Summer O</i>
<i>3S</i>	<i>Ethan J</i>	<i>3/4T</i>	<i>Elliott B</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>Jake K</i>
<i>5S</i>	<i>Amira R</i>	<i>5/6T</i>	<i>William G</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Jessie B</i>

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

<i>Lucius R</i>	<i>Rec S</i>
<i>George K</i>	<i>3S</i>
<i>Henry W</i>	<i>3/4T</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 27th 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

**JUBILEE YEAR
OF HOPE 2025**



Today in school we had a special assembly to launch the Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope. During the year, we will be taking part in a range of events to share in the mission to create a world of justice, peace and love. We will be taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk, our Years 5 & 6 children will go on pilgrimage to Ladywell and we will be taking part in the diocese art competition based on the Jubilee Year logo – watch out for more information over the coming months!

We have been busy undertaking auditions for St. Anthony's (has) got Talent this week, we still have a few more auditions to view, but hope to let all the acts know by Wednesday next week whether they have been successful.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs. Barnes

Author Visit



The talented Joanne Moore will be joining us in school on Wednesday, 5th March for a whole school read and an ambitious writer's workshop shortly after.

Joanne's stories are about differences and self-belief and they aim to promote inclusion. Books cost £7.99 from Amazon, or Joanne is willing to discount any pre-ordered books placed through her to £7.00. Pre-ordered books MUST be placed and paid for no later than two weeks prior to Joanne's visit so the cut-off date is Wednesday, 19th February and any payments received after that date will be refunded. Books are payable through PayPal:-

Thebitdifferentcollection@hotmail.com.

Please include your child's name in full, our school name and class, the title of the book you would like to order and the name(s) of the child/children to appear in the signed message if you want it to be signed. (E.g. Joanne Moore, St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Year 1/2S, 'Bertie', signed to Jo). Joanne is also happy to sign her books on the day.

If you would like to know a little bit more about 'The Bit Different Collection' you can visit:-
facebook.com/thebitdifferentcollection
instagram.com/the.bit.different.collection
website: www.thebitdifferentcollection.com

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



We have a winner!

We have a KS2 winner - Miss McGrahan's Class 4A, have fully filled their bottle with loose change. Well done!

Thank you for all your donations of change to support the Fairtrade Foundation. The competition will run until February half term where, hopefully, we will also have a KS1/FS winner.

Over the coming weeks, the Fairtrade Warriors will be meeting to count the total of the donations as well as preparing for another activity to raise awareness of Fairtrade in school.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.
Fairtrade Warriors



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 – Thursday 13th 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

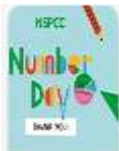
Please ensure that children have their PE kit in school for their PE days. **Please can we also remind you that all items of clothing and shoes must be named.**

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.

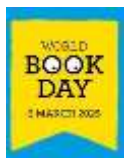
Advance Notice – Themed Own Clothes Days

NSPCC Number Day – Friday, 7th February



Children are invited to come dressed as something linked to Maths for a donation of £1.00, payable through Parent Pay.

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, 17th January to Thursday, 23rd January, 2025



Class	% Attendance
Rec S	93.9%
Rec T	97.3%
1/2S	93.3%
1/2T	97.7%
1/2A	94.0%
3S	97.9%
3/4T	92.0%
4A	95.2%
5S	94.2%
5/6T	97.4%
6A	96.9%
Whole School	95.4%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to class 3S who have achieved 97.9% 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 – Well done to Class 5S 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. Your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised unless we hear from you.

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.

We are Winners

Congratulations!

A huge well done to our Years 5 & 6 children who won a competition last week during our visit to UCLan for the Crucial Crew event. The competition was part of the session run by PNE Community Education Trust and, as winners, we received a signed Preston North End football!

Ongoing Dangerous Parking Issues

It has, again, been brought to our attention about parents parking dangerously in the church car park. Please can we ask that you consider children's safety by avoiding parking on the pedestrian crossing or near the car park entrance/exits causing visibility problems when children are arriving at/leaving the school premises.

'Foster With Us' Flyer

Please find below a flyer from 'Foster with Us' who are a fostering support hub supporting Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool, Cumberland, Lancashire and Westmorland & Furness Councils.



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You can Foster with us

BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, BLACKPOOL, CUMBERLAND, LANCASHIRE, WESTMORLAND & FURNESS

Share your home. Shape their future.

We are the friendly, dedicated support hub for fostering with your local council - available to speak to 7 days a week.

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After School Story Time at Fulwood Library



To celebrate National Storytelling Week, Fulwood Library are hosting a special after-school story time session aimed at primary aged children.

The session will take place from 3.45pm to 4.15pm on Friday, 31st January and is free to attend with no booking required. For more information, please see the link below:-

[National Storytelling Week - Story Time Special](#)

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.

Community Drop In

Bringing YOUR services together!

Come and join us, to find out what support is available in your community! We have activities on for children and young people whilst having professional's on hand to offer advice or support!



Whats on? We will have organisations from across Preston available to chat about what support is available in your community including; housing support, benefit advice, support available for children and young people and much more.



No need to book

Free Refreshments Provided!

Dates: 27th January 2025 & 24th February 2025

Time: 2.30pm-5pm

Address: Units 10&12 Oakham Court, Avenham, Preston PR1 3XP



Do you want to learn more about your families dental health and hygiene?

The course is designed to help parents and carers to understand the importance of good oral health routines and healthier options for their families.

Tuesday 25th February
9.30am - 12pm

Ribbleton Hall Drive, Ribbleton, Preston PR2 1TU



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENROL FOR A PLACE ON THE COURSE



If having any difficulty with enrolling please contact your friendly family hub team for support.

absolute February Half Term Holiday Camp

Queen's Drive Primary School PR2 3LA

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

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

8:30am - 4:30pm
All Day Day 8:30am - 10:30am
Fri Mar Day 10:30am - 4:30pm

HOW TO BOOK

1. Scan the QR code
2. Click "Book now"
3. Check/sign in to your account
4. Proceed to payment

<https://absolute.classforkids.io/camp/74>

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Preston Health Mela

Health Education - Key to Promote Good Health

Saturday 12th April 2025
11am - 3pm

Chief Guest:-
Dr Muntaz Patel
President of the Royal College of Physicians
London

Foster Building
UCLAN, Fylde Road
Preston PR1 2HE

Free entrance and free campus parking
Everyone Welcome

Make the most of these opportunities
Health Exhibits, Free Health Checks and Advice
Blood Sugar + Blood Cholesterol
Blood Pressure + Reiki + Teddy Bear Clinic + Oral Health
Bollywood dancers and more fun items

Logos for Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, NHS, and other partners.