

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 2025

<i>Rec S</i>	<i>Harvey H-R</i>			<i>Rec T</i>	<i>Valentina Z</i>
<i>1/2S</i>	<i>Charlie F</i>	<i>1/2T</i>	<i>Elsie M</i>	<i>1/2A</i>	<i>Ava W</i>
<i>3S</i>	<i>Zohayb M</i>	<i>3/4T</i>	<i>Jack L</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>Francis A</i>
<i>5S</i>	<i>Lewis D</i>	<i>5/6T</i>	<i>Scarlett K</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Jenson S</i>

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

<i>Primrose B</i>	<i>1/2T</i>
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CITIZEN AWARDS

<i>George B</i>	<i>1/2A</i>
<i>Adimchi O</i>	<i>3S</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 24th February will be week 1 of the Autumn/Winter Menu

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

We started the week with a special CAFOD assembly and workshops on the theme of the Jubilee Year and Pilgrims of Hope. Linked to this we will be taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and sponsor sheets will be sent home during the new half term.

This morning we have held another special assembly, this time to welcome a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, the patron saint of Lancaster Diocese. This is part of the celebrations for the Diocese Centenary Year. Children will spend time in prayer with the statue before she continues on in her journey around the Diocese schools.

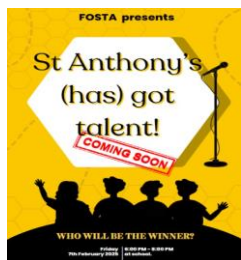
The Diocese is also holding a special art competition for the Jubilee Year. Each school has been invited to hold their own art competition with the winners from KS1 and KS2 being submitted to the Diocese for Bishop Paul to pick an overall winner from each age group. The children are invited to create a drawing, painting or sculpture at home, showing one of the Jubilee themes of 'Forgiving Others', 'Being Kind and Fair' or 'Trusting Jesus'. We will hold an art exhibition in school on Thursday 27th March to choose our winners.

After such a busy week we are ready for our half term break!

See you all back in school for the new half term on Tuesday 25th February.

Mrs Barnes

St. Anthony's (has) Got Talent Results



Well done to all the children who performed at Friday's St. Anthony's (has) Got Talent Show. The judges had difficult decisions to make because all the children did so well.

Congratulations goes to our first, second and third placed groups who had the opportunity to perform to the whole school on Tuesday morning:-

- 1ST - Dance Group - Jessie, Kennedy, Lucy, Maya-Rose
- 2nd - Boys' Band - Ali, Diarmuid, George, William
- 3rd - Morris Dancers - Lucy, Nancy-May

Lancashire Primary Schools Fairtrade Conference

Last Friday, a small group of Years 5 and 6 Fairtrade Warriors were invited to attend the Lancashire Primary Schools Fairtrade Conference held at County Hall.

The children took part in three workshops: "All About Tea and the Fairtrade Premium" which discussed climate change and how villages work collaboratively to purchase vital resources; "All About Footballs" where the children learnt how footballs are made, as well as taking part in a design a football competition. Then lastly, the children undertook the "All About Chocolate" workshop, which taught them about the process of how Fairtrade chocolate is made, from removing the beans from cocoa pods, to roasting, then mixing with cocoa butter to make chocolate bars. Towards the end of the day, our FTWs delivered a short presentation to other schools, celebrating our success at achieving the FairAchiever Schools Award. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and even came away with a goody bag!



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
~~Tempest Photography – Class/Group Photos~~ – Thursday, 20th 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 – Parents' Meetings

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

Advance Notice 2025 Statutory Assessments

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.

Mini-Skills Sports Competition

On Tuesday, six of our Year 1/2T children represented St. Anthony's in a Mini-Skills Sports Competition at West View Leisure Centre. The children competed in the Championship Division against eleven other local primary schools. They participated in six different activities, including relay racing, target throwing and kicking. The children completed each activity with great enthusiasm and determination, as well as demonstrating exemplary behaviour and great sportsmanship. They achieved 6th place out of 12 schools so well done to our Year 1/2T mini-skills!



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:-

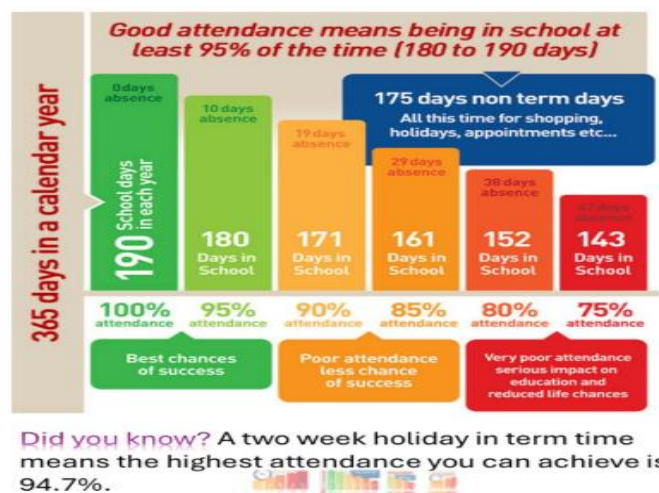
Thebitdifferentcollection@hotmail.com.

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

Attendance – Friday, 7th February to Thursday, 13th February, 2025



Class	% Attendance
Rec S	94.3%
Rec T	93.6%
1/2S	90.7%
1/2T	94.2%
1/2A	94.7%
3S	96.6%
3/4T	97.3%
4A	91.0%
5S	97.1%
5/6T	95.5%
6A	98.3%
Whole School	94.9%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to class 6A who have achieved 98.3% 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 classes Reception T and 1/2S 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.

FOSTA Spring Discos

FOSTA's Spring Discos will take place on Wednesday, 5th March at the following times:-

*****Please be aware of the set up change*****

Years 3,4,5 and 6 disco – 3.30pm – 4.45pm

Children will go straight from class to the disco.

Children will need to come to school in their school uniform and bring their disco clothes with them.

Pick up will be from the KS2 playground. Children will not be allowed to walk home unless we have received prior disco specific permission from their parents.

Tickets are £3.50 and drinks and sweets will be available to buy at the disco.

Reception and Years 1 and 2 disco – 5.00pm – 6.00pm

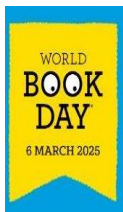
Drop off for Reception and Years 1 and 2 children will be through the hall door by the car park and pick up will be from the KS2 playground.

Tickets are £4.50, which includes a drink and sweets.

Please pay through your parent pay accounts.

Themed Own Clothes Day

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

Class and Group Photographs



Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday, 20th March to take class and group photographs.

Please contact the school office no later than Monday, 17th March if you **do not** wish your child to have their photograph taken.

Free Dino-mite Day Out



**Saturday, 15th February
11.00am-3.00pm**

Fishergate Shopping Centre

Get ready for an unforgettable filled day with roaring excitement, prehistoric fun and a special surprise!

Witness the awe-inspiring power of a T-Rex, marvel at a fearsome riding dinosaur, and soar with a majestic flying Pterosaur. Adorable Dino Babies will also be making their debut, ready for cuddles and playtime. But that's not all! Join in with interactive live shows and learn all about dinosaurs, fossils, and even how to train a dinosaur! Expert guides will make learning fun and engaging for all ages. Dino-mite magic is coming to Preston creating cretaceous magic, mischief and unforgettable family fun! The Dinos can't wait to meet you!

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 5th 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 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
INSET DAY	Monday 1st June 2026
CLOSURE FOR SUMMER	Friday 17th July 2026 at 1.30pm

