

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 7TH MARCH, 2025

<i>Rec S</i>	<i>Arthur K</i>			<i>Rec T</i>	<i>Liam C</i>
<i>1/2S</i>	<i>Edith D</i>	<i>1/2T</i>	<i>Seren C</i>	<i>1/2A</i>	<i>Jack H</i>
<i>3S</i>	<i>Lucy H</i>	<i>3/4T</i>	<i>Andre G</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>Umar P</i>
<i>5S</i>	<i>Max W</i>	<i>5/6T</i>	<i>Alice F-H</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Lucas D</i>

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

<i>Nancy-May V</i>	<i>3S</i>
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CITIZEN AWARDS

<i>Eman B</i>	<i>6A</i>
<i>Francis A</i>	<i>4A</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 10th March 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

It really has been the busiest week with sporting events, World Book Day and the start of Lent! The children's singing in church at the Ash Wednesday Mass was lovely; we received several messages from parishioners and parents complimenting the children's responses and behaviour. In classes, we have spent time thinking about our Lenten promises and we have begun our CAFOD Big Lent Walk, taking time each day to walk around the school field – extra sponsor sheets are available from the school office.

Year 5/6T led the school in worship on Tuesday with a super assembly about sacraments. We look forward to Year 1/2S leading our worship next Tuesday – parents and grandparents are welcome to join us.

Can I remind everyone about the Jubilee Year Art Competition – children are invited to create a drawing, painting or sculpture showing one of the jubilee themes 'forgiving others', 'being kind and fair' or trusting Jesus.' We will be holding an art exhibition on Thursday, 27th March to choose our winners.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Barnes

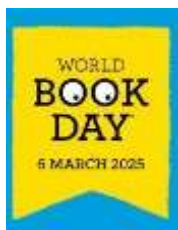
Spring has Sprung



On Tuesday, the School Council and Peace Ambassadors worked together to bring signs of Spring into the KS2 playground.



We have planted bulbs in the new planters kindly donated by FOSTA. Hopefully, the Peace garden and quiet zone will be a lot more colourful in the next few weeks as our bulbs and plants grow.



Reading is a priority for both children and staff at St. Anthony's and World Book Day provided an opportunity for the whole school community to come together to celebrate this.

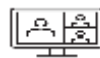
Thank you very much for your engagement and support with this from home into school. We have gathered some fantastic photographs of the children that will be live on the website soon. From the parade at 9:00am to reading in peculiar places at 2:30pm - the day was full of joy, laughter and opportunity - exactly what reading brings to a child's life. If you are able to donate any costumes or books, please leave them in the school office.

Author Visit



Staff and children would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Joanne Moore for coming into school to read her wonderful book entitled 'Bertie the Very Blind Bat'.

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
~~Y3S 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
~~Y6A Class Assembly~~ – Tuesday, 25th March – 9.05am
~~Y4A Class Mass~~ – Wednesday, 26th March – 9.15am
~~Art Exhibition~~ – Thursday, 27th March – 3.15pm
~~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.

Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in the annual Preston Schools' Swimming Gala at West View Leisure Centre. The children competed in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and relay races, finishing third overall, and winning both relays. Well done to Amira, Borys, Eliza, Eva-Mae, Lucas, Oliver G, Oliver S and Zach and thank you for being fantastic representatives of St. Anthony's.

Tag Rugby

Our Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby team, consisting of Amira, Billy, Callum, Eva-Mae, Lucas, Maisie, Maya-Rose, Rico and Zach, has kicked off the season with enthusiasm in their first two matches this week. The opening game was a challenging encounter against a highly skilled opponent, Broughton. Despite not securing a win, our team demonstrated remarkable perseverance, pushing forward until the final whistle.

In their second fixture, we observed a significant improvement in the team's fluidity and structure on the field. It was a thrilling contest against St. Clare's and we showcased tremendous spirit and teamwork. The score was much closer this time, albeit St. Clare's emerged victorious on this occasion.

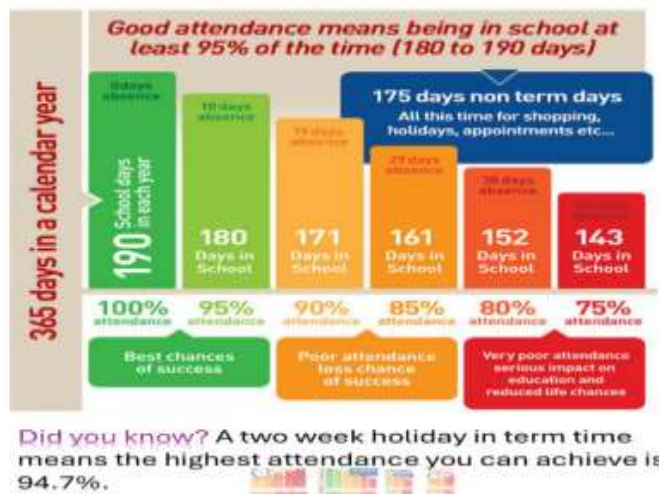
Considering this was the team's first outing with only two practices under their belts, their commitment to the game was commendable and has, undoubtedly, laid a strong foundation for the upcoming matches. Keep up the enthusiasm team!

A Wow Moment



A huge congratulations to Maisie, who has won the 'Unusual Places to Read' competition by reading with Deepdale Duck! This is a fantastic achievement and, as a result, our school has won a brand new set of books for our library. Thank you to Preston North End Community Team for running this competition!

Attendance – Friday, 28th February to Thursday, 6th March, 2025



Class	% Attendance
Rec S	95.2%
Rec T	93.2%
1/2S	97.7%
1/2T	95.5%
1/2A	93.3%
3S	96.6%
3/4T	95.7%
4A	95.5%
5S	99.4%
5/6T	97.4%
6A	93.1%
Whole School	95.8%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to class 5S who have achieved 99.4% 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, 1/2S, 1/2T and 1/2A 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.

Date Changes for Classes 3S and 6A Assemblies

Please see below date changes for Classes 3S and 6A assemblies:-

Class 3S Assembly will now take place on Tuesday, 18th March at 9.05am

Class 6A Assembly will now take place on Tuesday, 25th March at 9.05am

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.



This year's Easter Lunch will take place on Thursday, 10th April. There is no need to book in advance, just let class know on the day and make the payment in advance through your parent pay accounts if applicable. There will also be a Jacket Potato alternative with the usual fillings.

Free International Women's Day Event

Fulwood Library are holding an International Women's Day event at 10.30am on Saturday, 8th March. Local historian, Peter Marsden, will be speaking at the event, which is suitable for families and individuals.

Booking in advance is required through the link below:-
From the factory to the field: a brief illustrated talk on Dick, Kerr Ladies football team.

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 3rd 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



PARENT & CARER PEER SUPPORT

Supporting YOU to support your Young Person with their Mental Health & Wellbeing

Connect with other parents/carers, share experiences, exchange practical advice, mutual support and signposting. Groups are professionally supported and held in relaxed & confidential spaces.

CHORLEY

1st Monday of the Month
5:30pm - 7pm
Duke Street Family Hub
51 Duke St. Chorley, PR7 3DU
Monday 3rd March
Monday 7th April
Monday 2nd June
Monday 7th July

Parking at rear

PRESTON

2nd Monday of the Month
4:30pm - 6pm
Foundations/Inn2
2 Oxford St, Preston, PR1 3SG
Monday 10th March
Monday 14th April
Monday 12th May
Monday 9th June
Monday 14th July
Parking on-site

BAMBER BRIDGE

4th Monday of the Month
4:30pm - 6pm
Walton Le Dale Family Hub
Brindle Road, PR5 6YJ
Monday 24th March
Monday 28th April
Monday 23rd June
Monday 28th July

Parking on Leisure Centre

ONLINE

3rd Monday of the Month
5:30pm - 7pm
Microsoft Teams
Monday 17th March
Monday 19th May
Monday 16th June
Monday 21st July

To register to attend email:
nikih@keycharity.org.uk



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