

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS FRIDAY, 11th JULY, 2025

<i>Rec S</i>	<i>Lucius R</i>			<i>Rec T</i>	<i>Eva P</i>
<i>1/2S</i>	<i>Dalton S</i>	<i>1/2T</i>	<i>John David A</i>	<i>1/2A</i>	<i>Class on Farm Trip</i>
<i>3S</i>	<i>Jemima D</i>	<i>3/4T</i>	<i>Leah T</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>Ivy R</i>
<i>5S</i>	<i>Amarah S</i>	<i>5/6T</i>	<i>Theo K</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Hanna L</i>

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

<i>Daniels O</i>	<i>Reception S</i>
<i>Marcus H</i>	<i>Reception T</i>
<i>Lena M</i>	<i>3S</i>

CITIZEN AWARD

<i>Jayden N</i>	<i>6A</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
7th July will be week 2 of the
Spring/Summer Menu

As of September 2025, key stage 2
meals will increase to £2.90

It has been another very busy week in school with trips and discos taking place! A huge thank you to our FOSTA team/volunteers for organising/running the discos and staff who attended. Events like this enable the children to make fun memories as well as raising money for school.

I am delighted to say that we have appointed Miss Katie Whitehead as our Year 5 Teacher. Miss Whitehead covered Mrs Eshborn's recent absence so already knows staff and the children. Miss Whitehead is looking forward to joining our St. Anthony's family and will be in school on Wednesday to spend time with her new class.

Next week looks to be as busy with our Leavers' Performance (we have already distributed tickets to our Year 6 families for this event), our Awards Assemblies (Groupcall messages will be sent to parents of the children who are receiving awards but please keep this a secret from them!) and our Leavers' Mass – everyone welcome.

Children will be bringing home their end of year reports next Wednesday – please make sure to check in their bags!

A final reminder that next Friday we break up for the summer break and school will close for summer at 1.30pm.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Barnes

Reception Trip to Smithills Farm

This week our Reception children had a wonderful visit to Smithills Farm. On arrival, the children were greeted by the view of a huge cowshed full of different types of cows before they set off on a bumpy tractor ride and met the greedy donkeys who came up to the side of the cart for the children to feed them bread. The children were also very lucky to have the opportunity to ride a donkey, which many said was the best part of the day.

The children explored the farm seeing various animals that you would not normally find at a farm, such as snakes, lemurs, skinks, meerkats, skunks, and a big tarantula! There was even a tortoise sunbathing in a pool! The children watched an amazing show and met baby lambs, geese, pygmy goats, and emus. The baby emus were especially mischievous as they ran round for a second lap, much to everyone's delight. A cute moment was when the children held the rabbits and chicks, who were just as cheeky as the emus. One of the highlights of the visit was watching milking time and the children were fascinated to see the milk go into the tank and bottled ready for delivery.

Our Reception children had the most amazing time at Smithills Farm.

KS1 Trip to Cobble Hey Farm

This week, KS1 enjoyed fantastic days out at Cobble Hey Farm, full of fun, learning, and fresh countryside air!

The day began with a hands-on experience meeting the animals. The children had the opportunity to feed the goats and chickens, and they especially loved holding the baby goats and rabbits – there were lots of smiles and gentle cuddles!

Later, the children became little chefs as they made their own pizzas for lunch. This activity tied in perfectly with a mini lesson about where our food comes from and how it gets to our plates, helping the children understand the journey from farm to fork.

After lunch, the children went on a lovely walk through the fields. The weather was kind, and they were lucky enough to spot Blackpool Tower in the distance! The walk gave the children a chance to appreciate the beauty of the countryside and enjoy the wide-open space.

The children also explored the farm's gardens, where they discovered bee hives and butterfly homes. The children were fascinated by the important jobs bees and butterflies do for our environment. There was even time for a bit of tree hugging, encouraging everyone to connect with nature.

It was a day full of adventure – a wonderful way to support our learning about animals, food, and nature.



Dates for your diary

~~Start of Summer Term – Monday, 28th April~~
~~Y5 Class Mass – Wednesday, 30th April – 9.15am~~
~~Whole School Mass – Friday, 2nd May – 9.15am~~
~~Bank Holiday – Monday, 5th May~~
~~Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs begin – Tuesday, 6th May~~
~~Y3 Class Mass – Wednesday, 7th May – 9.15am~~
~~VE Day – All invited to wear red, white and blue – Thursday, 8th May~~
~~Yr 6 Statutory Assessments – Monday, 12th May – Thursday, 15th May~~
~~Y4 Class Mass – Wednesday, 14th May – 9.15am~~
~~Break the Rules Day – Friday, 16th May~~
~~Yr 4 children receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – 17th & 18th May~~
~~Reception and Year 6 Height/Weight Checks – Monday, 19th May~~
~~Y3/4T Class Mass – Wednesday, 21st May – 9.15am~~
~~Fr Peter's 50th Jubilee Mass – Friday, 23rd May – 6.00pm~~
~~Half Term – Monday, 26th May – Friday, 30th May~~
~~INSET Days – Monday, 2nd June and Tuesday, 3rd June~~
~~Yr 4 Multiplication Check window – Monday, 2nd June – Friday, 13th June~~
~~Y6 Class Mass – Wednesday, 4th June – 9.15am~~
~~Matr Ecclesiae MAT Mass at Alston Lane – Monday, 9th June – 10.00am~~
~~Yr 1 Phonics Screening – Week commencing 9th June~~
~~Y5/6T Class Mass – Wednesday, 11th June – 9.15am~~
~~Saint Anthony's Feast Day Celebration – Friday, 13th June~~
~~Parish Feast Day Celebration – Sunday, 15th June – 9.30am~~
~~Y1/2S Class Mass – Wednesday, 18th June – 9.15am~~
~~Mini-Vinnies Coffee Morning – Sunday, 21st June after 9.30am Mass~~
~~Mini-Vinnies Pilgrimage to Ladyewell – Monday, 23rd June – 10.00am~~
~~Y1/2T Class Mass – Wednesday, 25th June – 9.15am~~
~~FOSTA Summer Fair – Wednesday, 25th June – 3.30pm-6.00pm~~
~~Sports Day – Tuesday, 1st July – EYFS/KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon~~
~~Y1/2A Class Mass – Wednesday, 2nd July – 9.15am~~
~~FOSTA Summer Discos – Wednesday, 9th July~~
~~Reception Class Mass – Friday, 11th July, 2025~~
~~Yr 6 Production evening performance – Monday, 14th July~~
~~Yr 6 Production afternoon performance – Tuesday, 15th July~~
~~Awards Assembly R-Y4 – Thursday 17th July, 9.05am~~
~~Yr 6 Leavers Assembly (Yr 5 children to join them) – Thursday afternoon, 17th July 2pm~~
~~Yr 6 Leavers Mass (whole school to join them) – Friday, 18th July – 9.15am~~

Preston Schools' Athletics Competition

On Wednesday, sixteen children from Years 5/6 took part in the annual Preston Schools' Athletics Competition at UCLan Sports Arena. Our children competed against other schools in several track and field events and demonstrated their outstanding talent, teamwork skills and positive attitude, winning several events and finishing an amazing 2nd overall! Well done to all the children involved for being amazing representatives of our school.



A Fond Farewell to our Year 6 children

Next week we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. The children have a busy week ahead of them beginning with their 'Wizard of Oz' productions on Monday and Tuesday which they have been rehearsing so hard for. We are sure that the children's parents/family members are going to be wowed with their talents. As well as their productions, the children have their Leavers' Assembly and, finally, their Leavers' Mass on Friday which the whole school will join them for and we really hope that you will too.

FOSTA Summer Raffle

FOSTA's summer raffle will be drawn on Monday, 14th July. Classes will distribute the prizes to the lucky winners unless it is alcohol which will be in the office for safekeeping until collected by an adult.

Plea for unwanted toys

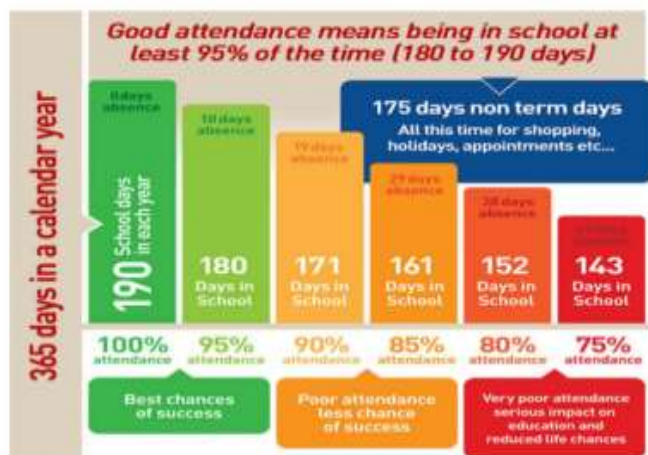
The Reception Team are looking for donations of the following unwanted, good condition, toys for the EYFS classroom.

- Small world toys - e.g. farm animals, woodland animals, sea creatures, arctic animals, minibeasts;
- Dolls house furniture and people;
- Toy cars;
- Toy trains;
- Wooden play food;
- Puzzles and jigsaws (complete sets);
- Real size pans, cake tins, kitchen utensils - for our outdoor kitchen.

Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs

All school led before and after school extra-curricular clubs finish today, 11th July, until after the summer break.

Attendance – Friday, 4th July to Thursday, 10th July, 2025



Did you know? A two week holiday in term time means the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%.

Rec S	96.09%
Rec T	97.73%
1/2S	95.67%
1/2T	100.0%
1/2A	97.67%
3S	95.81%
3/4T	98.21%
4A	92.9%
5S	98.06%
5/6T	95.16%
6A	97.59%
Whole School	96.78%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 1/2T who have achieved 100.0% 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 1/2A who have had no late marks this week.

Parent Pay Accounts

Please can we remind you, all parent pay account lunch balances must be cleared before the end of term. Daily reminders are sent to those with outstanding balances.

Cashless School

From September, we are aiming to be a completely cashless school and, therefore, request that you make all payments through your parent pay accounts as opposed to cash. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need any help accessing your parent pay accounts.

Change of Personal Information

As you are aware, our main communication platform with yourselves is through Groupcall Messenger so it is imperative that you contact the school office if you change either your mobile number or email address over summer. The same applies to change of address and emergency contact details.

Pupil Medical Conditions

Please can we ask that, if your child's medical needs/condition change over the summer holidays, you email the school office prior to our return to school in September. For ease, we will transfer all medication/inhalers to your child's new class unless the medication is reaching its expiry date, in which case, we will contact you.

