

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2025

Rec S	Seth S			Rec T	Darragh C
1/2S	Ella H	1/2T	Oscar B	1/2A	Pippa J
3S	Swimming	3/4T	Lucy S	4A	Alice B
5S	Holly D	5/6T	Harrison S	6A	Oliver G

### HEADTEACHER AWARD

Ariana K	Rec S
Cassia N	1/2A

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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  
9th June will be week 1 of the  
Spring/Summer Menu

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

Welcome back for our last half term of the school year. It promises to be very busy with Feast Day celebrations, Sports Day and the Summer Fair amongst a host of other events!

As a school, we are continuing to prepare to join the Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Multi Academy Trust in September for the new academic year. Ahead of this, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June, a group of children will be representing the school at the MAT Feast Day Mass. Following Mass, they will be mixing with children from across the MAT to undertake a scavenger hunt.

On Wednesday, we are welcoming the new Reception children into school for their first visit. They will be joining us for lunch with their parents.

Next week, it is also St. Anthony's Feast Day. We will be celebrating in school on the Friday with a visit from the ice-cream van and also joining with the parish on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, when the children will be invited on to the altar to lead the final hymn – it would be lovely to see many of you there.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Barnes

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. We pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts with love and empower us with strength and wisdom, to live out God's mission in the world.



### Sporting Wow Moment

Well done to our running club children who completed the 2025 Mini London Marathon on Wednesday morning, running 13 laps of the track. Our entry numbers have been confirmed and we look forward to receiving our next running trophy.



### Year 1 Phonics Screening

Next week our Year 1 children will sit their Phonics Screening Check with Miss Clarke. The Year 1 phonics screening check is not a formal test, but a way for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their phonics skills to read words and that they are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning. It is a school-based check to make sure that children receive any additional support promptly, should they need it. It is not a stressful situation because the teacher will be well equipped to listen and understand children's level of skills. We will let parents know the results at the end of the summer term.

Please see the link below for further information:-  
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/year-1-phonics-screening-check/>

### ELS Phonics

#### **How can you help at home?**

Children will only read books that are entirely decodable, this means that they should be able to read these books as they already know the code contained within the book. We only use pure sounds when decoding words (no 'uh' after the sound). Ideally, children should practice reading their book four times across the week working on these skills:

**Decode** – sounding out and blending to read the word.

**Fluency** – reading words with less obvious decoding.

**Expression** – using intonation and expression to bring the text to life!

We must use pure sounds when we are pronouncing the sounds and supporting children in reading words. If we mispronounce these sounds, we will make reading harder for our children.

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### *Dates for your diary*

~~Start of Summer Term – Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April~~

~~Y5 Class Mass – Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April – 9.15am~~

~~Whole School Mass – Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 9.15am~~

~~Bank Holiday – Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May~~

~~Before and After School Extra-curricular Clubs begin – Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May~~

~~Y3 Class Mass – Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May – 9.15am~~

~~VE Day – All invited to wear red, white and blue – Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May~~

~~Yr 6 Statutory Assessments – Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May~~

~~Y4 Class Mass – Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May – 9.15am~~

~~Break the Rules Day – Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May~~

~~Yr 4 children receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May~~

~~Reception and Year 6 Height/Weight Checks – Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> May~~

~~Y3/4T Class Mass – Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May – 9.15am~~

~~Fr Peter's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Mass – Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 6.00pm~~

~~Half Term – Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> May~~

~~INSET Days – Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June~~

~~Yr 4 Multiplication Check window – Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June~~

~~Y6 Class Mass – Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June – 9.15am~~

~~Mater Ecclesiae MAT Mass at Alston Lane Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 10am~~

~~Yr 1 Phonics Screening – Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June~~

~~Y5/6T Class Mass – Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June – 9.15am~~

~~Saint Anthony's Feast Day Celebration Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June~~

~~Parish Feast Day Celebration Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30am~~

~~Y1/2S Class Mass – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June – 9.15am~~

~~Mini-Vinnies Coffee Morning – Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June after 9.30am Mass~~

~~Mini-Vinnies Pilgrimage to Ladyewell – Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 10.00am~~

~~Y1/2T Class Mass – Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June – 9.15am~~

~~FOSTA Summer Fair – Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June – 3.30pm-6.00pm~~

~~Sports Day – Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July – EYFS/KS1-morning, KS2-afternoon~~

~~Y1/2A Class Mass – Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July – 9.15am~~

~~FOSTA Summer Discos – Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July~~

~~Whole School Mass – Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July – 9.15am~~

### FOSTA NEWS

#### Own Clothes Day

FOSTA will be having the following own clothes day in exchange for donations for the Summer Fair:-

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

#### FOSTA Summer Fair

This year's FOSTA Summer Fair will take place on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30pm-6.00pm.

#### FOSTA Summer Discos

FOSTA Summer Discos will take place after school on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July. More information will follow.

## ELS Phonics continued

### Practicing the sounds

You can help your child practice the sounds they have been learning at school. Charts will contain a list of sounds in the order they'll be taught. You can show these to your child along with the picture to help them remember.

### Blending

After children learn to read some sounds separately, they can start blending them together to form simple words. Take a look at the video below for ideas on how you can practice word blending with your child.

### Reading decodable books

Your child will bring home reading books with words that use the sounds they have been learning that week. You may hear these reading books called 'decodable books'. Use the prompts inside the front and back covers to enjoy the book together and help your child practise reading.

<https://youtu.be/vqvgMtSNsw0>

The resources below are resources we, as a school, recommend to support your children at home.

#### Activity packs –

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Essential-Letters-Sounds-Phonics-Activity/dp/1382055188?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&ref=fplfs&psc=1&smid=A3P5ROKL5A1OLE&gQT=1>

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Essential-Letters-Sounds-Phonics-Activity/dp/1382054947/ref=bxm\\_dp\\_q0owwbn\\_d\\_sccl\\_2\\_4/259-7453486-9271867?pd\\_rd\\_w=Axit9&content-id=amzn1.sym.7e123682-6df8-4c3d-8351-4ad92b007d1d&pf\\_rd\\_p=7e123682-6df8-4c3d-8351-](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Essential-Letters-Sounds-Phonics-Activity/dp/1382054947/ref=bxm_dp_q0owwbn_d_sccl_2_4/259-7453486-9271867?pd_rd_w=Axit9&content-id=amzn1.sym.7e123682-6df8-4c3d-8351-4ad92b007d1d&pf_rd_p=7e123682-6df8-4c3d-8351-)

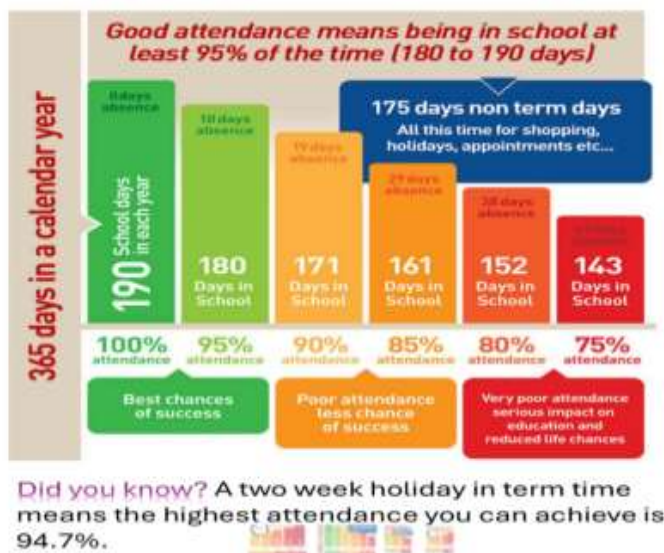
#### Flashcards -

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Essential-Letters-Sounds-Phonics-Flashcards/dp/1382054912/ref=pd\\_bxgy\\_thbs\\_d\\_sccl\\_1/259-7453486-9271867?pd\\_rd\\_w=XVbB6&content-id=amzn1.sym.ec630614-3f9e-4b7f-ba9a-fe89f8e4113f&pf\\_rd\\_p=ec630614-3f9e-4b7f-ba9a-](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Essential-Letters-Sounds-Phonics-Flashcards/dp/1382054912/ref=pd_bxgy_thbs_d_sccl_1/259-7453486-9271867?pd_rd_w=XVbB6&content-id=amzn1.sym.ec630614-3f9e-4b7f-ba9a-fe89f8e4113f&pf_rd_p=ec630614-3f9e-4b7f-ba9a-)

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## Attendance – Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2025



Class	% Attendance
Rec S	89.86%
Rec T	98.48%
1/2S	97.78%
1/2T	93.55%
1/2A	91.11%
3S	93.33%
3/4T	90.8%
4A	97.85%
5S	92.47%
5/6T	93.55%
6A	94.83%
Whole School	93.95%
Whole School Target	96.0%

**Attendance Winners** - A huge well done to Reception T who have achieved 98.48% 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 1/2A and 3/4T who have had no late marks 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.



### Fulwood Library Drop-in Sessions

From Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, Fulwood Library will be holding drop-in sessions from 4.30pm-5.30pm for their primary age reading scheme, [Lancashire Reading Trail - Drop-In](#). Once children have started their trail, they can join the Wednesday evening sessions to carry on with it with help at hand from library staff and volunteers. For more information on the scheme, please visit website: [Lancashire Reading Trail - Lancashire County Council](#)

### Cake Sale – Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June

Exciting news! On Thursday, 12th June, our wonderful Year 6 children will be hosting a Cake Sale to raise funds for their Leaver's Production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. During break time, children from all year groups will have the opportunity to treat themselves to some delicious cakes. Please support our Year 6 children!

### St. Anthony's Feast Day – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June

To celebrate St. Anthony's Feast Day we are inviting an ice cream van to school. Pupils and staff will be able to enjoy an ice cream/ice lolly, hopefully, in the sunshine. **Please contact the school office no later than Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, if you do not wish your child to participate for any reason or if you would prefer to bring in a treat from home instead.**

### Get ready for Sports Day!

This year, our Sports Day is scheduled for **Tuesday, 1st July**, with a reserve day of **Wednesday, 2nd July**, in case of bad weather. EYFS and KS1 events will take place from **9.15am to 11.15am**, and KS2 events will run from **1.15pm to 2.30pm**. Parents are invited to join us and can enter the field 15 minutes before the start of their child's events. We kindly ask that everyone arrive promptly to help ensure everything runs smoothly. Your support and encouragement would mean the world to the children, so please come along and cheer them on!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Pitcher.

### Move Up Day

This year's move up day will take place on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, when our Year 6 children will spend the day at their high school. We wish the children lots of luck and hope that they have a brilliant day. Children will need to make their own way directly to high school. Our new Reception children will be joining us and the rest of school will be spending time in their new classes. More information will follow.



### Year 6 Celebrations - Dates for your diary

Our fantastic Year 6 children are fast approaching the end of their journey with us. With this in mind, we are starting to prepare for the following celebration events and know that our Year 6 children will be delighted to showcase their time at St. Anthony's with their families:-

**Year 6 Production evening performance – Monday, 14th July**

**Year 6 Production afternoon performance - Tuesday, 15th July**

**Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Year 5 children to join them) -  
Thursday afternoon, 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**Year 6 Leavers Mass (whole school to join them) - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup>  
July at 9.15am**



# Menu

**Serving Fantastic Lunches Everyday** - All menus are planned to comply with School Food Standards and all new dishes are tested by children. Our meat is Red Tractor Farm Assured, our fish is MSC certified and we also use a number of Free Range products throughout the menu. There is always fresh fruit and salad, bread and locally produced yoghurt available daily.

## Week 1

Week Commencing  
28th April  
19th May  
9th June  
30th June  
21st July  
1st September  
22nd September  
13th October  
3rd November

	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
<b>Traditional Main Course</b>	Oriental Style Chicken & Sweetcorn Maraballs with Mixed Rice or Noodles	Puff Pastry Cheese Wheel with Herby Potatoes Garden Peas or Baked Beans (V)	Roast Geronio or Vegetarian Meatballs with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Boothe Beef or Vegetable Burger with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Golden Crumb Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
<b>Alternative Choice</b>	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (V)	Vegetable Tikka Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread (V)	Summer Picnic Lunch Buffet Sausage Roll Assorted Sandwiches Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Pasta Tubes & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (V)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans (V)
<b>Jackets &amp; Sandwiches</b>	Choice of Filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Cooks Choice of Filled Oven Baked Jacket Potatoes with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of Filled Oven Baked Jacket Potatoes with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of Filled Oven Baked Jacket Potatoes with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of Filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
<b>Dessert Choices</b>	Sticky Toffee Cupsake Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk	Vanilla Shortbread & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk	Ice Cream & Dessert Sauce Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk	Mixed Fruit Medley Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk	Chocolate Cookie Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk

## Week 2

Week Commencing  
5th May  
26th May  
16th June  
7th July  
28th July  
8th September  
29th September  
20th October

	MEAT FREE MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
<b>Traditional Main Course</b>	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Herby Potatoes Mixed Vegetable Medley or Baked Beans (V)	Southern Style Chicken Goujons & Dips with Mild Chilli Wedges Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Boothe Pork or Vegetarian Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Cooks Choice of Chicken or Vegetation Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Harry Ramsden's Crispy Batter'd Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips & Mushy Peas
<b>Alternative Choice</b>	Loaded Vegetable & Baked Bean Tacos with Rainbow Vegetable Rice (V)	Mac 'n' Cheese with Homemade Crusty Bread & Mixed Salad (V)	Spaghetti Amaballs with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (V)	Homemade Cheese Fian with Baby Potatoes Baked Beans or Mixed Salad (V)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Sweetcorn (V)
<b>Jackets &amp; Sandwiches</b>	Cooks Choice of Filled Oven Baked Jacket Potatoes with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection (V)	Choice of Filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Cooks Choice of Filled Oven Baked Jacket Potatoes with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of Filled Oven Baked Jacket Potatoes with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of Filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
<b>Dessert Choices</b>	Marble Tiramisu & Chocolate Sauce Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk	Lancashire Cheese & Crackers Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk	Raspberry Bun Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk	Lemon Biscuit & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk	Cocoa Waffle Cake Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk

## Week 3

Week Commencing  
21st April  
12th May  
3rd June  
23rd June  
14th July  
15th September  
6th October  
27th October

	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
<b>Traditional Main Course</b>	Boothe Pork or Vegetarian Sausage Hot Dog & Tomato Ketchup with Potato Wedges Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Golden Crumb Salmon or Vegetable Fingers with Paprika Potatoes Mixed Vegetable Medley or Baked Beans	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Filled with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection	Golden Crumb Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
<b>Alternative Choice</b>	Pasta Torte & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (V)	Loaded Pizza Panini with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips (V)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (V)	Playground's Picnic Lunch with Homemade Crusty Bread & Mixed Salad	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans (V)
<b>Jackets &amp; Sandwiches</b>	Cooks Choice of Filled Oven Baked Jacket Potatoes with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of Filled Oven Baked Jacket Potatoes with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of Filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Cooks Choice of Filled Oven Baked Jacket Potatoes with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of Filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
<b>Dessert Choices</b>	Only Biscuit & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk	Mixed Fruit Medley Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk	Cooks Choice of Mousse Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk	Chocolate Shortbread & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk	Summer Treat Dessert Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt - Fruit Selection & Milk

While every effort is made to produce the pictured meals, please note that they may vary occasionally, subject to availability and individual school requirements. All our menus are created using a computer programme to ensure accuracy. We also work with local suppliers, including the local food bank, to ensure we have fresh produce available for our menus.

