

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

Rec S				Rec T	
1S	Mohammad S	1/2T	Harper C	2A	Louie B
3S	Louie H	3/4T	Axel W	4A	Dexter B
5S	Jake K	5/6T	Jack F	6A	Percy F

CITIZEN AWARD

Daphne P	3S
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It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week – it has been great hearing their stories of the summer holidays.

Children from Year 1 through to Year 6 gathered in church this morning for our new school year Mass – the singing was beautiful. The children were sad to hear that Fr Peter is leaving us at the end of September as he starts 'semi-retirement' covering for priests in other parishes. We will all miss Father very much and wish him every good health and happiness! We will be welcoming Fr Andrew Dawson as our new parish priest in October.

We send our congratulations to Miss Clarke and Miss Hill on the births of their babies during the summer holiday – we are hoping they will visit us soon!

We welcome Miss Whitehead (Y5S) and Miss McKelvie (Y1S) to the St. Anthony's team this week. All parents are invited into school next Wednesday, 10th September, for our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings that will provide you with the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, hear about class routines and expectations and meet the staff. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions. Each class will hold meetings at 3.30pm and 4.00pm (These meetings are not for Reception children).

Class Masses will begin from next week and Class Assemblies the week after – parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. Please see the 'dates for your diary' section and note down the appropriate dates for your child.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Barnes

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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
8th September will be week 2 of
the Spring/Summer Menu

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

Important message to Year 3 Parents

Please can we remind parents whose children are in Year 3 that they are no longer entitled to universal infant free school meals. If you wish your child to continue having school meals, payment will need to be made through your child's Parent Pay account. Please be aware, school meals MUST be paid for in advance. Failure to pay will result in you being requested to send your child with a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.

If you think that your child may be entitled to free school meals and you have not already applied, please do so through the link below:-

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

Change of Personal Information

Please can we ask that you contact the school office if you have changed any of the following over summer:- home address, mobile number, email address or emergency contact details.

School Uniform

Please can we ask that all children wear their full school uniform including school shoes to school every day and have their PE kit in school on PE days. A polite request, if your child had their hair braided over summer, please can we ask that these be removed. Please can you also check your child's hair for headlice on a regular basis.

Labelling of School Uniform

Please can we ask that you label all items of your child's uniform and coat. We often have items of clothing left at school that we are unable to reunite with their owner due to them not being labelled.

Nut Free School

Just to remind you, we have children in school with nut allergies so we kindly ask that you do not send children into school with nuts or items containing nuts. Many thanks for your support.



Dates for your diary

Autumn Term begins - Tuesday, 2nd September
Whole School Mass - Friday, 5th September
Y4A Class Mass - Tuesday, 9th September
Meet the Teacher - Wednesday, 10th September
Extra-Curricular Clubs begin - Monday, 15th September
Y3/4T Class Mass - Tuesday, 16th September
Y6A Class Assembly - Wednesday, 17th September
Y5/6T Class Mass - Tuesday, 23rd September
Y3S Class Assembly - Wednesday, 24th September
Y1S Class Mass - Tuesday, 30th September
Y2A Class Assembly - Wednesday, 1st October
Y5S Class Mass - Tuesday, 7th October
Harvest Festival - Thursday, 9th October
Y3S Class Mass - Tuesday, 14th October
Y4A Class Assembly - Wednesday, 15th October
Nasal Flu Vaccination Session - Thursday, 16th October
Y6A Class Mass - Tuesday, 21st October
Y1/2T Class Assembly - Wednesday, 22nd October
Half Term - Monday, 27th October - Friday, 31st October
Inset Day - Monday, 3rd November
Y2A Class Mass - Tuesday, 11th November
Y5S Class Assembly - Wednesday, 12th November
Open Night (new starters) - Wednesday, 12th November
Y1/2T Class Mass - Tuesday, 18th November
Tempest School Photos - Wednesday, 19th November
Parents Afternoon / Evening - Wednesday, 19th November
Y5/6T Class Assembly - Thursday, 20th November
Reception S Class Mass - Tuesday, 25th November
Y3/4T Class Assembly - Wednesday, 26th November
Reception T Class Mass - Tuesday, 2nd December
Years 3 & 4 Advent Service - Tuesday, 2nd December
Y1S Class Assembly - Wednesday, 3rd December
KS1 Nativity - Wednesday, 10th December
Years 5 & 6 Carol Service - Wednesday, 17th December
Whole School Mass - Friday, 19th December
Close for Christmas - Friday, 19th December at 1.30pm

School Admissions – September 2026

Online applications for primary and high school places for the September 2026 intake are now open with closing dates as follows:-

Secondary School - 31st October, 2025

Primary School - 15th January, 2026

Please apply using the following link:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

You will receive an email confirmation of your application.

If your child is baptised Catholic you will also need to complete a supplementary form which is available from the school office and at Our Lady's Catholic High School. Baptism Certificates are also required.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

The Lancashire Immunisation Service will be in school on Thursday, 16th October, to administer the flu vaccine to Reception to Year 6 children.

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school, please consent using the link below by Sunday, 21st September. If you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine please complete the 'No to consent' section of the form:-

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/85f77041>

If you have any problems accessing the link, please contact the Immunisation Service direct on:- 0333 3583 397 option 2 option 1.

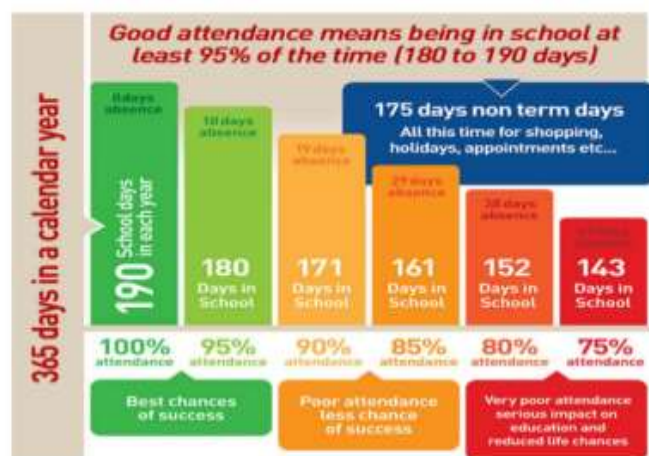
Advance Notice – KS2 SATS

Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments will take place from Monday, 11th May – Thursday, 14th May, 2026. Please can we ask that our Year 6 parents refrain from taking their children on holiday during this period.

Our Lady's High School Open Evening

Our Lady's are holding their Open Evening on Thursday, 2nd October, from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. This is an opportunity for our Year 6 children and their parents to have a look round prior to applying for a high school place.

Attendance – Friday, 18th July to Thursday, 4th September, 2025



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

Rec S	
Rec T	
1S	94.4%
1/2T	95.83%
2A	95.0%
3S	98.28%
3/4T	100.0%
4A	92.58%
5S	95.83%
5/6T	95.53%
6A	97.5%
Whole School	97.59%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 3/4T 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 classes 2A, 3S and 4A who have had no late marks this week