

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 2025

Rec S	Faith O			Rec T	Ben S
1S	Ava O	1/2T	Leo F	2A	Arlo R
3S	Gabi P	3/4T	Ethan J	4A	Nellie-Marie McB
5S	Alice B	5/6T	Artem T	6A	Frankie S

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Imogen S	5S
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This week Year 5S led the whole school in a beautiful assembly on the theme of remembrance and Year 2A offered up poppies in remembrance at their Class Mass. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that attended.

A special mention goes to all our children for observing Tuesday's two-minute silence to remember and show respect for those who lost their lives in times of conflict and thank you to everyone for supporting this year's Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

We had lots of visitors at our Reception 2026 Open Evening on Wednesday. The head pupils and prayer leaders gave them tours of our school – we received many compliments and we are very proud of the children, they are a credit to school!

We have a busy week next week with school photos and parents afternoon / evening. Please can we remind those of you who have not already booked an appointment to see your child's teacher to do so as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need any help accessing our electronic booking system.

Our Local Authority Attendance Officer has been in school this week looking at the amount of learning time that is lost due to lateness. If your child is regularly late, please be aware that you will be invited to attend a panel meeting to discuss any barriers to good punctuality and to identify if any support can be offered.

For information:- School's primary office email address has changed with immediate effect. The new email is:- office@stanthonys.mecmat.org which should be used for all communication with the school office.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Barnes

office@stanthonys.mecmat.org

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
17th November
will be week 3 of the
Autumn/Winter Menu

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

Autumn/Winter Meal Menu link:-

[Autumn/Winter Menu 2025/2026](#)

Tempest Individual and Family Photographs

Tempest Photography are in school on Wednesday, 19th November, to take individual and family photographs. Parents are welcome to bring non St. Anthony's siblings to have a family photograph taken. Please can we ask that you be at school for 8.15am prompt if you wish to take up this offer.

Christmas Lunch Deadline Day Reminder

Please do not forget, if you want your child to have a Christmas lunch, your order form needs to be returned to school no later than Wednesday, 19th November.

Change of Date of Class 1/2T's Mass

Please note that there has been a change of date of Class 1/2T's Mass that will now take place on Tuesday, 25th November.

Whole School Break time Snack

From next term, **all children in school** will be able to have break time toast or fruit toast. Payment is through your parent pay accounts, payable from Wednesday, 19th November until Friday, 12th December. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take orders after deadline day.

Whole School Milk

Next term's milk can also be purchased through your parent pay accounts with the same deadline day of Friday, 12th December.

Lancashire Day Promotional Lunch



On Thursday, 27th November, we will be having the following promotional lunch to celebrate Lancashire Day. There is no need to book in advance, just let class know on the day and, for our Key Stage 2 parents, please make the payment through your parent pay accounts, if relevant.



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
Y6A Class Assembly – Wednesday, 17th September
Y3/4T Class Mass – Friday 19th September
Extra-curricular Clubs begin – Monday, 22nd 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
Mini-Vinnies Coffee Morning – Sunday, 5th October
Y5S Class Mass – Tuesday, 7th October
Harvest Festival – Thursday, 9th October
Wear Yellow Day for mental health – Friday, 10th October
Y3S Class Mass – Tuesday, 14th October
Y4A Class Assembly – Wednesday, 15th October
Nasal Flu Vaccination Session – Thursday, 16th October
Wear Red Day for Kick out racism – Friday, 17th October
Y6A Class Mass – Tuesday, 21st October
Y1/2T Class Assembly – Wednesday, 22nd October
FOSTA Own Clothes Day – Friday, 7th November
Y2A Class Mass – Tuesday, 11th November
Y5S Class Assembly – Wednesday, 12th November
Open Night (new starters) – Wednesday, 12th November
Tempest School Photos – Wednesday, 19th November
Parents Afternoon / Evening – Wednesday, 19th November
Y5/6T Class Assembly – Thursday, 20th November
Y1/2T Class Mass – Tuesday, 25th November
M&M Theatre Production – Tuesday, 25th November
Y3/4T Class Assembly – Wednesday, 26th November
Years 3 & 4 Advent Service – Tuesday, 2nd December
Y1S Class Assembly – Wednesday, 3rd December
FOSTA Own Clothes Day – Friday, 5th December
FOSTA Film Night – Tuesday, 9th December
KS1 Nativity – Wednesday, 10th December
Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday, 11th December
FOSTA Christmas Fair – Thursday, 11th December
Rec Nativity – Wednesday, 17th December
Years 5 & 6 Carol Service – Wednesday, 17th December
FOSTA Christmas Hamper Draw – Thursday, 18th December
Christmas Lunch – Thursday, 18th December
Whole School Mass – Friday, 19th December
Close for Christmas – Friday, 19th December at 1.30pm

⚽ Football Team Triumph! 🏆

Our Year 5/6 football team enjoyed a highly successful and dramatic outing in the league fixtures yesterday, securing two crucial victories. In the first game against St. Mary and St. Andrew's Primary, the team demonstrated great tenacity, clinching a tight **1-0 victory** with a late goal. The second match against Cottam Primary was a heart-stopper: after racing to a comfortable 4-0 lead, the boys conceded four quick, sloppy goals to draw level at 4-4, thoroughly testing Mr. Pitcher's nerves, but the team managed to rally and finish the match as **6-4 winners**. Congratulations to all the boys for their victorious efforts, and a big thank you to the supporting parents and families!

FOSTA Christmas Hampers Raffle Donations

As is tradition, we are collecting items for our class Christmas hampers that we will be raffling in school on Thursday, 18th December. Each class teacher has a list of suggested items that will be on display during parents' evening and we would be grateful if you could sign up to donate one of the items from the list. Please can you send your donations to school by Friday, 12th December, so that the FOSTA team have time to make up each class hamper. We will be sending home books of raffle tickets shortly for you to have a chance of winning your class hamper.

Advance Notice of Christmas Events

Please see below our Christmas related events that will take place on the lead up to Christmas:-

Years 3 & 4 Advent Service - Tuesday, 2nd December - 5.30pm-6.30pm - Church

FOSTA Film Night - Tuesday, 9th December - 5.00pm-7.00pm

KS1 Nativity - Wednesday, 10th December - 10.30am-11.30am and 2.00pm-3.00pm - Church

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday, 11th December

FOSTA Christmas Fair - Thursday, 11th December - afternoon

Reception Nativity - Wednesday, 17th December - 10.00am-10.30am and 2.15pm-2.45pm - School

Years 5 & 6 Carol Service - Wednesday, 17th December - 5.30pm-6.30pm - Church

FOSTA Christmas Hamper Draw - Thursday, 18th December

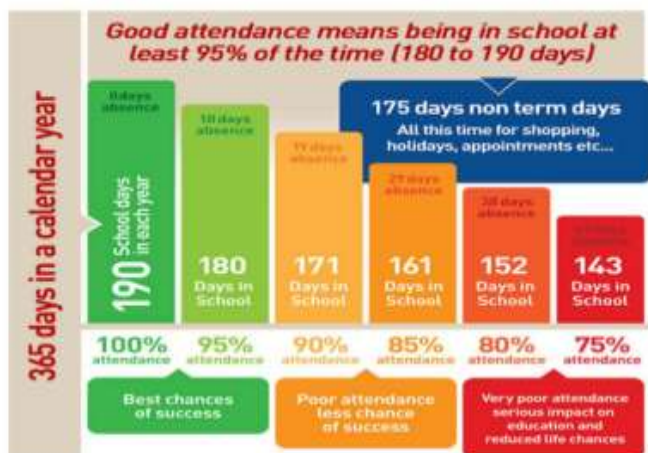
Christmas Lunch - Thursday, 18th December

Whole School Mass - Friday, 19th December - 9.15am

Close for Christmas - Friday, 19th December - 1.30pm

Further information regarding the events will follow.

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



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

Rec S	98.66%
Rec T	99.09%
1S	94.33%
1/2T	97.33%
2A	97.67%
3S	95.52%
3/4T	96.0%
4A	97.74%
5S	96.33%
5/6T	97.42%
6A	98.67%
Whole School	97.08%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to class Reception T who have achieved 99.09% attendance this week.

Punctuality - Registration is at 8.45am prompt and when a child arrives in class after 8.50am 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 – Unfortunately, all classes have had late marks this week

FOSTA Own Clothes Day

Our second own clothes day will take place on **Friday, 5th December**. We will notify you nearer the time of the type of donations we will be requesting for the Christmas Fair that will take place on Thursday, 11th December.

For information:- The fair will be open to the children throughout the afternoon and then to parents after school.

Reception 2026 Application Closing Date

Reception 2026 online applications must be made by Wednesday, 15th January, 2026 through the following link:- www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools If your child is baptised Catholic you will also need to complete a supplementary form, available from the school office. Baptism certificates are also required. You will need to return both documents to school prior to the closing date.

Wednesday Word

Please see below a link to this week's 'Wednesday Word' Catholic resource for families:-

<https://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Shape your Space

We are excited to launch a brand-new way for you to have your say in shaping the communities where you live.

Shape Your Space is all about giving you the chance to choose the community projects you would like to see in your area.

This is your chance to decide what matters most to you - your voice will shape what happens in your community!

What you need to know:

- You need to register to attend an event
- Free hot food will be served at each event along with hot and cold drinks
- All tenants who attend will be in with a chance of winning a £50 voucher
- Children are welcome to attend and take part

Visit: www.communitygateway.co.uk/events
Phone: 0800 953 0213 (option 6) and ask for the Engagement Team
Email: getinvolved@communitygateway.co.uk

11th Nov 2025 5-7pm - Ashton
The Hub at St Bernards
Elswick Rd, Ashton-on-Ribble, PR2 1NT

20th Nov 2025 5-7pm - Moor Nook
Moor Nook Youth Hub
Burholme Rd, Ribbleson, PR2 6HN

4th Dec 2025 5-7pm - Deepdale
Catherine Beckett Centre
112 Deepdale Road, PR1 5AR

12th Jan 2026 5-7pm - Ingol
The Intact Centre
49 Whitby Avenue, Ingol, PR2 3YP

28th Jan 2026 5-7pm - Ribbleson
Rothwell Hall
11 Farrington Lane, Ribbleson, PR2 6LX

10th Feb 2026 4-6pm - St Matts
West View Leisure Centre
Ribbleson Lane, PR1 5EP

24th Feb 2026 5-7pm - Blackpool
Ibbison Court Community Centre
70-71 Ibbison Court, FY1 4AT

2nd Mar 2026 5-7pm - South Ribble
South Ribble Family Wellbeing Centre
Wilkinson Street, Lostock Hall, PR5 5BP

19th Mar 2026 5-7pm - City Centre
The Harris, Market Square, Preston,
PR1 2PP

15th Apr 2026 5-7pm - Brookfield
Ascension Church, 450 Watling St Rd,
Ribbleson, PR2 6UA

21st Apr 2026 5-7pm - Fishwick
Preston Community Hub, Samuel
Street, Preston, PR1 4YE

TERM DATES		SEPTEMBER 2024 - JULY 2027
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School		
AUTUMN TERM 2026		
INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September 2026	
RE-OPEN	Thursday 3rd September 2026	
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026	
INSET DAY	Monday 2nd November 2026	
CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS	Friday 18th December 2026 at 1.30pm	
		
SPRING TERM 2027		
RE-OPEN	Monday 4th January 2027	
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2027	
INSET DAY	Monday 22nd February 2027	
CLOSURE FOR EASTER	Thursday 25th March 2027 at 1.30pm	
		
SUMMER TERM 2027		
RE-OPEN	Monday 12th April 2027	
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 3rd May 2027	
MID-TERM CLOSURE	Monday 21st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027	
INSET DAYS	Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th June 2027	
CLOSURE FOR SUMMER	Wednesday 21st July 2027 at 1.30pm	
		

