

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

FRIDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 2025

Rec S	Azaiah K			Rec T	Aiwin J
1S	Willow A	1/2T	Dalton S	2A	Ronnie W
3S	Daphne P	3/4T	Kayden McF	4A	Hanna T
5S	Scarlett H	5/6T	Esther A	6A	Lera T

It has been lovely hearing our children sing so beautifully at our festive events this week:- a group of children took part in the Parish Carol Service in church, other children sang at the parishioners' Christmas party in the social centre and our Years 5 and 6 children led our School Carol Service in church.

How wonderful it was to see our youngest children perform their Nativity for the first time at St Anthony's. The children certainly rose to the challenge of performing for an audience.

We raised an amazing £352.43 from the collections after our Christmas productions that we are donating to Derian House, the children's hospice in Chorley. Thank you for your generous support.

With our Christmas lunch and parties also taking place, it certainly has been a truly wonderful week! A huge well done to all our children for their hard work and enthusiasm.

On Thursday, we drew the Christmas raffle and the winners have been notified. A huge thank you to our FOSTA team for their fundraising efforts this term and thank you to all of you for supporting FOSTA in raising money and creating memories for our children.

On behalf of all our staff, I would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support this term, lovely Christmas wishes and generous gifts. We wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

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
5th January
will be week 1 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](#)

Years 5 and 6 Carol Service

It was wonderful to see so many families at our Years 5 and 6 Carol Service on Wednesday evening. It was a memorable occasion full of music, reflection and festive joy. The children were outstanding and performed the carols and readings beautifully. Thank you to everyone who attended and, of course, to our amazing children for their marvellous performance.

EYFS Nativity

We are extremely proud of our Reception children who performed brilliantly in their 'Noisy Nativity'. The children loved sharing the story of the birth of Jesus through narration, singing and dancing! We hope everyone who watched the performance enjoyed it as much as the children enjoyed performing it. Well done to our super star Reception children!

Christmas Wishes

Mrs Cartwright and Mrs Howlett would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2026.

Outstanding Parent Pay Accounts

Please can all our key stage 2 parents check your parent pay accounts and, if relevant, clear any outstanding balances. Please can we remind you that all meals should be paid for in advance.

Wednesday Word

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

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

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.



Dates for your diary

Spring Term begins - Monday, 5th January, 2026

Whole School Epiphany Mass - Tuesday 6th January, 2026

KS1 Trip to Chester Zoo - Wednesday, 28th January, 2026

FOSTA Valentines Disco - Wednesday, 11th February, 2026

Half Term - Monday, 16th February - Friday, 20th February, 2026

Tempest Photography Class Photos - Thursday, 19th March, 2026

Close for Easter - Thursday, 2nd April, 2026 at 1.30pm

All about Family Magazine

With this newsletter is a magazine entitled 'All about Family'.

FOSTA News

FOSTA organised three events this term which the children thoroughly enjoyed: Christmas Movie Night, Christmas Fair and the Hamper Raffle. These events raised a tremendous £2,355.43 which enabled FOSTA to finance the whole school theatre production of 'Beauty and the Beast' as well as contributing towards treats and prizes for the class Christmas parties. In January, FOSTA will share their full fundraising plan for the rest of the school year along with the 2026 events schedule. The FOSTA team would like to thank all of you for your continued support and contributions this term and to welcome their new treasurer, Aysha, to the team. If anyone would like to attend the FOSTA meetings, or find out more about FOSTA, please do get in touch with the school office. The FOSTA team wish everyone a very joyful and restful break and thank you again for helping make these events possible and to all the children for making it so worthwhile.

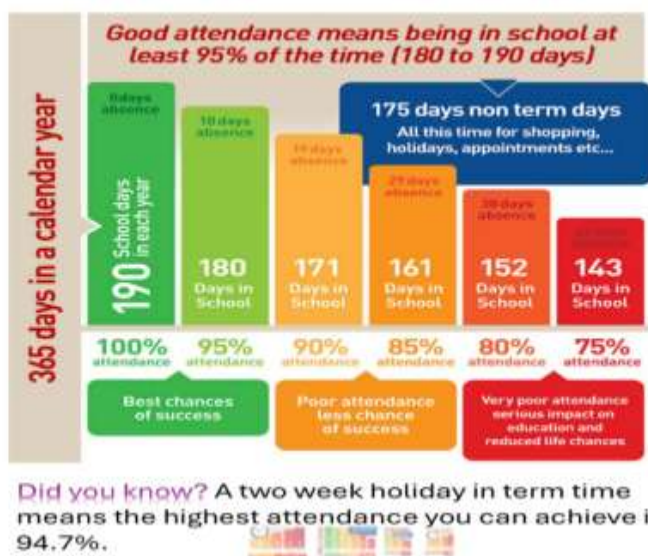
Christmas Bike Marking!

As it is approaching Christmas, there will no doubt be a few new bikes under the Christmas tree! With this in mind, our Community Support Officers are holding the following bike marking events. Bike marking enables the Police/Community Support Officers reunite lost or stolen bikes with their owner.

- Tuesday, 30th December from 9:30am-12:00noon - Fulwood Leisure Centre, PR2 9YA
- Saturday, 10th January from 5.00pm-8.00pm (Fulwood Leisure Centre, PR2 9YA)

More information on keeping your Bike Safe and Secure can be found at:- [Secured by Design - Bicycle Security - How to Protect Your Bike](#)

Attendance – Friday, 12th December to Thursday, 18th December, 2025



Rec S	93.75%
Rec T	91.82%
1S	92.33%
1/2T	95.0%
2A	94.67%
3S	94.83%
3/4T	94.67%
4A	96.1%
5S	91.67%
5/6T	96.77%
6A	97.59%
Whole School	94.56%
Whole School Target	96.0%

Attendance Winners - A huge well done to Class 6A who have achieved 97.59% 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 – Well done to class Reception T who have had no late marks this week