

September

St Antony's Newsletter September 2024



O Lord, you mark the journey of life with change. Once again we witness your creation moving from one season to the other. Change is your instrument of growth that brings us to a deeper relationship with you. May your Word be the lantern that guides the roads of change in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mrs McGowan's Message



Dear families,

It has been a super month in school. The children have settled in well and we have welcomed many visitors already. Our Reception class has attended their first whole school liturgy and celebration assemblies, they sat and listened so beautifully. The KS2 choir singers are leading the way with music this year- singing in worship time is so joyful. Our playtime activities are proving a hit, remember to send in any spare wellies once they are outgrown at home. Water proof coats are also a good idea. We will invest in some waterproof trousers and keep them in the shed- I can imagine some children wanting to slide down the hill or make a den even when it is drizzling! It's good to see the children enjoy the seasonal changes and be in the fresh air. It is good to embrace change and let go of anything that does not serve you well at this time of year. We are entering a reflective time and I look forward to sharing the Rosary and some prayerful mediation sessions with the children in October as we celebrate the Joyful Mysteries.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)



EVERYBODY IN DAY!



Each class will have the opportunity to take part in Archery, Bush craft and a Virtual Reality workshop.

This is a day not to be missed!

3rd October 2024



1 - Let's get 100% attendance on this day!



Did you know...

- 90% attendance might sound like a good percentage however it is the equivalent to a pupil missing 1 full day per 10 days or missing 4 whole weeks over the year - approximately 120 lessons per year missed.
- You can talk to Ms Ali or Mrs Saunders if you are struggling to get your child into school. We are always here to help where we can.

Catholic Life and Mission



💙💛 Pupils past and present helped us to celebrate Education Sunday at St Joseph's on Sunday 8th September. Thank you to those children and parents who stepped up on a very rainy morning to serve our community 💛💙

- Father Barry celebrated a back to school Mass on beginnings and fresh starts ready for the new academic year
- We are excited to launch our Multi Lingual rosary in October. Keep an eye out on class dojo for photos.
- Year 2 led a beautiful prayer service for parents linked to the season of creation in the woods we are hoping to host some more woodland worships in the future
- Classes have had a wonderful visit from Greg at Mark 10 Mission, he showed creative ways to encounter God in the classroom. He also led the staff in prayerful activities after school to develop their own spiritual journeys.

- Our school chapel has been used by classes for their celebration of the word. We will be hosting some more stay and prays as they have been well attended by parents.

Please keep your eyes peeled on dojo and our school website for more information.



2 - We took part in the Offeratory.





3 - Pupils past and present read the Bidding prayers.

Prayer Bears



🙏🐻 Our Pupil Chaplains delivered gifts to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 today! To enrich the spiritual life of our youngest children, each class now has a special companion. If they wish to do so, every child will have the opportunity to take it home. Prayer is such a fundamental aspect of school life. Prayer Bear has been introduced to encourage the children to engage in prayerful moments at home. There is a journal included for those who would like to record any prayers in. 🐻🙏

Uniform



At St Antony's School, we place great importance on the wearing of a school uniform.

The school ties can be purchased from the school office for £6.

It is also important to note that earrings are not allowed to be worn as part of the uniform.

To maintain consistency and uphold the school's standards, uniform **MUST** be correct. This includes shoes, socks, hair accessories and PE kit.

In regards to PE, children are required to wear plain black leggings, joggers or shorts without prominent logos. Additionally, they are expected to wear PE hoodies and t-shirts in red, blue, yellow, or green. This allows for easy identification during physical activities and encourages a sense of team spirit.

Please adhere to the following:

- No jewellery, including no earrings
- Ties must be worn with a white shirt (no polo shirts or t-shirts)
- Black school shoes or pumps with uniform
- Trainers are only to be worn with PE kits
- Only black leggings, joggers or shorts with PE kits (No prominent logos)

Phone calls will be made to rectify uniform breaches.

Consistent uniform reflects our Catholic Social Teaching - everybody is equal, there is equity; there is a sense of community solidarity and dignity.

[Andy's Man Hub - Mental Health support For Men](#)

[NSPCC Online Safety](#)

Accreditation and awards



PSQM

Primary Science
Quality Mark

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Valid 2024 – 2027

4 - Miss Thomas has worked extremely hard to gain the Primary Science Quality Mark. It has been confirmed this week that we have now been awarded it.



5 - As a school we have successfully achieved the National Mental Health & Wellbeing Accreditation, showing our commitment to developing a whole-school approach towards supporting staff and pupils' mental health and wellbeing.

**EDI
QM**

6 - Mrs Malak has worked hard on gaining the EDIQM. Our work towards addressing inequality has been formally recognised and we have been awarded the Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Quality Mark. The award is such a worthy achievement for all the staff at St Antony's RC Primary School who have remained committed throughout all the challenges of the past 12 months to embed EDI throughout the school.



7 - Mrs Malak has also just submitted evidence to gain our CAFOD Live Simply award. As a school we have pledged to live simply, live sustainably and live in solidarity to protect God's creation. We are awaiting assessment from CAFOD.

St Antony's Five Wells University



It has been a great start to the year with lots of children taking advantage of the extra curricular clubs we have on offer. These clubs link to the St Antony's Five Wells University. Children must attend at least 5 sessions to gain the SAFWU credits.

- Mindful - Dog training
- Creative - Arts and crafts, cookery
- Physical - Gymnastics, multi skills, jag tag and dodgeball
- Social - Chess, choir
- Charitable- fulfilling your own Mission to help others.

The more clubs children attend the more credits they will get and could have a chance at attending a graduation at UCLAN

Extra Curricular Clubs

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have a range of extra curricular clubs this half term.

- Jag Tag
- Dodgeball
- Multiskills
- Cookery
- Craft
- Chess
- Choir
- Dog training
- Times table
- Gymnastics

These can all be booked on via the School Gateway App







Parents in Partnership <https://healthyparentcarers.org/>



We are currently working in partnership with our local Community Autism Practitioner and her team. We are part of a project, looking at Autism in School and Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS). Over the year, we hope to further improve our practice in supporting all pupils whatever their needs. The very lovely Christine and Elaine from the Parents in Partnership Team will be holding a coffee morning on 9th October from 8:30am. All parents are invited to find out more

about the project and more about Autism - whether their child has a diagnosis or not. Everyone is welcome.

[Healthy Parent Carers Website](#)



**Family
AUTISM
Service**

Is your child seeking or has an autism diagnosis?

Do you live in East Lancashire or Blackburn with Darwen?

Is your child/children under 25 years old?

Are you a parent/carer looking for information, advice and support?

Come along to our:

- Parent Support Group
- Autism Awareness Sessions and workshops
- Cygnet Course
- Social Activities (for families, young people, siblings)
- Emotional Health and Well Being sessions



MAKE A REFERRAL

For more information:
☎ 01254 244706 | ✉ autism@canw.org.uk | www.canw.org.uk



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Integrated Care Board

St Antony's RC Nursery Places Available



Does your child turn 3 this term? Or do you know anyone that turns 3 before September? Would you like a nurturing environment overseen by qualified teachers to prepare your child for formal schooling?

Our nursery is:

- a Catholic environment which nurtures your child's spirituality
- a caring and nurturing environment to grow your child's confidence
- a ethos of strong home school relationships and family support
- a smart family with full school uniform
- a place where qualified teachers oversee teaching and learning
- a classroom of high expectations of behaviour with consistent rules and routines
- a place where they will work on the same EYFS framework as they do in our Reception class
- where lessons in numbers and phonics give pupils a flying start for school

- part of the St Antony's family taking part in assemblies and exciting curriculum days
- a safe environment to play and socialise with peers but still be part of the big school
- not just childcare- a true pre school setting, preparing pupils to grow their faith, socialise and learn effectively

EXPECTATIONS

Before a pupil can start at St Antony's Nursery, we expect that they should be able to:

- visit the toilet independently and wipe their own bottoms
- put on and take off a coat, a hat and gloves (we will help with tricky buttons or zips!)
- take shoes and wellies on and off independently
- drink out of a normal cup
- not have a dummy at nursery
- separate from their adult at the door happily

From January 2025 we are going to be extending nursery hours to 32.5 hours. Nursery will run from 8:30am-3pm each day. There will be a small charge of £5 per day for snacks, lunch and playtime supervision (2.5 hours per week). Places will all be full time. No part time places will be available unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Training to help support your child's learning Journey



Join the faith and learning journey



National College has lots of training courses that you can do at your own leisure, from mental health to online safety. Please follow the link below to access this.

- <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-antony-s-r-c-primary-school>

Ten Ten provides an Online Parent Portal to help schools communicate with parents and carers about our Relationships and Health programme for primary schools, and our Relationships, Sex and Health Education programmes for secondary schools, called Life to the Full.

- [Ten Ten Parent Portal](#)

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Language Angels (our language scheme) have now allowed pupils access to language games either through a free Language Angels app (available in the Apple app store or the Google Play store) or from a PC by going to their website and logging in through the pupil login option.

[Language Angels](#)

Police commissioner issues final call for residents to share views on local policing



Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has urged residents to take the time to fill in his Police and Crime Plan survey before it closes on Monday, 30th September. The plan is a strategic document which sets the direction for Lancashire Constabulary and establishes a framework, against which the Commissioner holds the Chief Constable to account.

The online survey can be accessed here - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lancashire-PCC-Survey>

What's coming up this term?



- Year 3 & 4 handwriting sessions continue on Tuesday mornings at 8:40am
- 30th September - Swimming pool in for 3 weeks
- 1st October - Flu Vaccinations
- 2nd October - Gardeners and Seeds assembly for Reception class and Year 5 (Parents welcome)
- 3rd October - **EVERYBODY IN DAY!** Archery, Bush-craft and VR day for all classes
- 7th October - World Faith week, Judaism
- 9th October - Parent in Partnership workshop for parents from 8:30am
- 10th October - Hello Yellow Day for mental health, please wear something yellow and be prepared for the outdoors
- 11th October - Poetry challenge for all classes (Parents welcome)
- 14th October - Carbon monoxide workshop for Year 2 & Year 5
- 16th October - Monster Mash Disco. **KS1 4-4:45pm & KS2 5-5:45pm £6 per ticket see Mrs Brown**
- 17th October - Reception music assembly (parents welcome)
- 18th October - Year 5 music assembly (parents welcome)
- 18th October - Break up for half term.

- 28th October - School closed due to inset
- 29th October - Return to school
- 30th October - Parents evening (class teachers will contact you regarding times)
- **Parents coffee morning is on every Friday morning from 8:40am (all parents welcome)**

Keep your eyes peeled on class dojo and the school website for more events.

[St Antony's Website Calendar](#)