

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School



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New beginnings 2025 - 2026

We have had a great start to the new school year here at St. Anne's. Our new Reception children are settling in very well and we have welcomed several new families into our school as well. We hope they will all be very happy here with us. The atmosphere around school has been very friendly, calm and productive - a fantastic start! We will be celebrating the start of this new school year with Years 1 – 6, Fr Joe, Governors and parishioners at our Welcome Mass on Monday at 9.15am in school – Parents are welcome to attend.

Thank you for all your support in preparing your children for the start of the school year, it really has been a great start!

Reflection for the week



Contacts

Please inform the School Office of any changes to address, telephone numbers, emergency contacts etc.. as soon as possible. Thank you

School App

Please make sure you have got the latest version of the School App. If you haven't got our App then please do so as soon as possible as this is our main channel for communication. Please contact the office if you have any School App issues.

Uniform

The children are looking very smart as they have come back to or started school – thank you so much. **Please ensure all uniform is labelled so any lost items can be returned.** If anyone requires any 'good as new' uniform, we have a good stock in school of generously donated items so please speak to Lisa or ask at the office. Any further donations would be gratefully received.

Medications

If your child suffers with asthma and has an inhaler, please bring a labelled inhaler to the school office to complete the medical forms for us to retain in school.

Applications for free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, please do register them to ensure their entitlement begins as soon as possible. This is particularly relevant to children who have moved into Year 3 who have all previously been in receipt of the Universal free school meals. Please click on the link below to access the registration page

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

All children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a free school meal. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this provision - all meals are freshly prepared on-site and are a good way of introducing the children to food they may not necessarily have tried before.



On Tuesday, the funeral for our wonderful Mrs Clarke was held where we said our final farewells amongst all her family and friends. From the moment she arrived at St Anne's, she brought the greatest gifts of positivity, energy and fun coupled with great empathy and thoughtfulness. Her kindness and compassion with all of our children was a pleasure to witness and I truly



hope they remember how loved they were by her. As she was the recipient of our 'Ray of Sunshine' Award at our end of year Staff Awards, our team are determined to always add a 'little of Lisa' into our interactions, our classrooms and Staff room. She will be deeply missed by us all.

Parentpay

Parent Pay is the method we use to collect any payments in school, including school visits. Please contact the office if you have any Parent Pay issues. **Parents of our Reception Class children will now have received login details for Parentpay. If you have any queries, please do pop into the school office.**

School Lunches : don't forget to order next week's lunches!

School Clubs are usually listed on Parentpay and this is where you will need to go to sign your child up for them. Clubs have a limit on places and places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Clubs on offer on Parentpay this half-term :

Multisports Yrs 1 & 2: 3.20 – 4.15pm : Monday 8th September – Monday 6th October (5 weeks)

Dodgeball Yrs 3 & 4 3.20 – 4.15pm : Wednesday 10th September – Wednesday 8th October (5 weeks)

Football Tournaments Boys Yr 6 : Thursday 18th & 26th September, Thursday 2nd October @ St Mary's High School (1 space available)

Girls Football Tournaments Yrs 5 & 6 : Thursday 9th, 16th & 23rd October @ St Mary's High School (FULL)

Permission forms

All children will have brought home this week some permission forms that will need returning. Please complete them as soon as possible for return to school. Many thanks.

The School car park

We are very fortunate to have a large car park which we allow parents/visitors to make use of. This can only remain the case if all car park users adhere to our safety rules. Any parents/visitors to school wishing to use the school car park **MUST park only in designated bays. Disability marked spaces are only to be used by holders of a blue badge.** If car park users choose not to follow these safety rules, you will be asked to move your car. Please understand, anyone asking you to move your vehicle is doing this for the safety of our school community.

Scooters (electric or otherwise) and bikes are not permitted to be ridden on the school premises. This is to safeguard all in the community, especially our younger members. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

PE Timetable Autumn 1

All children are to come to school in their PE kit on their allocated day.

Reception Class : Tuesday

Year 1 : Tuesday

Year 2 : Wednesday

Year 3 : Tuesday & Friday

Year 4 : Wednesday & Thursday

Year 5 : Wednesday & Thursday

Year 6 : Thursday & Friday

Water and Healthy snacks

All children are asked to keep a **water bottle** in school so they can keep hydrated. We do ask that only water is added to the bottle and not juice. Regular sized water bottles (up to 23cm) are required from Year 1 to fit the bottle holders attached to each chair for ease of access. Any oversized bottles will impact on how often the children can access water

We do offer **toast** to all pupils (pre-ordered before each half-term on Parent pay). Alternatively, pupils may bring in their own **healthy snack** – fruit or vegetables only please. Pupils in Reception class, Years 1 and 2 are provided with free fruit/veg through the Government scheme.

Communication



Our School website contains a wealth of information about school, our routines and our policies. Newsletter links are emailed and App messaged weekly on a Friday and are also available on the school website. If you have any questions about anything, please do contact the school office. If you wish to speak with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office and an appointment can be arranged. We believe in working closely with children, parents and families and welcome your ideas and views - please do share with us!

Admissions for Reception and High School 2026

If you have a child who is due to start school in Reception in September 2026 (those who have their 4th birthday between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026) or a Year 6 child due to start High School in 2026, the on-line application is now available. You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school.

Go to www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. It is quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. There is also a supplementary form for Catholic Primary schools which is available from the School Office. This should be completed and sent into school in support of the on-line application. The website closes on the :

31st October 2025 for High School Applications

15th January 2026 for Primary School applications.

Please do ask if you would like any help with your application.

Diary Dates *We do like to provide diary dates as far in advance as possible but please keep checking as some dates may change and new dates will be added*

A list of all diary dates for this term will be emailed early next week and all dates will be added to the Friday's Newsletter.

Monday 8th September : 9.15am School Mass – all parents are welcome (please note, EYFS children will not be attending this Mass)

Monday 15th September : Year 5 & 6 Parents and pupils : St Mary's High School Roadshow in our school hall : 5pm

Tuesday 16th September : Reception Class photo for the Newspaper

Monday 6th October : Open Afternoon for New Starters 2026

Monday 13th October : Open Afternoon for New Starters 2026

Monday 13th October – Friday 24th October : Swimming Pool at school – lessons for all year groups

Monday 20th October : Open Afternoon for New Starters 2026