

# St. Anne's Catholic Primary School



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## What a week it's been!!!

We were so proud of all of our EYFS, Y1 & Y2 pupils who presented the show 'A Magical Christmas Journey' on Monday. They sang beautifully and acted so confidently in front of such a huge crowd of friends and family – we were all so proud of them! Many thanks to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to support the children in this performance and thank you to all the family members who made such a great audience for them!

Thank you to all who came to enjoy our KS2 Advent Service yesterday the children sang beautifully and it was a fitting end to our Advent celebrations!



## Reflection for the week

### *Christmas Blessing*

*May God's radiant  
light guide your way,  
May the joy of the  
angels fill your heart,  
May the love of Jesus  
surround you,  
And may His peace  
stay with you always.  
Amen.*



## Shining Star Awards for Exceptional Behaviour throughout the Autumn Second-half term

- Year 6 : Nevaeh Shaw
- Year 5 : Amelia Ormesher
- Year 4 : Aaliyah Cartmell
- Year 3 : Harper-Mai Brown
- Year 2 : Zuzanna Barcynska
- Year 1 : Lucy Keegan
- Reception : Noah Garside
- Nursery : Iona Davidson



[Well done to all of you!!](#)

## Mary's Meals

During Advent we have collected £61.62 for Mary's Meals. This will be doubled, and so we have raised enough to feed 6 children for a school year. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Christmas Jumper Day!!



We all looked very festive in our jumpers on Tuesday – all ready for our Christmas dinner!!



A huge thank you to our talented kitchen staff who made making Christmas lunch for over 200 people look easy!



### Panto!

KS2 enjoyed a trip out to the theatre in Bolton this week! They watched 'Tangled , a twisted



Tale' Both children and staff enjoyed the show and the children were all, as always , very well-behaved throughout!

### **Head Boy & Girl**

Thank you to Kian and Sophie in Year 6 for their commitment to their role as Head Boy and Head Girl this term. They have represented us brilliantly during all the festive performances and weekly Assemblies. They are handing their titles over to Rory and Caitlin from January.

### **Water Bottles and Book Bags**

A reminder that we have asked for regular sized water bottles only this year as we have bottle holders attached to each chair for ease of access.

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 we ask that the children bring **book bags** and not rucksacks or larger bags, as the children do not have lockers in which to store them. Many thanks.



### **Baby News!**

Baby Wilkinson No2 is on their way! Mrs Wilkinson will be going on maternity leave from Easter 2025. Teaching staff for Year 2 will be arranged prior to this date.

## **On Parentpay :**

### **Clubs for the Spring Term :**

**Cricket Yrs 3 & 4:** 3.20 – 4.15pm : Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Please bring a change of clothes (sportswear) and a water bottle.

**Dance Yrs 1 & 2:** 3.20 – 4.15pm : Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
Please bring a change of clothes (sportswear) and a water bottle.

**Basketball Yrs 5 & 6:** 3.20 – 4.15pm : Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> January – Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Please bring a change of clothes (sportswear) and a water bottle.

**Choir Yrs 3,4,5 & 6 :** 3.20 – 4.15 :Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

### **Christmas Activities :**

**Other payment items - Towerwood Residential Year 6 :** 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

Please contact the office if you have any Parent Pay issues. **School Lunches** – don't forget to order next week's lunches!

## Christmas Masses at St. Mary's Leyland



### Tuesday, 24th December:

Christmas Eve Mass - 18.00  
Carols before Mass - 20.30  
Christmas Eve Mass - 21.00

### Wednesday, 25th December:

Christmas Day Mass - 10.00



**SCHOOL  
ADMISSIONS  
PRIMARY**  
SOUTH

**Do you have a child starting  
primary school in September 2025  
and living in Lancashire?**

**Closing date: 15 January 2025**

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call 01772 532109.

HAVE  
YOUR SAY

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces) and click 'school admission policies'.

[lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk)



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### Admissions for Reception 2025

If you have a child who is due to start school in Reception in September 2025 (those who have their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025) 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](http://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.

**Primary School applications  
on the website close on the  
15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for all your cards, gifts and good wishes, they are very much appreciated. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year. Merry Christmas everyone!!

*Mrs Darnell*



**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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December : School closes at 3.20pm ( ASC 4.30pm) for the Christmas break**

**In the New Year :**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January : School opens for the New Year

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January : Phonics workshop for all Reception & Year 1 parents 3.30pm

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February : Reception Class Welcome Wednesday 2.30pm – parents welcome!

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March : Reception Class Welcome Wednesday 2.30pm – parents welcome!

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Reception Class Welcome Wednesday 2.30pm – parents welcome!

**High Achievers of the term!!!**

Class	St Anne's	St Anselm's	St Edmund's	St Benedict's
EYFS	Isabelle Cleece	Freya Waidson	Ada Egelnick	Noah Garside
1	Evie Colapinto	Connor Helm	Esme Merella	Eden Ofodeme
2	Nellie Gardner	Sahana Patel	Delilah Price	Clayton Worswick
3	Harry Baldwin	Ethan Casey	Eowyn Melling	Christopher Ledson
4	Max Salisbury	Sianna Patel	Bentley Jennis-Bailey	Andrea Diaz Blanco
5	Heidi Dempsey Young	Sarai Russell	Arvis Lukoic	Aisha Bryan & Amelia Ormesher
6	Sophie Moss	Kian Robinson	Tommy Holden	Angel Amplayo



**Join us on Saturday Morning 10am**



**Enjoy sports?**

There are so many benefits for you joining our club.

Want to be part of a team? Be apart of a massive family?

Come down and see if it is for you.

No matter your age, there will be a team waiting for you join the training session.

**Moss Side Way, Leyland PR26 7XU**



**FIRST KICK HOLIDAY CLUB**

Wellfield Academy,  
Yewlands Drive, Leyland PR25 2TP



Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**FOOTBALL CAMP**

Football Development Sessions  
Penalty Shootouts & Tournaments  
NERF Wars  
Bouncy Castles & Fifa Tournaments

**MULTI-SPORT CAMP**

Dodgeball  
Cricket  
Sports Day  
Dance & Gymnastics  
Hockey  
Netball  
& many more...

**BOOK THE FULL 4 DAYS FOR JUST £65!**

We are pleased to announce that we are offering our Christmas Holiday club for just £65 for the 4 days. Single day prices are also available at £18 and any three days in the week are just £50.

**DROP OFF**  
8:00am - 9:30am  
**PICK UP**  
4:00pm - 5:00pm

1 day - £18  
2 days - £36  
3 days - £50  
4 days - £65  
10% sibling discount

Government Tax-Free Childcare scheme accepted - Check eligibility  
URN - 2799711



View more on our social media:

Facebook: First Kick Football  
Instagram: firstkickfootball



Each day medals and trophies are awarded for good teamwork, best attitude, hard work and star player.  
Additional Activities: Bouncy Castles, Slides, Dodgeball, Football, Penalty Shootouts, Mini Tournaments, Jenga, XBOX FIFA, WII MARIO KART, Badminton, Toys, Lego, Hockey, Netball, Rugby, Basketball, Parachute Games, Hula Hoops, Multi-Skills Activities, Sports Day, Colouring, Street Dance and Rainy Day Activities.



**To Book Please Call**  
01772 428 086 or 07514 316 534

We cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property or clothing. Please note we have a strict no refund policy once a place has been booked.



# Messages not to be missed!

## 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!



## 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 are moving 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.

## ATTENDANCE

WITH EFFECT FROM 19 AUGUST 2024

### WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

**I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.**

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £90.

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£160

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN

+£160

+£160

+£160

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**4 children & 1 parent = £640**  
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

3

10

IN

10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.

1

DAY =

2

SESSIONS

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

4

**4 children & 2 parents = £1280**  
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

**If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...**

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2ND TIME

2 parents and...

1 child - £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1280

No discount for early payment

3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given.

Your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

**i** FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](http://gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)