



Holy Infant & St Anthony RC Primary School

Inspiring each other to excellence, guided by the light of Christ.

Headteacher: Mrs D Furlong

Newsletter

12th September 2025

Head Teacher's Message

We have had a wonderful week in school! I have spent a lot of time popping into classes and the level of engagement in learning is fantastic. This year, the children have been asked to talk more at home about what they have been learning during the school day and, throughout the year, we will be organising a number of events that allow parents to see more of what we do in school.

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Reception	99.37%
Year 1	99.58%
Year 2	93.50%
Year 3	96.12%
Year 4	95.31%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	98.16%

This week's winners are



Well done!

Is your child too ill for school? To help improve attendance we are working very hard to encourage children to attend if they are able to, please follow the advice in the link below, to determine, when your child should be off school. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)



Bags and Equipment

Remember, children no longer need to bring bags or equipment to school as we will be provide each child with a plastic wallet that will hold their reading book, reading diary and any homework. Lunch bags go on a designated trolley in KS2 and in classrooms in KS1. There is no need to bring lunch bags in a backpack.



Stars of the Week



Well done to our first 'Stars of the week' of this academic year.

Assembly this week



During our assembly on Monday, we began by sharing experiences of starting a task and not finishing it. We also thought about the reasons for this. Sometimes we lose interest or get distracted, sometimes we don't lay the right foundations. We reflected on how our belief in God gives us the foundation for how we lead our lives. God's dream is for us to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him by sharing His love with others.

"This man began to build and was not able to finish." Luke 14:30

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. Please remember that your child's class teacher is the first person to speak to regarding any concerns or queries regarding your child in school.



After-School Sports Club Reminder

A quick reminder for all pupils attending our after-school sports clubs: Please ensure your child brings their full PE kit to change into before the session begins.

As always, we kindly ask that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name to help avoid any mix-ups or misplaced belongings.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our clubs run smoothly and keeping our lost property pile to a minimum!

The clubs this half term as follows:



- Y1 & Y2 – Multi-sports – Mondays – 3.30 pm – 4.30pm
- Y3 & Y4 – Basketball – Tuesdays, with the exception of 16th Sept and 30th Sept, these session will be on the Wednesday 17th Sept and 1st Oct, due to competitions taking place. 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
- Y5 & Y6 – Basketball – Wednesdays – 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
- Y5 & Y6 - Football trials – Thursday 18th September - 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

PE Days

Children can come into school wearing their PE kits on PE days. Please support us by ensuring the kit is as specified on the website. **Earrings should not be worn on PE days.**

<u>Class</u>	<u>P.E Day</u>
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Thursday (Friday on 19/09/25)
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Monday

School Uniform Update – Harrisons School wear

We've received an update from Harrisons School wear regarding the new school uniform stock. They would like to apologise for the delay and assure families that the new uniform items are expected to arrive next week.

Jumper Exchange: If your child was given a crew neck jumper instead of a V-neck jumper, you can return it to the shop next week for an exchange.

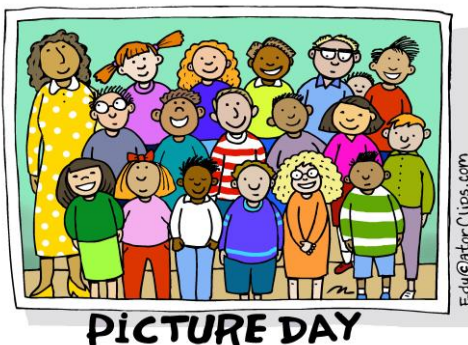
We recommend contacting the shop before visiting to confirm availability.

Stock Update: Denise at Harrisons is currently unpacking the delivery. Please note:

- P.E. tops have not yet been unpacked but will be sorted in the coming days
- All uniform stock should be ready and available in the shop by the end of next week

Thank you for your patience and understanding as Harrisons work hard to get everything ready for the new term.

School photographs



School photographs will be taken on **Tuesday, 16th September.**

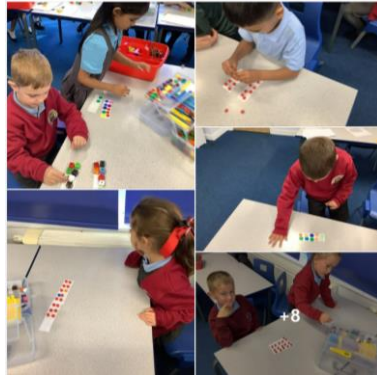
Year 4 and Year 5 pupils should come to school in full uniform for their photo. Please ensure they also **bring their PE kit in a bag**, as they will still have their regular PE lessons that day.

Anne- Marie will be here from 8.30 a.m. to do sibling photos of those that do not attend Holy Infants.

Thank you for helping us keep the day running smoothly!

Year 2 – Marvellous Maths

Marvellous maths today in Year 2. We were using our ten frames to re-cap numbers to 20.



Welcome to Reception

Our new Reception children have started their journey at Holy Infant and St Anthony. They have been trying so hard to make new friends and to try new things.



Year 4 – P.E

Year 4 enjoyed their first PE lesson earlier this week. We practiced our footwork and passing in netball and will build on these skills as the weeks go on.



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BABIES & CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Autumn Groups 2025

Bright Meadows Family Hub
Greenroyd Ave, BL2 5DD
Tuesdays 12.30pm-2.30pm starting 16th September

Harvey Family Hub
Shaw Street, BL3 6HU
Wednesdays 10am-12pm starting 17th September

Farnworth Family Hub
King Street, Bolton, BL4 7AP
Thursdays 10am-12pm starting 2nd October

Oxford Grove Family Hub
Shepherd Cross Street, BL1 3BH
Fridays 10am-12pm starting 10th October

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TO BOOK CALL:
07514 484157






Wake Up Wednesday

Not to be used: This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe tested advice should be given of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

Children are using smart devices from a much younger age than ever before. It's why it's essential we talk to our children about how to use them safely. There are so many positive benefits to the new technology at our disposal these days - however there are plenty of downsides too. As a parent, it's important you understand these risks and how you can take steps to protect your family against them.

1 PUT YOURSELF IN CONTROL

Make use of the parental control settings available on your device. These can help you manage your child's device use. Remember, you can't control what they do online, but you can control what they see. Use the settings to restrict access to certain websites, apps, and content. Remember, you can't control what they do online, but you can control what they see.

2 PROTECTING ANDROID DEVICES

You can set up restricted access to Android tablets through a Google account. Once the settings menu look for a 'parental controls' option. There you can set a screen lock that will prevent your child from using the device without your permission. Remember, you can't control what they do online, but you can control what they see.

3 PROTECTING APPLE DEVICES

For Apple devices, you can use the 'Screen Time' app. This allows you to set up a screen lock that will prevent your child from using the device without your permission. Remember, you can't control what they do online, but you can control what they see.

4 THINK ABOUT ALL YOUR SMART DEVICES

As well as tablets and smartphones, you should think about any devices in your home connected to the internet. A game console, a media hub, or a personal computer, for example, can easily find personal content in the settings. Think carefully about how much content you want to allow your child access to when it comes to accessing the internet.

5 MAKE SEARCHING MUCH SAFER

Most search engines, such as Google, Bing or Yahoo, have a safe search setting. You should activate this. This means it's extremely easy for a search engine search on the internet to return restricted and inappropriate results. Depending on the browser you're using, go to the settings and search for 'safe search'. Make sure you have the change as it defaults each time you open the browser. This will normally reduce the chance of your child being exposed to unwanted, they shouldn't see.

6 REGULARLY CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA SETTINGS

Before you share your child's social media, you should check the settings with them. They should also make sure they're able to access their profile and privacy settings and check them regularly. The companies behind social media have a responsibility to protect your child's privacy. If you're not happy with the way they're using their social media, you should contact the company.

7 DON'T LET PEOPLE SEE WHERE YOU ARE

Location sharing is a useful tool for keeping where your child is, but it also provides an opportunity for others to locate your child too. For example, it's a good idea to disable location sharing on all devices as well as on what's off when it's not required. Also, be careful of giving away that second opening window to location where your child might be giving a photo. Tell the person why they can't see the location and how to turn the setting on and off as required.

8 WATCH OUT FOR FAKE PROFILES

Be careful of people who promise an instant opportunity for the likes of popularity. Look for the profile picture and check it. Remember, if you're not happy with the way they're using their social media, you should contact the company.

9 KEEP A CHECK ON SCREEN TIME

Remember, your child's screen time should be a challenge for you. It's not just a case of setting arbitrary limits. Remember, it's not just a case of setting arbitrary limits. Remember, it's not just a case of setting arbitrary limits. Remember, it's not just a case of setting arbitrary limits.

Meet our expert

Emma Davis was a secondary school Computer Science teacher for more than 10 years. She has been working in a variety of roles, including cyber awareness training for businesses and carrying out network testing. She is a mother of a five-year-old who's had some experience of controlling and managing her children's access to online services and her apps.

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Wednesday Word

THE Wednesday WORD **SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL** **A Gift to You & Your Family from Your Catholic School**

Wednesday 10th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,
A very warm welcome to you and to your family as we begin this new school year.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love, of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for people to share in the true richness of God's joy and love in this life, and also in the life to come.

God wants us to try to live like Jesus, to be 'self-giving', which is the opposite of being 'selfish'. To be 'self-giving' is to be very aware of others' needs or interests, and to put others' needs before our own.

Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **SELF-GIVING**.

Don Henry Wlancough

A Word from the Saints "Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us." St Teresa of Calcutta

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH **Sunday 14th September 2025**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven – that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved."

Adapted from John 3:13-17
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope

Having Hope in Our Families It is self-giving which makes people truly great, warmly remembered and deeply loved. The happiest people on earth are actually those who are self-giving and serve others. So enjoy your week together – bring peace and joy into your home and community by sharing God's love, through your self-giving.

SPREAD THE WORD and bring GOOD NEWS to your friends by sharing THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Jesus said to Nicodemus (who was a teacher of the law), "No one has gone up into heaven except the one who came down from heaven – that is, the Son of Man. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have everlasting life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world; he sent him to save the world."

Why did God send his Son into the world?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

Sunday Gospel Gallery
Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"It is in giving that we receive."
St Francis of Assisi

Ask your child what 'self-giving' means to them. Who are the most self-giving people that they know? In what ways are those people self-giving? Ask your child if they can remember the last time when they shared their sweets, their time, their toys, or gave something up to help make someone else happy. It may help your child if you can talk about someone you know to be self-giving, and say why.

How can we be self-giving, even in little ways, at home, at school or in the community? Perhaps we can: offer to help out at school or around the house before we're asked; be polite and let others go first; take time to offer praise where we can; be first to reach out and make friends again after an argument; give some of our leisure time to be with God in prayer; pray for someone in need.

SELF-GIVING

3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us, and for all the kind people in our community who show us your way of love and self-giving. Amen.

FINDING THREE

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH
SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE DIGIT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

GOD LOVES JESUS
SAVE WORLD
ETERNAL LIFE

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **i u k** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words:
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Jesus said to Nicodemus, "God _____ the _____ so much that he _____ his only _____."

We prove our love by our actions. It's our self-giving which helps to make the world a much better place. To truly follow Jesus we must be kind and self-giving.

This week I will try my best to...
Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley

More about the Catholic Faith: wednesdayword.org.uk & cbeow.org.uk

Year 1 and Year 5 – Hedgehog Woodland Adventure Reminder

We're excited for our upcoming visits to Hedgehogs Woodland Adventures, where pupils will explore nature, enjoy outdoor play, and take part in forest school activities!

Year 1 – Monday, 15th September 2025

Year 5 – Monday, 22nd September 2025

Please ensure children come dressed appropriately for outdoor activities:

- Waterproof coat and wellies (if wet weather)
- Comfortable clothing suitable for woodland play

We can't wait for the children to enjoy a day of adventure, creativity, and connection with nature!

For more about the venue, visit Hedgehogs Woodland Adventures.

Child financial Exploitation

WHAT IS CHILD FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION ?

Have you got your own bank account? Do you have a bank card? If you do, you need to know about CFE.

CHILD FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION or **CFE** for short, is when criminals groom children, so they can exploit them and use their bank accounts to commit crimes like money laundering or fraud.

They want to hide money made from crime, and they use children and young people to do this.

USING PEOPLE LIKE THIS IS A CRIME AND IT IS ABUSE!

LOOK OUT FOR!



A stranger or "new friend" asks for your bank account details.

They message you through games or social media.

Promise of "easy money" for doing nothing.

They ask you to open a bank account or use your card.

Tell you not to tell your parents or teachers.

HOW TO STAY SAFE



Don't share your bank account or card details with anyone.

Never agree to receive or send money for someone.

Tell a trusted adult if someone makes you feel unsure.

Block and report strangers who ask you weird questions online.

Remember... real jobs don't ask you to move money!

IF YOU ARE WORRIED REMEMBER...

To tell a parent, teacher, or trusted adult right away.

They can help you check if the person is trustworthy or if they are trying to get you to do something wrong.

They can help you report something suspicious to the police.

The police will listen, they will not judge you and they will help.

If something feels strange or makes you uncomfortable,

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAY NO!

You can be smart. You can be strong. You can protect yourself and your friends and you can....

PTA

We'd love to invite you to our next PTA meeting on Thursday, 26th September. Whether you have a little time to spare or simply want to put your name down to help at future events, your support makes a huge difference.

We're hoping to bring back our much-loved Christmas Fair this year—but as many of you know, our Summer Fair had to be cancelled due to a lack of volunteers. With just a few more helping hands, we can make sure our festive events go ahead and bring joy to the whole school community.

Date: Thursday, 26th September at 2.30 pm

No pressure, no long-term commitment—just come along and see how you can get involved. We'd love to have you!

Photos from previous events



Parent Governor Vacancy

We are currently seeking a new Parent Governor to join our school's governing body. This is a fantastic opportunity to play a key role in shaping the future of our school and supporting the success and wellbeing of all our pupils.

Further details have been sent out via email today, including how to express your interest and what the role involves.

You don't need specialist knowledge—just a commitment to the school, a willingness to ask questions, and a desire to make a difference. Whether you're passionate about education, community, or simply want to be more involved, we'd love to hear from you.

The closing date for registering interest is **9 am on Friday 26 September 2025**.

