



Holy Infant & St Anthony RC Primary School

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

Headteacher: Mrs D Furlong

Newsletter

14th November 2025

Head Teacher's Message

What a lovely week in school! One highlight for me was taking the GIFT Team to Astley Bridge Cemetery for the Remembrance Service on Tuesday. The other has been being out on the playground at dinnertime, where it is great to see so many children making the most of the equipment. We have some expert skippers and hula hoopers!

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Reception	93.75%
Year 1	95.83%
Year 2	91.30%
Year 3	96.88%
Year 4	96.25%
Year 5	96.98%
Year 6	95.83%

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](#)

Winning House Team

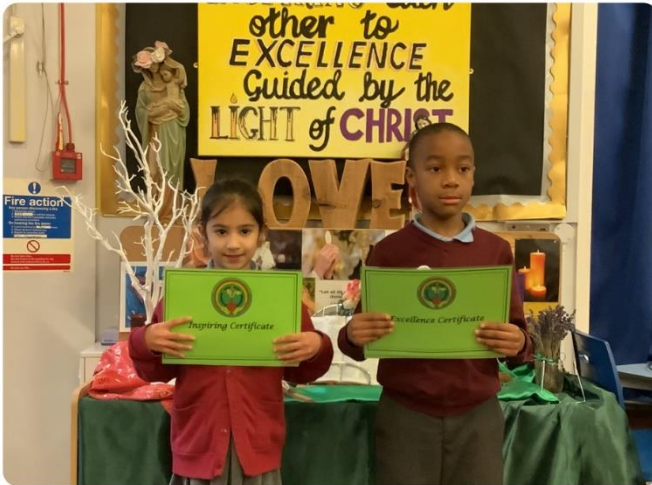
Well done to the winning House Team for this week is ...

St. Teresa of Calcutta.





Stars of the Week



All of Year 4, received the excellence certificate this week, Well done Year 4

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programme

The parish sacramental programme will begin in January 2026. The Sacramental Programme allows baptised children to make their own commitment to God and complete their journey into full membership of the Catholic Church. The children will prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time. It is open to Year 3 children, or older children who may have missed out. Further details will be sent out about the registration process nearer the time.



Monday assembly

On Monday, we looked at a special assembly put together by the Royal British Legion. We learnt about the preparations ahead of D-Day on 6th June 1944 and how it took the collaborative efforts of many people to make this a success. We reflected on all people who have died in service to our country and for all those who continue to work in the armed forces and emergency services

On Tuesday, Mrs Wood, myself and the GIFT Team walked to Astley Bridge Cemetery for the annual Remembrance Service. We joined other local schools, members of the community and representatives from the emergency services. The children placed some decorated pebbles among the poppy display.



Anti-Bullying Week



National Anti-Bullying week was this week, however we will be holding our own Anti-Bullying Week during the week beginning 1st December, as we have invited 'Show Racism the Red Card' into school to carry out workshops in KS2. More details to follow.

Reception Phonics Drop-in

We hope all the parents who attended the Reception Class phonics session found this to be informative and insightful. Thank you for coming!



Reception Class - tooth brushing



Reception class had a visit this week from the dental nurse. She delivered a very interesting and useful workshop all about oral health and hygiene. We also practiced brushing our teeth correctly and were given a tooth brushing kit and information to take home. Please speak to Miss Wood if you have any issues getting your child seen by a dentist as we can offer vouchers for this.

Reception Class – Baptism

Reception class visited Fr. Kieran at church this week and we re-enacted a baptism. We dressed our baby in her white gown and we gave her the name, Lucy. It was a lovely way to consolidate all of our learning about baptism.



Year 6 – Science

In Science, Year 6 have started looking at Light. This week, we completed an experiment on if light could bend. We came to the conclusion that light travels in a straight line.



Year 4 – Rainforest workshop



Year 4 had a fantastic morning at Bolton Museum taking part in a Rainforest workshop to enhance their learning in Geography. They learned all about what life was like in a rainforest, the sights, smells and sounds they might come across and the animals and plants that make the rainforest their home.

[More photos on Facebook](#)

Year 1 Hedgehogs

Year One had a fantastic day at Hedgehogs Woodland Adventures on Monday. We enjoyed exploring the outdoors, playing with our friends, creating pictures from leaves. We even made a leaf sparkler! I think most of us enjoyed toasting marshmallows over the fire pit and making smores.



Basketball tournament

Well done to these 6 amazing individuals, who represented our school brilliantly in the recent basketball tournament at Thornleigh.



myHappymind – Reminder



We are proud to be a part of the myHappymind family!

We are launching this whole school programme which has been designed and dedicated to building positive mental wellbeing. myHappymind helps children understand how their brains work and creates a culture that helps to build children's resilience, confidence, and self-esteem. myHappymind also teaches children how to self-regulate and manage their emotions in stressful times, allowing them to be their best selves!

myHappymind also has a parent app to support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning and activities for you to do together at home, plus so much more! You will receive a separate letter with instructions on how to set up your app.



Parents' Evening



Our next Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 20th November.

Bookings are open via the MCAS app. Please ensure you have access to the app to secure your preferred time slot.

We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you. Thank you for your continued support.



Reception Class 2026 Admissions

If you know of anyone who is still looking for a school place, please direct them to contact school to make an appointment to look round.

Christmas on Jesus Appeal – Donations Welcome

During the week commencing Monday 24th November 2025, we will be collecting cans of pop in support of the Urban Outreach - Christmas on Jesus Appeal.

This wonderful initiative helps support families across Bolton during the festive season, and your donations make a real difference.

Please send in any donations of canned drinks with your child during that week. Every contribution is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your kindness and continued support.

**URBAN
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Home

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Christmas Dinner on Jesus

Everyone should experience a little joy at Christmas, but we know for many it can be a sad time. This project provides hampers with everything that someone might need to make a traditional Christmas Dinner.



Christmas Fair 2025 – Non-Uniform Days & Donations

To help us prepare for our Christmas Fair on Thursday 4th December, school will be hosting a series of Own Clothes / Non-Uniform Days. We would be very grateful for your support in making this year's fair a great success by donating the following items:

Christmas Hampers – **Monday 17th November** Children may wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation of a coloured item for the Christmas hampers. Each class has been assigned a colour:

Class	Colour
Reception	Red
Year 1	Green
Year 2	Purple
Year 3	Blue
Year 4	Black/White/ Silver
Year 5	Yellow / Gold
Year 6	Multi-coloured

Chocolate & Sweet Tombola – **Monday 24th November** Own clothes day in exchange for a donation of chocolates or sweets for the tombola.

Bottle Tombola – **Monday 1st December** Own clothes day in exchange for a bottle donation (e.g. soft drinks, sauces, toiletries, etc.) for the bottle tombola.

We truly appreciate your generosity and support. Let's work together to make this the best Christmas Fair ever!

Christmas Dinner

We are delighted to be able to offer Christmas lunch on 11th December 2025 and Party Lunch on 17th December 2025, to children who usually have a packed lunch. If your child would like to have either of the lunches, (as shown in the menus below), please email the school office and top up your child's dinner account via the MCAS app, by the cost of the meal which are £2.67.



Last chance to purchase - Breakfast with Santa Tickets



Breakfast with Santa

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Thursday 11th December
8am
£5 per ticket



Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
Friday 12th December
8am
£5 per ticket



Includes
breakfast &
a glass of milk, juice or water.

A small gift from Santa

Please book your ticket via the app
By Friday 14th November



THORNLEIGH'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE A STALL AT OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR!

EMAIL:
CENTENARY.COMMITTEE@SALESIANS.ORG.UK

DECEMBER 6TH

FROM 10 AM



Thornleigh
Salesian College



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
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Monday

Facebook

Our page is a fantastic way for you to stay up-to-date with all the latest news, events, and updates from our school community.



Why Follow Us on Facebook?

- **Timely Updates:** Be the first to know about school events, important announcements, and any changes to schedules or procedures.
 - **Celebrating Achievements:** Join us in celebrating the achievements and successes of our pupils and staff. From academic awards to sports victories, we'll share it all!
 - **Fun and Informative Content:** Look out for fun posts about school trips, interesting visitors, and behind-the-scenes glimpses of school life.
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How to Follow Us:

1. **Visit Our Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61568209816401>
2. **Click 'Like':** By liking our page, you'll start receiving our posts in your newsfeed.
3. **Share Our Page:** Spread the word! Share our page with other parents and family members so they can join our growing online community.

We hope to see you on Facebook soon!



Please look out for our #WakeUpWednesday posts on Facebook, which provides the knowledge and skills parents and carers need to keep up with the latest information and issues when it comes to online safety and mental health & wellbeing.

Wednesday Word

THE WORD Wednesday

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 12th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A faithful person is a gift to the world.

When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable, supportive and trustworthy, who are loyal and have staying power through both good times and bad times.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples (and us too) to be faithful to him. Everybody wants a faithful friend. Jesus offers to be our faithful friend and invites us to be his. Even though many things in the world may change, the faithful promises of Jesus will never pass away - God's love for us will last forever.

Enjoy a special time together this evening exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FAITHFULNESS**.

Dom Henry Wadsworth

A Word from the Saints

"God is faithful and if we serve Him faithfully he will provide for our needs." St Richard of Chichester

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 16th November 2025

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: they will all have been knocked down." And they put to him this question: "Master," they said, "when will this happen then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?" "Take care not to be deceived," he said, "because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am he' and 'The time is near at hand.' Refuse to join them." Then he said to them, "When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. There will be wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines here and there; there will be great signs in the heavens. Before all this happens you will be shunned by all people on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives."

*Adapted from Luke 21: 5-19
The 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C*

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

Having Hope for Families

If we choose to be faithful to Jesus, we still need God's help and the help of the Church (the community of the faithful) to stay faithful. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded.

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

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

Some people were talking about the beautiful stones used to build the temple and about the gifts that had been placed in the temple. Jesus said, "The time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: they will all be knocked down." The disciples asked Jesus when this would happen and he replied, "Before the world ends, many things will happen. People will appear and pretend to be me saying, 'I am the Christ and now is the time!' But do not believe or follow them. And when you hear about wars and earthquakes, do not be afraid; just stay faithful to me."

What were the disciples asking Jesus?

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.

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

FAITHFULNESS

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." *St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*

Ask your child what the word 'faithful' means to them. To be faithful is to be true to someone or something. Does your child know someone who is a faithful friend - someone who keeps their promises? What is it like to be in the company of a faithful person? It may help your child if you can talk about a person you know to be a faithful friend, and say why.

How can we grow in faithfulness to God and to each other? Perhaps we can: spend time with God and listen to him through daily prayer; follow the teachings of Jesus by always trying to love our neighbour as ourselves; remember to put others' needs before our own needs; make sure that if we tell someone (or we tell God) that we will do something, we do it!

3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being our faithful friend. Please help us to keep growing in Faithfulness to you and to one another. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

DISCIPLES ASKED MANY THINGS STAY FAITHFUL JESUS NEARBY

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **W S** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

fawicthfuls cnoswt smewc wafraicids

Jesus said, "Do _____ be _____ just stay _____ to _____."

To be a faithful person is to be loyal and to keep our promises. We can ask God to help us to grow in faithfulness - it really is a gift worth asking for.

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley

More about the Catholic faith: wednesdayword.org & cbsm.org.uk

Measles - Vaccination Reminder

There has been a rise in measles cases across Greater Manchester. Please ensure your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations.

- The MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) remains the best protection.
- Two doses are required for full immunity.
- If you're unsure whether your child is up to date, check their Red Book, the NHS app, or contact your GP practice

Symptoms of Measles

The first symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a runny or blocked nose
- sneezing
- a cough
- red, sore, watery eyes
- Spots in the mouth – small white spot may appear inside the cheeks and on the back of the lips a few days later. These spots usually last a few days.
- Measles rash – a rash usually appears a few days after the cold like symptoms – the rash starts on