



Holy Infant & St Anthony RC Primary School

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

Headteacher: Mrs D Furlong

Newsletter

3rd October 2025

Head Teacher's Message

We have had another wonderful week in school. Classes are well into their different curriculum topics and some excellent work is being produced. Our Reception Class children are well settled and they are familiar with the everyday routines and expectations. We have a school full of amazing children!

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Reception	90.62%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	97.28%
Year 3	95.83%
Year 4	97.08%
Year 5	93.97%
Year 6	98.61%

This week's winners are



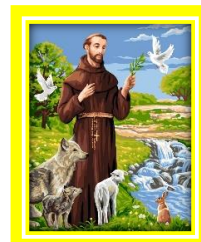
Well done!

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 this week...

St. Francis!



Stars of the Week



Well Done!

Assembly this week

In our assembly on Monday, we listened to the parable about a rich man and a poor man. In this parable, the rich man had a good life on Earth. He had everything he wanted and lived a life of luxury. The poor man had a difficult life on Earth. He was poor, hungry and unwell. No one helped him. After they died, things changed. The poor man enjoyed a happy life in Heaven and the rich man suffered - like the poor man had suffered on Earth. We discussed how the parable made us feel and a lot of children said that the rich man had missed his chance to help someone.

This week, we have tried to use our God-given gifts to help others.

Key scripture: "... remember that you in your lifetime received your good things" Luke 16:25

Screening around school

You will have noticed that we have begun to put up screening along the school perimeter. There are a number of reasons for this, which include:

- Preventing equipment from rolling out of school and rubbish from blowing in.
- Using the 'top' playground as outdoor provision for Reception Class.
- Shading in hot weather.
- General safeguarding: e.g. protection from dogs being walked or from any incidents that might happen beyond the school premises.

The screening will also protect some new display resources that the PTA are providing funding for (see below).



PTA

We had our first PTA meeting of the year last week. Lots of events were put on the calendar. We are going to use some of the existing PTA funds to enhance our school grounds further once the screening is finished. In the 'top' playground, we are going to put nursery rhymes up to support with language development and in the 'bottom' playground, time-lines to support the History curriculum.

Year 3 –English

Year 3 used freeze frames in English to help them plan dialogue. Children needed to act out Floella's experience of joining a new school (based on Coming to England by Floella Benjamin).



Online Safety Reminder – Stay Informed, Stay Involved

With many children now using mobile phones and digital devices, we'd like to remind parents and carers of the importance of regularly checking what your child is accessing online.

Please take time to:

- Review apps, games, and websites your child uses
- Check privacy settings and screen time limits
- Ensure devices are not being used late at night, especially when children should be sleeping

Open conversations about online safety help children make smart choices and feel supported. If you need guidance, Internet Matters and NSPCC Online Safety offer excellent resources.

Thank you for helping us keep children safe—both in school and online.



Year 3/4 Football

This week our Year 3/4 boys' and girls' football teams took to the pitch to represent the school. Both teams showed excellent teamwork, determination and a real passion for the game. There were plenty of goals, great saves and some superb passing on display.

It was wonderful to see the children encouraging each other and working so well together. They should all be very proud of their efforts and sportsmanship. Well done, Year 3/4!



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	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Monday



Year 2 – Science

Year 2 used collaborative learning to teach each other about animals, plants and habitats.

Cross Country Update!

Another fantastic effort from our cross-country team! This time, Alex (Year 5) stormed home in an incredible 20th place – a huge achievement in such a big field of runners.

Well done also to Tommy, Emily, Amelia, Jack, Peniel, Avie-Leigh and Madison, who all showed brilliant determination and resilience throughout the course.

We are so proud of the children for their hard work, team spirit and enthusiasm – you represented the school wonderfully once again! Check out our Facebook page for photos.



Wake Up Wednesday

At the National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, tips and facts, please visit www.thenationalcollege.org.uk

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TIKTOK

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok is a platform for young people, it also has a large adult user base. Most of the content is harmless, but the app's algorithm can recommend videos that are inappropriate for children. The app's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount of inappropriate content can slip through.

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MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the app is designed to be a safe space for young people, it can also be used to spread misinformation and radicalisation. The app's algorithm can recommend videos that are inappropriate for children. The app's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount of inappropriate content can slip through.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

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ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their child's TikTok account to their own. This allows parents to set limits on their child's screen time and to see what their child is watching. Parents can also see their child's search history and who they are following.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can set up Family Pairing to prevent them from making in-app purchases. This will prevent them from buying virtual gifts or other items within the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's a good idea to discuss the dangers of the app. Make sure they don't share any identifying personal information and that they are not in contact with anyone they don't know. It's also important to discuss the dangers of cyberbullying and the importance of reporting any concerns to a trusted adult.

MEET OUR EXPERT

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Wednesday Word

THE Wednesday WORD SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is said that faith can 'move mountains'. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the power and the responsibility that comes with having faith in God.

Faith and love go hand in hand. Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Putting our faith in Jesus helps us to know God as our loving Father, and this changes how we see the world – it can free us from anxiety, give us confidence and inner strength, and help us keep growing in our love for one another.

A family full of faith is a family full of joy. Enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's Word, which is **FAITH**.

Dom Henry Warbrough

Wednesday 1st October 2025

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 5th October 2025

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, 'Come and have your meal immediately?' Would he not be more likely to say, 'Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards?' Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are merely servants; we have done no more than our duty.'"

Adapted from Luke 17: 5-10
The 27th 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.

2025: The Word of Hope!

Having Hope for Families

Having faith is to believe and trust in God's love for us. Faith is one of life's greatest blessings – it is a gift to be shared. The Church exists to help people to grow in their faith. You can find out more at: cbew.org.uk

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!

One day Jesus' friends, the apostles, said to him, "Please increase our faith. Make our faith grow stronger." So to help them understand how small their faith really was, and how real faith helps us to do amazing things, Jesus said to them, "If your faith was the size of a tiny mustard seed, you could do astonishing things. You could even tell this mulberry tree to pull itself out of the ground, roots and all, and to plant itself in the sea, and the tree would obey you!"

What did the apostles ask Jesus to do for them?

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...

"Faith and love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these." *St Ignace of Antioch*

FAITH

Faith greatly enriches our lives and helps happiness and love to grow in our families. Ask your child what the word 'faith' means to them. Ask your child who they turn to in times of trouble. Who do they have faith in to be there for them always (e.g. parents, carers, relatives, friends, Jesus)? You may want to tell your child about someone in the family, at school or in the parish who helped you grow in faith when you were young.

As a family, talk about the faith you have in God. What can we do, in these coming weeks, to help our family's faith to grow? Perhaps we can: regularly talk about God together; worship God together; pray together; read the Bible. Why not agree to pray for each other throughout this coming week, asking God to increase your family's faith? Decide which family member you will pray for. Can you think of any other ways to help your family's faith to grow?

3 Dear Lord Jesus, please increase our faith and move us to action – sharing God's love with everyone we meet. Amen.

FINDING THREE

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTLEARNERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

JESUS
APOSTLES
INCREASE
FAITH
MUSTARD
SEED
TREE
OBEY

SUPERLEARNERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **l m d** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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The apostles said to Jesus, "Please increase our faith. Make our faith stronger!"

Jesus tells us that faith is a powerful thing and it can help us to do great things. Jesus wants us to have faith in God's help and faith in ourselves. Let's be thankful to God for the great gift of faith.

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley

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 the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body.



- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.

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the safest way to protect your child

Some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine are listed on the back of this leaflet

Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/

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