



Holy Infant & St Anthony RC Primary School

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

Headteacher: Mrs D Furlong

Newsletter

6th March 2026

Head Teacher's Message

It has been a great week in school and lovely to have some sunshine at break and dinnertimes! On Tuesday, I attended church for First Forgiveness and the children conducted themselves very well. There is a break from the Sacramental Programme sessions next week and preparations for First Holy Communion will begin on 17th March.

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Reception	98.12%
Year 1	94.63%
Year 2	98.37%
Year 3	95.37%
Year 4	97.08%
Year 5	99.16%
Year 6	94.71%

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. Anthony of Padua.





Stars of the week



Monday Assembly

In our assembly on Monday, we heard the Gospel story of The Transfiguration, an amazing event that helped the disciples see who Jesus really is. This special moment revealed that Jesus is the Son of God. We reflected on how Jesus said 'yes' to revealing His glory to those who loved Him. He loves us too and wants us, like the disciples, to be His close friends who know Him and follow in His footsteps. We can do this during Lent by praying, giving and doing good deeds.

Key Scripture: 'And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light.' **Matthew 17:2**

Pupil Achievements



We believe every child's success deserves recognition - whether it happens inside or outside of school. From sports triumphs and music performances to community volunteering and personal milestones, these experiences help shape confident, well-rounded individuals. Here are some photos showcasing some of our pupils' amazing achievements this week.

Year 3 Class assembly

Well done to Year 3 for leading a wonderful assembly this morning all about the season of Lent. The assembly reminded us of what we are expected to do to prepare ourselves during Lent and provided some extra motivation. Thank you Year 3!



Caritas in Action – St. Joseph's Penny Boxes



Before half term each child were sent home with a Caritas St. Joseph's Penny Box. We have traditionally supported this worthwhile charity during Lent, which began on 18th February.

Caritas Salford helps people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire experiencing poverty, homelessness, disadvantage and discrimination to transform their lives with dignity.

If each child in school managed to fill their box with £3.00 in loose change, that would be over £500 raised for the charity!

Could boxes be returned to school by

Monday, 30th March.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

It was wonderful to see our children arrive in school dressed as their favourite book characters for World Book Day! The creativity and excitement across the classrooms really brought stories to life. A big thank you to everyone who took part—and yes, even our staff joined in the fun with their own fantastic costumes.

Thank you for helping make the day so memorable and for continuing to inspire a love of reading in our school community.



More Photos on Facebook

Book Fair

The book fair will be in school next week from 12/03/26 to 17/03/26.



Don't forget, you can use your world book day token to save £1 on any book at the book fair

A Reminder About "Keep Clear" Markings Outside the School Gates



We kindly remind all parents and carers **not to pull up on the yellow "Keep Clear" markings** outside the school gates, even if it is just for a quick drop-off.

These markings are there to **keep sight lines clear**, ensure children can **enter and exit safely**, and prevent congestion at the busiest times of the day. When cars stop on the yellow lines - even briefly - it creates hazards for pupils crossing the road and makes it more difficult for families and staff to see approaching traffic.

Please ensure you **park safely and walk your child to the gate**.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and ensuring a calm, smooth start to the school day.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 13th March 2026

We will be holding a **non-uniform day on Friday 13th March 2026**. In exchange, we kindly ask for donations of **Easter-related items**, such as:

- An Easter teddy
- An Easter egg
- Easter-themed chocolate
- Any small Easter-related toy

All donations will support our upcoming Easter events.
Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support!

Kit Car Sponsorship Appeal



KIT CAR SPONSORSHIP APPEAL

**We are aiming to raise
£600**

to support the children who will be designing
and building our kit car, giving them a fantastic
opportunity to race it at Croft Circuit.



If you are able to donate any amount or know
any business willing to sponsor us, it would be
greatly appreciated.

We would also love to hear from you if you
have any amazing fundraising ideas - all
support is gratefully received.

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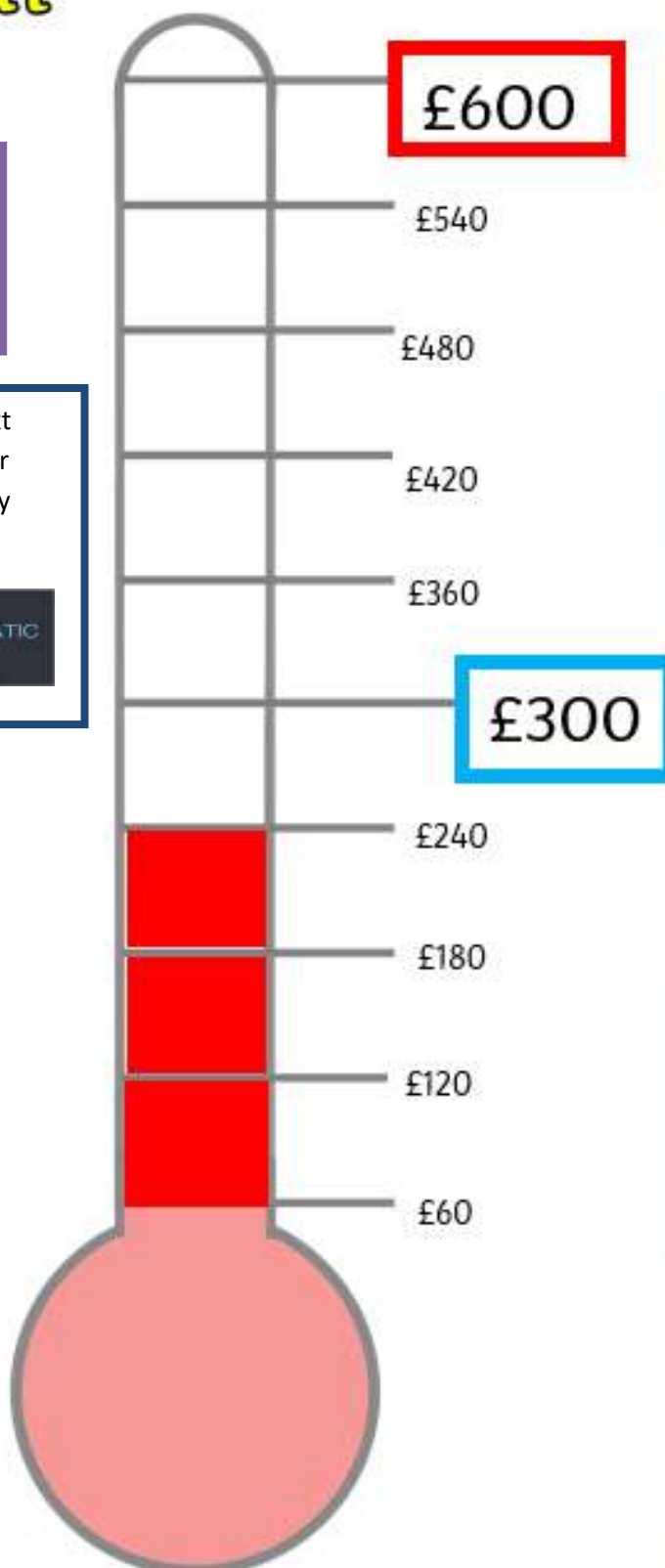
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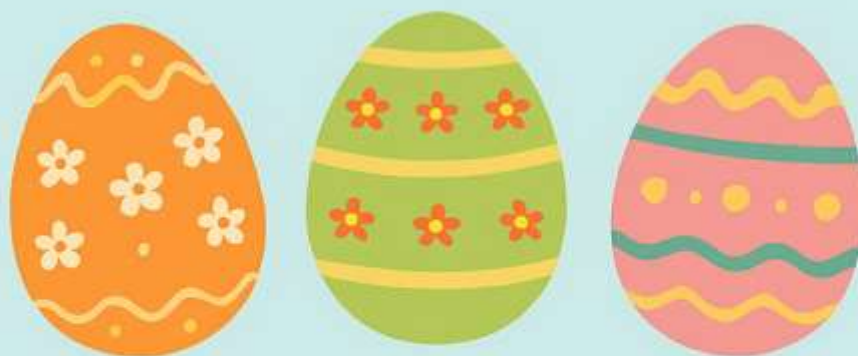
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Miss McIlroy for your
donation, we really
appreciate it.

Thank you – Context
Pneumatics for your
donation – we really
appreciate it



Thank you –
Mr Crompton from
Urvision PT for your
donation. It is
greatly appreciated.





Easter Egg-stravaganza

To be held at school on:
Thursday 2nd April at 9:00am

KS1: Decorate an Easter bonnet
Class parade in their bonnets

KS2: Decorate an egg competition
Decorated eggs on display for class voting



Easter Bingo – 31st March 2026

We are excited to be hosting our Easter Bingo again this year! The event will take place on **31st March 2026 at 3.45 pm**. Tickets are now available to purchase through the **MCAS app** in the store section. We look forward to seeing you there for an afternoon of fun and prizes!

Prize Donations Needed

We are still short on some prizes for the event. If you are able to donate **a new teddy, Easter eggs, or any other small prize**, we would be extremely grateful. If you know a **company** that may be willing to support us with a donation, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support—it makes a big difference to our school community.



Class Assembly Dates

Class assembly dates are listed below. Parents are welcome to attend all assemblies.

All assemblies start at 9.00 am and last for approximately 30 minutes.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
Reception	13 th March 2026
Year 4	24 th April 2026
Year 2	21 st May 2026

Please note: due to class assemblies, if your child receives a **Star of the Week certificate** during that week, it will be presented in class. A separate parental invitation will not be sent for these certificates.

Year 4 Swimming reminder

Year 4, swimming programme continues until with the last session being on Wednesday 1st April 2026.

Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school on swimming days, including:

- Swimming costume
- Towel
- Swimming cap (required if hair is shoulder-length or longer)



As swimming is part of the National Curriculum, we are unable to exclude any child from participating in this activity. It is therefore essential that all pupils come prepared with the correct kit.

NEW - 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	Tuesday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Wednesday – Swimming
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Thursday

PARENTS' EVENING

19TH MARCH
2026

3:45 – 6:30PM
Booking on the
MCAS app

Parents' Evening

Thursday 19th March 2026

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming **Parents' Evening on Thursday, 19th March 2026**. This event provides a valuable opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers, discuss their progress, and explore ways to support their continued learning and development.

Appointments will be available between **3.45 pm and 6.30 pm**.

To book your appointment(s), please use the **MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) app**. Booking is quick and easy, and we encourage you to secure your preferred time slot as soon as possible.

If you experience any issues accessing the MCAS app or making a booking, please contact the school office, and a member of staff will be happy to assist.

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to support your child's success.

Year 1 – Design Technology

Year 1 practised joining fabric together using glue, staples and pins. This will help them to design and make a puppet.



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.



Wednesday Word

THE WORD Sharing Sunday's Gospel

A Gift to You & Your Family from Your Catholic School

Wednesday 4th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel we have a witty dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman drawing water at the well, where each seems to be teasing the other. Water is a sign of life. The 'living water' is the sign of everything that Jesus offers us to satisfy our need of God's love and guidance. With its serious message, this Sunday's Gospel is a lovely example of Jesus' willingness to engage with people just as they are – and that includes us too!

Word from the Saliets

"God's love is a spring of living water which flows constantly into the hearts of those who pray." St Louis de Montfort

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 8th March 2026

Jesus came to a town called Sychar and, tired by the journey, sat down beside Jacob's well. A Samaritan woman came to fill her jug with water from the well. Jesus asked her for a drink and said: "Whoever drinks the water from this well will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the living water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will be like a spring of flowing water inside them that gives everlasting life." "Sir," said the woman, "please give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty again."

What is special about the water that Jesus offers?

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.

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

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love." St Augustine of Hippo

God is love and all love comes from God. Ask your child what the words "God's love" mean to them. We can often see God's love at work through the goodness in people around us. Where does your child see God's love at work? Ask their parent/child how who they tell us someone who shares God's love with others? How does that person show love? It may help your child if you can give an example of your own.

The more we experience and share God's love, the happier we become. Each of you say how you usually experience God's love. Perhaps it is through the love of your family or other people. Help them reflect the sacraments, spending time with Jesus in prayer, at home or in Church. The next of you choose a way in which you will especially share God's love with someone in this coming week.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help our family to grow in your love and to share your love with others through the way we live our lives. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SEARCH FOR THE WORDS: **SAMARITAN WOMAN**, **JESUS**, **GIVES**, **LIVING WATER**, **EVERLASTING LIFE**

Draw out the letters **W E L** from the words below to find a real word: **w e l e s t e r n t h i n s e l f i s h d r i n k s g i n e v e l**

"Anyone who _____ the living _____ that I shall _____ will never be _____ again."

Through the picture he sees, and through his feelings and emotions, Jesus showed people that God's love is for everyone. God shared his love with us and calls us to share it with others too.

This week I will try my best to...

More about the Catholic faith: www.catholic.org & civica.org.uk

Write a promise & draw a picture on Sunday

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

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

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3 FINDING THREE

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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.

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.

Parent Workshop: Supporting Children with Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance

On Friday 13th March, Woodbridge SEND Service will be hosting a parent workshop focused on supporting children who experience emotionally based school non-attendance.

Time: 9:30–10:30am

Cost: £15 per family

Please use the booking link here:

[Woodbridge SEND service / Training](#)



Chickenpox and Shingles

Chickenpox is a highly contagious disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus (VZV). It can cause an itchy, blister-like rash. The rash appears first on the chest, back, and face, and then spreads over the entire body. It is a common condition and mostly affects children, but you can get it at any age. It usually gets better by itself after 1 to 2 weeks without needing to see a GP. You can catch chickenpox by being in the same room as someone with the condition as its spread by touching things that have fluid from the blisters on them.

Shingles and chickenpox

You cannot catch shingles from someone with chicken pox! You can catch chickenpox from someone with shingles if you have not had chickenpox before and you come into contact with the fluid and/or blisters. When you get chickenpox, the virus stays in your body. The virus can be triggered again if your immune system is weak. This causes shingles.



Returning to School/Work

Those diagnosed with chickenpox should stay away from school, nursery or work until all the spots have formed a scab. This is usually 5 days after the spots appeared. The rash should be covered where possible, and strict adherence and support with hand hygiene and cleaning of bed clothes, towels and the environment may be required.

- Do not use **ibuprofen** unless advised to do so by a doctor, as it may cause serious skin infection
- Do not give aspirin to children under 16
- Do not go near new-born babies, people who are pregnant and people with a weakened immune system, as chickenpox can be dangerous for them
- Do not scratch the spots, as scratching can cause scarring

Chickenpox Vaccine for children (MMRV)

Children are now offered the MMRV vaccine, which protects against measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox (varicella).

They are offered 2 doses of the vaccine when they are 12 months and 18 months old. Older children born on or after January 2020 are also offered 1 or 2 doses of the vaccine

Further more information please visit: [Chickenpox - NHS](#) [Chickenpox vaccine - NHS](#)