



Holy Infant & St Anthony RC Primary School

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

Headteacher: Mrs D Furlong

Newsletter

13th March 2026

Head Teacher's Message

This week, we have been completing our Spring term assessments ready for parents' meetings on 19th March. This is always a crucial time of year, with statutory assessments coming up for Years 6, 4 and 1. It is important that you are informed as parents/carers on how your child is doing at school and what you can do to support at home. Please make every effort to attend these meetings.

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Reception	98.12%
Year 1	92.74%
Year 2	93.93%
Year 3	98.61%
Year 4	98.33%
Year 5	99.58%
Year 6	95.69%

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

On Monday, we listened to the Gospel story of a Samaritan woman who encountered Jesus at a well. Samaritans were excluded, like some groups of people today, yet Jesus spent time with her. We reflected on how nobody is excluded from God's love and compassion. This week, we have been trying to reach out to others in our words and actions.

Key scripture: John 4: 10

Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is who is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'

Reception Class assembly

What a wonderful assembly led by Reception Class today! It was a beautiful celebration of mums and mother figures, and of how the children have grown and progressed since starting school in September. Reception children are clearly much loved and well looked after by their mums! We hope our visitors enjoyed the cupcakes after the assembly!



Easter Service

Our Easter Service, will be held in school on Tuesday 31st March at 10.45 am. This will be a whole school reflection on the Stations of the Cross. Parents/carers and family members are welcome to join us.

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.

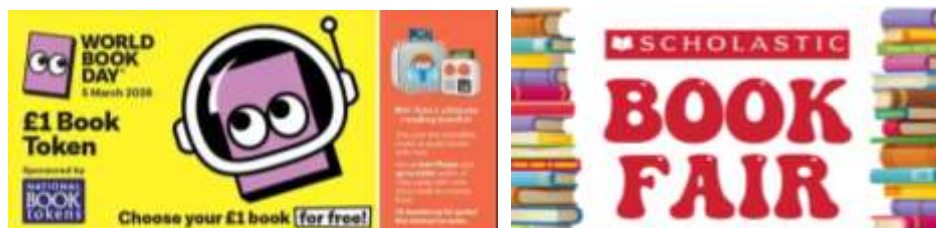
If each child in school managed to fill their box with £3.00 in loose change, that would be over £500 raised for the charity!

Could boxes be returned to school by

Monday, 30th March.

Book Fair

The book fair will be in school tonight and next week on 16th & 17th March.



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.

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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Kit Car Club Sponsorship Update – Thank You!

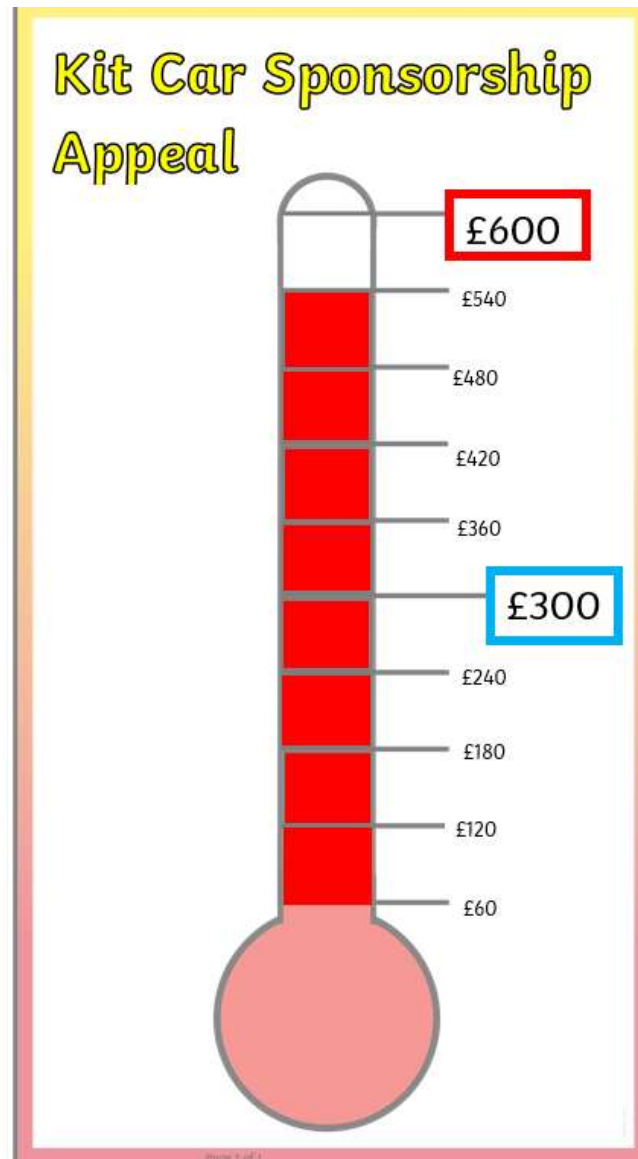
We're delighted to share that our Kit Car Club has now raised £540 of our £600 target!

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us so far. Your generosity is helping us get closer to completing our project and giving our students an exciting hands on engineering experience.

We would like to give special thanks to:

- Miss H McIlroy
- Dr F Cave
- LM17 Media
- Local Roofing Supplies
- Context Pneumatic Supplies Ltd
- UPT Studio - Personal Training
- NH Fitness

Your donations and support mean so much to us, and we truly appreciate every contribution. We're nearly there - just £60 to go! Thank you again for helping keep our Kit Car Club moving forward!



Easter Egg-stravaganza

Egg Painting

For those children in Years 3 to 6 who don't have access to painting materials, but would still like to enter the KS2 egg decorating competition, we will have an egg painting session on Monday, 30th March. **Children will need to bring in a hard-boiled egg to take part.**



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>
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.

Glow in the Dark Sport Workshop – Monday 30th March 2026

We're excited to welcome back **A1 Sports** to school on **Monday 30th March 2026** for a unique and inspiring **Glow in the Dark Sport Workshop**.

All Children will be taking part.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their **full PE kit** and brings a **water bottle**. This promises to be an engaging and inclusive experience for all involved!



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.**

Class	P.E. Day
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Wednesday – Swimming
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Thursday

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.

Non-Uniform Day – 13th March 2026

A huge **thank you** to everyone who donated Easter items for today's non-uniform day. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help make our upcoming Easter activities extra special.

Thank you for your continued support!

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 WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about how Jesus brought healing and light into the life of the man who was born blind. The man could then see the world around him, but the most important thing he saw was who Jesus really was - the Son of God!

Difficulties, worries and sickness can sometimes be part of our lives. Yet, when we believe in Jesus and we pray and look carefully, we can often learn something about

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the world and ourselves, and about how Jesus is always there for us. Jesus is the Light of the world. Believing in him brings light to our lives; it changes how we see the world and it can bring healing to us too. Come and see!

Using a special time this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **HEALING**.

Don't miss this church

**Mardi Jour
The Salento**

"Prayer is certainly the most wonderful medicine in the world."
- St Ignace of Loyola

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 15th March 2026

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. Jesus spat on the ground, made a paste with the spit, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam" (it means that means "sent"). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "Yes, it is the same one." Others said, "No, he only looks like him." The man himself said, "I am the man." Some of the Pharisees did not believe that Jesus had healed him and they drove him away. Jesus heard about this and when he found the man he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replied, "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you." The man said, "Sir, I believe," and he worshipped Jesus.

*adapted from John 9:1-38
Rev of Sunday of Lent, Year A*

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

**Good News
of Everyone**

God still loves today through the power of the Holy Spirit, sharing Good News inspired by God's love and care for all people. Through the Church, Doctors, Nurses and if we let Him, through all his gifts, He will share His love, friendship and caring with every heart and with everyone very specially to our lives.

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 saw a man who had been blind from birth. He used his fingers, made a muddy paste with the dirt on the ground, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go and wash off the paste in the Pool of Siloam." When the man came back he was able to see. Some of the teachers of the Law did not believe the man and asked the man what about Jesus healing him, and they drove him away. When Jesus heard the man he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" "Sir," the man replied, "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him, he is speaking to you." The man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped Jesus.

Jesus had the blind man rub the feathers of the Lamb?

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...

"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."

St. Thomas More

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how, in Jesus, God is active in the world, bringing healing. At differing times and in differing ways, we all need the healing touch of God. Give your child what the word "healing" means to them. It may help your child if you tell them about the different kinds of healing we can experience in life. Then ask your child who brings healing to them, bringing comfort when they are ill, hurt or upset.



As a family, consider if there is anyone to whom you can help bring God's healing in this coming week. Perhaps you could pray for someone, talk gently and lovingly to someone if there is a problem, take time to listen carefully to them, and try to support them where possible. God has given the Church sacraments for healing – the Sacrament of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in preparation for Easter, many parish churches will be having special Reconciliation services to which all are warmly invited.

3 FINDING THREE

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to see you more clearly, to believe in you, and to share your gift and healing with all those around us. Amen.



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WEDNESDAY

WORDSEARCH

SMARTPHONES TWO THOUSAND
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This week I will try my best to ...

Write a journal & draw a big smile on Sunday

How about the Family Faith wordsearchpage.org.uk sharepage



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.

Mother's Day Messages in The Bolton News

We're delighted to share that **all our children have sent in special Mother's Day messages**, which were published in *The Bolton News* as part of their celebration of Mothering Sunday on March 15.

These messages appeared in a 24-page pull-out section of the newspaper on **Tuesday, March 10**.

If you would like a copy of the edition featuring the children's messages, you can:

- Visit the official order page:
<https://store.newsquest.co.uk/mothers-day-2026>

We're incredibly proud of our pupils for taking part in this lovely community project and for helping make Mother's Day extra special.



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](#)