



Holy Infant & St Anthony RC Primary School

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

Headteacher: Mrs D Furlong

Newsletter

1st May 2026

Head Teacher's Message

This week has flown by! Our new foundation governor, Mr Gething, visited on Tuesday for a tour of school and to meet children and staff. He commented on our 'delightful' children and the welcoming atmosphere in school. Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend - hopefully the weather will remain sunny.

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Reception	96.43%
Year 1	96.49%
Year 2	90.22%
Year 3	96.55%
Year 4	97.08%
Year 5	97.08%
Year 6	97.12%

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



Sports Awards

We are proud to celebrate one of our students who has been awarded a Sports Award by the coaching team. This recognition highlights their outstanding enthusiasm, commitment, and positive attitude in all sporting activities.

Their eagerness to participate, willingness to improve, and support for teammates have truly stood out. This award is a well-deserved acknowledgment of their dedication and passion for sport.

Congratulations on this fantastic achievement - keep up the great work!



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.



Statutory Assessments

We are now in the 'assessment season'. Please note the following dates of statutory assessments. It is vital that every child is in school at these times:

Year 6 SATs: Week beginning 11th May

Year 1 Phonics screening check: Week beginning 8th June.

Year 4 Times Table check: Week beginning 8th June.



ASSESSMENTS

Healthy Heroes Competition

Congratulations to Ella in Year 2, who achieved an amazing result in the Bardoc Healthy Heroes Competition! Ella proudly came runner-up, winning a fantastic £50 voucher.

From Ella's original drawing, the organisers have digitised and created the hero shown below as part of the campaign, bringing her creative idea to life.

This is a wonderful achievement and a great reflection of her hard work, creativity, and enthusiasm. Well done, Ella - we are all very proud of you!



Uniform

Thank you for the support that has been given with school uniform. We have noticed such a positive difference during the past week. As I said on the newsletter last week, we want children to take pride in wearing our uniform and to get into good habits early on. It is also part of our home-school agreement that parents ensure their children wear the correct uniform.

Uniform information can be found on our website:

(<https://www.holy-infants.bolton.sch.uk/statutory/uniform/>)

Assembly on Monday

On Monday, we reflected on the recent celebration of Vocation Sunday. We identified the four vocations that God invites us to live a life of love through: the priesthood, religious life, marriage, and single life. In the Catholic faith we believe that every person has a vocation - a call to love and serve God and others through a particular way of life.

Jesus teaches us to:

- Listen to His voice and follow Him
- Trust God and live in His way
- Love others by being kind, helpful and forgiving

Key scripture:

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Careers Day

During the Summer term, we are hoping to hold a 'Careers Day' for our Key Stage 2 classes. The date will be confirmed after the Easter holidays but is likely to be in June. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to come into school to talk about their career: what it involves and how they got into it. If you feel that you can help, please contact the school office.



Outdoor Resources

We kindly ask that all children refrain from touching or playing with the resources set up outside the EYFS and KS1 playgrounds and outdoor areas during morning drop-off and afternoon collection. These resources are prepared specifically for use during the school day.

Unfortunately, the school does not have the funds to replace items that become damaged or go missing, nor the staffing capacity to reset these areas after morning drop-off. Your support in ensuring children do not handle the resources at these times is greatly appreciated and helps us keep everything ready for learning.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Class Assembly Dates

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

All assemblies start at 9 am and last for approximately 30 minutes.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
Year 2	15 th 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.

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 (<https://www.holy-infants.bolton.sch.uk/statutory/uniform/>). **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	Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Thursday

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for friendly volunteers who can give 1 hour or more each week to read with our children in school. If you'd like to help us support all our children to achieve their full potential, we would love to hear from you!

To volunteer, you'll need to complete an application form, which includes providing two references. We will also need to carry out a DBS check, and this must be returned clear before you can begin.

Thank you for considering supporting our school community!

VOLUNTEER



Wednesday Word



Lost Property

Please ensure all school uniform is **clearly labelled with your child's full name** and check for legibility after each wash. This helps us return lost property quickly and ensures items make their way back home. The school is unable to take any responsibility for any loss or damage to clothing or property.

Thank you for your support.



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comes home