



Holy Infant & St Anthony RC Primary School

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

Headteacher: Mrs D Furlong

Newsletter

8th May 2026

Head Teacher's Message

It's been a short but busy week, with lots of wonderful learning taking place. It's always a pleasure to pop into classes to see the day-to-day work that children do in school. A lot of children are improving in their basic skills, such as handwriting and spelling, and they have a great deal of pride in their achievements.

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Reception	98.41%
Year 1	98.28%
Year 2	85.71%
Year 3	97.13%
Year 4	97.78%
Year 5	96.67%
Year 6	88.46%

This week's winners are



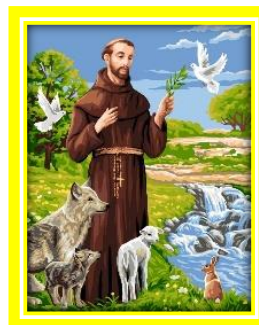
Well done!

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



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.



May, the month of Mary

To celebrate May traditionally being the month when we honour Mary, from next week, our GIFT Team will be leading a Rosary group at break-times. Children are welcome to bring in their own Rosary beads if they wish to join in the prayers. The time-table will be as follows:

Year 2 – Monday

Year 3 – Tuesday

Year 4 – Wednesday

Year 5 – Thursday

Year 6 – Friday



On Monday 18th May, we are inviting children to bring in flowers for our Crowning of Mary celebration. The Faith in Action Team will arrange the flowers into posies to take to local residents.



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

Kin-Ball Workshop – Friday 22nd May 2026

We're excited to welcome A1 Sports into school on Friday 22nd May 2026 for a high-energy Kin-Ball workshop!

All children will be taking part.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit, unless they are in Year 3, as they are going on a trip and need to be in full school uniform. It's going to be a fun and active day for everyone involved!

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/>)

Kit Car Update

What an exciting week for our Year 5 team! The car is now fully built and, this week, we were able to drive it for the very first time. It was an amazing experience — exciting, memorable, and a little bit nerve-racking too!

Our Design Team have also been hard at work creating the bodywork for the car. They've been carefully measuring, fixing, and refining their ideas to make sure everything fits perfectly. It has been fantastic to see the children using their teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills throughout the project.

We are so proud of everyone involved and can't wait to go to our race day on Thursday 21st May.

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.**

Class	P.E. Day
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.

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.



**Uniform clearly
labelled to
ensure lost property
comes home**

School Meal Offer

Following the success of our previous tasting event, we are delighted to offer this again – especially as our new summer menu has now been introduced. **All children in Reception and KS1 will be offered a school meal on Thursday 21st May**, as a tasting opportunity. This is a great chance for the children to try a variety of healthy, freshly prepared meals, experience what lunchtime is like when having a school dinner and build confidence in trying new foods. We hope they really enjoy it!

SUMMER 2026 STANDARD MENU WEEK 1 Weeks commencing: 20 th April, 11 th May, 8 th June, 29 th June, 31 st August, 21 st September, 12 th October					Week 1
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Homemade large slice margherita pizza (vegetarian).	Roast chicken in gravy and baby baked potatoes.	Cook's choice chicken curry with rice and naan.	Oven baked pork sausages and mashed potato.	Fish fingers and chips	
or	or	or	or	or	
Vegetable ravioli and crusty bread (vegetarian).	Quorn™ fillet in gravy and baby baked potatoes (vegetarian).	Cook's choice Quorn™ curry with rice and naan (vegetarian).	Vegetarian sausages and mashed potato.	Bubble crumb salmon and chips	
	or	or	or	or	
Meal served with: Sweetcorn, freshly prepared salad and unlimited fresh bread.	Omelette and baby baked potatoes (vegetarian).	Cheese panini and vegetable sticks (vegetarian).	Jacket potato with Lancashire cheese or baked beans (vegetarian).	Cook's choice sandwich and vegetable sticks	
	Meal served with: Carrots, freshly prepared salad and unlimited fresh bread.	Meal served with: Mixed vegetables, freshly prepared salad and unlimited fresh bread.	Meal served with: Baked beans, freshly prepared salad and unlimited fresh bread.	Meal served with: Peas, freshly prepared salad and unlimited fresh bread.	
For dessert: Shortbread and fruit wedge or Lancashire fruit yogurt or fresh seasonal fruit.	For dessert: Lemon drizzle muffin or Lancashire fruit yogurt or fresh seasonal fruit.	For dessert: Tropical jelly or Lancashire fruit yogurt or fresh seasonal fruit.	For dessert: Lancashire fruit yogurt or fresh seasonal fruit.	For dessert: Choccy dodger or Lancashire fruit yogurt or fresh seasonal fruit.	
To drink: Water.	To drink: Water.	To drink: Water.	To drink: Water.	To drink: Water.	

Bolton Council



Visit the website for more information www.bolton.gov.uk/schoolmeals

Milk available on request

Eat seasonal foods

Standard Menu

Wednesday Word

THE WORD

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that, when he returns to heaven, he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper.

This is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is God's loving gift to every believer, helping us understand Jesus' words and reminding us that God is always close to us.

A Word from the Saints

"Let the Holy Spirit be your helper and guide; He will not fail to lead you to peace." Pope St. John Paul II

Wednesday 6th May 2026

The Holy Spirit is our helper, who guides us to live more like Jesus – to grow in faith and to be filled with the peace and goodness that come from God.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's Word, which is **HELPER**.

Dom Henry Wimbrough

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 10th May 2026

Jesus said to the disciples, "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you a Helper to be with you forever. He will give you the Spirit of Truth. The world neither sees nor knows the Spirit, but you know the Spirit, because the Spirit is with you, and lives in you. I will not leave you orphaned: I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me but you will still see me. Then you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who receive my commandments and keep them are those who love me. Those who love me will be loved by my Father. I will love them, and they will see me as I truly am."

Adapted from John 14:15-21
The 6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

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

Family Time Prayer & Songs Overview

Good News for Everyone

The Holy Spirit is our helper – alive and active today – nudging us to do good and guiding us along the way. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives will help us to grow in love, joy, wisdom, peace, self-control, patience, faithfulness and kindness. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us, especially at times when things are difficult.

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 said to his friends, the disciples, "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I will pray to the Father and he will give you a Helper (the Holy Spirit) to be with you forever. I will not leave you alone. I will come back to you. I am going back to the Father now, but you will see me because I am alive. And because I live, you will live too. Anyone who loves me keeps my commandments. And those who love me will be loved by my Father. I will love them, and they will see me as I truly am."

Why did Jesus say he would pray to the Father?

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...

"Happy the person whose words come from the Holy Spirit." St Anthony of Padua

Ask your child who has helped them recently. What did that person do that was such a help to your child? You may want to share an experience of being helped by your children, other people, or directly by the Holy Spirit, and describe the difference that this help made to your life. Then each of you talk about an occasion when you went out of your way to help someone. What does your child know about the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Holy Trinity), our helper?

We can ask the Holy Spirit to guide and help us to do and say the right thing. As a family, discuss and choose special ways in which you can be helpful to each other in this coming week. Perhaps you can: make your bed and keep your room tidy; use kind words; set the table and help each other with the dishes. Are there any vulnerable or lonely people in your community who may especially need your help right now? What could you do to help?

3 Dear Lord Jesus, please send your Holy Spirit into our lives to be our helper and to guide us, so that we can be a great help to those around us. Amen.

FINDING THREE

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCH FIND THESE WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

JESUS FATHER
SEND HELPER
HOLY SPIRIT
STAY FOREVER

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

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

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"I will _____ to the _____ and he will give you a _____ to be with you."

When we love Jesus, we listen to him and try to live the way he asks us to. We do not have to do it by ourselves though. Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, our helper, to help us to choose the right way to live.

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley

More about the Catholic Faith: wednesdayword.org.uk or cbeem.org.uk