



Holy Infant & St Anthony RC Primary School

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

Headteacher: Mrs D Furlong

Newsletter

22nd May 2026

Message from the Headteacher

What a great half term it has been and we have packed a lot into it! We finish today for our two-week half term break. This coincides with the celebration of Pentecost on Sunday, when we mark the occasion when God sent his Holy Spirit to both transform and empower the followers of Jesus for the mission that he had given them. We remember this every day in our Mission Statement, 'Inspiring each other to excellence, guided by the light of Christ.'

Let's hope for some sunshine in the holidays and success for Bolton Wanderers on Sunday!

We return to school on Monday, 8th June

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Reception	90.59%
Year 1	98.28%
Year 2	97.28%
Year 3	96.98%
Year 4	95.00%
Year 5	93.44%
Year 6	94.74%

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 half term is ...

St. Francis



Stars of the Week



Assembly on Monday

In our assembly on Monday, we listened to the Gospel story where Jesus prays in the garden of Gethsemane before He is arrested. At this difficult time, Jesus was fully focussed on His Father in Heaven as He prayed for His disciples. We reflected on the power of prayer. Jesus showed us how to pray and He often went to a quiet place to be with His Father. At a time when Jesus might have been worried or distracted by what He knew would happen to Him, prayer kept Him focussed.

Key scripture:

'At that time: Jesus lifted up His eyes to Heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given Him."' John 17:1-2

Green Power Kit Car Event

What an incredible day for our Year 5 team yesterday!

Our children have worked so hard designing, building and creating the bodywork for their very own kit car and yesterday they had the chance to race it at Croft Circuit in Darlington! It was an early start but it was absolutely worth it! Holy Infant Dragons showed fantastic teamwork, creativity to problem-solving and determination. We are so proud of the dedication throughout the whole project in after school clubs every Thursday since January.

We are so proud to share that the team achieved **3rd place in the sprint race!**

A huge well done to all of the children involved for their enthusiasm, resilience and brilliant teamwork. Thank you as well to everyone who supported and encouraged them along the way. What an unforgettable experience!





Year 2 – Art

Year 2 have been getting creative in their Art lessons by designing and making their own clay tiles. The children explored how to shape and mould clay, carefully pressing patterns and textures into their designs to create unique pieces of artwork.

They showed great concentration and creativity as they experimented with different techniques, including carving and imprinting. Once complete, the tiles were left to dry.

The finished pieces look fantastic, and the children are very proud of their work. Well done, Year 2, for your wonderful artistic efforts!



Year 4 Museum Trip.

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic morning at Bolton Museum, taking part in a workshop about local inventor Samuel Crompton, led by history expert Millie. They learned about his life, from Firwood Fold to Hall i'th' Wood, and his invention of the Spinning Mule, a key development in the Industrial Revolution. The children explored how Bolton has changed since 1750, including the sights and smells of the time using "sniffer boxes." They also discovered what factory workers wore, including wooden clogs, and experienced dressing up as workers, learning how tough and dangerous life was for children as young as nine.



Year 3 Museum Trip

Today, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting visit to Bolton Museum as part of their History topic on Ancient Egypt. The children took part in a fantastic Egyptology workshop, where they explored the museum's Egyptian gallery and discovered fascinating artefacts, including real mummies.

During the session, pupils learned all about daily life in Ancient Egypt, as well as beliefs about the afterlife. They also explored how mummies were made and took part in interactive activities such as creating a timeline and learning about canopic jars. The visit even included time learning about ancient tombs, bringing history to life in a truly memorable way.

The children were enthusiastic, engaged, and asked some brilliant questions throughout the day. It was a wonderful opportunity to deepen their learning outside the classroom, and they represented the school beautifully.



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 1 Phonics screening check: Week beginning 8th June.

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



ASSESSMENTS

Reminder: Year 6 Events

We are looking forward to the following Year 6 events as we approach the end of the school year. Put the dates in your diary!

Year 6 Performance – Thursday 9th July at 2pm and 6pm.

Year 6 Residential – 10th to 12th July.

Leavers' celebration – Wednesday 15th July at 5.30pm.

Whole school mass for Year 6 leavers – Thursday 16th July

Year 6 Leavers'

Lost Property



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

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.

Kin-Ball Workshop

This week, children across school enjoyed exciting Kin Ball workshops led by A1 Multisport. Many of the children were trying the sport for the very first time and quickly discovered that Kin Ball is all about teamwork, communication and quick reactions!

The sessions were full of energy, laughter and teamwork as the children learned new skills and took part in fun games and challenges using the giant Kin Ball. It was fantastic to see everyone getting involved, encouraging one another and building confidence throughout the workshops.

A huge thank you to A1 Multisport for delivering such an engaging and enjoyable experience for our children.



Paralympic Athlete Workshop – Monday 15th June 2026

We're excited to welcome **A1 Multisport** into school on **Monday 15th June 2026** for a special **Paralympic Athlete Workshop!**

All Children will be taking part.

This inspiring session will give pupils the chance to learn from a Paralympic athlete, explore inclusive sports, and celebrate determination and teamwork.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their **full PE kit** and brings a **water bottle**. We're looking forward to a memorable and motivational day!

Flowers for the community

Today, the Faith in Action team took posies of flowers to members of our local community. It brightened the day for a number of people. Thank you for the donations of flowers that made this possible.



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.



PE Days

Children should 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	Thursday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Tuesdau
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Friday

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.

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.

Wednesday Word

Wednesday Good News for Families
30th May 2026 TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

In the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said to them. He showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. "Peace be with you," Jesus said to them again. "Go. Tell my brothers I have sent you, so I may send you," when he had said this, he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said to them. "If you forgive the sins of anyone, then they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Read from the Gospel of John, ch 20, vv 19-26, 28-29 (Parable of the Lost Sheep)

Jesus went back to Galilee after his Resurrection. He appeared to his disciples and said to them: "I am sending you out to preach the Gospel to all creation." When they heard this, they were terrified and doubted what he was saying. So Jesus spoke to them again and said to them: "Whoever hears your voice and believes me, even if he has never seen me, he will live. I will raise him up on the last day."

To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

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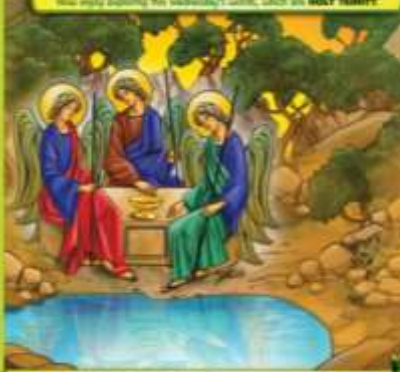
Wednesday
27th May 2026

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel!

One night, Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, came to speak with Jesus. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world; he sent him to save the world, and no one who believes in him will be condemned."

What do you think about Jesus? Do you think Jesus is God? Do you think Jesus was a
which word or words should not be used in this Sunday's Gospel, and why?
How easily do you find this Sunday's words, which are **HOLY THOUGHTS**?



For the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

2 Wednesday's Words

HOLY TRINITY

"His Trinity is the source of all grace." — Thomas

Why did God send Jesus into the world? His coming Sunday, the Trinity celebrates the great heart of the Holy Holy Trinity, one represented in this week's puzzle. The Gospel gives us an insight into God's true nature, which is one of love. We read that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us, so that we can share in the life and loving relationship of the Holy Trinity — forever. Ask your child why the word "Trinity" means to them. It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about the Holy Trinity.

"Every time that we make the sign of the cross, we draw closer to the great mystery of the Holy Trinity." — Pope John Paul II, 1979-2002

Language can never fully explain the mystery of God which is beyond our total understanding. However, we remember the Trinity each time we finish our lives with the sign of the cross — a reminder that God is always with us, wherever we are. Ask your child if they know the words that complete this blessing: "In the name of the Father, and of the...?" Loving families are also a communion of persons. Each of you choose a way in which you can reflect the right love and togetherness of the Holy Trinity in your family relationships this week.

3

WEDNESDAY WORD SEARCH

SMART: **W**EDNESDAY'S WORDS HAVE MEANT WORDS SEARCH ACROSS OR DOWN

MICROPHONE NIGHT

GOD LOVES

GAVE JESUS

SAVE WORLD

DIFFERENT: **W**EDNESDAY HAS THE WORDS SEARCHED ON DIFFERENTLY

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Jesus said, "God _____ the _____"

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The word Trinity means "Trinity", three in one. The Church teaches us that, although there is only one God, there are three divine persons in God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bound together in love.

Bible is a promise and that shows a life only on Trinity

This week I will try my best to _____

Wednesday

3rd June 2026

Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

JOHN'S SAY, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Those who eat this bread will live forever. Now the bread which I will give is my flesh, and I will give my flesh for the life of the world. Those who eat the bread which is my flesh have eternal life now, and I will raise them up on the last day. My flesh is true food; my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I live in them. So my flesh is the bread which comes down from heaven. It is not like the bread which our ancestors once ate in the desert – they died, but those who eat this bread will live forever."



John 6: 35-58

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Wednesday's Word

"Hagar worships the Kingship of his Lord with love."
-Isaiah 49:10

After all, Jesus said Himself! "In reality, men are flesh and holy spirit, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is offering to worship to us, Jesus continues to worship us through the Church today, His object of worship is through the gift of himself, Jesus can create in holy Communion. Ask your child what the word "worship" means to them. Then, each of you talk about something other than food, that nourishes you and helps you grow. Perhaps it's a special friendship, like a friend, perhaps it's a family member, a friend, a hobby, a sport, the Church and the sacraments. Who gives you these things?"

"Jesus is the Bread of Life for our families. Let us be united by Jesus, nourished by daily prayer, by Seeking to the Word of God!"
- Pope Francis (from Pope 2013-2015)

With Jesus "we are all going to be nourished. And we can start to worship our bodies, since He fully transmits nourishment to us..." - to help us to help ourselves in prayer and love. After all, Jesus can nourish us Himself for us, Jesus can give us the Holy Communion, Jesus, teachers, grandparents or friends, which people can use nourish in this coming week and how can we nourish Him? Perhaps we can encourage someone, give love to parents or others, give something to a loved one, help and offer help to others.

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FAMILY FESTIVAL

at Stoller Hall

Saturday 23 May Dedicated SEND Day
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A fun-filled weekend of musical concerts
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people aged 5-11

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be creative together!



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Stoller Hall
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families with young people aged 5-11.

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- A calm, friendly atmosphere
- Live music and storytelling
- Physical adaptations
- Sensory experiences
- Opportunities to join in — or simply observe

Families are welcome to move around,
take breaks, and engage in whatever way
works for them.

Who you will see:

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Emily Capstick — A writer and storyteller
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