



Holy Infant & St Anthony RC Primary School

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

Headteacher: Mrs D Furlong

Newsletter

3rd July 2026

Message from the Headteacher

What a great week it has been in school, with a variety of things taking place! On Thursday, we welcomed our new starters in September to school. It was lovely to see some siblings of our older children and they had an opportunity to tour school and say 'hello'. We think this new cohort of children will settle beautifully in September. Our Year 6 children had a taste of their new high schools and we hope it has provided some reassurance to them.

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Reception	100%
Year 1	94.85%
Year 2	95.65%
Year 3	93.33%
Year 4	97.92%
Year 5	95.87%
Year 6	47.20%

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 reflected on the Feast Day of St. Peter and St. Paul, and the amazing mystery of the Church! God inspired these two very different men to work together to build the Church, bringing unity and spreading the Good News to all people and nations. Through Peter's leadership and St Paul's preaching, the Church grew and is still growing today, all over the world.

Key scripture:

'He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"'. Matthew 16:15-16



Move Up Afternoon

On Wednesday, our Reception to Year 5 children moved up to their next class and on Thursday we welcomed our new Reception children into school. You will have received a letter with details of who will be teaching each class from September. At this time of year, a time of big changes for some children, the excitement can be mixed with trepidation. Please talk to your child about their feelings. If there is anything extra you think your child needs in school in terms of support with transition, please let us know.

Mosque visit – Year 3 and Year 4



Year 3 and 4 visited the local mosque this week, where they were informed all about the routines and values of Islam. Children were kindly invited to have a look around the mosque and ask inspiring questions. Children learnt about the similarities and differences between a mosque and a church and how even though places of worship are different, the people who use them are similar in the way that they value and respect each other. The trip was very insightful.

Year 3 – Maths

Year 3 have been busy learning about the size of different angles. They completed a hunt around the classroom to tally up how many acute, obtuse and right angles they could find. They used lots of oracy skills whilst explaining to partners how they had classified each shape.



Design Technology – Year 1 and Year 5

This week, our pupils have been busy developing their food preparation skills in Design Technology.



Year 1 enjoyed making delicious fruit kebabs. They practised safely preparing fruit, explored different healthy ingredients, and created colourful kebabs using a variety of fruits. The children were very excited to taste their creations and discuss healthy eating choices.

Year 5 put their cooking skills to the test by making spaghetti bolognese. They carefully prepared ingredients, followed a recipe, and learned about combining flavours to create a nutritious, balanced meal. The pupils showed excellent teamwork and independence throughout the activity.



Well done to both year groups for their enthusiasm, creativity, and fantastic efforts in the kitchen!

England V Mexico

As excitement builds for the England v Mexico match at 1.00 am on Monday 6th July 2026, we know many of our children and families will be cheering on the Three Lions from home.

School will remain open as normal, with the school day beginning at 8.45 am and our Breakfast Club running as usual.

Recognising that some pupils may be staying up to support England, children arriving after the normal start time will not be marked as late until 10.30 am on Monday morning.

We would like to send our very best wishes to the England team and hope they make the nation proud. Let's get behind the Three Lions and enjoy what promises to be an exciting occasion!

Good luck, England!



Inflatables day – Tuesday 7th July

Get ready for an action-packed day of bouncing, jumping and lots of fun! As a special end-of-year treat, we are delighted to welcome Key PE into school on Tuesday 7th July for a fantastic Inflatables Day.

Throughout the day, children will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of exciting inflatables, making it a memorable celebration of a wonderful year of learning and achievement. We are sure it will be one of the highlights of the term!

Please remember: All children should come to school wearing their PE kits so they can take part comfortably and safely in all the activities.

We can't wait for a fun-filled day of smiles, laughter and bouncing!



Careers Day

During the Autumn term, we are hoping to hold a 'Careers Day' for our Key Stage 2 classes. 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.



Fire Service Visit

Today, we were delighted to welcome the Fire Service to school for an exciting and informative workshop with the children. The session focused on water safety, fire safety, how fires can be caused, the importance of having working smoke alarms, and ways to keep safe in an emergency. The children also learned the important safety message: **"Stop, Drop and Roll."**

The visit was both educational and engaging, with plenty of opportunities for the children to ask questions and learn from the firefighters' experiences. One of the highlights of the day was when **Mr Napoleon** had the chance to dress up as a firefighter, which the children thoroughly enjoyed!

The workshop was incredibly inspiring, and several children left feeling motivated to pursue a career as a firefighter in the future. To make the visit even more memorable, the children were given the opportunity to look around the fire engine and learn about the equipment firefighters use to help keep our communities safe.

We would like to thank the Fire Service for taking the time to visit our school and share such valuable safety messages with our children.



Sun Safety Reminder

As temperatures are expected to rise again next week, please take a moment to review the sun safety reminders in the poster below.



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 2 pm and 6 pm.

Tickets are on sale via the MCAS app in the Store section.

Year 6 Residential – Friday 10th to Sunday 12th July.

Year 6 Leavers' celebration – Wednesday 15th July at 5.30 pm.

Whole school mass for Year 6 leavers – Thursday 16th July at 11 am.

PE Days



A poster for P.E. Days - Summer 2. It features a yellow background with a red border. At the top, the title "P.E. DAYS-SUMMER 2" is written in large, bold, red letters, flanked by two yellow stars. Below the title, the text "Children are to attend school in their full P.E. kit on P.E. days." is written in blue. In the center, a list of P.E. days for each year group is shown in blue text: Year 1 – Thursday, Year 2 – Thursday, Year 3 – Tuesday, Year 4 – Tuesday, Year 5 – Wednesday, and Year 6 – Friday. To the left of the list is an illustration of a girl in a white t-shirt and blue shorts. To the right is an illustration of a boy in a white t-shirt and blue shorts, running. Various sports equipment is also illustrated, including soccer balls, a tennis racket, and a tennis ball.

P.E. DAYS-SUMMER 2

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Year 1 – Thursday
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Year 6 – Friday

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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.



Bolton's Holiday Activities and Food Programme

#HAF2026 is back for Summer!

Funded by the Department for Education (DfE) and co-ordinated locally by Bolton Council, the HAF programme supports children and families on **benefits related Free School Meals** with **FREE physical and enriching activities** alongside a **hot meal** for a minimum of **4 hours** a day, **4 days** a week!

Whether you love **sport**, enjoy the **arts**, or just want something **fun** to do with **friends**, our HAF programme is jam packed with **unique experiences** in a location near you! Simply click on the link below to book a place.

For further information see their webpage:

[Holiday activities and food – Bolton Council](#)

Baking and cooking workshops

Over the summer, Cooking Wizards are running FREE baking and pizza making workshops in Bolton's Best Start Family Hubs!

If your child is interested in learning kitchen skills and sampling some of their tasty creations, book them a place by contacting Rizwana on 07780 840338 or by emailing enquiries@cookingwizards.co.uk

Session times below 

Pizza Making Workshop:

-  Farnworth Family Hub 25 Jul 2026, 10:00am - 12:00pm
-  Oxford Grove Family Hub 1 Aug 2026, 10:00am - 12:00pm
-  Tonge Family Hub 8 Aug 2026, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Baking Workshop:

-  Farnworth Family Hub 15 Aug 2026, 10:00am - 12:00pm
-  Oxford Grove Family Hub 22 Aug 2026, 10:00am - 12:00pm



Children 8 and over

Cooking Wizards

Come and join Cooking Wizards for a baking workshop!

Farnworth - 15th Aug
Oxford Grove - 22nd Aug

10-12noon
Please contact 07780840338 to book a place.

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Oxford Grove - 1st Aug
Tonge - 8th Aug

All classes are 10-12noon
Please contact 07780840338 to book a place.

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BEST START IN LIFE

MyHappyMind Bronze Accreditation – Parent Feedback



We are pleased to share that our school is currently applying for the **MyHappyMind Bronze Accreditation**. As part of this process, we are required to gather feedback from parents and carers.

We would greatly appreciate you taking a few moments to complete our short feedback form. Your views are very important and will support our application.

👉 **Please access the information and feedback form here:**

[Parent Feedback - Bronze Accreditation](#)

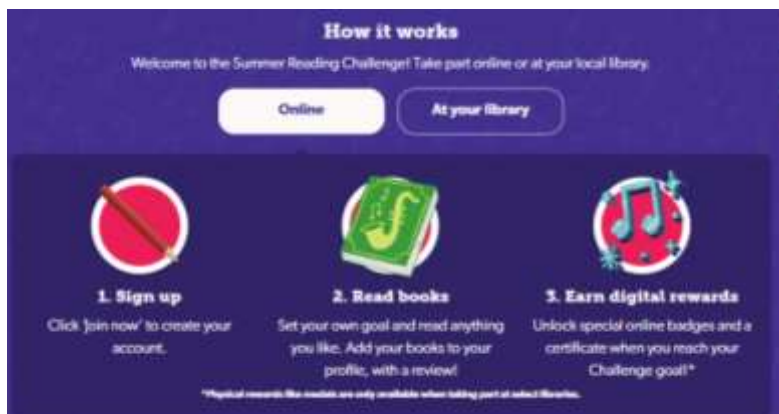
The deadline for responses is **Friday 3rd July**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency is once again organising the Summer Reading Challenge this year, with the theme "Read to the Beat."

The challenge is designed to encourage children to keep reading throughout the summer holidays. Children can set their own reading goals and choose the books they'd like to enjoy. These can include online stories, or they can visit their local library to borrow books.



Please see link below to register for the summer reading challenge online or visit Bolton library

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Wednesday Word

THE WORD

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A good companion is priceless and helps us to make the best of ourselves. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers his companionship to us and to our children.

In this much-loved and encouraging gospel passage, Jesus invites us to go to him to rest and to be refreshed. Jesus came to take away fear and loneliness - to help people feel loved and accepted. We can experience Jesus' companionship through other people and through spending time with God in prayer.

We do not need to be clever, rich or popular for God to care for us. Regardless of our fears or weaknesses, Jesus always loves us and offers us his comfort and everlasting companionship.

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

Don Henry Goodbridge

Word from the Saints

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." St Augustine of Hippo (Confessions, Book 8)

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 5th July 2026

Jesus exclaimed, "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Should my yoke be gentle and my burden be light? Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light."

Adapted from Matthew 13:35-43
The 1st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Getting to know Jesus makes the Gospel more about this Sunday's Gospel. In your local Parish Church, all are very warmly invited.

Good News for Everyone

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus invites us to experience the true peace and rest that his companionship brings. He wants to walk alongside us to help lighten his yoke. At all times, and particularly whenever we feel overwhelmed, worried or afraid, Jesus calls to all our children to share, through prayer, any doubts or questions with him.

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 had been teaching his disciples about God the Father, and then started to teach and preach to the people in the towns of Galilee. He said, "Come to me, all you who work hard and are troubled or tired and I will give you rest. Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

What did Jesus say he would give us?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and what did it mean to you? Share your thoughts before moving on.

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

"Do you want your companions to respect you? Always, think well of everyone, and be ready to help others. Do this and you will be happy." St John 13:15

Good companions always want the best for us. Ask your child what the word 'companion' means to them. Friends, family, children and friends can be good companions for each other. It is lovely to share people who are good and helpful companions to you. Can you remember the last time that you were a good companion and helped or comforted someone? What did you do?

It is lovely to share the qualities that make a good companion (e.g. kind, helpful, honest, loyal, etc.). Think with me: what do you do to be a better companion to someone at home, at school or at school? Perhaps it is by always trying to treat your friends as you would wish to be treated. Saying kind and encouraging words to your friends. Supporting and going, rather than being selfish, selfish and angry.

3 FINDING THE WORD

Jesus said Jesus, you are kind and full of compassion. Thank you for offering to be our companion and helping and supporting us as we journey through life.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

Can you find the words in the puzzle below? In the top right corner, there are some words that you can use to help you. The words are: COMPANION, REST, GENTLE, HUMBLE, YOKES, BURDEN, LIGHT, EASY, and FRIENDS.

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What Jesus said to his disciples, he wants to be our companion - to help us live peacefully in the way we can. Bring this companion with you today and every day. Help your friends to be gentle and kind - helping others with kindness and love.

This word I will try my best to...

Year 4 Bamboo Tamboo

In Year 4 Music this afternoon, we had a World Cup theme. Using bamboo tamboo instruments, we built rhythms based on the names of the qualifying countries. We then listened to the other groups perform and tried to guess which teams they were representing from the rhythms they had created. It was actually a lot harder than you might think!





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