



Holy Infant & St Anthony RC Primary School

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

Headteacher: Mrs D Furlong

Newsletter

26th June 2026

Message from the Headteacher

What a scorcher of a week, but we got through it! On Wednesday, we held a meeting for the parents of our new starters in September, it was lovely to meet them. Next Wednesday we are having our 'Move Up' afternoon in school, where the children will find out who is teaching them in September. This time of year can be quite worrying for some children, whilst others find it very exciting. Please make time to talk to your child about their thoughts and feelings. We are here to support if it is needed.

Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Reception	91.67%
Year 1	89.66%
Year 2	85.48%
Year 3	95.00%
Year 4	96.25%
Year 5	81.67%
Year 6	92.79%

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. Teresa of Calcutta



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.



Monday Assembly

We began with a quiz, exploring facts about humans. Even though the answers were tricky, the quiz was a reminder that God knows us all very well. We then listened to the Gospel reading where Jesus reminds his disciples that they do not need to fear anything because God values them. We reflected on how having worries is a normal part of life and, with God by our side, we do not have to face fears and worries alone.

Key scripture:

"Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." Matthew 10:31

Year 3 Geography

Year 3 went for a local walk to discover the human and physical features in the area. They know that land around school is used for recreational and agricultural purposes.



In D&T, children developed cutting and peeling skills in preparation for making a seasonal tart this term. They had to use the bridge hold or claw hold to cut their fruits and vegetables safely.



Class photographs

Anne-Marie the school photographer will be in school on Monday to take the class photographs and leavers' photos, please can all children attend school in full school uniform.



A sunny week in Reception



In Geography, we are learning about maps. We have looked at our school from above and learnt about what a 'bird's eye view' is. We have then drawn the important buildings around the map of our school

This week in maths we are working on interpreting and creating patterns. We have looked at patterns before but this time we are working on more complex patterns and rules for them. This work is a building block to spotting patterns in numbers.



In Reception, we have been using our construction skills to build a fort to provide some shade.

We have also had lots of fun taking part in outdoor activities, including playing in the water. In addition, the children have enjoyed spending time indoors, building different structures and exploring their creativity.

Reception finished off the week by enjoying a lovely ice pop, kindly provided by one of our wonderful parents.

This was a perfect treat to help them cool down on a very hot and sticky Friday.



Sports Day

On Tuesday, we enjoyed a fantastic whole-school Sports Day, expertly organised and supported by KeyPE. A huge thank you to Mr Stevenson and Mr Fenton for delivering such a fun, engaging and well-organised event.

The morning began with our Key Stage 1 children, followed by Key Stage 2, who all took part with enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship. The children competed in a range of exciting events, including the bat and ball balance race, javelin, underarm throw and sprint races, earning valuable points for their house teams.

It was wonderful to see the children encouraging one another, celebrating each other's successes and demonstrating our school values throughout the morning. The support from families and the fantastic teamwork shown by staff helped make the event a great success.

Congratulations to St Teresa House (Red), who were crowned this year's Sports Day champions. Well done to everyone who took part and made the day so enjoyable!



Dance Festival



On Sunday, children from Year 4, 5 and 6 attended the Bolton Dance Festival.

A wonderful time was had by all, and they represented our school remarkably well - well done to everyone involved!

A huge thank you to Venus Stage Events for organising such a fantastic event.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Miss Woolfrey for all her hard work in creating such fantastic routines, and for giving up her Sunday to provide this wonderful opportunity for the children.

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.

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.

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.



PE Days

★ **P.E. DAYS –** ★
SUMMER 2

Children are to attend school in
their full P.E. kit on P.E. days.



Year 1 – Thursday

Year 2 – Thursday

Year 3 – Tuesday

Year 4 – Tuesday

Year 5 – Wednesday

Year 6 – Friday



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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](#)

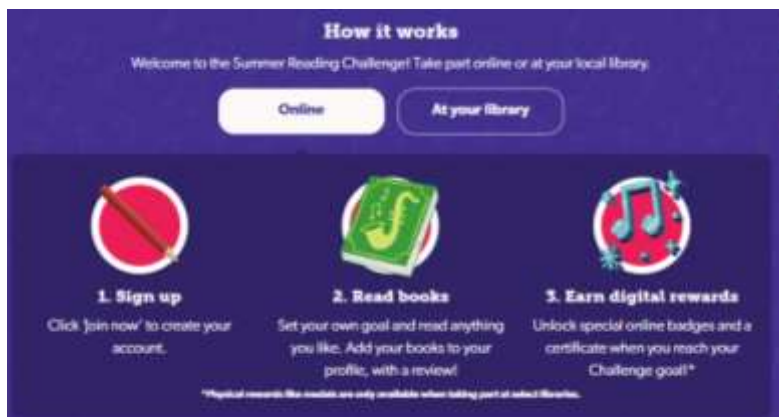
The deadline for responses is **Friday 3rd July**.

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



SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 24th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of two great saints who have helped to share faith throughout the world, St Peter and St Paul.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus then gives Peter the important task of leading the Church – a duty which is now undertaken by Pope Leo XIV, the current successor of St Peter.

Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and to love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Faith in God transforms how we see the world and helps us to keep growing in our love for each other too.

Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FAITH**.

Don Henry Wardbrough

A Word from the Saints

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." St Augustine of Hippo

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 28th June 2026



When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven."

Adapted from Matthew 16:13-19
The Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, Year A

Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Family Time Prayer & Share Overleaf

Good News for Everyone

Having faith is to believe and trust in God's love for us. Faith is one of life's greatest blessings – it is a gift to be shared. The Church exists to help people to grow in their faith and there's no better time than now to explore and refresh your faith.

Find out more at: cbeww.org.uk

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 asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter spoke up and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Simon, you are a happy man! Because this was made known to you by my Father in heaven. So from now on you will be called Peter, which means 'rock', and on this rock I will build my Church. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

What was Simon Peter's reply to Jesus?

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.

Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What did you see? How do you think it made you feel about it?

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

"Faith and love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these." St Ignace of Antioch

Faith is a gift from God that greatly enriches our lives. A family full of faith is a family full of joy. Ask your child what the word 'faith' means to them. Who do they know who has great faith in God? Who helps them to grow in faith and learn more about God? You may want to tell your child about someone in the family, at school or in the parish who helped you to grow in faith when you were young.

As a family, talk about the faith you have in God. What can we do, in these coming weeks, to help our family's faith to grow? Perhaps we can regularly read and talk about God together and with others; read the Gospels; say morning or bedtime prayers together; ask God to help us grow in faith; follow Jesus by loving others; visit cbeww.org.uk; visit our local parish church website for more ideas.

FAITH

3 FINDING THREE!

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of faith. Please increase the faith of our family so that we can know you more closely. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMART! LOCATE THE THREE WORDS HIDDEN ACROSS OR DOWN

FATHER HEAVEN

SAVE PETER

FAITH BELIEF

JESUS SON

FOUR! LOCATE THE FOUR WORDS HIDDEN ACROSS OR DOWN

Draw out the letters **W H M** in the provided words below to find a real word.

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Simon Peter up and "Who are you?"

The Son of the "Who?"

"Who?"

Who? Simon, we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. Jesus gave Simon, one of the Twelve, the official keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. He said: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church. The gates of the underworld will not overcome you." See www.biblegateway.com or www.bible.com for more.

What word I will try my best to...



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