

18 August 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited St Anthony's Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Children learn and develop in a welcoming and inclusive ethos which is underpinned by the gospel values and children's rights. Relationships across the school are very positive. Children show confidence, kindness and respect in their interactions with peers, staff and the wider community. Children feel happy, safe and included.
- The headteacher and principal teacher's clear vision for the school is making a positive difference. Their relentless focus and leadership of equity is resulting in improved outcomes for targeted groups of children.
- Senior leaders and staff demonstrate a clear and shared focus on improving learning and teaching. Teachers plan well-structured learning experiences and provide appropriate support to children. This is helping children engage well and make progress in their learning.
- Senior leaders and staff use a wide range of approaches successfully to plan and monitor the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of children. All approaches are well embedded in daily practice which is ensuring that children's individual needs are not a barrier to improving their outcomes.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from West Lothian Council.

- Senior leaders should continue to develop further their approaches to evaluating the work of the school. This should include ensuring that all improvement and evaluation activities align with the aspirations set out in the school improvement plan.
- Teachers across the school should continue to develop approaches to delivering consistently high-quality learning and teaching. They should ensure that all children are challenged appropriately in their learning to continue to raise attainment.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are HMIE's evaluations for St Anthony's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school (4th edition) Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at: [St Anthony's Primary School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland](#)

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. West Lothian Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Caroline Craig
 HM Inspector

On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland