

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025



Sponsored Walk: We're incredibly grateful for the support the sponsored walk received this year! A significant amount of sponsor money is still outstanding. Please bring any collected donations into school at your earliest convenience. Any sponsorship money received before the October half-term holiday will be included in the running for prizes!

Upcoming Events...

Monday 20 th October (3:15 – 4:45pm)	Y2, Y3 & Y5 <i>Meet the Teacher</i>
Friday 24 th October (8:50am)	Harvest Celebration Assembly
Friday 24 th October (3pm)	Break up for October Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 rd November	School Re-opens
w/c 3 rd November	Whole School Fire Safety Week
Sunday 9 th November (9:45am)	Remembrance Parade
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 11 th November (10:30am)	Celebration of the Word: Remembrance
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Friday 14 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Proud to be Me... *PRAYER: "Prayer brings us not only nearer to God but also nearer to one another." Pope Benedict XVI*
Prayer, at its simplest, is spending time with God – talking, listening, being together – telling God all about our lives. We can trust that God always hears our prayers and will always do what is best for us and those we pray for. We can pray anywhere, anytime. Each of you say when and where you like to pray (e.g. at home, in bed, at church, at school, outside, elsewhere). What would you like to pray and ask God for this week? Who can you pray for throughout the coming week (e.g. a family member, a friend, your teacher, your priest, a poorly, hungry or lonely person)? How else can you help that person?

Reception	Nico	Fantastic, Nico! You're becoming such a confident reader! It's wonderful to see you sounding out words and enjoying your books. Keep up the great work!
Year 1	Jacob D	Brilliant work, Jacob! You're working hard to sound out tricky words and understand what you read. Keep going — your effort really shines!
Year 2	The whole Y2 Class	This week, Year 2 class took part in a Bench ball competition—and what a fantastic effort they put in! Despite facing older opponents from Year 3 and Year 4, our Year 2 children showed incredible determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. They approached the competition with high energy, a positive attitude and impressive enthusiasm. They supported their teammates, listened carefully, and played with confidence and respect. We are incredibly proud of how they represented our school values both on and off the court. Well done, Year 2!!!!
Year 3	Shay	Shay for showing a prayerful and caring heart during this special time of Adoration for Mary. You take time to pray, think of others, and show love just as Mary did. You also sing with joy in class, helping everyone feel happy and close to God.
Year 4	Aleston	Aleston has let his creativity shine this week! He made a fantastic dragon eye sculpture and added beautiful details with watercolours. He has shown patience, determination, and a love for creating. Well done, Aleston – your amazing work has really impressed us all!
Year 5	Niamh	Niamh has a great attitude towards her learning, and as a result she has produced some brilliant work this week. In particular, I have been impressed with her work in reciprocal reading around our class novel: The Nowhere Emporium.
Year 6	Oliver	Oliver has been an absolute pleasure to have in the classroom. He has had a great attitude to all aspects of school life, contributing thoughtfully in class and treating adults and his peers with kindness and respect. Well done, Oliver.

Proud to be Me Continued...

PE: Delilah really impressed Coach Jake this week with her patience and dribbling skills. She took her time and making sure she didn't use her hands. Well Done! Annabella – Wow! What a fantastic lesson this week! Although she found football challenging at first, Annabella showed amazing perseverance and determination. Her hard work paid off as she went on to score two brilliant goals! Well done, Annabella – what an achievement! The staff were so proud of all of the Year 2 and 3 students who took part in the bench ball competition. They had to think on their feet and work really hard. The students never gave up and showed real teamwork today – Thankyou. Another brilliant lesson from Lottie. A pleasure to teach. Alongside this we are seeing an unwavering dedication from Lottie. A great team player. Juno tried really hard in developing her dribbling and catching skills. Juno was also really supportive. Carter showed just how much of a gentleman he can be. He organised the team, allowing others to pass, shoot or play the ball before him. It was nice to see Carter.

Spanish: Madison worked really well this week in Spanish and produced some lovely work linked to pumpkins and harvest. Noah showed wonderful enthusiasm in our Day of the Dead Spanish lesson this week. Well done Noah!

Music: Arabella always shows enthusiasm joining in all the songs. Sara really impressed this week singing a solo and completing her brass instrument work so carefully. Lucy as always showed enthusiasm this week in our 'Gaming Music' lesson she joined in our discussions and was our gaming champion. Oliver has had an amazing half term, showing himself to be a well-rounded musician and a great role model, he always works hard and helps others to achieve.

Happy Birthday: Reign, Zak and Harry M-O

Attendance: Year 1 with 100%

Plugs for Parents...

Notice about Parking: We know that pick-up and drop-off times can be busy, but we need your cooperation to ensure we are good neighbours to those who live around our school. As a matter of courtesy and respect, please avoid blocking neighbours' driveways. Blocking a driveway prevents residents from getting to or from their homes, and it can be extremely frustrating – thank you.

Health and Safety Notice: As the weather turns and the leaves pile up, we know how tempting it is for children to jump into them and throw them in the air—it looks like a lot of fun! However, we need to ask that you advise your children not to play in the leaf piles on or around school grounds. Unfortunately, deep piles of leaves are often used as a restroom by neighbourhood dogs and cats. While we love our furry friends, this means the leaves can contain animal waste and urine.

Y2, Y3 & Y5 Meet the Teacher 20.10.25: Time slots have been allocated and an email confirmation sent out to those who requested a meeting.

Whole School Fire Safety Week 03.11.25: This year, our main focus is on the essential role of 'Working Smoke Alarms' in keeping homes and families safe. Your child will be learning about how smoke alarms work, where they should be placed in the home, and the vital importance of testing them regularly. It's an excellent chance to have a practical safety discussion at home! However, with Bonfire Night rapidly approaching, we will also be going through safety advice associated with fireworks and bonfires.

Odd Socks Day 10.11.25: We're taking part in Odd Socks Day to celebrate what makes us all unique and to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. It's a fun and positive way for children to express themselves and to remind everyone that we are all different – and that's something to be proud of! All your child needs to do is come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 10th November. We're also asking, if you're able, for a £1 donation (or whatever you can give) on [ParentPay](#) to support the important work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Every penny raised helps them continue their vital work with children and young people. Odd Socks Day is delivered in partnership from charity, the Anti-Bullying Alliance and Andy and the Odd Socks.

Remembrance Parade 09.11.25: Unfortunately, this year St Ann's staff are unable to be there to represent our school, however, our school community are still invited to meet on Johnson Street in Stocksbridge at 9:45am ready to march with the parade at 10am. The parade will follow the traditional route up to the clock tower. The service will commence at 10:45am at the clock tower, after which the parade will march to Fox Valley.

Plugs for Parents Continued...

Celebration of the Word: Remembrance 11.11.25: Family and Friends are invited to join us in the school Hall for this Celebration of the Word. There will be a two-minute silence at 11am.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations 14.11.25: An email was sent out to all parents/carers on 10.10.25 with full details about this including a consent/decline form and our unique School Code. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the form so please complete the form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination. For more information about the vaccination please visit the [NHS child vaccinations website](#).

Christmas Cards: SAFFA visited school on September 26th to help the children design their own Christmas cards. These designs have been sent to Classfundraising, and you should have received a proof of your child's design this week (please check their bag if you haven't seen it yet!). A full range of Christmas gifts featuring your child's artwork is available to purchase, including mugs, wrapping paper, cuddly toys, and decorations. **The final deadline for ordering is strictly Thursday, October 23rd.**

Willersley Castle Residential – Year 5/6: The seventh instalment was due on 11th October via [ParentPay](#).

National Online Safety: Search engines are a routine part of everyday life, giving instant access to billions of web pages; however, this also increases the risk of children encountering harmful, untrustworthy, or illegal content. We've created this guide offering parents and educators quickfire information about the risks of search engines and practical steps that can be taken to safeguard children online.

Harvest Celebrations - Archer Project Donations: As part of our harvest celebrations, we are still collecting items for our Harvest display and would appreciate any donations you can give. All donations will be given to The Archer Project. Please see the attached *Archer Project* poster for a list of items that are needed. Donations can be handed into School any time before **24th October**. Our Harvest assembly is on the morning of 24th October, and all donations will be taken directly to The Archer Project straight after this assembly.

Dolce/SchoolGrid Allergy and Dietary Needs: Please update or add this information on SchoolGrid if there are any changes to your child's dietary needs or allergies. Having up to date records is the best way to ensure we can safely cater for all pupils. If a child has an allergy or dietary requirement that is not listed, parents can contact customer care to add a dietary note.

With this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Search Engines
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter - September](#)
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- St Ann's School [Grown Out of It](#) page (Please use to sell and buy pre-loved St Ann's uniform)
- St Ann's Church and St Mary's Church Newsletter
- SAFFA School Lottery – [Your School Lottery](#)
- [Trans Pennine Trail Activity Pack](#)
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Ultimate Activity Camp

Picture News:

This is the question that we will be deliberating...

TAKEHOME 20th - 26th October

BritCard

Last name
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Should everyone have an identity card?

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In the news this week

The UK government is planning to bring in digital identity cards, which people could keep on their phones or have as a physical card. The idea is that these new IDs would make it easier to prove who you are for things like work, travel, or applying for services. Supporters say they could improve safety and convenience, while others worry about privacy, fairness, and people without access to smartphones.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you make a list of some of the pros and cons of identity cards? Discuss these with someone at home.
- > Do you think a digital card is better than having an actual card? Why?
- > What do you think makes up your identity? Ask and share your response with someone at home.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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