

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025



A big thank you for all the donations we received for the Archer Project. We dropped off the goods this morning and they were very grateful for all of the items, which will be a huge help to so many people.

Upcoming Events...

Monday 3 rd November (8:30am)	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
Tuesday 11 th November (6:30 - 7:30pm)	SAFFA AGM Meeting Online (Meeting link to follow)
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Friday 14 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Monday 17 th November	Individual and Sibling School Photos

Proud to be Me... *HUMBLE "When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things." Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025) "God speaks to those who are truly humble of heart" St Pio of Pietrelcina God is pleased with those who are humble. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God. As a family, name one of each other's special God-given gifts, something that you admire in the other person. Then each of you name a gift that you are especially grateful for – it could be a quality, skill or attitude. Decide on a way that you will use that gift to help someone in this coming week. You may like to finish this evening's special Family Time in humble prayer, each thanking God for the gift that he has given you to share with others (please see the prayer below).*

Reception	Kathaleana	Kathaleana has shown confidence and perseverance in maths this week, she can tell me lots of facts about the numbers 1 2 and 3 using our star words! Well done Kathaleana!
Year 1	Israel	Israel has worked incredibly hard this week. Israel has really impressed me this week with his maths, he has worked with determination and perseverance and produced some great work.
Year 2	Isabel	Isabel has been working really hard at school and isn't afraid to make mistakes. She puts her hand up to answer questions all the time and is becoming more and more confident in her learning. She comes to school with a big smile and a fantastic attitude towards learning. She's kind and helpful to her classmates and sets a great example for others. Well done, Isabel!
Year 3	Henry H	Henry H has worked exceptionally hard across all areas of his learning and has shown great resilience by persevering even when things seemed 'impossible'.
Year 4	Connie	Connie for always sharing her wonderful ideas and showing kindness and respect to others. Her thoughtful attitude and caring heart help make our classroom a happier place!
Year 5	Laylah	Laylah has worked hard this week on her Autumn-themed poem and has produced some lovely work. Well done!
Year 6	Seb L	Seb has worked really hard in Maths this week, looking at some tricky subtraction questions. He has really impressed the adults with his attitude towards his learning- Well done!

PE: Alex for showing impressive ball control and also great effort in football. Jacob D had a great lesson he was really helpful and played a great game of football demonstrating many of the skills we have learned. Emberlee for her amazing effort and participation in the dribbling game we played working really hard. Isla - I was so impressed with Isla this lesson. It has taken some time but Isla has grown in confidence and shown real ability in both basketball and bench ball. Alex had been exceptional this term. Similar to Isla it has taken some time but the dedication and determination shown has really improved his ability and knowledge. Matilda has had a great term as well. Often under the radar. However, Matilda never goes unnoticed in her aptitude to COMPETE in the games and put everything on the line. Noah – Now where do I start. No matter what the activity Noah always tries his hardest. He is a great role model to the other students.

Spanish: Charlotte tried really hard to join in with the singing and the games this week in Spanish. Her confidence is growing – well done! Rosalie always tries hard in Spanish every week and show wonderful enthusiasm. Iona always asks great questions in Spanish and shares her knowledge with the rest of the class. Her enthusiasm is wonderful! Erin could be 'proud to be me' in Spanish every week as she always gives 100% and tries her best in every activity.

Proud to be Me Continued...

Music: Kathaleana has shown herself to be a super singer this half term – Well done. Well done all Year 1 for their fantastic celebration composition and performance. Olivia, Zach, Rosalie and Aiydhen for their super advertisement performance. Thea for her contribution to our class research and discussion on music in computer games. Juno for her hard work throughout this half term in our 'Dr Who' theme tune lessons.

Happy Birthday: Harry B and Juno

House of the Week: St Catherine's with 186 points

Attendance: Year 3/4 with 96.4%

Half Term House Winners: St Gregory with 1438 points

TTRockstars (Autumn 1) Tournament Winners: St Gregory's House

3rd October - 23 October 2025								
 St Gregory		558	St Catherine	509	St Benedict	490	St Teresa	418
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Most Valuable Player	Clay T Y4	Heidi G Y3	Henry H Y3	Tinashe Z Y3				
2nd Most Valuable Player	Lucy F Y3	Sebastian L Y6	Connie G Y4	Hermione M Y6				
3rd Most Valuable Player	Thea W Y4	Isla H Y3	Bobbi W Y3	Alexander J Y4				

Plugs for Parents...

Y3/4 SPAG/Maths & TTRS After School Clubs: Mrs Marshall's After School Clubs will resume after the October holiday as follows: Monday's SPAG Club - Resumes on 10th November; Tuesday's TTRS Club - Resumes on 18th November; Thursday's Maths Club - Resumes on 13th November.

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.

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](#).

Plugs for Parents Continued...

Children in Need 14.11.25: Children are encouraged to support Children in Need by coming dressed in anything yellow or spotty or Pudsey Bear themed. This could be spotty socks, headband, t-shirt or face paints – and for the privilege a suggested donation of £1 is requested. Every child will receive a Pudsey biscuit and we hope that you will consider donating an extra 50p for this too. Please do not bring cash into school – all donations are to be made using our St Ann's Donations Page, which will be up and running shortly. Thank you.

Individual and Sibling School Photos 17.11.25: If you would like a photograph taking of your child with any siblings not attending St Ann's, please come to the School Hall between 8:25am and 8:45am. Photos of siblings within St Ann's will be taken during the school day.

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 eighth instalment will be due on 11th November via [ParentPay](#).

Thornbridge Residential – Year 3/4: The second instalment is due on 31st October 2025 via [ParentPay](#).

National Online Safety: As technology becomes increasingly embedded in young people's lives, it's common for them to form friendships entirely online. These connections can provide companionship and community — but they also bring potential dangers that parents and educators need to be aware of. From online grooming and privacy breaches to exposure to upsetting content, meeting people on the internet isn't without risk. This guide explains the possible hazards of online friendships and gives parents and educators essential advice on helping children build safe, positive relationships online.

Mobile Phone Policy Update: As you will have read in the email sent out this week, we have published our updated school policy regarding mobile phone use which will take effect on Monday 3rd November 2025. This policy update is part of a broader goal to foster a community of presence and attention. If a staff member needs to offer a gentle reminder to put a device away, we ask that you respond with understanding and respect, knowing their focus is on the wellbeing of all children – thank you.

With this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Making Friends Online
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter - October](#)
- [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](#)

Picture News:

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

TAKEHOME

27th October -
2nd November



What makes
someone
worthy of a
Nobel Prize?



In the news this week

This year's Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to María Corina Machado from Venezuela. The Nobel Prizes are special international awards, given each year to people who have made outstanding contributions to science, literature, and peace. Machado has worked peacefully to make her country fairer and to protect people's rights. The award recognises her bravery in speaking out for fairness and freedom, and highlights the importance of non-violent action in creating change.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Ask somebody older than you at home about their knowledge of Nobel Prizes. Can they recall any winners from the past?
- > Should children be able to win prizes like the Nobel Prize if they make a big difference? Discuss your response with someone at home.
- > If you could invent a new Nobel Prize, what would it be for?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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