

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd June 2023



Upcoming Events...

Saturday 24 th June (12-4pm)	St Ann's School Summer Gala
Wednesday 28 th June (8:50am)	Year 1/2 Liturgical Prayer "Reconciliation"
Friday 30 th June (2:00pm)	Piano/Trumpet Recital
Monday 3 rd July	Class Photos
Thursday 6 th July	Whole School Transition Day
Monday 10 th July (6:00pm)	Year 5/6 Production: Pirates versus Mermaids
Tuesday 11 th July (1:30pm)	Year 5/6 Production: Pirates versus Mermaids
Wednesday 12 th July	End of Year Reports Go Home
Thursday 13 th July (3:30-5:00pm)	End of Year Reports Parent Drop In
Monday 17 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th July (6:00pm – 7:00pm)	Y6 Leavers' Liturgical Prayer
Friday 21 st July (1:00pm)	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 21 st July (1:30pm)	School Closes – Break up for the Summer Holidays
Monday 4 th September (8:30am)	School Re-Opens – First Day Back

Proud to be Me: *COURAGE: "To have courage for whatever comes in life – everything lies in that." St Teresa of Avila*
"In joining yourself to God's will, you take on new life and gather great courage." St Paul of the Cross. The word 'courage' comes from the Latin word for 'heart' and it basically means that you are brave. Courage is a gift of the Holy Spirit – it makes us strong. Putting our faith in Jesus and his teachings gives us the courage to do the right thing. How can we have more courage? Perhaps we can: develop our friendship with God through prayer; ask God for more courage; put our faith in Jesus and his teachings; support and encourage each other always to do what we know to be right – even if we are afraid.

Reception	Declan	For his perseverance during our handwriting sessions, even when he found some of the letters tricky. With great determination Declan produced some wonderful letter 'd's. Well done Declan keep up the great work!
Year 1	Skyla	For showing real resilience during the colour blending lesson. Skyla found the task a little bit tricky but kept persisting and challenging herself to create in a beautiful water colour painting of a sunset above the ocean.
Year2	Laylah	For challenging herself with her reading and showing increased confidence in sharing her ideas with the class.
Year 3	Leo	Leo always sets himself high standards and has a great attitude and determination to get tasks finished. He has worked super hard in maths this week to master triangles and lines of symmetry.
Year 4	Emily	Emily is always a great role model with a wonderful quiet enthusiasm for her work and a caring and kind manner towards her classmates.
Year 5	Jensen W	Jensen has worked really hard this week. He has tried really hard in all of his lessons. In particular, he has tried hard to memorise his lines for our class performance, and has delivered them with confidence and conviction. Well done Jensen, the hard work is paying off!
Year 6	Jack	Jack has had a great week. He has been focused, serious and attentive in our rehearsals for our class play. He has learned his lines, and is keen to act on any feedback to improve his performance. He has also tried really hard with his Maths work this week, volunteering to share his reasoning with the class.

Proud to be Me Continued...

P.E: **Bobi** for great team work and sportsmanship during our races this week well done Bobi. **Savannah** for her great attitude towards our rounders game scoring lots of points for her team. **Gerard** for showing some great skills in rounders, showing a good understanding of the rules. **Imogen** always there to help others and gives 100%. **Esme H** really good lesson! Was extremely polite and looked after Francesca really well! **Seb L** concentrated all lesson and showed great agility skills in athletics. **Jenson F** always gives 100% and never stops trying his best. **Esme R** from mini medics to PE, she was always listening and always wanted to get involved! Well done!

Swimmer of the week: Carter

Spanish Awards: **Tinashe** tried really hard to pronounce the family members in Spanish. **Harry B** listened beautifully to our Spanish story and tried to join in. **Dottie** has been great since starting and has been using her French knowledge to see similarities in Spanish. **Oscar** was fabulous in Spanish. He listened beautifully and completed the work to a high standard.

Music: **Tinashe** for her super instrument playing this week. **Jessica** for her super Jazz band work this week. **Oliver** for his super recorder playing this week. **Wilfred** for his enthusiasm in our play rehearsal this week.

House of the Week: St Catherine's with 408

Attendance: Year 3/4 with 95.6%

Silver Award goes to **Leo and Mia** for earning 200 Monster Effort Points – Well done!

Gold Awards goes to **Clay, Thea, Jude W-S, Abigail and Wilf** for earning 300 Monster Effort Points – Well done!

Plugs for Parents...

St Ann's School Summer Gala 24.06.23: Come along and grab a burger, hot dog or jacket potato for lunch and enjoy a drink in the sun! Gates open at 12 midday and entertainment will kicked off with Deepcar Brass Band. There will be games and inflatables as well as many other stalls to browse. We'll see you there!

Year 1/2 Liturgical Prayer "Reconciliation" 28.06.23: Family and Friends are welcome to join us in the Hall for this Liturgical Prayer.

Piano/Trumpet/Ukulele Recital 30.06.23: Family and friends are welcome to join us in the School Hall for this recital. Mrs Fitzpatrick has emailed parents of the children who play piano, trumpet and ukulele with information

Class Photos 03.07.23: Class photos will be taken in school on this day and will be available to order and distributed before we break up for Summer. Please can all children come to school with their St Ann's jumper/cardigan for the photo.

Cancelled - Reception Liturgical Prayer "Universal Church/World" 05.07.23: Due to the likelihood of School being closed because of the Teachers' strike, this Liturgical Prayer has been cancelled.

Whole School Transition Day 06.07.23: On this day, each class will be moving up a year in readiness for September. For some children, only their peers will change, as they will have the same teacher and classroom. For other children this will be a good opportunity to be in their new classroom with their new teacher. Please collect at 3pm from the usual place.

Year 5/6 Production: Pirates versus Mermaids 10&11.07.23: Please save the date so that our Y5/6 actors and actresses are available on the evening of 10th July to perform. **Tickets are now on sale** (£1 each) and are available to purchase in cash from the school office.

End of Year Reports Parent Drop In 13.07.23: Following the *End of Year Reports* being sent home, parents are welcome to drop in between 3:30pm and 5:00pm to speak to the class teacher.

Sports Day 14.07.23: Please can children come to school in their PE kit, wearing a t-shirt in their House colour – water bottle and sun cream are also essential. Parents are invited to attend sports day and cheer on the teams. Sports Day will start at about 10am, however, SAFFA will have bacon butties, pain-au-chocolat/croissants and tea/coffee on sale from 9am – 10:30am on the school field and parents are invited to stop for breakfast. At lunch time everyone is welcome to bring a picnic and sit together on the field to eat. This will be followed by races in the afternoon!

Plugs for Parents Continued...

Y6 Leavers' Liturgical Prayer 20.07.23: More information to follow

Y6 Leavers' Assembly 21.07.23: Our St Ann's School community are invited to come along to our Y6 Leavers Assembly in the School Hall at 1pm.

School Meals Payment Reminder: Please could balances for school meals be paid in good time. And, please remember to cancel any pre-ordered meals if you change your mind and your child ends up bringing a packed lunch, or you may still be charged, thank you.

Possible Teachers' Strike Days 05.07.23 & 07.07.23: We will not be able to confirm these strike days until seven days in advance, but we would like to prepare parents that should they go ahead School will close for the majority of children with the exception being Y3/4 class, which will remain open. A small number of children will also be able to attend by invitation only.

Whole School Trip to Hornsea: A letter has been emailed out with details of this trip. If you haven't already, please complete the consent form linked on the letter, thank you.

Willersley Castle Residential 2024 (Current Y4 and Y5s): Just a reminder that the second instalment for this residential is due on 1st July on [ParentPay](#). Please keep up to date with your payments to avoid incurring a large payment sum, thank you.

National Online Safety: Artificial intelligence is probably the hot topic in technology circles right now, with questions being raised worldwide about how AI might conceivably affect the very future of the human race. In the short term, however – definitely as far as its impact on young people is concerned – the clearest risk is almost certainly the AI-powered 'virtual friends' which are springing up all over the internet. There's Replika and Kuki, for instance, while Snapchat has recently got in on the act with My AI – and search engines like Bing and Google have developed their own versions. Are these machine intelligences suitable online companions for young people? What are their limitations and weak spots? Our #WakeUpWednesday guide profiles the emergence of AI 'virtual friends'.

Ten:Ten Collective Worship: Please follow this link for June's [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter](#).

Wednesday Word: Please see here for this week's [Wednesday Word](#)

Other Items...

St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust have five job vacancies. Details can be found on the website here [Vacancies – St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust \(stclarecmat.org.uk\)](#)

Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents and Carers Need to Know About AI Virtual Friends
- St Ann's Summer Gala Poster
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre Summer Fayre
- St Ann's and St Mary's Church Bulletin – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Sheffield Libraries Summer Reading Challenge
- Upper Don Community Energy – Low Carbon Home Visits