

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024



For almost 30 years, Mrs Jowle has been supporting generations of children at St Ann's School with her duties here as lunchtime supervisor and cleaner. We would like to sincerely thank her for being part of the team and school community. We are sure that Mrs Jowle has many happy hours of knitting planned and wish her all the best for a wonderful retirement.

Upcoming Events...

Monday 19 th February (8:30am)	Return to School
Monday 19 th February	KS2 Young Voices
Tuesday 20 th February	Y3/4s First Swimming Lesson
Wednesday 21 st February (8:50am)	Whole School Celebration of the Word: Lent
Thursday 22 nd February (6:00pm)	SAFFA Online Meeting (link to be sent out nearer the time)
Tuesday 27 th February	Whole School Photo
Friday 1 st March	SAFFA Mother's Day Gift Shop
Wednesday 6 th March	World Book Day (Information to follow)
Thursday 7 th March	St Ann's School 50 th Anniversary

Proud to be Me...

COPMASSION: "The compassion of God, his suffering-with-us, gives meaning to our struggles and our sufferings." Pope Francis. "We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion." St Vincent de Paul. To be compassionate is to share someone's suffering - to feel sorrow for their situation and to do something about it. Compassion is an attractive quality. Our own example in daily life can help our children become more compassionate. Ask your child if they can remember when they last felt sorry for someone and helped them. Who is the most compassionate person they know? How does that person show their compassion? As a family, ask yourselves, "Is there anyone who needs our compassion and our help at this time? What could we do?"

Reception	Louie	For sharing, what he has learnt on our travels around Asia. His wonderful Chinese writing, his Indian elephant and not to forget his amazing Bollywood dancing moves.
Year 1	Declan	WOW! What an amazing week Declan has had, producing an amazing piece of writing about 'The Ninja Turtle who lost his mask' as well as checking he had remembered to use Capital Letters and Full Stops.
Year2	Savannah	for working hard in maths this week, when learning to tell the time.
Year 3	Erin	Erin has blown me away with her maths this week. She has really believed in her abilities and has been more confident in sharing her ideas.
Year 4	Oliver	Oliver made some superb contributions in this week's RE lesson by making links between the beliefs and actions of the Islamic faith and his knowledge of the teachings of Jesus.
Year 5	Emily	Emily has written an amazing diary entry based on our class text, War Horse. Her writing is detailed, engaging and imaginative. Well done Emily!
Year 6	Marshall	Marshall has worked hard in Maths this week. He has concentrated well and has persevered even when the work is challenging.

P.E: Noah really stood out today, trying different challenges in gymnastics. Layla really showed off her fantastic gymnastics skills. Joshua How' really impressed with his ability in gymnastics. Emily was so nervous last week on the equipment and today she went all the way to the top on the ladders!!!

Spanish Awards:

Music Awards: All Year 3/4 for their amazing singing in our last Young Voices lesson before our performance. Joshua How' for his controlled performance on the glockenspiel of his composition.

Happy Birthday Olivia, Jensen & Isla C

Attendance: Reception with 96.8%

Plugs for Parents...

Y3/4 Swimming Lesson: Starting on Tuesday 20th February, Y3/4 will be having weekly swimming lessons. For full details, please see the letter that was emailed out to parents/carers this week.

Whole School Celebration of the Word: Lent 21.02.24: Family and friends are welcome to join us for this *Celebration of the Word*.

Whole School Photo 27.02.24: On Thursday 7th March, St Ann's School will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. We will let you know a bit more about what we have planned nearer the time, however, on the morning of 27th February we will be having a whole school photograph taken in preparation for the Anniversary celebrations. Please could all children come to school wearing their burgundy school jumper (since it will be Y3/4's PE day, they will need to wear their burgundy PE hoodie).

Mothers' Day Gift Shop 01.03.23: SAFFA are holding a Mothers' Day gift sale which will take place after lunch in school. Children will have a choice of gifts to purchase for their loved ones. Each item will be £4. Please send your child to school with their money in a labelled envelope or wallet/purse.

Y5/6 Willersley Castle Residential: A quick reminder that the ninth instalment is due on 1st February. Please visit [ParentPay](#) to make prompt payment any time.

Piano/Ukulele/Trumpet Lessons: Just a quick reminder that fees are due by 2nd February. Payment details can be found on the invoice you will have received from Mrs Fitzpatrick.

National Online Safety: With Omegle finally shutting down in late 2023, the top spot among video chat services is up for grabs – and Monkey has its eyes set on the crown. Randomly matching its users for 15-second conversations, the platform's developers claim to have created a dynamic online space for people to make new connections and, potentially, even some new friends. Despite these innocuous-sounding intentions, however, Monkey has been criticised for moderation which may not be comprehensive enough to defend against the obvious dangers that unregulated, random video calls pose to the younger element of the site's userbase. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide tells trusted adults what they need to know about Monkey.

Save the Date: St Ann's School will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Thursday 7th March. Please save the date as we will be having Mass in the afternoon followed by refreshments. The children will be having a celebratory lunch and cake. Further details will follow with times to be confirmed.

Attached or Linked with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Monkey
- St Mary's Church and St Ann's Church Bulletin
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter](#) – January 2024
- [Trans Pennine Trail Kids Half Term Activity Pack](#)

This is the question we will be deliberating after the holiday...

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Pupils in England will have the choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language (BSL) from 2025. BSL is a form of communication using hand gestures and other movements. Pupils, who take the subject, will learn around 1,000 different signs. Fairfield High School (pictured in this week's poster) already runs a successful extracurricular club in response to pupils' interest in learning BSL.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you ever used sign language or seen it being used by others?
- Is sign language a language you would like to learn? What do you think are some of the advantages of learning sign language?
- Are there any other skills or subjects you believe would be useful to learn at school?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments