

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024



Upcoming Events...

Wednesday 6 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7 th March (1:45pm)	St Ann's School 50 th Anniversary Mass
Friday 8 th March	Proud to be Me Assembly Cancelled
Friday 8 th March – 17 th March	British Science Week
Wednesday 13 th March (8:50am)	Year 5/6 Celebration of the Word: Eucharist
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 15 th March (9:30am)	SAFFA Meeting at School
Monday 18 th March	Reception Class Vision Screening
Monday 25 th March (8:50am)	Holy Week - R/Y1 Celebration of the Word: Palm Sunday
Tuesday 26 th March (8:50am)	Holy Week - Y2 Celebration of the Word: Last Supper
Wednesday 27 th March (8:50am)	Holy Week - Y3/4 Celebration of the Word: Garden of Gethsemane
Thursday 28 th March (2:00pm)	Holy Week - Y5/6 Celebration of the Word: Stations of the Cross
Thursday 28 th March (3:00pm)	School breaks up for the Easter holidays

Proud to be Me... ENTHUSIASM: *"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!" St Catherine of Siena*
These final weeks of Lent present us with an opportunity to stop and think if there are any unhelpful things that we need to clear out from our lives, so that we can grow in our enthusiasm for God. To help us to do this, perhaps we can: each night before we go to sleep, say sorry to God for anything that we may have done wrong (examine our conscience) and ask God to forgive us; avoid any temptation to be greedy, but rather give cheerfully to charity; be enthusiastic to say our family prayers together, asking for help to grow in goodness and in our love for God.

Reception	Olivia	For her great reading this week. Working hard on her blending skills.
Year 1	Dougie	For his super maths this week, working hard on solving subtraction problems using a number line.
Year 2	Aleston	Aleston has worked hard in English this week, he has contributed well to discussions and shared some thoughtful ideas, well done Aleston!
Year 3	Zak	Zak has impressed me this week with his listening skills and enthusiasm during the swimming lessons.
Year 4	Maya J	Maya J has shown real enthusiasm this week investigating bar model problems in our morning tasks.
Year 5	Joshua C	Joshua has had a great week. He approached his school work with a great attitude and managed to achieve gold as well!
Year 6	Joshua Hi	Joshua has worked really hard this week. He has really concentrated on his reading work and has impressed me with his ability to take on feedback and improve his work. Well done Joshua!

P.E: Beatrix for always being so impressive each week, during her PE sessions. Bobi for his great throwing and catching skills that Coach Jake had to make it harder for him. A double star this week! Thea and Connie for setting a good example during PE, and much improved throwing skills. Maya J - Really impressed with her knowledge for starting position. Oliver - Really good rallying and understanding the rules. Zara - Really good in terms of understanding weight of shot to keep in area. Joshua C - Great demonstrations of rallying with working with Nathan.

Music Awards: Heidi for improving her performance skills this week especially in her dinosaur dynamics composition group. Connie for her great work in our introduction to pitch activities. Melchi for his great *call and response* drumming skills. Violet for super rhythmic ostinato work.

Spanish Awards: Marcus listened really well when practising feliz (happy) and triste (sad). Lucy was really quick with her listening in Spanish this week. Serah worked really well practising saying the name phrase in Spanish. Gerard found links between different languages showing his fantastic language detective skills. Joshua How' tried really hard in our Spanish adjectives quiz and was so proud when he got full marks. Super!

Happy Birthday Jessica and Eden

Swimmer of the Week: Melchi

Attendance: Year 2 with 100%

Silver Awards go to Melchi and Seb J for earning 200 Monster Effort points.

Plugs for Parents...

World Book Day 06.03.24: To celebrate World Book Day, the children are able to come dressed in either their own clothes or a world book day costume if they choose. Please can each child bring a potato to school in order for to create a book character from their favourite book. In the afternoon, each class will have a potato parade. Miss Eady will start our World Book Day celebrations in the morning by holding a whole school assembly and introduce her character.

St Ann's School 50th Anniversary 07.03.24: Family and friends past and present are warmly invited to our celebration Mass at 1:45pm, after which there will be refreshments served. The children will also be having a picnic lunch and cake to celebrate.

British Science Week: To mark the start of Science week the whole school will be taking part in a live assembly being broadcast on Friday 8th March (9.30am - 10am), live streamed from the Royal Observatory exploring the origins of telling time, and the evolution of time-telling instruments. Children will find out what solutions inventors and innovators of the past came up with to measure time, help navigators at sea, and standardise time – ensuring people in and across communities were using the same or similar time. Therefore, on this date we will not be holding our PTBM assembly that morning. The children will receive their certificate the following Monday after the Gospel assembly

Year 5/6 Celebration of the Word: Eucharist 13.03.24: Family and friends are welcome to join us for this Celebration of the Word.

Red Nose Day 15.03.24: We are not selling red noses at School; however, children are welcome to come to school with their red noses and non-uniform dressed in something red. As a forfeit, we are asking for £1 to go towards Comic Relief. You can donate to our [Comic Relief fundraising page](#) here.

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

SAFFA Meeting at School 15.03.24: Parents and carers are invited to come along to this meeting after the *Proud to be Me* assembly.

Reception Class Vision Screening 18.03.24: The School Vision Screening Team will be visiting to routinely check all of our Reception children's vision. For more information see the [NHS Vision Screening parent leaflet](#).

Holy Week: Family and friends are welcome to join us for these celebrations of the word as each class celebrate Holy Week.

National Online Safety: Bullying has long been a pervasive issue in schools – and, being realistic, it's regrettably a problem which is always likely to exist to a certain extent. There are still plenty of steps we can take as trusted adults, however, to lend support, comfort and reassurance to children who are going through this deeply upsetting experience. Such a highly emotive topic can be a difficult one to talk about with children – but honest, open communication nevertheless remains vital to young victims' wellbeing. It's important to be aware, then, of effective ways to broach and explore the subject. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has expert advice on effective ways to support children who are being bullied.

House Winners: St Catherine's are the house winners for Spring half term 1, their treat will be Friday 8th March in the afternoon.

Attached or Linked with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – Top Tips for Supporting Children Who Are Experiencing Bullying
- St Mary's Church and St Ann's Church Bulletin
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter](#) – March 2024
- [Sheffield Immunisation Team's 'Helpful Hints' Newsletter](#)
- Unite Night for Steel
- ChainReaction Fundraising Fashion Show
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Easter Fayre
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Easter Bonnet Competition

Picture News...

This is the question we will be deliberating next week...



In the news this week

In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules. Their concerns include falling incomes, rising red tape, and competition from imports. Both national governments and the EU are now under pressure to stop the demonstrations. One protesting farmer, Hugo Auge from France, told news reporters for CNN that the current system, 'makes a mockery of both farmers and consumers'.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk about the actions that farmers across the EU are taking and why you think they chose to block roads as one of their actions.
- What are some of the other ways you can take action if you don't agree with something?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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