

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024



Upcoming Events...

W/c Monday 14 th October	Harvest Celebration Week - Archer Project Donations
Friday 18 th October (8:50am)	Harvest Festival Assembly
Friday 25 th October (3:00pm)	Break up for October Half Term Holiday
Monday 4 th November	Return to School
Thursday 7 th November (7:00pm)	SAFFA Online Meeting (Link to be sent out closer to the date)
Sunday 10 th November	Remembrance Parade
Monday 11 th November (10:30am)	Y5/6 Celebration of the Word – Armistice Day
Thursday 14 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 15 th November	Reception & Y6 Height and Weight Measurement

Proud to be Me: HAPPINESS: *“We will be the happiest people in the world if we belong to God.” St Teresa of Calcutta. Each of you choose some little, simple thing to do which will help to create a better atmosphere of happiness in school, the community, or at home this week. Perhaps you can: volunteer to give someone a helping hand; serve your parents and teachers by cheerfully doing what you are asked to do; forgive, make a fresh start with someone who has upset you; give someone a kind message or a gift.*

Reception	Arabella	Arabella is always a very cheerful and friendly member of our class. However, this week she has tried so hard with her work across all lessons, and has really impressed me with her phonic work.
Year 1	Jacob	Jacob has worked really hard in all of his lessons this week, and always tries his best with his work. He has impressed me this week with his brilliant Maths work!
Year 2	Avayah	Avayah always works incredibly hard, she has shown real determination in maths this week and should be very proud of all that she has accomplished, well done Avayah, keep it up!
Year 3 Year 4	All of Year 3/4	For being amazing at the benchball tournament. They showed patience and resilience when we had to wait for the coach, determination when playing the game and superb sportsmanship when interacting with the other schools. Well done everyone.
Year 5	Myah G	Maya has been brilliant this week, working really hard on her writing and showing a great understanding of simple sentences!
Year 6	Isla	Isla is a joy to have in the classroom. She has a brilliant attitude to her learning and has impressed me this week with her work on line graphs!

P.E: Connie, Tilly, Josh C and Josh R: These 4 individuals show up week after week and continue to work hard, get involved whilst having fun. They are a pleasure to teach.

Music: Milo for his super singing and drum playing this week. Year 1 for their amazing performance of their Celebration composition. Bobi for his super enthusiastic work this week. Lottie for her constant enthusiasm and hard work, this half term. Joshua C, Joshua R and Oliver for their super confident Indian inspired group xylophone performance this week.

Spanish: Beatrix always shows wonderful enthusiasm in Spanish. She has shown her knowledge really well this week. Avayah was brilliant in Spanish this week and tried really well with all our Spanish songs. Connie produces fabulous work every week in Spanish and always gets involved with enthusiasm in every lesson. Carter produced a fantastic “This is me” rap this week in Spanish. Well done!

House of the Week: St Gregory’s with 243 points

Happy Birthday Kaidan and Alex

Best Attendance: Reception Class with 95.8%

Plugs for Parents...

Harvest Celebration Week - Archer Project Donations 14.10.24: As part of our harvest celebrations we are collecting non-perishable food items, toiletries etc for our Harvest display and would appreciate any donations you can give. Please see the attached poster for a list of needed items. Please ignore the Harvest Appeal dates on the poster! Please drop off your donations into the School Office by Friday morning– thank you!

Remembrance Parade 10.11.24: Our School community are invited to meet on Johnson Street in Stocksbridge at 9:45am ready to march 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.

Y5/6 Celebration of the Word – Armistice Day 11.11.24: 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 14.11.24: An email has been sent out to all parents/carers with full details about this including our unique School Code. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the consent form so please complete the [nasal flu vaccine consent/decline 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](#).

Reception & Y6 Height and Weight Measurement 15.11.24: Each year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The checks are carried out by trained practitioners from Sheffield Children’s NHS Foundation Trust. For more information about this please visit the [National Child Measurement Programme website](#).

National Online Safety: iPhones and iPads don’t offer separate user accounts. So, when you hand your Apple device to a child to play a game or watch a video, you’re also handing them access to your email, the web, messaging and other apps through which they could accidentally do something regrettable. Apple Guided Access solves this problem by letting you restrict the iPhone or iPad to one particular app whenever your child uses the device. If they try and leave that app, they will be asked for a password or Face ID, meaning they can’t access anything they shouldn’t. Here, we show you how to find and set up the Guided Access feature, so you can confidently let your child borrow your iPhone or iPad. In the guide, you’ll find step-by-step instructions for parents on how to set it up and how to switch it on.

Admissions Policy Consultation: We are consulting on our admissions arrangements for pupils applying for places in the year beginning September 2026. A copy of our draft arrangements and details about how you can share your views or questions can be found on our [school website](#).

Piano, Trumpet and Ukulele Lessons: Fees are now due to Mrs Fitzpatrick for all of these music lessons. Please make prompt payment, thank you.

Year 5/6 Walking Group Reminder: Please ensure your child has a change of boots/wellies for the walking group. The woodland we walk in is very muddy and the same footwear cannot be worn indoors that same day.

Reception Class ParentPay: Reception Class parents/carers should have received an *Activation* email this week from ParentPay. Please complete the activation of your account at your earliest convenience. All trips/milk etc will need to be paid for using ParentPay. If you have not received this email, please contact the office – thank you.

Other Items...

Sheffield Carers: If you or someone you know is a Carer, this link to [Sheffield Carers Centre](#) is a fantastic place to go for support and advice. There is also [Sheffield Young Carers](#), who offer support to children and young people aged 8-25 and [Autistic Children and Carers Together \(ACCT\)](#) a friendly charity led by parent-carers of autistic children and young people.

Other Items Continued...

SAFFA AGM: A big thank you to Maria, Ashleigh and Kirsty for stepping up to the roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and to all those who attended the meeting. The Treasurer's Report and minutes from today's meeting will be emailed out to parents next week.

SAFFA Christmas Cards: SAFFA has rescheduled the Christmas Card design afternoon to Friday 25th October. They are meeting in the School Hall at 12:30pm to set up and children will join them in the afternoon to design their Christmas Card. If you are able to lend a hand, please email Ashleigh at saffapta@gmail.com or contact the school office.

Picture News...



In the news this week

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has faced questioning and criticism recently for accepting free gifts. The Prime Minister has said he would continue to accept such gifts, despite the negative comments, stating that he is not doing anything wrong. Sir Keir, an Arsenal football fan, has also come under pressure for receiving thousands of pounds worth of football tickets. Although he is already an Arsenal season ticket holder, Sir Keir explained that security concerns mean he can no longer watch games from his usual seat in the stands.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you believe politicians should always be allowed to accept free gifts?
- > Can you make a list of the different times you give people gifts, and times you receive them?
- > Do you prefer to give or receive gifts? Ask your people at home what they think.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Apple Guided Access
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter - October](#)
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- St Ann's Church & St Mary's Church Bulletins
- Sheffield Wild Cats
- Development Football Training
- Inman Pavilion Science Club
- Sheffield Family Hubs – Coffee Morning
- [Raring2Go Sheffield & Rotherham Magazine](#)