

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2024



Upcoming Events...

Sunday 1 st December (5:30pm)	Advent Mass at St Ann's Church
Wednesday 4 th December (1:45pm)	Christmas Carol and Music Concert
Thursday 5 th December	Non-uniform Day
Friday 6 th December (9:30am)	SAFFA Meeting at School
Friday 6 th December	Whole School Trip to Ice Sheffield Christmas Show
Monday 9 th December	The Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 10 th December (1:30pm)	The Nativity Performance
Wednesday 11 th December (6:00pm)	The Nativity Performance
Thursday 12 th December (3:00pm)	Santa's Workshop and Christmas Fair
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Party/Jumper/Dinner Day
Friday 20 th December (1:15pm)	Celebration of the Word – The Blessing of the Crib
Friday 20 th December (2:00pm)	School Closes for the Christmas Holidays – Early Finish
Monday 6 th January (8:30am)	Return to School
Monday 6 th January (2:00pm)	Mass - Epiphany

Proud to be Me...

Reception	Milo	The grown-ups have been impressed with Milo's <i>can-do</i> attitude this week. He has got stuck in, tried hard and most importantly had fun! Keep it up Milo!
Year 1	Margot	Margot has had a fantastic attitude to all aspects of school this week. She has remained positive and engaged whole heartedly in everything she has done, even when finding things tricky. Well done Margot!
Year 2	Dougie	Dougie has really impressed me in maths this week, he has worked with enthusiasm and determination creating arrays, well done!
Year 3	Thea	Thea has grown in confidence this week. She has produced some great pieces of work and is asking questions to clarify her understanding.
Year 4	Vincent	Vincent has been a mathematical wizard this week! He has tried his hardest in lessons and has been able to show his understanding using different methods.
Year 5		Thomas has worked hard this week and has impressed the adults with his polite, hardworking attitude in the classroom. He has made a lovely advent prayer and should be very proud.
Year 6	Joshua R	Joshua has worked really hard in maths this week and has impressed me with his knowledge of long multiplication including decimals. He has been keen to share demonstrate his method with the class. Well done Josh!

PE: R/Y1/Y2- Everyone had a brilliant time at the Qualitas gymnastics event, showing determination, resilience and focus during all the activities. Ffion for always putting in the effort and is always proud of the little achievements she makes, whether that be getting the next step or being able to count her group in. She walks into every lesson enthusiastic and it is really showing in her progress. Imogen has excelled massively this week in PE. Her confidence this week has grown so much and when performing the dance alongside me, she knows it a lot more than she thinks and was so proud of herself at the end of the lesson. She got involved with the warm up and cool down 'just dance' dances, and we had a lot of laughing and smiles throughout. Erin is really excelling at gymnastics and her confidence to perform balances on top of the apparatus is really building week on week. Her enthusiasm and determination are shining through. William - even though gymnastics might not be his favourite, he walks into every lesson, with enthusiasm and a smile. He gives all the instructions a go and is happy to ask for tips and pointers to improve.

Music: Annabella, Aida and Avayah for their super singing in our Nativity singing lesson this week. Vincent worked hard on his motif composition this week resulting in a good performance to the class on his glockenspiel.

Spanish: Darla worked brilliantly in Spanish this week and always gives 100%. Evelyn always tries hard in Spanish and produces beautiful work every week.

Best Attendance: Reception with 96.7%

House of the Week: St Gregory's with 137 points

Happy Birthday William and Laylah

Bronze Awards go to Beatrix, Chase, Daniel and Evan for earning 100 *Monster Effort* points – Well done!

Plugs for Parents...

Christmas Carol and Music Concert 04.12.24: Family and friends are invited to join us for this event. At 1:45pm, refreshments will be served whilst our Y6 pianists play carols. The concert will start at 2pm, which will include a performance from the trumpet group and other music groups.

Non-uniform Day 05.12.24: In order to support SAFFA with their Christmas Fair we are having a non-uniform day, and as a forfeit we are asking each child to bring something in to contribute towards the tombola. Some examples include gift sets, box/tin of biscuits, chocolates, little gift items, candles, jewellery, hot chocolate etc. Please could we politely request that all items are new – but they don't have to be expensive! Thank you.

Ice Sheffield Happily Ever After Christmas Show 06.12.24: A letter has been emailed out with details of this very exciting whole school trip. Children will experience an unforgettable journey filled with dazzling performances, stunning choreography and heart-warming moments! A huge thank you to SAFFA for funding the cost of the coaches – we couldn't have done it without this! Please could all parents/carers complete the consent form on the letter and pay for the entrance costs on [ParentPay](#) as soon as possible please – thank you.

Reception, Y1 & Y2 - The Nativity Performances 10 & 12.12.24: Tickets are on sale from the school office for £1 each – please bring cash to the office if you would like to purchase any. Costume requirements have been emailed out this week. If you haven't received an email requesting specific costume items, this is because we have everything we need here in School. We also ask that the children are back at school for **5:30pm on Wednesday 12th** so that they have time to change into costume before the Nativity starts at 6pm, thank you.

Santa's Workshop & Christmas Fair 12.12.24: Please come along to the School Hall at 3pm to support the SAFFA's Santa's Workshop and Christmas Fair. There will be activities for the children and games to play as well as refreshments. If you are able to donate some home baked goods (buns, cookies etc) please let Ashleigh know by emailing saffapta@gmail.com so that she is able to plan the refreshments stall. Also, if you have any new unwanted gifts that SAFFA can re-purpose, please drop them off in the School Office, thank you.

Christmas Dinner/Party/Jumper Day 18.12.24: Miss Eady would like to encourage all children to order a Christmas dinner on this day, as our school family join together for a special lunch to celebrate Christmas. School meals are free for all KS1 children. This always proves to be a great day, as each class enjoy a Christmas party with lots of games, and everyone can wear their own clothes and come in Christmas jumpers or Christmas t-shirts.

The Blessing of the Crib 20.12.24: Family and friends are invited to join us in the Hall for *The Blessing of the Crib*.

School Closes for the Christmas Holidays 20.12.24: School will be closing at the earlier time of 2:00pm after *The blessing of the Crib* service. Please can all parents/carers collect, or arrange for collection of their child at 2:00pm, thank you.

National Online Safety: As one of the most popular messaging apps available, Snapchat sees an enormous amount of usage across the globe – with a significant number of those utilising the platform being under 18. For that reason, it's important to understand the potential risks to younger users when spending time on this app. Of course, it can be difficult to identify every hazard associated with the platform, let alone what can be done to mitigate these concerns. Our guide lays out the key online safety risks of Snapchat, as well as how to safeguard young people while they use the app.

Head Lice are in School! Please keep checking your child's hair and treat where necessary, as it does stop the spread of head lice in our classrooms. Free treatment is available from most pharmacies under the minor ailments scheme.

Y3/4 Thornbridge Residential: The third instalment is due on 13th December.

School Photos: Your child should have come home last Friday with an A5 card with a QR code on and details of how you can order your photos online. Please check your child's bag if you have not received this. The deadline for ordering photos is printed onto the leaflet as 01.12.24, however this has been extended by one day and the deadline for placing orders is **2nd December 2024**, so please place your order over the next 2 days for free delivery to School.

Menu Change: Next Wednesday 4th December there will be fish fingers on the menu instead of chicken.

Other Items...

Children in Need: A big thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need. St Ann's School community have collectively raised £130 towards this fantastic organisation.

SAFFA Easyfundraising: Christmas Shopping? Please don't forget that SAFFA (St Ann's Family and Friends Association) is registered with easyfundraising to raise free funds, at no extra cost to you. When you shop via the easyfundraising website or app, with over 7,000 of your favourite brands, including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Amazon and many more, you will raise **FREE** donations for the school. If you're not already registered, please [visit our easyfundraising page here](#): This will really make a difference to our school! Thank you for your support.

Picture News...



In the news this week

This year's Earthshot Prize winners have been announced. Prince William, who launched the prize in 2020, closed the award ceremony in Cape Town, South Africa. The Earthshot Prize celebrates and supports people and companies working to provide innovative solutions for climate and environmental issues. The winners include projects to protect animals, handle rubbish and prevent wasted energy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you tell someone at home a bit more about the Earthshot Prize?
- > Do you believe awards are a good way of raising awareness about important issues?
- > Have you ever taken part in or contributed to a project with the aim of helping protect and look after the world? Ask others at home whether they have.



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – 10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators Educating Children on Spending and Saving
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter - November](#)
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- St Ann's Church & St Mary's Church Bulletins
- St Ann's [Grown Out of It](#) page (Please use to sell and buy pre-loved uniform)
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Santa's Grotto
- [Raring2Go Magazine](#)
- School Photography Company – Deadline Reminder
- The Kiln – Christmas Workshops
- Spring Term 2025 Menu