

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2024



Upcoming Events...

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	Proud to be Me Cancelled
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... *PREPARATION: "Whoever has peace in his heart 'prepares a place' for the Lord." St Theoliptos of hiladelphia. As a family, how can you prepare well for Christmas? Perhaps you can: slow down and try to remember Jesus - the real reason for Christmas; read The Wednesday Word together; read the Bible's Christmas story together; make an extra effort to consider other people's needs throughout this Season of Advent; sing favourite Christmas carols together. What other ways can you think of to prepare for celebrating Jesus' birth?*

Reception	Annabella	Annabella is a polite and enthusiastic member of the class. She always has a positive attitude to her learning and works hard in all lessons, especially in her reading, you have blown Mrs Brotherton's socks off this week in her phonics quiz with Fred! Well done, Annabella.
Year 1	Gabriel	Gabriel has returned to school with a positive attitude and has tried really hard with all his learning. In Maths, he has produced some wonderful work using addition. Well done Gabriel keep up the super maths work!
Year 2	Tinashe	Tinashe's knowledge and understanding of using arrays for division was outstanding this week!!
Year 3	Lottie	Lottie was letting her creativity shine through this week by producing a beautiful nativity scene Christmas card.
Year 4	Kyla	Kyla has had a wonderful week. She has been confidently sharing her ideas in class and has produced a wonderful piece of independent writing about a paper plane.
Year 5	Noah	Noah has been working really hard in English and reading this week. He has produced some interesting sentences about 'A Christmas Truce'. Well done Noah!
Year 6	Joshua C	Joshua is a super star! He gives 100% at everything he does. He gave an amazing performance at our dodgeball tournament this week, and has blown the adults away with his learning in EVERY subject! Well done.

PE: Annabella – what a STAR! Annabella is always fantastic but Coach Jake was extremely proud of her In PE this week, as she was a bit nervous about trying a forward, roll but didn't let it stop her and she gave it a really good go. Well done! Daniel – was amazing too this week Coach Jake says Daniel chose 3 moves all on his own for his performance and performed them brilliantly. Well Done Daniel! Avayah – An absolute superstar at gymnastics, showing the class moves we haven't seen yet and put on a great performance at the end of the lesson. Juno - great sportsmanship throughout & great effort during the athletics games this week. Thea - great effort again though out the lesson, always smiling and happy to get really stuck in no matter the sport or activity. I want too also congratulate the St Ann's Team A for WINNING the dodgeball tournament. They performed fantastic and had great sportsmanship throughout! 24 teams & St Ann's came out on top! Fantastic effort from every single year 5/6 pupil who attended! Very proud PE teacher!

Music: Reception and Key Stage 1 have worked hard this week on their Nativity songs getting them ready for performing next week. Well Done to all Key Stage 2 for their amazing singing in our carol concert on Wednesday.

Spanish: Jacob was fabulous in Christmas this week producing a beautiful Christmas jumper design. Declan was really kind during Spanish this week praising everyone else's work. Lottie worked beautifully this week in Spanish and tried really hard with the speaking activity. Joe was really enthusiastic during this week's Spanish lesson and tried really hard with his city description.

Best Attendance: Year 5/6 with 96.3%

Happy Birthday Nancy and Henry R

Proud to be Me Continued...

Bronze Awards go to Vincent, Serah and Thea for earning 100 *Monster Effort Points* – Well done!

House of the Week: St Benedict's with 113 points

Plugs for Parents...

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.

Proud to be Me Cancelled 20.12.24: Due to a number of other commitments on the last day of School, Proud to be

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.

Piano/Ukulele/Trumpet Lessons: Just a quick reminder that music fees are now due for this Autumn 2 half term. Payment details can be found on the invoice emailed directly from Mrs Fitzpatrick. Please make prompt payment – thank you.

National Online Safety: The rise in awareness of mental health issues has given way to several easily accessible services to help with such problems – for example, wellbeing apps promising to serve as an assistive tool for anyone in need of support. While these can be useful to some, there are a few risks which are important to consider – especially if a child or young person is using the app. Of course, it can be tricky to know exactly where the safety concerns lie with a service intended to help and support its users – and it can be harder still to safeguard younger users. This attached guide breaks down the online safety risks of mental health and wellbeing apps, before letting you know how best to keep children and young people safe if they ever wish to use these services.

Head Lice are still 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.

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

Non-Uniform Day – Appropriate Clothing: On the next non-uniform day, please could parents/carers make sure that their children don't come to school wearing a crop top. Midriff's need to be covered please. Thank you in advance.

KS2 Change to 3pm Collection: To improve on the safe dismissal of our KS2 children at 3pm, we have made some changes. From Monday 9th December, Year 3/4 will be dismissed from their classroom door and Year 5/6 will be dismissed from the door around the corner (nearer to the AstroTurf). An email with photos has been sent out today for clarification.

Christmas Raffle Tickets: Be in it to win it! Don't forget to bring in your raffle tickets by Wednesday 11th December. The raffle will be drawn at the 6pm Nativity performance.

Other Items...

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.

Penny Wars Competition: Don't forget... this is still running until the end of the year. Children can place their coppers in their class's jar to gain points and place their silver coins in another class's jar to lower their total score. The winning class will be treated to a movie afternoon with popcorn at the end of the year!

The Poppy Appeal: Collectively, St Ann's School community raised £132.06 for this cause – a big thank you to everyone who supported this.

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

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 Mental Health and Wellbeing Apps
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter - December](#)
- [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 St Ann's uniform)
- Sheffield Family Hubs – Coffee Morning