

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Upcoming Events...

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January (7:00pm)	SAFFA Meeting Online
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January (3:15-5:15pm)	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January (3:15-5:15pm)	Parents' Evening
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January (3:00pm)	Y3/4 Thornbridge Parent Information Meeting
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Y5/6 Bikeability Training
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January (8:50am)	Reception/Year 1 Celebration of the Word

**Proud to be Me... BAPTISM:** *“Baptism is God’s most beautiful and magnificent gift.” St Gregory of Nazianzus. Baptism is the start of a life-long call to reveal God’s Spirit to our family and community. When we are baptised, we receive the very same Holy Spirit, to help us to live like Jesus. How can we live more like Jesus as we begin this new year? Perhaps we can: always try to be fair, honest, generous and ready to go out of our way to help others; as a family, choose to support a charity in 2019; regularly make an effort to let other family members know how much we love them.*

Reception	Charlotte	Charlotte has had a spectacular first week back. She has worked really hard with her phonic skills, and read her first ditty with confidence and fluency. Well done Charlotte!
Year 1	Emberlee	Emberlee has returned to school with a superb attitude. She has been trying really hard with all her learning and she confidently applied her knowledge of place value to identify teen numbers.
Year 2	Dougie	Dougie has had a fantastic first week back. He has had a really positive attitude towards all of his learning, sharing some fantastic ideas with the class with confidence and enthusiasm. Well done, Dougie!
Year 3	Clay	Clay has returned to school with an eagerness to learn! He has really impressed the adults with his positive attitude and resilience in maths.
Year 4	Zak	In PSHE Zak has been reflecting on his learning and has been able to make links and articulate his ideas clearly (particularly around internet safety)
Year 5	Carter	Carter has had a brilliant first week back at school. He always gives 100% to his learning and his really impressed us this week with his dedication in every lesson. Well done
Year 6	Francesca	Francesca has blown us away this week with her amazing work in science. She has shown a thorough and in-depth understanding of the human circulatory system and life-cycles. Well done!

**P.E:** Israel for super hand/eye coordination and for showing great communication and teamwork. Zach for his brilliant catching and for helping his partner to improve their catching skills too. Henry for his amazing striking of the ball in tennis. Keep up the super work and effort!

**Spanish:** Chase tried really hard in Spanish this week saying the Spanish minibeasts words. Great work Chase! Dougie tried really hard this week learning and saying the words for the woodland creatures in Spanish. Super Dougie! Serah wrote the Spanish family words really well and participated well in the lesson this week. Great effort Serah! Imogen tried really hard this week writing the Spanish words for the fruits and vegetables. Great work Imogen!

**Music:** Anabella has shown some super singing skills this week and performance skills when singing by herself to the class. Tafara showed a good understanding of following a conductor and changing the pitch of her voice this week. Taylor-May showed her super ability of performing within a group this week in our Beethoven body percussion lesson. Thea for her thoughtful listening response work this week in our John Adams ‘Short Ride in a Fast Machine’ lesson. Joshua R for his great start to writing and performing Rap music.

**Best Attendance:** Reception Class with 98.3%

**House of the Week:** St Gregory’s with 201 points

**Happy Birthday** Matilda M

**Bronze Award** goes to William for earning 100 *Monster Effort Points* – Well done!

**Last Term’s House Winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> - St Benedict’s (with 851 points) 2<sup>nd</sup> - St Gregory’s (with 849 points) 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Teresa’s (with 787 points) and 4<sup>th</sup> – St Catherine’s (with 645 points)

## Plugs for Parents...

**Safeguarding Concern:** The following has been brought to our attention. The book which inspired the Wicked film is too explicit for children, parents have warned. Gregory Maguire's novel, *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*, has been pulled off Christmas present lists this year after mothers on parenting forums voiced their shock at its "adult content".

**Parents' Evenings 21 & 22.01.25:** If you would like to request a Parents' Evening slot, please complete the form emailed to Parents/Carers this week. Reception parents/carers do not need a Parents' Evening slot as they are having regular Parent/Teacher meetings with Mrs Brotherton. Parents of children with Special Educational Needs also do not need to attend Parents' Evening, as they have regular SEND reviews. Year 1 parents can only book for 22nd January as Mrs Brotherton is unavailable on the 21st. Time allocations will be emailed out at the beginning of next week.

**Y3/4 Thornbridge Parent Information Meeting 27.01.25:** Parents and Carers are invited to attend this meeting which will offer further information about the Thornbridge Residential and be an opportunity for parents/carers to ask questions. If you are unable to attend the meeting, don't worry, as we will email out the guidance pack afterwards and the children will all go through it in class together.

**Y5/6 Bikeability Training w/c 27.01.25:** An email was sent out before the holiday to parents/carers with details about this training. We are just waiting on the final few consent forms to be returned before we can allocate groups based on biking ability (so if you have not completed the consent form, please do at your earliest convenience). Once we have this information, a further email will be sent out letting you know which days your child will participate.

**Reception/Year 1 Celebration of the Word 29.01.25:** Family and friends are welcome to join us in the School Hall for this Celebration of the Word.

**National Online Safety:** JusTalk Kids is an alternative version of the JusTalk app, aimed at an audience aged 13 and under. As that upper age limit suggests, this social networking platform is intended to be suitable for youngsters, providing them with a space of their own to interact with a community their own age. Unfortunately, there are still risks associated with JusTalk Kids, so it's vitally important for parents and educators to understand the potential dangers for those who use the app. Our free guide delves into the most prominent online safety concerns of JusTalk Kids, while also letting you know how to ensure that children can be protected, should they wish to create an account.

**Y3/4 Thornbridge Residential:** The final instalment is due on 17<sup>th</sup> January. If you haven't done so already, please make prompt payment on [ParentPay](#), thank you.

**After School Clubs:** There are still a few places remaining for both KS1 and KS2. If your child would like to join, please email [enquiries@st-anns.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-anns.sheffield.sch.uk).

## Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents and Educators need to know about JusTalk
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter - January](#)
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- St Ann's [Grown Out of It](#) page (Please use to sell and buy pre-loved St Ann's uniform)
- St Ann's Church and St Mary's Church Newsletter
- Stocksbridge Girls' Football
- Stocksbridge Town Council Job Advert/Description
- Hallam Pastoral Centre – Wellbeing Course for Women
- EPEC Being a Parent Parenting Programme in Stocksbridge
- Stay off the Ice Poster

## Picture News...

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

# TAKEHOME

13th - 19th  
January



## Should you be allowed to build homes anywhere?



## In the news this week

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has stated that building new homes is a 'top priority.' The government has announced changes to planning rules, aiming to make it easier to build homes in the countryside. Local areas have been set targets to deliver a total of 370,000 new homes each year in England.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > What type of home do you live in? What are the advantages of where you live? Is there anything you find difficult about it?
- > Talk about the area around your home. What facilities are there?
- > Ask an adult whether they know of the nearest 'green belt' areas close to where you live.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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