

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Upcoming Events...

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
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Big Schools' Birdwatch Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day – School Closed

**Proud to be Me...** *JOY: "Joy is very infectious; therefore, always be full of joy." St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*  
*A joyful heart is a sign of God's Spirit within us. When we follow Jesus by loving God and others, we are filled with joy. What can we do to help bring joy to our home, school or community in this coming week? Perhaps we can: give lots of smiles; give someone a gift or a 'thankyou' card; remind someone that they are loved by God; cheerfully do what our parents or teachers ask us to do; try to be like Jesus by helping someone who may be struggling.*

Reception	Heidi N	Heidi has been enthusiastic and motivated with all of her learning this week and it has really payed off, especially her reading. She has shown an excellent attitude towards her reading and has been an excellent role model for others!
Year 1	Rosalie	Rosalie has been so enthusiastic with her learning this week. She has given lots of ideas during input and produced a lovely piece of writing about our character Supertato. She has also worked really hard and independently on a difficult and challenging maths lesson. Well done very proud!
Year 2	Arie	Arie has worked really hard on his writing this week and has suggested some fantastic adjectives during class discussions to describe Plop the barn owl.
Year 3	Harry	Harry has returned to school with a brilliant attitude and has produced a beautiful piece of artwork representing the Eucharist.
Year 4	Kaidan	Kaidan has been amazing this week, he has been a role model to all the other children. His joyful personality, his eagerness to learn and his resilience has been a beacon of light in Year 3/4.
Year 5	Myah G	Myah has worked so hard in maths this week. She has shown real perseverance and resilience when attempting long and short division. Well done Myah!
Year 6	Emily	Emily is a superstar! She has worked so hard in Maths this week and has blown me away with her long division. She has worked independently and confidently in lessons and has shown real understanding of the concepts. Well done.

**P.E:** Heidi N for her improved throwing and catching skills well done brilliant work! Evan's catching was fantastic and showed super teamwork. Taylor-may – for listening to advice on how to catch the ball, demonstrating great perseverance. William & Kaidan - really good effort in dance this week. Getting involved and giving it a go. Francesca - great effort at forward rolls this week in gymnastics, asking for advice and taking it on board. Nancy- positive attitude towards gymnastics and is always willing to help others and giving them advice on their forwards and backwards rolls.

**Spanish:** Daniel had remembered the names of the minibeasts in Spanish really well impressing myself and Miss Wagland. Shay tried so hard with pronouncing the Spanish woodland animals this week. Her pronunciation was brilliant. Aleston got involved really well in Spanish this week and remembered a lot of the family members that we had learnt last week. Seb J remembered lots of the fruits and vegetables in Spanish which we had looked at last week and his pronunciation was superb.

**Music:** Sara for her enthusiasm this week in joining in our class discussions and her super singing. Gabriel for his amazing controlled glockenspiel playing in our music lesson this week. All Year two for their amazing group performances of their Beethoven 5th Symphony inspired compositions. Erin for her great xylophone playing in our class composition. Sofi for her fabulous rap performance work this week.

**Best Attendance:** Year 1 with 100%

**House of the Week:** St Benedict's with 168 points

**Happy Birthday** to Melchi and Savannah

**Bronze Award** goes to Liliana, Evelyn, Joe, Myah G, Emily and Zak for earning 100 *Monster Effort Points* – Well done!

## Plugs for Parents...

**Parents' Evenings 21 & 22.01.25:** If you requested a Parents' Evening slot, you should have received an email this week confirming your appointment time. Please come to School ahead of your appointment to view your child's work books. We aim to make sure that Parents' Evening runs to time so that no one is kept waiting. You can help the teachers to do this by arriving on time and by being mindful of your allocated 10 minutes – thank you.

**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:** Further information to follow.

**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.

**Important Information Regarding Online Safety:** We have been made aware that some of our children are accessing online content that is not age-appropriate, such as "Squid Game" and TikTok. While these platforms may be popular, they often contain content that is unsuitable for primary school children, including violence, strong language, and mature themes. To help you better understand the risks associated with these platforms and how to keep your children safe online, we have attached some helpful guides from National Online Safety. We encourage you to review these resources with your children and discuss online safety together.

**National Online Safety:** Among children – and especially teenagers – TikTok boasts approximately 220 million users, providing a near-endless reel of short clips intended to entertain, educate and more. However, along with its enormous userbase comes a significant number of possible risks: Ofcom have dubbed it the most likely app on which teen users would potentially suffer harm. With the platform reaching astronomical levels of success among the younger generation, it's vitally important for parents and educators to understand the risks it poses. This free guide lets you know about the most prominent potential dangers associated with TikTok and offers expert advice on how to safeguard youngsters who are navigating the site.

**National Online Safety:** With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed to young audiences by the nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show, Squid Game. The series, rated 15+, is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Squid Game is all about. In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as inappropriate content, viral spin-offs and scene re-enactments.

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

**Autumn Term Winning House:** Well done to St Benedict's! St Benedict's House Team will be having a treat afternoon on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January to celebrate.

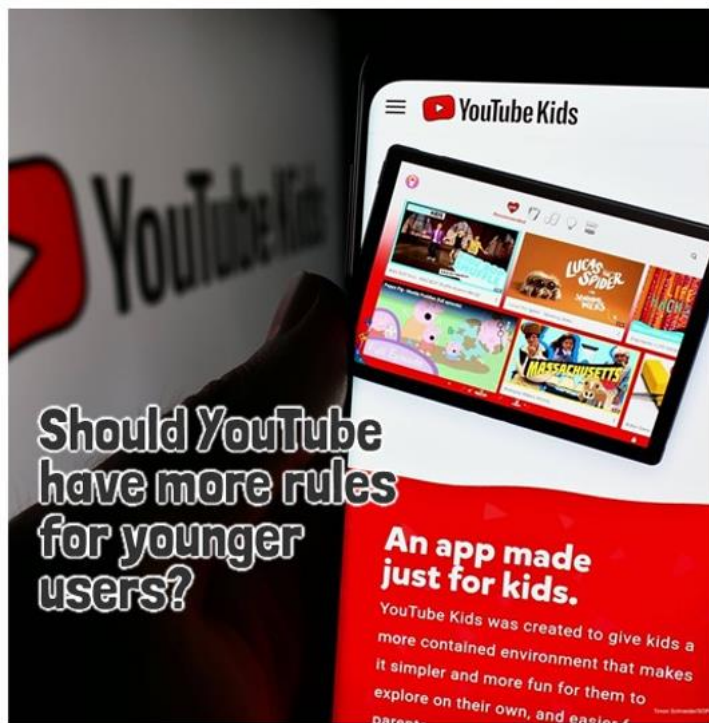
**First Holy Communion:** Are you interested in having your child receive their First Holy Communion? If so, and your child is of the appropriate age (generally between 7 and 9 years old, but this is not exclusive), please contact School to express your interest.

## Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents and Educators need to know about TikTok
- National Online Safety – What Parents and Educators need to know about Squid Game
- [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
- St Ann's Deepcar and St Mary's Penistone Parish Admin Role – Job Advertisement
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Table Top Sale

## Picture News...

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



## In the news this week

The UK government's culture secretary, Lisa Nandy, has written to video-sharing platforms, such as YouTube and TikTok, asking them to actively share more educational content for children. Nandy stated that while YouTube has improved children's content on its platform, it is not doing enough to make sure the content is easily seen by children.

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

- Tell someone at home about the type of things you enjoy watching and where you like to watch them. Ask someone older what they watched as a child. Ask about the choice of programmes, and where and when they were able to view them.
- Do you believe there should be more checks or rules for what people can watch online?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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