

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025



## Upcoming Events...

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<a href="#">Safer Internet Day</a>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<a href="#">Big Schools' Birdwatch Day</a>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day – School Closed
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	February Half Term Holiday
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February (8:30am)	School Re-opens – Spring 2 Half Term Begins
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3/4 First Swimming Lesson
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
w/c Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	<a href="#">British Science Week</a> – Theme: Change and Adapt

## Proud to be Me...

*FOLLOW: Through the miraculous catch, Peter saw Jesus in a new light. Peter's humility made him fit to be a follower of Jesus and he went on to discover his true purpose in life. The Church has always understood this Sunday's Gospel to be a sign of our own need to follow Jesus. We can follow Jesus even in the simple things we do in our lives every day, and make life better for everyone around us. In this coming week, how can we follow Jesus, even in little ways? Perhaps we can: be a good listener if someone is sad and wants to share their problems with you; find regular time to pray for others; be kind and include others in our games.*

Reception	Arabella	For trying her best in class and using a capital letter and full stop when writing a great sentence about the vegetable party
Year 1	Dylan	For showing perseverance in his writing this week producing a fantastic story about a Superhero!
Year 2	Eden	Eden has contributed brilliantly during maths lessons this week. She has shown fantastic understanding of fractions and can confidently find and explain halves, quarters and thirds of quantities, well done!
Year 3	Aleston	Aleston has tried really hard with all his learning this week, and in art he has created a scene to represent the Transatlantic slave trade in the style of Harriet Powers.
Year 4	Niamh	Niamh has made thoughtful contributions in our difficult topic of slavery. Niamh has been able to express her feelings and create links between historical and current events.
Year 5	Melchi	Melchi has really impressed the adults with his writing this week. He has produced an interesting piece on the pros and cons of school pets, using powerful vocabulary!
Year 6	Isla	Isla has produced a brilliant piece of independent writing this week. She has used formal vocabulary appropriately and has shown excellent editing skills. Well done Isla!

**PE:** Rory had a great lesson this week he used his hand/eye coordination during Tennis. Isabel for an impressive all-round PE lesson this week well done Isabel! Shay for another brilliant term of PE she has worked really hard developing her ball skills and tennis skills. Darla, Kaiden, Myah G and Ffion for their great concentration and effort in PE this week. Trying hard in dance and gymnastics. Their improvement is shining through.

**Spanish:** Ruby showed fantastic listening during our Spanish minibeast story this week joining in really well. Isla H tried hard in Spanish this week with practising the months. Clay was superb this week writing some beautiful descriptive Spanish sentences about his alien. Myah G showed her lovely, caring side during Spanish this week when supporting her partner in creating their Spanish market conversation.

**Music:** Charlotte showed great singing skills this week. Marcus showed great inuit throat singing skills this week. Dougie for helping his partner to write rhythmic notation this week. Madison for her super playdough clarinet and rhythmic notation work this week. Joe for his fantastic rap lyric writing over the last two weeks.

**Best Attendance:** Year 1 with 97.8%

**House of the Week:**

**Happy Birthday** Isla C, Miles, Esme and Evie

**Bronze Award** goes to Arabella Emberlee, Rory, Sara, Roman, Reign, Heidi, Israel, Jacob D, Miles, Milo, Seb L and Matilda M for earning 100 *Monster Effort Points* – Well done!

### Plugs for Parents...

**Y3/4 First Swimming Lesson 25.02.25:** A letter was emailed to Y3/4 parents and carers on 9<sup>th</sup> January with full details.

**World Book Day 06.03.25:** The Hogwarts Sleepover! Children are to come dressed in PJs, and bring with them their favourite magical fantasy novel/book. For example, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Harry Potter, BFG, The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe, Alice in wonderland Matilda Witches, Rapunzel, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, James and the Giant Peach. Each class will become a different dormitory, and will participate in magical activities inspired by their favourite fantasy book.

- Rec/ Y1 – (Hufflepuff) Will make magic wands and write a magical spell.
- Year Two – (Slytherin) Will make and write instructions for making magical potions.
- Year Three/Four – (Ravenclaw) Will make and illustrate a book of spells.
- Year Five/Six- (Gryffindor) Will write and illustrate their own fantasy story inspired by favourite fantasy novel.

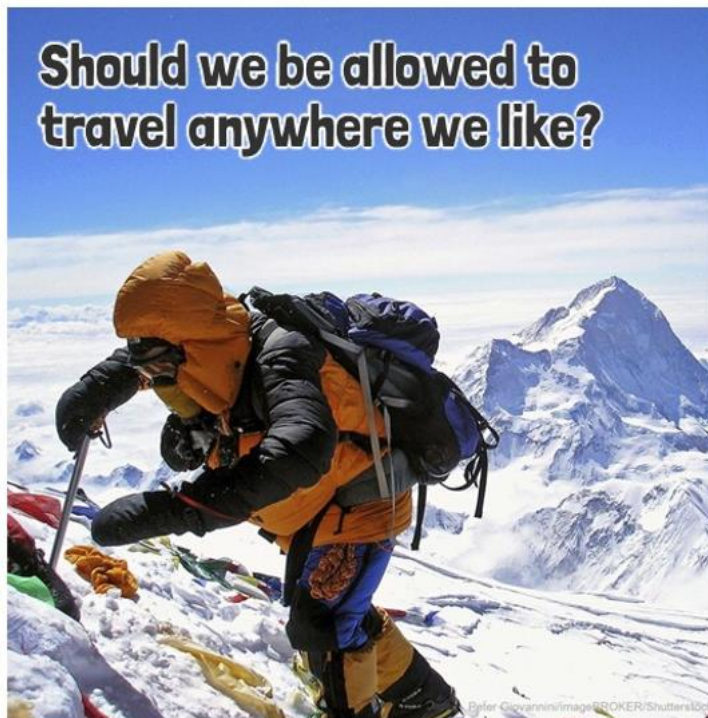
At the end of the day, Miss Eady will read everyone a 'bedtime' story in the Hall. Please collect your children at 3pm as usual (they will not be sleeping over at School!!!)

**National Online Safety:** While misinformation and 'fake news' are well-known concerns online, it's also the case that scammers and other cyber-criminals can try to utilise this phony material to manipulate, frighten or otherwise persuade their victims into cooperating. With constantly evolving scams and such a high volume of misinformation online, it's vital that parents and educators know how to safeguard the children in their care against these kinds of tactics. Our guide breaks down the most prominent ways in which scammers attempt to use 'fake news' to their advantage, as well as how to protect youngsters from being manipulated by such techniques.

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

### Picture News...

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



## In the news this week

The Nepalese government has announced that, from September, climbers aiming for the world's highest mountain will have to pay just over £12,000 (\$15,000) during the main climbing season. This is over \$4,000 more than the previous permit fee for climbing Mount Everest. There have been concerns that there are too many people climbing the mountain, leaving rubbish and not respecting nature. It is hoped the extra money will go towards protecting the area from tourists.

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

- > Why do you think so many people want to climb Mount Everest? Can you imagine what it feels like to reach the summit?
- > Can you recall some of the places you have visited as a tourist? These could be close to where you live, or further away. Talk to someone at home – where have they visited?
- > What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of tourism?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

### **Attached with this Newsletter...**

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Fake News & Scams
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter - February](#)
- [Wednesday Word](#)
- St Ann's School [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 Bulletins