

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## Upcoming Events...

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
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March (2:00pm)	Mass – Distribution of the Ashes
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
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March (7:00pm)	SAFFA Online Meeting
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Vision Screening
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	SAFFA Mother's Day Gift Stall (Information to follow)

**Proud to be Me...** *TRUST: "Put your trust in God! The Beatitudes are Jesus' way of life." Pope Francis. "Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's care." St Augustine of Hippo Trusting in God's promises isn't always easy – but it's always rewarding. No amount of worrying will increase our safety or comfort; it's through trusting in God that we will find security and hope. Each of you say how, in the days ahead, you can show your trust in God. Perhaps you can: pray and offer any concerns to God if you are feeling worried; try to do your best without being afraid of making occasional mistakes; believe that God will bring good out of all that happens in life, even when things seem to be going wrong.*

Reception	Roman	Roman has tried really hard to make the right choices and be a role model to others this week.
Year 1	Evan	Evan has worked super hard this week, showing enthusiasm and determination to learn how to tell the time using o'clock.
Year 2	Evie	Evie has worked incredibly hard this week, she has produced a fantastic piece of independent writing based on our class book, The owl who was afraid of the dark, we are so proud of you Evie, well done!
Year 3	Savannah	Savannah did amazing with the Big Bird Watch. She made a biodegradable bird feeder and used her super observation skills to identify different birds around the KS2 yard.
Year 4	Matilda C	Matilda has shown compassion, empathy and respect this week. She has been a wonderful representative of St Ann's school. Well done Matilda.
Year 5	Noah	Noah has really impressed the adults this week with his work for Safer Internet Day. He concentrated so hard on creating a poster on how to spot a scammer. Well done!
Year 6	Matilda M	Matilda has produced a fantastic piece of independent writing this week, based on our class novel Holes. Her hard work has really paid off and she has described the setting beautifully. Well done Matilda!

**Music:** Year 3/4 -Well done on your performance this week of our class composition inspired by John Adams' 'Short ride in a fast a machine. Year 5/6 your enthusiasm for our 'History of Rap' project this half term really showed this week in the super performances of your own rap's.

**Best Attendance:** Reception Class with 99.2%

**House of the Week:** St Teresa with 214 points

## 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.

**Safer Internet Day:** Safer Internet Day 2025 took place on the 11th of February 2025, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day focused on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them.

Please take some time over the half term break to speak to your child about what they know about being safe on the internet. You can follow this link to help guide your discussions: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/2025-sid-quiz>

## Plugs for Parents Continued...



**Big Schools' Birdwatch 2025:** On Wednesday 12th February we all took part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch where thousands of schools find out which birds visit their school grounds. You can find out more here on the [RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch](#) page. Here you will also find lots of information about suggested days out, identifying birds and how to help birds near you.

**PSHE Oral Health Lessons:** This week, children took part in a PSHE lesson focused on the importance of oral health. They learned about keeping their teeth and gums healthy, including brushing, flossing, and healthy eating habits. We hope they'll be sharing some of their new knowledge with you at home! For more information please see this [NHS page on children's teeth](#).

**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!!!)

**Reception Class Vision Screening 24.03.25:** The School Vision Screening Team will be visiting to routinely check all of our Reception children's vision. For more information see the [NHS Vision Screening parent leaflet](#).

**National Online Safety:** Dating apps have grown rapidly in popularity since their introduction, transforming the way many of us meet new people and form relationships. While these platforms are typically restricted to an audience of over-18s, there are still children and young people attempting to make use of them and exposing themselves to their risks – from online harassment to outright abuse. As a parent or educator, it can be daunting to navigate this complex and ever-evolving landscape, and to know how best we can support and protect youngsters who are accessing dating apps. This guide breaks down the risks associated with these platforms and offers expert advice on how to safeguard children from such online safety concerns.

**Head Lice are in School!** We have reported cases of head lice in School and a lot of children scratching their heads! Please regularly check your child's hair and treat where necessary, as it does stop the spread of head lice in our classrooms.

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

### Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Online Relationships & Dating Apps
- [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
- Specsavers 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Cake Design Colouring Competition
- The Sheffield College - Multi-sports Holiday Camp
- Trans Pennine Trail – [February Half Term Activity Pack](#)