

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2025



We are absolutely delighted to announce that our recent Ofsted inspection highlighted that St Ann's School has taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection. This achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and collaborative spirit of our entire school community. From our incredible children and supportive parents to our dedicated staff and leadership, everyone played a vital role. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our school's success.

Upcoming Events...

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| Wednesday 5 th March (2:00pm) | Mass – Distribution of the Ashes |
| Thursday 6 th March | World Book Day |
| w/c Monday 10 th March | British Science Week – Theme: Change and Adapt |
| Thursday 13 th March (7:00pm) | SAFFA Online Meeting |
| Monday 24 th March | Reception Class Vision Screening |
| Thursday 27 th March | SAFFA Mother's Day Gift Stall (Information to follow) |
| Friday 28 th March (3pm) | Break up for the Easter Holiday |

Proud to be Me... ACTION: *"We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions." Pope Francis*
"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak." St Anthony of Padua
This Gospel also reminds us not to criticise others' actions but rather to look at our own actions and try to grow in goodness. Decide on some kind of action that you could take to show your love for God and others. Perhaps you can: visit a person who may need your help; try to be humble and truthful about any of your own faults; say sorry to one another for anything you have done wrong; help around the home more; offer to help out with a voluntary project; resist being quick to criticise; always try to look for the good in others; remember to be understanding, compassionate, caring and speak kindly of others.

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| Reception | Jacob D | For being a superstar in class and having a positive attitude towards his learning especially in his phonics work. |
| Year 1 | Evan | For showing dedication in maths this week and being determined when solving addition and subtraction problems. |
| Year 2 | Avayah | Avayah has had a fantastic first week back. She has worked incredibly hard in maths when adding 2-digit numbers together using regrouping. She has shown positivity, determination and resilience, well done! |
| Year 3 | Darla | Darla has been eager and confident this week. She has been a superstar with all her learning and has shared her ideas with the class. |
| Year 4 | Kyla | Kyla has worked really hard this week. She has produced some imaginative sentences in English, and has read these with confidence and pride in class. |
| Year 5 | Maya J | Maya has been confident in answering questions in class this week and has been trying really hard with her learning in all subjects. |
| Year 6 | Joshua R | Josh produced some brilliant work in English yesterday when making a glossary of terms about evolution and adaptation. |

PE: Rec Heidi for showing good listening and a great attitude showing super dribbling skills. Zach – for his brilliant skills in football Great Work Zach keep it up! Avayah for showing great teamwork and demonstrating some brilliant and skills in football Erin & Juno - fantastic engagement in the lesson, & good attitude to learning. Hermione & Carter - gave everything a really good go and listened well to coaching points.

Spanish: Rosalie was amazing in Spanish this week, listening beautifully and really quick with all the actions. Taylor-May was fabulous during our Spanish singing this week and showed wonderful enthusiasm. Harry showed resilience and perseverance this week when looking for which labels he had missed off. Great work Harry. Seb L tried really hard with his Spanish writing and speaking this week while giving opinions on funfair rides.

Music: Israel did really well this week helping to demonstrate how to tap a pulse to our minibeast song. Beatrix for her super instrument playing in our class piece of music this week inspired by 'Walking in the Air' from The Snowman. Heidi G for her fabulous instrument playing in our class piece of music this week inspired by 'Lark Ascending' composed by Vaughan Williams. Iona for her super effort in making her playdough church organ and her listening work on Bach's Toccata and Fugue. Joshua R for his super quick ability to pick up different Samba rhythms this week.

Proud to be Me Continued...

Bronze Award: Well done to Hermione and Noah for earning 100 *Monster Effort* Points!

Silver Award: Well done Max, Melchi, Oliver, Carter, Lottie, Beatrix and Eleni for earning 200 *Monster Effort* Points!

Best Attendance: Reception Class 99%

Swimmer of the Week: Serah

House of the Week: St Teresa with 243 points

Happy Birthday to Heidi G and Isla H

Plugs for Parents...

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!!!)

British Science Week: British Science Week is coming up from March 7th to 16th, 2025, and this year's theme is 'Change and Adapt'. Throughout the week, children will explore how living things, technology, and our environment adapt to challenges and change over time. Through exciting experiments, hands-on activities, and creative projects, pupils will discover the amazing ways science helps us understand and respond to the world around us. Get ready for a fun-filled week of curiosity, discovery, and learning!

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: Marvel Rivals is a highly popular multiplayer shooter that pits iconic superheroes against formidable villains. The game is free –to play on PC and current-generation consoles but does feature microtransactions that allow players to spend real money on cosmetic items for their characters. While Marvel Rivals has been deemed suitable for children aged 12 and over, there are several risks associated with the title that parents and educators should be aware of. This free guide offers more information on these safety concerns and lets you know how to ensure that children playing the game can have a fun and age-appropriate experience.

Head Lice are in School! A quick reminder, 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.

School Gateway App:

School Gateway allows us to send messages directly to your phone. You can also use it to update your contact details and access our weekly newsletters and term time calendars quickly and easily. You can download the free School Gateway app from your app store.



Top Tips: Make sure you 'turn on notifications' to receive messages **and** make a note of the pin number that you will be sent via text message and then go to 'change pin' in the app to change it to something more familiar.

If you are having any problems with logging into the app, please let us know so that we can make the required adjustments at our end. The more parents using School Gateway, the less we spend on texts! Please sign up today and help us put those savings back into your child's education.

Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Marvel Rivals
- [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
- Ofsted Report

Picture News...

This is the question we will be deliberating...



In the news this week

The Times newspaper recently asked young people, aged between 18 and 27 (also known as 'Gen Z'), what they thought about their lives and life in the UK. The survey showed lots of views, including that 4 out of 10 young people are proud to be British, and around half feel that people in the UK are accepting and welcoming towards others.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to this week's news. Are you proud of where you are from? Share your response with an adult at home, and ask them the same question.
- > Can you think of some ways people might show they are proud of their heritage and where they are from?



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