

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7th March 2025



Upcoming Events...

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
Friday 28 th March (2:00pm)	Piano Recital
Friday 28 th March (3pm)	Break up for the Easter Holiday
Monday 14 th April (8:30am)	Return to School
Monday 14 th April (8:50am)	Holy Week - Rec/Y1 Celebration of the Word: Palm Sunday
Tuesday 15 th April (8:50am)	Holy Week - Y2 Celebration of the Word: Last Supper
Wednesday 16 th April (8:50am)	Holy Week - Y3/4 Celebration of the Word: Garden of Gethsemane
Thursday 17 th April (2:00pm)	Holy Week - Y5/6 Celebration of the Word: Stations of the Cross
Friday 18 th April	Good Friday Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday Bank Holiday – School Closed

Proud to be Me... *LENT: "Lent is a time for drawing near to Christ by listening to the word of God and celebrating the sacraments." Pope Francis. Lent is a great opportunity to be strengthened. In the same way that bread feeds our body, we also need prayer and God's word to feed and strengthen our mind. How can we strengthen ourselves to keep our Lenten promises? Perhaps we can: set aside a few minutes each day to pray; read God's word in the Bible; read The Wednesday Word every week; go to Church together. As a family, can you think of any other ways?*

Reception	Roman	For having a positive attitude and trying really hard with his learning, making a fantastic magic wand and joining in with our magic spell. Well done, Roman!
Year 1	Ruby	For using her listening skills and working hard during drawing club to draw a fantastic disguise for the wolf. Well done Ruby!
Year 2	Lucy	Lucy has been working really hard on her handwriting, she has produced some beautiful work this week, I was particularly impressed with her potion writing! Well done, Lucy!
Year 3	Skyla	Skyla created a spectacular spell this week in celebration of World Book Day. She read it clearly and proudly to the class.
Year 4	Erin	Erin designed a wonderful drop capital for her World Book Day spell. It wowed everyone in class.
Year 5	Esme H	Esme has worked really hard this week. She has made good choices and has engaged well with all of her learning; producing some excellent work. Well done Esme!
Year 6	Liliana	Liliana has had a great week. She has worked hard in every lesson, and has written an excellent fantasy story on World Book Day. Well done!

PE: Arabella for always giving 100% in PE, but this week she impressed Coach Jake with her teamwork. Ruby – for trying hard in football, giving all techniques a really good go. Isla H – For being a superstar in PE this week and showing perseverance during some tricky football skills. The whole of Y3/4 for their good attitude to learning and engagement during PE this week.

Spanish: Emberlee worked really well in Spanish today listening beautifully to the Spanish story. Evie was so positive with our Spanish singing and our story. Alex tried really hard with our World Book Day lesson in Spanish this week producing some lovely work. Lilianna was really positive in Spanish this week participating really well in our class survey.

Music: Charlotte for her super sound effects in our Gruffalo story this week on World Book Day. Ruby for helping to choose a sound effect for our Gruffalo story and performing it so well throughout the story. Declan for performing all the sound effects to our Gruffalo story so well. Evelyn for her super ability to play confidently the different Samba rhythms this week.

Bronze Award: Well done to Kyla for earning 100 *Monster Effort* Points!

Silver Award: Well done to Darla for earning 200 *Monster Effort* Points!

Best Attendance: Year 2 with 95.3%

Swimmer of the Week: Savannah

House of the Week: St Gregory's with 281 points

Happy Birthday to Eden and Francesca

Plugs for Parents...

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](#).

Mothers' Day Gift Stall 27.03.25: SAFFA is holding a Mothers' Day gift sale which will take place after lunch in school. Children will have a choice of gifts to purchase for their loved ones. Each item will be £4. Please send your child to school with their money in a labelled envelope or wallet/purse.

Piano Recital 28.03.25: Mrs Fitzpatrick will send an email to those parents/carers of children performing on this occasion. The email will have further details of this event. Family and friends are welcome to join us for this recital.

Holy Week Celebrations of the Word: During Holy week, each class will lead a Celebration of the Word. Family and friends are warmly invited to join us in the school Hall.

National Online Safety: The way we engage with text has changed dramatically over the years. Whether reading captions on social media, instructions in a video game or an e-book on a digital device, technology plays a major role in modern literacy. To help struggling readers, many digital platforms offer tools that enhance readability by making text more accessible and engaging. There's also a broad range of accessibility features available, such as screen customisation and text-to-voice technology, which may help children and young people improve their literary confidence. This free guide offers ten top tips on how you can help young readers engage in text and foster a love for reading.

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.

Scouts Food Drive: Stocksbridge Scouts are collecting items to donate to the Stocksbridge Community Food Bank. Our school community can support this by handing donations in to the School Office before 21st March. The items needed are tinned foods, tea/coffee, sugar, washing powder, washing up liquid, toothpaste etc – see attached poster.

Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – Top Tips for Using Technology to Boost Reading Skills
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter - March](#)
- [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
- The 3rd Stocksbridge Scouts Food Drive Poster
- Sheffield Youth Cycling Club

Picture News...

This is the question we will be deliberating...

TAKEHOME

10th - 16th
March



Is it important to feel proud of where you come from?



In the news this week

The Princess of Wales has recently shared pictures, drawn by herself, Prince George, Princess Charlotte, and Prince Louis, of each other. The artworks, shared on social media, are part of the Shaping Us campaign, which highlights how we develop skills to connect with others from a young age. The pictures also aim to raise awareness of an exhibition, launched by The Princess, at the National Portrait Gallery in London, encouraging children to explore their relationships and feelings.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on the drawings. Have you ever drawn a portrait of someone? Do you think this type of activity could help build connections with others?
- Can you think of any other ways you can connect with others around you?
- Talk to someone at home about some of the people you are connected to.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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