

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Friday 14th March 2025

Upcoming Events...

Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Monday 24 th March	Reception Class Vision Screening
Thursday 26 th March	SAFFA Mother's Day Gift Stall (Date changed from 27 th to 26 th)
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... *ENCOURAGEMENT: If God can work through me, he can work through anyone." St Francis of Assisi. There are times when we all need encouragement. Do you know anyone who may need encouraging? Each of you choose a way to encourage someone during this Lenten season. Perhaps you can: offer words of support; let someone know when they are doing something well; help someone if they are struggling; support each other in keeping CAFOD's Lent Fast Day this Friday*

Reception Year 1	Arabella Rosalie	For always offering to help and support her friends throughout the school day. For being a helpful and supportive member of the class, encouraging her friends during all lessons this week.
Year 2	Heidi	Heidi always works incredibly hard, she is such a kind and thoughtful member of the class. Heidi really impressed me in our class assembly this week, she spoke with such confidence and poise, well done!
Year 3	Serah	This week Serah has been amazing! She has produced a lovely independent narrative about a cat called Mill and created a thoughtful thankful card in response to the Year 2 Celebration of the Word.
Year 4	Juno	Juno continues to be a ray of sunshine in Year 3/4. She tries her best in all her learning, and she is always ready to help others.
Year 5	Seb J	Seb has worked really hard this week. He has engaged well with our writing about evolution and keen to share his ideas with the class. Well done Seb!
Year 6	Joe	Joe has worked really hard in Science this week, considering the impact of climate change and designing an eco-friendly city 100 years into the future!

PE: Sara- showing great attitude and effort in PE, despite not loving football she really got stuck in! Jacob W- great dribbling skills and close control, as well as great listening to advice on how to improve. Dougie - brilliant tackling and competitive spirit in football. Laylah and Harry - got involved really well with the session today and had an impressive forehand shot in tennis. Ffion - got involved really well in this week's lesson and gave it really good go. Nancy - impressive retention of information about forehand shots and explained this to the class very well.

Spanish: Jacob produced a lovely piece of work in Spanish today. Well done Jacob! Avayah was superb in Spanish this week singing along with our songs and then telling me all the numbers for our activity. Vincent tried so hard to complete this week's Spanish work and the finished product was fantastico. Thomas showed great understanding in Spanish this week when producing his extended opinion sentences. Well done Thomas.

Music: Jacob Durant had a super music lessons this week, he joined in all the songs and actions and even sang by himself to the class. Gabriel for his great pitch work this week. Dougie and Bobi worked really well together this week on their pitch work. All Year 3 /4 for their super instrumental work playing the introduction to our piece inspired by Bach's Toccata and Fugue. All Year 5/6 for their excellent samba rhythm and movement performances this week.

Silver Award: Well done to Rosalie, Daniel, Isla H, Erin, Gerard, Kaidan, Madison, Juno, Matilda, Serah and William for earning 200 *Monster Effort* Points!

Best Attendance: Year 2 with 95%

Swimmer of the Week: Clay

House of the Week: St Gregory's with 364 points

Happy Birthday to Darla and Milo

Plugs for Parents...

Red Nose Day 21.03.25: We are not selling red noses at School; however, children are welcome to come to school with their red noses and non-uniform dressed in something red. As a forfeit, we are asking for £1 to go towards Comic Relief. You can donate at any time on our [Comic Relief fundraising page](#) here.

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 26.03.25: PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE. 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 has sent an email to those parents/carers of children performing on this occasion. The email has 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: Massively multiplayer online roleplaying games – or 'MMORPGs' – are a highly popular subgenre, allowing people from all over the world to exist within the same fantasy realm, joining each other on quests or testing their skills against each other. One such title in this genre is Final Fantasy XIV, which released back in 2010 and – despite its initial failure – saw a surge of popularity in later years. As with any online game, there are plenty of risks associated with Final Fantasy XIV – and it's vital for parents and educators to understand these safety concerns, in case any children in their care wish to enjoy this title. Our free guide offers expert insight into the potential hazards of playing Final Fantasy XIV and lets you know how best to safeguard any young fans of the game. We've also produced a version of this guide [in podcast form](#), so you can absorb this valuable information while you're on the go.

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. We encourage our school community to 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.

World Book Day Vouchers: All children were sent home with a token last week which entitles them to a free book. The **vouchers expire on 23rd March 2025**. Follow this link to find [participating retailers](#) that will redeem the tokens for a free book.

Reusable Materials – Crafting Resources: Our KS1 creators are looking for clean, recycled items to use in their exciting craft projects. Do you have any empty cereal boxes, washed yoghurt pots, clean plastic containers, or kitchen roll tubes? If so, we'd love them! Please make sure everything is clean before sending it in. Thank you!

Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Final Fantasy XIV
- [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

Picture News...

This is the question we will be deliberating...



Is it important to have a morning routine?

In the news this week

750 schools in England have been chosen to trial free daily breakfast clubs, to see whether they could work for all schools. Starting in April, the schools will provide breakfast and activities for children. Schools are encouraged to offer healthy, varied and nutritious breakfasts, such as wheat cereals, porridge, fresh fruit and yoghurt, as well as activities, including educational puzzles, reading and crafts.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you attended a breakfast club? Would you like to?
- What do you like to have for breakfast? What about others at home?
- Share your morning routine with someone and ask about theirs. Do you feel it's important to have a routine? Why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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