

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21st March 2025



## Upcoming Events...

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Vision Screening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	SAFFA Mother's Day Gift Stall (Date changed from 27 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> )
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March (2:15pm)	Piano Recital
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March (3pm)	Break up for the Easter Holiday
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April (8:30am)	Return to School
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April (8:50am)	Holy Week - Rec/Y1 Celebration of the Word: Palm Sunday
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April (8:50am)	Holy Week - Y2 Celebration of the Word: Last Supper
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April (8:50am)	Holy Week - Y3/4 Celebration of the Word: Garden of Gethsemane
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April (2:00pm)	Holy Week - Y5/6 Celebration of the Word: Stations of the Cross
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April (1:30pm)	Easter Bonnet Parade and Afternoon Tea
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Mini First Aiders

**Proud to be Me...** *CHANGE: "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." St John Henry Newman. Each of you say something about yourself that you would like to change this Lent – and say why. Perhaps it is: trying to listen better at school; trying to follow Jesus more closely; being more patient; helping out more at home; always remembering to say your daily prayers. How can you make that change? Do you need anyone's help? Are there any other ways to make a change for the better this Lent? You may also like to choose something new to do together that will make life better for the family.*

Reception	Rory	Fantastic job this week Rory! You have made super choices and shown great participation in class. I love how you are joining in with whole-class learning and sharing your wonderful ideas with confidence. Keep it up!
Year 1	Gabriel	Well done Gabriel! Your hard work at school and at home is really paying off. You have made great progress in your reading—you're reading more confidently and fluently every day. Keep up the fantastic effort!
Year 2	Declan	Declan really impressed me this week with his positivity and confidence when reading. He showed great determination and perseverance when sounding out tricky words during reciprocal reading, well done!
Year 3	Harry	Harry showed determination with the skipping tasks and didn't give up when things got tricky.
Year 4	William	William has tried really hard this week from skipping to swimming, English to maths. We have been really impressed with his research and writing around flooding.
Year 5	Leo	Leo has had an amazing week across the ball. In English Leo has shone with some fantastic sentence structures. This has been replicated in Maths showing determination in our new topic of Algebra.
Year 6	Evelyn	Evelyn has been brilliant this week. Really showing how much she has developed in all subjects. Evelyn has shown maturity in her attitude to learning. Well done Evelyn.

**PE:** Jacob D was a star today he scored all the points for his team in football. Eleni – was a super today she really impressed me with how she didn't give up when playing football. Arie – had a brilliant lesson today he was not only great at football but he was also so helpful too. Juno, Aleston, Madison & Gerard: Amazing effort in 'skipping school'. Great listening and fantastic attitude to learning a new skill.

**Spanish:** Marcus worked so hard in Spanish on a dinosaur topic trying to add more and more detail. Lucy was brilliant practising commands in Spanish this week. Well done Lucy on your fabulous pronunciation. Kyla tried really hard to pronounce the Spanish correctly with our yoga instructions this week. Well done Kyla. Carter was fantastic remembering the Spanish funfair rides this week. Amazing recall Carter.

**Best Attendance:** Reception Class with 100%

**House of the Week:** St Benedict's with 333 points

## Proud to be Me Continued...

**Music:** Annabella for a super music lesson this week, tapping out different rhythms. Marcus for his really good xylophone performance of his changing pitch composition. Taylor-May and Isla Higgins for their really good xylophone performance of their changing pitch composition. Esme and Nancy for their fantastic Musical Elements board game they designed and made.

**Silver Award:** Well done to Gabriel, Thea, Iona, Zak and Niamh for earning 200 *Monster Effort* Points!

**Gold Award:** Well done to Sofi and Francesca for earning 300 *Monster Effort* Points!

**Swimmer of the Week:** Thea

**Happy Birthday** to Imogen, Henry H and Dottie

## Plugs for Parents...

**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 at 2:15pm.

**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.

**Easter Bonnet Parade and Afternoon Tea 22.04.25:** Join us for a delightful Easter celebration! Over the Easter break, children are invited to design their very own Easter bonnets ready to display in our exciting parade. The Mayor of Stocksbridge will be on hand to judge the creative entries, and everyone will receive a chocolatey prize, with a special award for the top bonnet! Visitors are invited to enjoy refreshments provided by SAFFA at 1:30pm (buns, biscuits, tea, and coffee), followed by the parade at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Mini First Aiders 23.04.25:** We're excited to share that over the course of three weeks, all children will be participating in engaging and informative Mini First Aiders sessions! This valuable program is designed to equip our children with essential life skills in a fun and interactive way. Mini First Aiders focuses on building confidence and understanding in basic first aid, empowering children to act safely and effectively in real life situations. The sessions are carefully tailored to each age group to ensure age-appropriate learning.

**St Ann's School Dog:** We are thrilled to announce an exciting addition to our school community: a beautiful Springer Spaniel named Nelly! Nelly will be joining us as our dedicated reading companion, and we believe she will bring immense benefits to our children. Reading companions, also known as therapy dogs, are trained animals that provide comfort and support, particularly to children who may find reading challenging or anxiety-inducing. Nelly is well-suited for this role! We understand that some parents may have questions or concerns, which is why we have attached a FAQ document alongside this newsletter. To ensure the well-being of all children when interacting with our school dog, we are collecting relevant information; so please complete [this form](#) if your child has a known allergy to animals or experiences a fear of dogs. We are confident that Nelly will be a wonderful addition to our school family and will play a valuable role in supporting our children's learning and development.

**National Online Safety:** Livestreaming is now a major part of children's entertainment, evolving from gamers sharing screens into a booming industry with diverse personalities. While watching streamers can be entertaining, it comes with no small number of risks for children, such as misinformation, negative influences, and inappropriate content. With over 2.5 million viewers on Twitch – the current most popular streaming platform – at any one time, this guide highlights the potential dangers associated with watching livestreams and the importance of staying informed. We've created this free guide – also available in podcast format – to provide parents and educators everything they need to know about streamers and how to keep children protected.

**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!

## Plugs for Parents Continued...

**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 Streamers
- [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
- Stocksbridge Park Steels – Girls' Football
- Fox Valley – Draw your Mum Competition
- St Ann's School Dog – FAQ Sheet
- [Children's University Activity Newsletter](#)

## Picture News...

This is the question we will be deliberating...



## In the news this week

World leaders from around twenty countries are creating a group or 'coalition'. According to UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, they will work together to support Ukraine. Their collective aim is to end the war between Ukraine and Russia. The new group setup follows a difficult meeting between Ukraine's President, Volodymyr Zelensky, and US President, Donald Trump. The two leaders argued, and the meeting ended without a solution.

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

- Share your knowledge of world leaders and talk to others at home about theirs.
- In your opinion, how important is it for world leaders to work together? In what areas do you think they need to work together?
- What about their role in helping other countries – do you feel this is always important?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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