

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025



## Upcoming Events...

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
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Proud to be Me Assembly Cancelled
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday - School Closed
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	St Gregory's House Treat Afternoon
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs

**Proud to be Me...** *EASTER: "Happy Easter! May you bring to all the joy and hope of the Risen Christ!" Pope Francis. Easter Sunday is the greatest day in the Church's calendar. This day reminds us that Jesus, the Son of God, offers each one of us a share in his everlasting life and eternal happiness. All are warmly invited to come and join with the Church community this Sunday and celebrate the hope that Jesus' resurrection brings to our lives. As a family, share ideas about what you might also do to celebrate Easter Sunday and make it special. Who can you help to have a happy Easter?*

Reception	Reign	Reign has made a great start to the summer term, contributing his ideas in lots of lessons. Reign came up with some excellent vocabulary choices in English to describe the very hungry caterpillar!
Year 1	Louie	Louie has shown strength of character this week and has tackled some tricky maths working on partitioning tens and ones.
Year 2	Tinashe	Tinashe really impressed me with her fantastic reading this week during our Holy Week assembly. She read with such confidence, well done, Tinashe!
Year 3	Henry R	Henry has worked hard in English, thinking carefully about his letter formation and punctuation. He has produced a lovely letter all about Palm Sunday.
Year 4	Vincent	For creating a beautiful Easter Card and spreading the joy of Easter in his performance for the Year 3/4 assembly.
Year 5	Thomas	Trying really hard with his art work in RE this week, showing great perseverance and determination.
Year 6	Sofi	Sofi has produced some wonderful work for Holy Week this week, particularly her beautiful artwork for The Last Supper.

**PE:** Rory for his speed in athletics today was great and he's becoming a really good teammate when working with others. Ruby worked so hard in the lesson and was really important to her team. Isla for working really hard and supporting her team

**Spanish:** Louie was brilliant in Spanish this week with his pronunciation saying the name phrase. Fantastico! Tinashe was so enthusiastic during our Spanish lesson this week and knew the colours really well. Erin remembered the Spanish from the previous term so well and worked so well with her partner. Very impressive Erin!

**Silver Award:** Well done to Rory, Marcus, Jacob W, Jacob D, Zach, Margot and Isabel A for earning 200 *Monster Effort* Points!

**Gold Award:** Well done to Eleni for earning 300 *Monster Effort* Points!

**Happy Birthday** to Lucy and Annabelle F (birthdays for this week and next week will be celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> May PTBM)

## Plugs for Parents...

**Easter Bonnet Parade and Afternoon Tea 22.04.25:** Join us for a delightful Easter celebration! This bank holiday weekend, 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!

**SAFFA Request:** Are there any keen bakers out there? SAFFA is asking for bun, biscuit, cookie or cake donations for the Easter Bonnet Parade Afternoon Tea. Please email Ashleigh at [saffapta@gmail.com](mailto:saffapta@gmail.com) letting her know what you are able to contribute, as this will help with planning. All goodies need to be brought into School on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> before 1:30pm, thank you.

**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 Gregory's House Treat Afternoon 09.05.25:** We have tried our very best to find a suitable date as close to the beginning of the Summer term as possible for this, but it has still fallen into May! St Gregory's will be able to enjoy a movie with goodies in the afternoon!

**Y5/6 London Science Museum Trip:** A letter was emailed out to parents and carers on 19<sup>th</sup> March with full details of this trip. Please make prompt payment using [ParentPay](#) and complete the consent form linked on the letter, thank you.

**Willersley Castle Residential:** A letter has been emailed out this week to our current Year 4 and Year 5 parent/carers ready for this Residential next academic year. Please make the initial deposit payment found on [ParentPay](#) at your earliest convenience and complete the consent form linked on the letter, thank you.

**National Online Safety:** ZEPETO is a hugely popular social app where users create custom avatars to explore virtual worlds, play games and chat with others. With millions of active players worldwide, it offers an engaging digital experience – but not without its concerns, especially for younger users. ZEPETO's vibrant world of custom outfits, interactive spaces and daily challenges might appeal to children – but those same features come with risks. From unfiltered chats and stranger danger to the temptation of in-app purchases, there's plenty for parents to be aware of. We've created this free guide offering parents and educators an overview of the associated risks of ZEPETO and what you can do to keep young people safe when having fun online.

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

**Water Safety:** If you're not already aware, the number of child drownings in the UK has tragically doubled over the last four years. At St Ann's, children access lessons with the Sheffield School Swimming Service and are taught how to stay safe in, on and around water, and learn how to perform a safe self-rescue in different water-based situations. In addition to this, we would like to share [Splash Safety at your Pad](#). Drowning is preventable, and *Splash Safety at your Pad* has been created to help provide young families with advice, hints and tips around how to enjoy water safely at home, so please take a look.

**Reminder from Sheffield Attendance and Inclusion about Term Time Leave:** Please be aware that unauthorised term time leave is on a 3 year roll over (and that also includes moving school). Therefore, if you were fined this school year, then you will be onto the second fine next year etc.

**School Meal Price Increase:** As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, Dolce will be increasing the cost of school meals from £2.77 to £3.02. This is due to an increase in the National Living Wage and food inflation. Dolce has assured us that they have done everything they can to minimise this, however, this is a significant increase that will impact many families. If your circumstances have changed, you may be eligible to [apply for Free School Meals](#). Please follow the link to find out more about the criteria for Free School Meal eligibility and how to apply.

## Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ZEPETO
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter - April](#)
- [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 Newsletter
- Sheffield Hallam University Research Study - Eating Practices of Children in Sheffield
- Stocksbridge Library – Chatterbooks
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Table Top Sale
- Barnsley Museums

## Picture News...

This is the question we will be deliberating...



## In the news this week

English football club, Manchester United, has announced plans to build the biggest stadium in the UK. The new stadium will cost around £2 billion, seat 100,000 spectators and will also be used for many other things, including concerts. It is thought the new development will be built close to the club's existing stadium, Old Trafford. Once it's ready, the current Old Trafford stadium may be demolished.

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

- What is the closest football stadium to where you live? Is it ever used for things other than football?
- Do you enjoy watching football or other sports? Have you ever been to a game in a stadium or perhaps visited one? Ask someone at home to share their experience.
- Share your thoughts on the new stadium. Do you think it is a good idea?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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