

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 25th April 2025



It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of Pope Francis. Pope Francis served as the leader of the Catholic Church and was a significant figure for many people around the world, including members of our own school community. He was known for his messages of peace, compassion, and care for the environment. 'Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is... Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.' Pope Francis

Upcoming Events...

Tuesday 29 th April	Y3/4 and Y5/6 Mass for Pope Francis at St Ann's Church
Monday 5 th May	May Bank Holiday - School Closed
Friday 9 th May	St Gregory's House Treat Afternoon
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	Y6 SATs
Friday 16 th May	Y6 SATs Treat

Proud to be Me... *BELIEVE: "We all have in our hearts some areas of unbelief. Let us say to the Lord: I believe!" Pope Francis Jesus' resurrection – his victory over death – is the greatest event in history! Even though, like Thomas, you may sometimes have doubts, be assured that, when you do doubt, Jesus is still truly close to you and ready to help you to believe. As we journey through Easter, which of the following ways could best help you, as a family, to grow in your belief in Jesus? Perhaps it could be: reading about what Jesus did and said; being with others who believe; asking God to help you grow in belief; living out Jesus' teachings and seeing the difference it makes to your lives.*

Reception	Miles	Miles has been a superstar this week! He has worked really hard in all of his lessons and has behaved exceptionally well throughout the week. He has particularly impressed me during maths, solving addition problems for the hungry caterpillar!
Year 1	Margot	Margot has shown real growth in her learning this week and has been trying really hard to spot the special friends in words.
Year 2	Henry	Henry has worked really hard in maths this week, he has produced work of a high standard and has shown confidence when describing shapes.
Year 3	Thea	Thea has been a super star in maths working with fractions. She has been able to explain her thinking both verbally and pictorially. Well done Thea!
Year 4	Zak	Zak has started a wonderful piece of independent writing based on Easter Sunday. He has been focused during the lesson, and has thought really hard to ensure his writing is engaging and exciting.
Year 5	Hermione	Hermione has worked really hard on her writing this week. She has tried really hard to improve her spellings and punctuation whilst including some descriptive language!
Year 6	Matilda	Matilda is working so hard in maths and is really making me proud with her persistence and determination to succeed! Well done Matilda

PE: Miles has been great in PE, he remembered what we learnt last week and demonstrated to the rest of the class, well done! Eleni for her amazing jumping during athletics keep up the good work! Arie for his great attitude and effort showing determination during athletics!

Spanish: Aida worked really well during our lesson on the plant pot story in Spanish. Great ideas. Dougie worked really hard remembering the colours and supported his classmate so well during the activity. Skyla worked well with Mrs Marshall to produce an 'at the doctors role play'. Ffion remembered the questions and answers brilliantly in order to complete an ID card in Spanish. Fabulous work Ffion.

Music: Miles for his super singing this week. Beatrix for her great work in our 'Carnival of the Animals' listening game. Avayah for her enthusiastic singing in our pirates' songs this week. Niamh for her fabulous listening work inspired by Frank Zimmer's piece 'Earth'. Nancy for her super singing this week.

Silver Award: Well done to Aleston, Alex, Henry and Vincent for earning 200 *Monster Effort* Points!

Happy Birthday to Tafara and evelyn (birthdays will be celebrated on 2nd May PTBM)

House of the Week: St Benedict's with 465 points

Plugs for Parents...

Y3/4 and Y5/6 Mass for Pope Francis at St Ann's Church 29.04.25: Please see the email that was sent out on Wednesday 23rd April with full details of this event. We need 3 more volunteers, so if any parents/carers are able to help walk the children to and from the church, please email enquiries@st-anns.sheffield.sch.uk.

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!

SATs Treat 16.05.25: An email has been sent out to parents/carers today with detail of this treat.

Y5/6 London Science Museum Trip: A letter was emailed out to parents and carers on 19th 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: As technology becomes increasingly embedded in young people's lives, it's common for them to form friendships entirely online. These connections can provide companionship and community — but they also bring potential dangers that parents and educators need to be aware of. From online grooming and privacy breaches to exposure to upsetting content, meeting people on the internet isn't without risk. This guide explains the possible hazards of online friendships and gives parents and educators essential advice on helping children build safe, positive relationships online.

Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Making Friends Online
- [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

Picture News... This is the question we will be deliberating...



In the news this week

Many workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January, because they believe they are not being treated or paid fairly. The workers on strike are the people whose job it is to collect rubbish and empty the bins from outside homes and streets. As an all-out strike has now been going on since 11th March, huge piles of rubbish are building up around the city.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about what happens to your rubbish. Where do you take it? Do you know where it goes? What about your recycling?
- Tell someone at home about this week's story. What do you think it might be like for some people living in Birmingham at the moment?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments