

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025

"Peace be with all of you!" - the first words of Pope Leo XIV. The Cardinals gathered in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel have elected Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the 267th Pope. The [Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales](#) website has further information on the new Holy Father.



Reflecting on the meditation on what it means to be called to follow in the footsteps of St Peter, let us pray for Pope Leo XIV today: May we also be willing to look at ourselves and recognise that each one of us too have frailties and weaknesses and yet are called by God to allow His Holy Spirit to inspire us to do wonderful acts of witness in His name. Pope Leo XIV quoted St Augustine yesterday, 'With you I am a Christian, for you I am a Bishop'. Let us not be spectators judging how Pope Leo XIV turns out to be, but become pilgrims with him, walk with him as disciples of Christ and towards our homeland. Amen.

Upcoming Events...

Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	Y6 SATs
Friday 16 th May	Y6 SATs Treat
Friday 23 rd May (3pm)	Break up for Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 2 nd June	Return to School
Friday 6 th June (8:50am)	Pentecost Liturgical Prayer and Parade

Proud to be Me... *LIFE: "Life is a gift from God. The voice of Jesus is unmistakable! He guides us along the path of life." Pope Francis. How can we follow Jesus the Good Shepherd this week, and make life better for others at home, at school or in the community? Perhaps we can: always tell the truth; be generous and share; listen carefully to wise parents, teachers and other good people; show our gratitude to all those who teach and lead us through life, and pray for them too; help someone to feel special and valued – to feel alive.*

Reception	Charlotte	For working hard in our writing activities this week and helping her friends find the letters using their sound mats.
Year 1	Rosalie	For sharing her ideas in class and using creative language in her writing to engage the reader.
Year 2	Bobi	Bobi has impressed us this week during maths, he has shown good understanding of 2D and 3D shapes, describing the properties with confidence.
Year 3	Iona	Iona was eager to share her experiences and link ideas linked to VE day. She asked wondering questions and shared her ideas in a respectful and considerate way.
Year 4	William	William showed real determination in the tricky black out poem task for VE Day. "Yes! It's VE Day. Victory in Europe We had a party there was tea and little flags red, white and blue"
Year 5	Seb L	Seb is a superstar. He has worked so, so hard on his writing and has produced some excellent work. Well done Seb!
Year 6	Emily	Emily has worked really hard this week on her independent writing based on Goodnight Mr. Tom. She has thought hard about capturing her character in her diary entries. Well done!

PE: Heidi for super listening to the instruction of how to participate in a relay race! Evan – For his increased independence during our relay races! Jacob W- For his speed and coordination during our hurdle races! Henry – for his excellent attitude, he listened well to the advice given on how he could further improve his skills. Gerard – good demonstration of CPR. Juno – Good knowledge and demonstration of DRABC & CPR. Nancy – Great team work helping others. Isla C - Good knowledge and demonstration of DRABC & CPR.

Swimmer of the Week: Serah

Proud to be Me Continued...

Spanish: Dylan was brilliant this week with our Spanish singing and the sunshine rhyme. Arie focussed really well today and tried really hard during our new weather phrases. Savannah showed fantastic recall in remembering the jungle animals and working out the new adjectives. Super work! Noah worked really well in a team during our space themed Spanish board game.

Music: Heidi showed excellent skills in her singing and instrument playing this week in our loud and quiet dynamics lessons. Rosalie, Eleni and Margot for their super kangaroo composition and performance skills inspired by the music 'Carnival of the Animals'. Shay for her great explanation of how she thought the composer Benjamin Britten used instruments to sound like a stormy sea. Max always shows enthusiasm for everything we study in music. This week was no exception, taking on the challenge of leading the samba band with his normal enthusiasm.

Silver Award: Well done to Israel, Miles, Emberlee and Roman for earning 200 *Monster Effort* Points!

Gold Award: Well done to Isla C, Juno, Madison, Gerard and Lottie for earning 300 *Monster Effort* Points!

Happy Birthday Arie and Emily

House of the Week: St Gregory's with 426 points

Attendance: Year 2 with 98.7%

Plugs for Parents...

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

Pentecost Liturgical Prayer and Parade: 06.06.25: Family and friends are invited to join us for the Liturgical Prayer at 8:50am followed by our annual parade down to Fox Valley at 9:30am.

Y5/6 London Science Museum Trip: A letter was emailed out to parents and carers on 19th March with full details of this trip. The second instalment is due on 31st May on [ParentPay](#).

Willersley Castle Residential – Current Year 4 and Year 5 children: The second instalment is due on 11th May via [ParentPay](#), thank you.

Y3/4 Qualitas Sports Summit Event: A letter has been emailed out with details of this event. Please complete the consent form at your earliest opportunity, thank you.

National Online Safety: Creating a strong sense of belonging is essential for children's emotional wellbeing and academic success. This guide explores ten simple and effective strategies, such as encouraging participation, celebrating diversity, and addressing bullying, that help schools build inclusive environments where every child feels valued and connected. We've created this free guide offering parents and educators effective solutions to build inclusive, nurturing environments that help children and young people feel a strong sense of belonging.

PE Kit Expectations: A reminder that crop tops are not to be worn as part of St Ann's PE kit. Midriffs must be covered with no skin showing - thank you.

Pre-loved Uniform Donations: Our spare clothes cupboard is running low on KS2 sized jogging bottoms, PE shorts and hoodies. If anyone has any outgrown clothes of the bigger sizes, that still have some wear left in them, please donate to the school office, thank you.

3pm Collection Reminder: A quick reminder... please can parents/carers contact school if someone is picking up their child who doesn't regularly collect or isn't known to the classroom staff, thank you

Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – Top Tips for Parents & Educators: Fostering a Sense of Belonging
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter - May](#)
- [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
- Dolce Theme Day Menu – Endangered Species

Picture News...

This is the question we will be deliberating...



Who is the new pope?

