

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th February 2026



Upcoming Events...

Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 10 th February	Y3/4 First Swimming Lesson
Wednesday 11 th February (8:50am)	Y3/4 Celebration of the Word: Galilee to Jerusalem
Thursday 12 th February	Y3/4 Thornbridge Residential
Friday 13 th February (3pm)	School breaks up for the February Half Term Holiday
Monday 23 rd February	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 24 th February (8:30am)	School Re-opens – Spring 2 Half Term Begins
Wednesday 4 th March	World Book Day

After School Club Cancellations...

Occasionally, staff training or school events may conflict with our club schedule. To stay informed about planned cancellations, please check this section of our weekly newsletter, where we aim to list known clashes a half-term in advance. In the event of an unavoidable last-minute cancellation (such as staff illness), we will notify you directly via email.

After School Clubs that are cancelled – Spring 1 half term:	Teacher	Date:
Phonics Booster (3-3:30pm)	Mrs Brotherton	Wednesday 11 th February
Y3/4 Marvellous Maths (3-3:30pm)	Mrs Marshall	Thursday 12 th February

After School Clubs that are cancelled – Spring 2 half term:	Teacher	Date:
KS1 Sports Club (3-4pm)	Mr Pritchard	Tuesday 3 rd March
KS2 Sports Club (3-4pm)	Mr Pritchard	Wednesday 25 th March

Mrs Marshall will be changing her After School Clubs starting in Spring 2 half term. More information to follow.

Proud to be Me...

GOODNESS: "Each person, according to their ability, should be a pattern of goodness to others." St Basil the Great We can show our love for God through trying our best to grow in goodness. Each of you decide on a particular act of goodness to let your 'light shine' – to make life better for others. Perhaps you can: be more compassionate and caring; share sweets or other favourite things; make a phone call to someone who may be lonely; be a kind and patient listener; ask God to help you grow in goodness.

Reception	Oliver Jacob D Tafara	Oliver is always a joy to have in class. He is polite, kind, and helpful to others, listens with great engagement, and always tries his very best. His positive attitude and dedication are clear in his achievements, which continue to impress. He should be very proud of himself. Well done Oliver! Well done, Jacob! You are a Poetry Star, reading smoothly and clearly with great confidence and lovely rhythm. You used expression and made this week's poem a joy to listen to. Tafara has done great work in Maths this week. She has been learning about fractions and is now confidently identifying halves and quarters, as well as finding them in different amounts using cubes. Well done, Tafara! Keep up the amazing work!
Year 3	Isla Serah Vincent Seb L	Isla has been a superstar in English. She has been thinking creatively and has generate some amazing adjectives and similes to bring her Egyptian diary entry to life. Serah has been bubbling with confidence this week! In RE she has been sharing her knowledge of Parables and Miracles from the Bible and in the Parish Mass she was an amazing St Ann representative by showing respect and even answered Father Henry's questions about the Gospel reading. Vincent worked hard in Maths on Thursday and attempted some tricky questions independently. He showed good perseverance and determination. Well done.
Year 4		Seb has created an excellent scary creature to inspire his poetry writing this week. He described the creature in detail using some excellent adjectives. Well done Seb!
Year 5		
Year 6		

Proud to be Me Continued...

PE: Dollie for showing good listening and a great attitude showing super tennis skills. Heidi N – for her brilliant skills in tennis this week. Great Work Heidi keep it up! Isabel for showing great teamwork and demonstrating some brilliant and skills in Tennis. Ava has really shone over the last few weeks. Her attitude to learning new skills is amazing. This has meant that her different skipping techniques have really improved. Henry H was a star this week. Henry's ability and persistence to complete the most difficult of jumps has been compelling. Erin was really giving it her all in dance this week. Both individually and working as a group Erin was able to memorise and even adapt the dances. Maya J seemed to enjoy dancing this week. With an infectious smile Maya followed the various dances with enthusiasm. Well done Maya.

Spanish: Sara was brilliant as the butterfly in our minibeast story in Spanish. Evan joined in with our Spanish songs this week and wrote his birthday month – agosto. Evie M-O tried really hard writing her Spanish animal sentences this week. Well done. Nancy always produces fabulous work in Spanish and takes such pride in the presentation of her work.

Silver Awards go to: Nancy and Lottie for earning 200 *Monster Effort* points – Well done!

Happy Birthday: Seb J and Olivia Ko

Attendance: Reception Class with 98%

House of the Week: St Gregory's with 297 points

Plugs for Parents...

Welcome to Y5/6 Mrs Guy! We are absolutely delighted to tell you that a familiar face will be joining us once again. Please join us in giving a warm "welcome back" to Mrs. Guy, who will be stepping in to cover Year 5/6 whilst Miss Edwards is on maternity leave. Mrs Guy is an experienced Teacher and will work closely with Miss Edwards next week to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

Safer Internet Day 10.02.26: Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on the 10th of February 2026, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology. This Safer Internet Day we are exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly. For more information visit saferinternet.org for *Top Tips for parents and carers*.

World Book Day 04.03.26: Get ready to celebrate the magic of reading as our school transforms into the world of Julia Donaldson's The Gruffalo! The children and staff are invited to come dressed as woodland animals or in forest colours (greens, browns, oranges) for our immersive "Deep Dark Wood" day, which kicks off with a themed assembly and a scavenger hunt; solve the riddles hidden along our Gruffalo trail. Each classroom will reinvent itself as a unique habitat, from the Fox's Den to the Gruffalo's Cave, where children will engage in creative activities like mask making, map drawing, and modern story writing. Older students will mentor younger children through buddy reading sessions, while everyone contributes to a collaborative forest display in the library and celebrates our shared love for storytelling!

Y3/4 First Swimming Lesson 10.02.26: Please see the email that was sent out regarding Year 3/4 starting swimming lessons.

Y3/4 Celebration of the Word: Galilee to Jerusalem 11.02.26: Family and friends are welcome to join us in the School Hall for this Celebration of the Word.

Willersley Castle Residential – Year 5/6: The next instalment is due on 11th February via [ParentPay](https://parentpay.com).

Thornbridge Residential – Year 3/4: The final instalment was due on 31st January via [ParentPay](https://parentpay.com).

National Online Safety: With over 900 million monthly users, Snapchat continues to be a favourite among children and young people; however, with its ever-evolving features, the risks have evolved too. From AI-generated filters and chatbots, to disappearing messages and the Snap Map location-sharing tool, it's easy for children to stumble into unsafe territory. This guide breaks down the latest updates, including the Lens+ subscription service, and web browser access. We've also unpacked the risks of sextortion scams, overuse, and inappropriate content that may slip through the app's moderation systems. With expert advice from online safety consultant Dr Claire Sutherland, this guide is a must-read for anyone helping young people navigate Snapchat responsibly and confidently.

Reception Class Parent Teacher Meetings: Invitations have been emailed out for this term's meetings. If you haven't already, please confirm that you can attend. If you can no longer make your meeting, please get in touch to let us know, thank you.

Picture News...

This is the question that we will be deliberating:

TAKE HOME

9th - 13th February



Should children have social media?

In the news this week

Adults in the UK are talking about whether children under 16 should be allowed to use social media, as the government is considering new rules to help keep children safe online. Some people believe social media helps children stay connected, while others worry it can affect wellbeing and mental health. During Children's Mental Health Week, the story reminds us how important it is to look after our mental health both online and offline.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What rules or agreements can help us feel safe when using technology at home?
- Can you think of ideas for families to help balance screen time and other activities?
- What are some of the activities that you do online? Do you do different things online to others at home?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Links and Attachments...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Snapchat
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter - December](#)
- [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
- SAFFA School Lottery – [Your School Lottery](#)
- [Trans Pennine Trail February Half Term Activity Pack](#)
- Safer Internet Day Information
- Caritas Counselling
- Junior Bake Off Opportunity
- February Half Term Football Camps
- Smartphone Free Childhood - [A video for families feeling the smartphone pressure](#)