

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th February 2026



## Upcoming Events...

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February (3pm)	School breaks up for the February Half Term Holiday
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February (8:30am)	School Re-opens – Spring 2 Half Term Begins
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	SAFFA Book Fair
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	SAFFA Mother's Day Stall (Information to follow)

## 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 2 half term:	Teacher	Date:
KS1 Sports Club (3-4pm)	Mr Pritchard	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
KS2 Sports Club (3-4pm)	Mr Pritchard	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March

**Mrs Marshall will be changing her After School Clubs for Spring 2 half term. All of Mrs Marshall's clubs are cancelled until further notice. More information will follow.**

## Proud to be Me...

*TEACHER: "The true teacher is within; Christ is the inner teacher of every soul." St. Augustine of Hippo*  
*"The family is where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith. The family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love." Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)*  
*It's important to have good teachers. Parents are the first and foremost educators of their own children – others can also teach us so much about what really matters in life. Each of you choose someone who teaches you good and right things, and say a prayer for them. How can we show our appreciation to all those who teach us? Perhaps we can: be a good learner by really listening to what they have to say; do the good and right things they have taught us; simply thank them for being a good teacher.*

Reception	Romee	Fantastic work in maths! Romee is confidently reasoning with numbers and using mathematical vocabulary to describe them, for example noticing that 7 is greater than 4, less than 9, comes after 6, and before 8. Well done!"
Year 1	Rory	Well done Rory R! You have shown fantastic perseverance in phonics always trying your hardest. Your determination is really helping you make great progress—keep it up!
Year 2	Aida	I'm proud of Aida for her brilliant attitude to learning. She has been excited to share her understanding of circuits in our science lessons and has shown great confidence in class. It has been wonderful to see her growing confidence and her eagerness to take part in discussions. Well done, Aida.
Year 3 Year 4	Evie M-O Iona	For creating a wonderful paper cut horse to celebrate the Lunar and Chinese New Year. Iona for having a great attitude during swimming! She entered the water confidently, swam enthusiastically and was a great role models to those around her with her safe and sensible behaviour.
Year 5	Laylah	Laylah has written some lovely sentences this week in English for our poem about 'the Malfeasance', a spooky, mysterious character. Well done Laylah.
Year 6	Myah G	Myah has worked so hard in maths this week and has shown real confidence and competence completing division questions. She has been smashing using the bus stop method and carrying numbers! Well done, Myah!

## Proud to be Me Continued...

**PE:** Romee for a great half term in PE finishing strong with some really impressive tennis skills! Miles had a great lesson this week he was helpful and worked really well with his friends to improve his tennis skills! Olivia Ko – Coach Jake is so pleased with the effort and determination she showed to improve her tennis Skills! Tinashe showed real determination in skipping. Tinashe simply refused to give up giving everything to prove to herself she could conquer the long rope. Darla has simply been amazing. Her enthusiasm for skipping is unsurpassed. Not only in PE but at break and dinner Darla always seems to have a skipping rope in hand. Nnenna has really shone in PE. Nnenna has been working hard on the various skipping and dance moves this week. Seb J has come out of his shell in dance. Spinning, swaying and shaking a leg in time to the music. Sorry Seb I know this is embarrassing but your moves couldn't be ignored.

**Spanish:** Rory joined in fantastically with our lesson on the butterfly cycle in Spanish. Dylan showed wonderful enthusiasm performing his conversation in Spanish. Aleston remembered the animals really well when talking about the animals we see on our way to school in Spanish. Kaidan produced some lovely work on sports in Spanish to complete our sports topic.

**Music:** Annabella for her fantastic effort in our Russian music and dance. Romee for her great singing and claves playing this week. Year 2 for their super performance this week of their composition inspired by the opening of Beethoven's 5th symphony. Tinashe showed great rhythmic skills this week in our African drumming lesson. Well done Year 5/6 for completing the Baroque music quiz this week, answering questions on Baroque composers and music.

**Bronze Awards go to:** Olivia and Dollie for earning 100 *Monster Effort* points – Well done!

**Silver Awards go to:** Gerard, Romee and Oliver for earning 200 *Monster Effort* points – Well done!

**Happy Birthday:** Alfie, Miles, Esme, Kathaleana

**Attendance:** Year 1 with 99.2%



**TTRS NSPCC Tournament:** Well done St Ann's you did amazing during the NSPCC Rocks TTRS tournament. St Ann's came in 141st out of 347 for primary schools in Yorkshire and 1,436 out of 3,761 across England!

Most Valuable Players - Year 6: Noah - Year 4: Thea - Year 3: Lucy - Year 2: Rosalie

**Race at Your Pace Walking Group - 30 mile Challenge:** Thomas, Noah, Seb L, Hermione, Imogen, Myah, Nancy, Oliver H, Seb J, Gerard, Laylah, Matilda C, Juno, Vincent, Erin and Nnenna

## Plugs for Parents...

**SAFFA Book Fair 02.03.26:** SAFFA is organising a **FREE** Book Fair for the children, but we need your help! We would be really grateful if you could look through your children's book collection and see if there are any that they have finished with, that you would be willing to donate for the Book Fair. Donations of books can be brought to school and dropped off in the box in the foyer any time during the first week back after half term, Tuesday 24th - Friday 27th February. The Book Fair will be held during the school day on Monday 2nd March. Every child will be able to browse the books and take some home with them to keep. We hope this will be exciting for the children, and encourage them with their reading as we approach World Book Day.

**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; solving 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 to celebrate our shared love for storytelling!

**Willersley Castle Residential – Year 5/6:** The next instalment is due on 11<sup>th</sup> February via [ParentPay](#).

## Plugs for Parents Continued...

**National Online Safety:** Staying safe on our roads isn't just a skill — it's a lifelong habit. It is crucial to learn key strategies for helping children navigate streets safely and confidently, from practising journeys together to teaching them how to choose the safest crossing points. We've collaborated with THINK! to offer real-world advice on issues like the dangers of parked vehicles, reversing cars and mobile phone distractions — it's an invaluable tool for parents and educators who want to help young people travel independently without compromising their safety.

**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:



## In the news this week

A new series of the television programme, Gladiators, has recently returned to screens. The show features athletes competing in physical challenges such as strength, speed, and endurance events. The show is broadcast on the BBC and has attracted large audiences, including families and children. Gladiators train for many years to compete at a high level and often speak about discipline, teamwork, and preparation.

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

- > Do you watch Gladiators at home, or are there other TV programmes you enjoy watching together as a family? What do you think makes someone on TV a good role model?
- > What skills or qualities do you believe are most important in a role model?
- > Share and talk about some of the people you look up to at home, and explain why you admire them.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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## Links and Attachments...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Safety on the Road
- [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](#)
- Smartphone Free Childhood - [Why choosing to delay smartphones gives your child secret superpowers](#)
- FACES Courses
- Family Matters – Survey for families living with neurodivergence
- Sheffield Brick Festival
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Table Top Sale