

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th February 2026



## Upcoming Events...

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	SAFFA Book Fair
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Young Carers Action Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	SAFFA Mother's Day Gift Stall
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass: Feast of St Joseph
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day (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:
Maths TTRS	Mrs Marshall	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
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

**Proud to be Me...** *SACRED: "The invitation at the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him." Pope Francis (Pope from 2013 - 2025) The Holy Mountain experience was a sacred moment. To be sacred is to be holy – to be dedicated to God. God wants us to be his sacred people – to be holy and to try to live and love like Jesus did. Praying at home helps us to recognise and respect our homes as sacred places, full of God's love. What else can help to remind us of God's sacred presence in our home (e.g. a Bible, candles, a cross, icons or something else)? As a family, talk about which sacred images you find most helpful. What can you do to help you recognise your home as a sacred place this Lent?*

Reception	Adam	It is wonderful to have Adam in our reception classroom. He is always ready to learn and shows courage when things are tricky. He works hard, listens carefully and never gives up. His gentle nature and positive attitude make our classroom a happier place.
Year 1	Roman	We love working with Roman. He is thoughtful, kind, and always tries his best in everything he does. He is quick to help others and truly lives by our Golden Rules every day. Well done, Roman – you are a wonderful ambassador for our school!
Year 2	Beatrix	Bea has shown fantastic effort in her learning, working hard every day and challenging herself to learn more and remember more. We are really impressed with her positive attitude and determination. She is always happy to help others, whether in the classroom, on the playground, or in the dining hall, showing kindness, responsibility, and a caring attitude.
Year 3	Ava	Ava has been a superstar this week. She has been kind and supportive with her classmates and has been enthusiastic with all her learning!
Year 4	Madison	Madison has really impressed Mrs Marshall this week with her amazing sentences! She has pushed herself by using ambitious language, a range of sentences and has worked hard on improving her work with editing.
Year 5	Nnenna	Nnenna has really persevered with her maths learning this week and taken on board advice to help her with her understanding of ratio and proportion. It has been lovely to see her become more confident!
Year 6	Hermione	Hermione has shown great resilience this week and shown determination in tackling our maths work this week. Hermione has taken her time to use the correct layout so that she can see the calculation needed. Well done.

### **Proud to be Me Continued...**

**PE:** Harry M-O – He really WOWed coach Jake at hockey, showing great control and dribbling skills. Miles – I'm so pleased with how he has started this term. Very good behaviour and teamwork. Rosalie – She took to hockey really well and showed us great ball control straight away. Taylor-May showed real commitment in PE today. Her catching and throwing really improved and her smile because of this was infectious. Madison was a superstar in PE. Nothing was too much for her. Helpful, polite and a real leader. Gerard has a real talent for cricket. His bowling and batting skills were not only brilliant it prompted Mr Pritchard to ask if he played for a team. Nancy was exceptional this week. Enthusiastic with an air of determination to win really helped the herself and the team succeed.

**Music:** Romee for her super work this week in our lesson looking at loud and quiet dynamics. Charlotte for her super singing and instrument playing in our lesson exploring loud and quiet dynamics. Jacob W for his great contributions to our lesson on pitch this week Nneena for her super art work which accompanied our listening appreciation work this week.

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

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

**Happy Birthday:** Evie C, Heidi G and Isla

**Winning House:** St Catherine's with 443 points!

### **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 over the weekend 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 on Monday morning. 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) or as a character from a favourite book who might meet the Gruffalo in the deep dark woods. Maybe a brave knight, a curious fairy, a superhero explorer, a pirate captain, or even a magical creature ready to stomp through the forest and say, "There's no such thing as a Gruffalo!"

**Young Carers Action Day 11.03.26:** Young Carers Action Day focuses on the theme 'Fair Futures for Young Carers'. The day calls for action to ensure young carers have the same opportunities to learn, grow and thrive as their peers, with the right recognition, support and chances to reach their potential. At school the children will gain a greater understanding as to what it means to be a Young Carer and how we can better support young carers in our community. If you feel your family may need support then please do contact the school or take a look at the Sheffield Young Carers website; [Help for Families](#)

[Watch this video of how the Young Carers Charity can support children](#)

**Mothers' Day Gift Stall 12.03.26:** SAFFA is holding a Mothers' Day gift sale which will take place after lunch in school. Children will have a choice of gifts to purchase for their loved ones. Each item will be £4. Please send your child to school with their money in a labelled envelope or wallet/purse.

**Willersley Castle Residential – Year 5/6:** The final instalment is due on 11<sup>th</sup> March via [ParentPay](#). Please could payment in full is made by this date, thank you.

**National Online Safety:** YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities. In our guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as connecting with strangers, inappropriate content and high visibility.

**SAFFA Sip and Paint:** Looking for a chance to catch up with fellow parents and carers? SAFFA is hosting a fundraising social night at The Kiln, and we'd love to see you there! It's the perfect opportunity to relax, have fun, and support our school at the same time. Check out the attached flyer for all the details. Tickets go on sale today from the School office. They are limited and sell out fast, so be sure to grab yours (cash only, please!).

## Picture News...

This is the question that we will be deliberating:



## In the news this week

Brynteg School in Wales has said that from September, skirts will no longer be part of the school uniform. In stead, all children will wear trousers or shorts. The school says this will make the uniform more practical and fairer for everyone, but some parents and pupils have different opinions about the change. This announcement has added to discussions about school rules, fairness, and whether uniforms should be the same for all children.

### Things to talk about at home ..

- Talk to someone older at home about your and their experiences of school uniform. Have they changed over time?
- Share your thoughts on the changes Brynteg School is making. Do you feel they are positive changes?
- If you could create your own uniform, what would it look like?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



## Links and Attachments...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Youtube
- [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 - [Resources for Parents](#)
- What's On – Christ Church and The Christian Centre
- [Sheffield Parent Carer Forum Peer Support Group](#)