

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026

A big thank you for the book donations that SAFFA received to run the book fair this week. The children were so excited to be part of the event and eager to take the books home with them.



Upcoming Events...

Wednesday 11 th March	Young Carers Action Day
Thursday 12 th March	SAFFA Mother's Day Gift Stall
Friday 13 th March	Winning House: St Gregory's Treat Afternoon
Tuesday 17 th March	Y5/6 Visit from Fr Henry: Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 18 th March (8:50am)	Mass: Feast of St Joseph
Wednesday 18 th March	Reception Class Weighing and Measuring
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 20 th March	Y5/6 Community Easter Service at Christ Church
Monday 30 th March (8:50am)	Rec/Y1 Celebration of the Word: Palm Sunday
Tuesday 31 st March (8:50am)	Y2 Celebration of the Word: The Last Supper
Wednesday 1 st April (8:50am)	Y3/4 Celebration of the Word: Garden of Gethsemane
Thursday 2 nd April (2pm)	Y5/6 Celebration of the Word: Stations of the Cross
Thursday 2 nd April (3pm)	School breaks up for the Easter Holiday
Friday 3 rd April	Good Friday Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 20 th April (8:30am)	School Reopens – Summer Term 1 Begins

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 rd March
KS1 Sports Club (3-4pm)	Mr Pritchard	Tuesday 3 rd March
KS2 Sports Club (3-4pm)	Mr Pritchard	Wednesday 25 th March
Reading Comprehension	Mrs Marshall	Thursday 2 nd April

Proud to be Me... *GOD'S LOVE: "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love." St Augustine of Hippo*
The more we experience and share God's love, the happier we become. Each of you say how you usually experience God's love. Perhaps it is through: the love of your family or other people; help from others; the sacraments; spending time with Jesus in prayer, at home or in Church. Then each of you choose a way in which you will especially share God's love with someone in this coming week.

Reception	Athena	Athena is making great progress in phonics and enjoys joining in with reading activities. She is becoming more confident with recognising her sounds and is working hard when blending words to read. During our World Book Day activities based on The Gruffalo, Athena showed great enthusiasm and enjoyed taking part in the story and related activities. Well done, Athena!
Year 1	Jacob D	Jacob is continuing to build his confidence in phonics and reading. He is working hard to recognise sounds and is beginning to use them to help him read simple words. During our World Book Day activities linked to The Gruffalo, Jacob enjoyed listening to the story and joining in with the class activities. Well done for your effort, Jacob!
Year 2	Ruby	Ruby has tried really hard to take part in all activities this week and has been working hard with her learning. We were very pleased with the great effort she made at school. Her confidence is constantly growing, and she shows real bravery when joining in with activities. She listens carefully and keeps trying, even when things feel challenging. We are very proud of the progress she is making.

Proud to be Me Continued...

Year 3	Dougie	Dougie for making thoughtful and meaningful contributions in RE. He carefully considered the message Jesus was giving through the miracle of the feeding of the 5000, recognising its link to the modern Mass and how Jesus empowered the disciples to share his message and serve others.
Year 4	Harry	Harry for showing great imagination through his creative World Book Day character from The Deep Dark Woods. His thoughtful ideas and enthusiasm helped bring the story and its mysterious setting to life.
Year 5	Juno	Juno has shown great perseverance with her re-write of the Gruffalo story on World Book Day. She sets herself really high standards and worked hard to find interesting vocabulary choices.
Year 6	Maya J	Maya has written a wonderful and inventive version of the Gruffalo, using imaginative language and some fabulous punctuation too!

PE: In PE, Jacey has enjoyed practising tennis ball skills such as throwing, catching and rolling. Jacey is learning to work with others and is beginning to show good teamwork when taking turns and playing games with her friends. Milo is developing good control when using tennis balls, practising skills such as throwing, catching and aiming. He is learning to work cooperatively with partners and is beginning to show positive teamwork during group activities. Dylan shows growing confidence with tennis ball skills, including accurate throwing, catching and aiming. He works well with others and demonstrate good teamwork by supporting his partner and participating positively in group games. Tinashe's enthusiasm is infectious. Both in swimming and cricket it is amazing to see. The determination to improve is outstanding. Harry B has really shown his capabilities this week. Striking the ball with "oomph" and causing real problems for the fielders. Kaidan was pleased as punch with his rounders batting and fielding this week. Rounder after rounder meant as team captain he led by example. All of Year 6 were incredible this week. The special mentions go to Carter with an unbelievable catch. Nancy hitting it out of the park time after time. Seb Lucas for always breaking the rule book. Thank you, Year 6 (and Yr5), for a lovely lesson.

Swimming: Evie C

Music: Nico for his great loud and quiet instrument playing this week. Roman for his super snake sound effects in our Gruffalo story. All Year 2 for their fantastic team work at producing sound effects for the animals in the Gruffalo story. Iona for her enthusiasm in every music lesson, she is always eager to contribute and listens to advise on how to improve her music skills. All Year 5/6 for their great work this week in our Minimalism lesson where we looked at building texture by laying simple rhythmic patterns together.

Bronze Awards go to: Imogen, Vincent and Melchi for earning 100 *Monster Effort* points – Well done!

Silver Awards go to: Iona, Kathaleana, Rory R and Annabella for earning 200 *Monster Effort* points – Well done!

Happy Birthday: Eden and Nnenna

Winning House: St Catherine's with

Attendance: Year 3/4 with 99%

Plugs for Parents...

Quick Reminder: Miss Eady has noticed an increase in Year 5 and 6 girls wearing mascara to school. We would like to kindly remind parents and carers that our no-makeup policy applies. We appreciate your support in ensuring our children arrive ready for the school day in accordance with our uniform guidelines.

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.

Y5/6 Visit from Fr Henry: Sacrament of Reconciliation 17.03.26: Father Henry is coming to speak to the Year 5/6 class on regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will be a short session where Fr Henry will explain the process with possible age appropriate 'confessions' and the penance and contrition.

Plugs for Parents Continued...

Mass: Feast of St Joseph 18.03.26: Family and friends are invited to join us for this Mass. After the Mass ends, Fr. Henry will stay behind to offer what is commonly known as Confession (The Sacrament of Reconciliation) to children and adults. This will be voluntary with no expectation to take part.

Reception Class Height and Weight Measurement 18.03.26: Each year in England, school children in Reception have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The checks are carried out by trained practitioners from Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust. For more information about this please visit the [National Child Measurement Programme website](#).

Red Nose Day 20.03.26: We are not selling red noses at School; however, children are welcome to come to school with their red noses and non-uniform dressed in something red. As a forfeit, we are asking for £1 to go towards Comic Relief. St Ann's kitchen have also very kindly said that they will make a biscuit for all the children – an additional voluntary donation of 50p would be appreciated. You can donate at any time on our [Comic Relief fundraising page](#) here.

Y5/6 Community Easter Service at Christ Church 20.03.26: Schools in Stocksbridge and Deepcar are meeting at Christ Church to celebrate an Easter Service together. Each school will perform an Easter based song and sing songs together.

Holy Week – Celebrations of the Word: Family and friends are warmly welcomed to attend these celebrations with us.

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

National Online Safety: Fortnite continues to reign supreme in the gaming world, drawing in millions of players with its bold graphics, fast-paced action and constant stream of new content. This guide looks at the latest developments in the game – such as themed updates, crossover characters and limited-edition cosmetics – and what they mean for young players and the adults who support them. It also unpacks some of the key online safety risks associated with Fortnite. With in-game purchases, cross-platform communication and regular seasonal updates creating an 'always on' experience, it's vital that trusted adults understand how to help children and young people enjoy the game without being exposed to unnecessary risks.

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!).

SAFFA Raffle Prize Request: SAFFA is busy collecting prizes ahead of a great Summer Raffle and they're on the lookout for exciting prizes. If you have a connection to a local business that might be willing to contribute, please drop them off at the school office. Every donation helps make the raffle a success! Thank you for your continued support.

Scout Food Drive 09.03.26 – 20.03.26: Several of our pupils are proud members of the local Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers, and they've launched their annual Food Drive! Please see the attached poster for full information. We'd love to show our support! It's a friendly competition to see which local school can gather the most donations, so please check the attached poster and help us "rally the troops" for a great cause.

Links and Attachments...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Fortnite
- [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](#)
- Stocksbridge Christian Centre – Lighthouse Kids
- [Sheffield Parent Carer Forum Peer Support Group](#)
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Easter Fayre
- Stocksbridge Scouts Food Drive

