

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

A massive thank you to our school community for supporting Red Nose Day! Together, we raised a fantastic £132 for Comic Relief. Your generosity will go a long way in supporting incredible projects. Well done, everyone!



## Upcoming Events...

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March (8:50am)	Rec/Y1 Celebration of the Word: Palm Sunday
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March (8:50am)	Y2 Celebration of the Word: The Last Supper
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April (8:50am)	Y3/4 Celebration of the Word: Garden of Gethsemane
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April (2pm)	Y5/6 Celebration of the Word: Stations of the Cross
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April (3pm)	School breaks up for the Easter Holiday
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April (8:30am)	School Reopens – Summer Term 1 Begins
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April (1:30pm)	Easter Bonnet Parade and Afternoon Tea

## 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
Reading Comprehension	Mrs Marshall	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
SPaG Squad	Mrs Guy	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
Mega Maths	Mrs Guy	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March

## Proud to be Me... *COMPASSION: "Blessed are the compassionate." St Chromatius (of Aquileia)*

*Jesus knew that Martha and Mary were sad and he did what he could to help them. People saw this and started to believe in Jesus. Today we can show people how good Jesus is and help others to believe in him by the way we live. Ask your child if they can remember when they last felt sorry for someone and helped them. As a family, ask yourselves, "Is there anyone who needs our compassion and our help at this time? What could we do?"*

Reception	Athena	A huge well done to Athena for her super reading! She showed fantastic skills by concentrating carefully, looking closely at the text, listening to feedback, thinking about what she read, and speaking clearly to share her ideas. Brilliant work, Athena!
Year 1	Milo	And a big cheer for Milo for his amazing maths on place value! This week. He impressed us all by concentrating on his work, looking carefully at the numbers, listening to instructions, thinking deeply about his answers, and speaking confidently to explain his thinking. Excellent job, Milo!
Year 2	Daniel	Daniel has been trying really hard in his learning. He has made a great effort to concentrate during lessons and has worked hard to develop his five key skills. D has shown excellent concentration and very good listening in class this week. He has also been learning his lines carefully for our Holy Week Celebration of the Word. Well done, Daniel!

### Proud to be Me Continued...

Year 3	Henry H	Henry has had a very positive and successful week at school. He particularly excelled during the sports trip, where he demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, enthusiasm and showed resilience when tasks became challenging. His positive attitude and teamwork made him a great role model for others.
Year 4	Alexander	Alexander has approached all of his learning with a great attitude and has shown a strong willingness to try his best in everything he does. He has pushed himself to write more, developing his ability to work at a faster pace while still maintaining the quality of his work. He has shown great focus and determination during writing tasks, taking care to choose words that make his work more engaging for the reader. Alexander's positive attitude and commitment to improving his skills are clear to see.
Year 5	Kaidan	Kaidan has impressed us this week with his great attitude in maths and really rising to the challenge and pushing himself in assessment tasks. He also came to our attention for all the right reasons during rehearsal at Christ Church when he sang with enthusiasm.
Year 6	Melchi	Melchi is really finding his voice in class and sharing some great contributions. Melchi has also been a super ambassador for our school on our visit to Christ Church, showing a quiet confidence coupled with a strong singing voice performance. Well done Melchi!

**PE:** Athena for a perfect lesson demonstrating all 5 key skills what a joy to teach! Roman for his growing confidence, he demonstrated great effort and concentration throughout the lesson. Margot for working hard all lesson showing great communication within her team and with her partner. Dougie was amazing this week. Handled the pressure of batting with ease, running with gusto around the rounders pitch as well. Henry R had the pleasure of joining two classes this week. A real mature attitude to learning and understanding. William might be a little surprised to get the award this week. William's determination to try no matter how difficult the task should be rewarded. Thomas's attitude to PE is spot on. Thomas is enthusiastic and a dark horse when it comes to striking and fielding games. There is also an honourable mention for Oliver as well.

**Music:** Teddy for his great 'Baker's Shop' singing this week. Arabella showed great skill this week reading graphic scores and playing the correct dynamic on their drum. Aida did amazing work this week, learning to read staff notation and play the notes on the xylophone. Madison used her super music listening skills this week to match different pieces of music to different transport pictures. Carter always shows enthusiasm in music, he is eager to take part in instrument work and join in discussions on the music we listen to.

**Spanish:** Roman showed wonderful enthusiasm in Spanish this week especially with the singing. Tafara had wonderful pronunciation when practising our Spanish commands. Gerard always participates well in every Spanish lesson and produces very creative work.

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

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

**Happy Birthday:** to Imogen and Henry H

**Winning House:** St Gregory's with 222 points

**Attendance:** Year 5/6 with 97.4%

**Swimmer of the Week:** Henry R

**Holiday Birthdays:** The last PTBM assembly will be next Friday 27th March and any birthdays which fall between 23rd March and 19th April will be celebrated that morning.

### Plugs for Parents...

**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 was due on 11<sup>th</sup> March via [ParentPay](#). Please could any outstanding balances be paid at the earliest convenience – thank you.

**Easter Bonnet Parade and Afternoon Tea 20.04.26:** Join us for an Easter celebration! Over the Easter break, children are invited to design their very own Easter bonnets ready to display in our exciting parade. The Mayor of Stocksbridge will be on hand to judge the creative entries, and everyone will receive a chocolatey prize, with a special award for the top bonnet! Family and friends are invited to enjoy refreshments provided by SAFFA at 1:30pm (buns, biscuits, tea, and coffee), followed by the parade at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Parent Governor Recruitment:** Are you interested in making a difference in our school community? We are looking for two new Parent Governors to join our Governing Body. If you would like to find out more or share an expression of interest, we would love to hear from you. Please email [enquiries@st-anns.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-anns.sheffield.sch.uk) for more information. The closing date for applications is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 3pm

## Plugs for Parents Continued...

**National Online Safety:** iPhones and iPads don't offer separate user accounts. So when you hand an Apple device to a child to play a game or watch a video, you're also handing them access to email, the web, messaging and other apps through which they could accidentally do something regrettable. Apple Guided Access solves this problem by letting you restrict the iPhone or iPad to one particular app whenever the child uses the device. If they try and leave that app, they'll be asked for a password or Face ID, meaning they can't access anything they shouldn't. Here, we show you how to find and set up the Guided Access feature, so you can confidently let a child borrow your iPhone or iPad. In our guide, you'll find step-by-step instructions for parents on how to set up Guided Access and how to switch it on.

**Extra-Curricular Instrument lessons:** A quick reminder that invoices are now due for Spring 2 lessons. Places are available for KS2 children who would like recorder lessons on a Tuesday's 3- 3.30pm, at a cost of £6 per lesson - paid half termly. If you are interested, please email [gfitzpatrick@st-anns.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:gfitzpatrick@st-anns.sheffield.sch.uk)

**Head Lice** are in School! Please regularly checking your child's hair, and treat where necessary. This does stop the spread of head lice in our classrooms. Free treatment is available from most pharmacies under the minor ailments scheme.

**SAFFA's Name the Easter Bear Competition:** SAFFA will be running a competition over the next two weeks to name the Easter bear! The bear will take pride of place in the school office and if you would like to take part, please come along and pick a name. It is £1 a go and the winner will be picked on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

## Picture News...

This is the question that we will be deliberating next week...



## In the news this week

Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympic Games in Italy. The Paralympics are an international sporting event for athletes with disabilities. This year's competitors took part in events such as skiing, snowboarding, wheelchair curling, and ice hockey. Many athletes train for years to compete at this level. Some have overcome injuries or health challenges, while others were born with disabilities. Using specialised equipment and incredible determination, they compete for medals.

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

- > Who do you find inspiring in sport? Ask someone at home about who they find inspiring.
- > What does being a champion mean to you?
- > What helps people overcome challenges? Talk with someone about their experiences.

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 Apple Guided Access
- [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](#)
- [Sheffield Parent Carer Forum Peer Support Group](#)
- [Trans Pennine Trail Easter Activity Pack](#)