

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026



Upcoming Events...

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
Thursday 2 nd April (3pm)	Closing date for Parent Governor Applications
Friday 3 rd April	Good Friday Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 20 th April (8:30am)	School Reopens – Summer Term 1 Begins
Monday 20 th 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:
SPaG Squad	Mrs Guy	Monday 30 th March
Mega Maths	Mrs Guy	Tuesday 31 st March
Reading Comprehension	Mrs Marshall	Thursday 2 nd April

Please note: Year 6 SPaG Squad (Mondays) and Mega Maths (Tuesdays) After School Clubs will have their last sessions on 4th and 5th May, as SATs take place the week after.

Cancelled After School Clubs – Summer 1 half term:	Teacher	Date:
Reading Comprehension (3-3:45pm)	Mrs Marshall	Thursday 23 rd April
TT Rock Stars (3-3:45pm)	Mrs Marshall	Tuesday 19 th May
KS1 Sports Club (3-4pm)	Mr Pritchard	Tuesday 19 th May
Reading Comprehension (3-3:45pm)	Mrs Marshall	Thursday 21 st May

Proud to be Me... *HOLY WEEK: "This week alone, unique in the full sense of the word, is the week of the Lord's Passion. It is Holy Week." St John Paul II. Holy Week is a very special time: it includes Palm Sunday, the celebration of the Last Supper, the washing of feet, the agony in the garden, Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and his resurrection. Everybody is invited to come and join with the Church this Sunday and receive a palm leaf, blessed by the priest, to take home. As a family, share ideas about what else you could do, or join in with, to celebrate the start of Holy Week and make it special. To find out more about Holy Week, please see: cbcew.org.uk*

Reception	Nickolas	We are so proud of how far Nickolas has come! His growing confidence is lovely to see, and it's wonderful that he's surrounded by a great group of new friends. He's a real pleasure to have in school every single day.
Year 1	Miles	Miles has been an absolute superstar lately! We are so impressed with how well he is listening, looking, and thinking during our carpet time and activities. It is wonderful to hear him use his clear speaking voice to share his brilliant ideas with the rest of the class. Well done, Miles, keep sharing that wonderful brain of yours!"
Year 2	Aida	Aida has shown an enthusiastic attitude towards her learning, and her perseverance has really impressed us. She has worked very hard and always tries her best. In our English lessons, while exploring the poem 'If I Were in Charge of the World,' she shared some fantastic and thoughtful ideas that truly touched us. Her positive attitude inspires those around her, and she is a wonderful role model in our class. Keep up the fantastic work, Aida!

Proud to be Me Continued...

Year 3	Shay	High five to Shay for her amazing work on fractions! She can now tell us all about the numerator and denominator, and she is becoming an expert at sharing fairly. It's lovely to see her 'thinking like a mathematician' every day!
Year 4	Lottie	A huge well done to Lottie for making such a wonderful Easter card! Miss Gill was so impressed by your listening skills; you followed every instruction perfectly. You showed amazing precision with the tricky bits and didn't give up even when it got a bit fiddly. That's what we call 'Year 4 Resilience!' Your attention to detail has made this card look professional. Great job, Lottie!
Year 5	Erin	Erin has produced a fantastic information booklet about our history project subject, Walter Tull. Erin has packed it full of facts about this inspirational footballer and soldier and presented it beautifully.
Year 6	Imogen	Imogen has impressed us with her perseverance this week. She worked solidly through several lengthy assessment tasks, showing great determination. Imogen is always a super role model and can always be relied upon to demonstrate the five key skills of our Golden rules.

PE: Alexandru for brilliant team work and football skills. Arabella for showing great effort and perseverance to win her 1V1 battle great teamwork in the football match. Eleni for her super communicating with her team and helped them to win the football match.

Music: Kathaleana for her great singing and claves playing. Sara for her super confident singing and claves playing this week. All Year 2 for their fantastic end of topic performance of their composition inspired by Vaughan Williams' 'Lark Ascending'. Fantastic work by all Year 3/4 this week working on xylophones to compose and perform short melody's

Spanish: All reception for a fabulous first Spanish lesson. Heidi N for great listening, looking and concentrating. Dylan for his wonderful enthusiasm every Spanish lesson. He always gives all the pronunciation a really good try. Taylor-May for trying really hard with the Spanish numbers up to 20 and persevering even when she found it difficult.

Silver Awards go to: Adam, Arabella, Harry, Sara, Jacey, Cathryn and Charlotte for earning 200 *Monster Effort* points - Well done!

Happy Birthday: to Ruby, Shay and Aleston

Holiday Birthdays: Iona, Oliver H, Myah G, Olivia K, Nickolas, Lucy

Winning House: St Benedict's with 363 points!

House Term Winners: St Teresa with 1326 points; followed by St Catherine's 1254; St Gregory's 1236; St Benedict's 1042

Attendance: Year 1 with 95.4%

Swimmers of the Week: Taylor-May and Isla

Plugs for Parents...

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

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 for more information. The closing date for applications is Thursday 2nd April – 3pm

National Online Safety: Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it. In the guide, you'll find tips such as playing online games with your child, talking about your child's online life and being prepared to listen without showing any judgement or criticism.

Plugs for Parents Continued...

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

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 is running a competition until we break up for Easter, to name the Easter bear! The bear has taken 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 lucky winner will go home with not only the bear, but a hamper of other treats and goodies! The winner will be picked on Thursday 2nd April.

Kooth App: Kooth is a free, safe, and anonymous online mental health platform specifically designed to support the wellbeing of children and young people. It provides users with access to professional counselling via text-based chat, as well as a library of helpful articles and peer-to-peer support forums. Because it is commissioned by the NHS and local authorities, it offers a secure space for young people to seek help without needing a formal referral or a waiting list.

Safety Reminder – Speed Limits: We are aware that late parents/carers are entering our car park at speed in the rush to get their children to school. As a reminder, the car park is not for parent use. Please park on the road. And, if you find yourself entering for any reason, please strictly adhere to our 5mph speed limit, thank you.

Pinders Offer: We thought it might be good to know that Pinders have some bulk offers on at the moment for sweatshirts and cardigans. They can be found on the [Pinders website](#) and ordered online to be delivered free of charge to School.

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

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Links and Attachments...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Combating Online Bullying
- [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](#)
- Inman Pavilion Craft Club
- Look Local Newspaper – [Stocksbridge Scouts Food Drive](#)
- Sheffield Healthy Holidays – Easter Fun
- Wortley Women's Rugby Club – Taster Session
- Sheffield United – Easter Football Camps