

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

## Upcoming Events...

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| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May                                  | Bank Holiday (School Closed)                                     |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May | Y6 SATs  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May                                 | Y6 SATs Treat - Domino Pizza Lunch                               |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May                                 | Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip        |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May                                 | Y5/6 and Y2 Mini First Aiders                                    |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May                                | Y5 St Marie's Cathedral - The Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Service |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May (8:50am)                      | Pentecost Parade and Celebration of the Word                     |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                                 | INSET Day (School Closed)  |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                                 | Break up for May Bank Half Term Holiday                          |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June                                 | INSET Day (School Closed)  |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                                | School Re-opens  |

## 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.

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

| Cancelled After School Clubs – Summer 1 half term: | Teacher        | Date:                            |
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| TT Rock Stars (3-3:45pm)                           | Mrs Marshall   | Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April  |
| Funky Phonics                                      | Mrs Brotherton | Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April |
| Funky Phonics                                      | Mrs Brotherton | Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May    |
| Reading Comprehension (3-3:45pm)                   | Mrs Marshall   | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May     |
| KS1 Sports Club (3-4pm)                            | Mr Pritchard   | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May     |
| TT Rock Stars (3-3:45pm)                           | Mrs Marshall   | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May    |

**Proud to be Me...** *TRUST: "Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's care." St Augustine of Hippo. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life and he asks us to place our trust in him. Each of you say how, in the days ahead, you can show your trust in God. Perhaps, rather than worry, pray and offer any concerns to Jesus. How can we show God, and others, that we are people who they can trust? Perhaps we can always try to: tell the truth; choose to do the right thing; be generous with our God-given gifts of time, talent and money; keep our promises.*

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| Reception | Alfie  | For his super maths this week! Alfie helped the teenage ladybirds find their missing spots using Place value to help him!  |
| Year 1    | Israel | For his wonderful sentences about the main character the Ladybird who said never a word, he used a subject noun, a verb, and an adjective to describe the noun, remembering to include capital letters and full stops too!   |
| Year 2    | Eleni  | Eleni consistently demonstrates our Golden Rules through her kind, caring and helpful actions in the classroom, dining hall and playground. She shows fantastic concentration during her learning and approaches every task with a positive attitude. Eleni is curious and engaged, often asking thoughtful questions that deepen her understanding and support others' learning too. We are very proud of you, Eleni! |
| Year 3    | Avayah | Avayah has shown wonderful resilience and mathematical thinking this week whilst working with mixed numbers and improper fractions this week. Well done!   |
| Year 4    | Connie | Connie has had a superb week! She showed wonderful creativity by inventing mixed-up words to describe 'The Lost Thing' and produce a beautiful comic book strip retelling the 'Road to Emmaus' story in RE.  |
| Year 5    | Erin   | Erin has contributed really well in our reading lessons this week using great expression and clarity of voice as well as giving perceptive and full answers to comprehension questions. Well done Erin.  |
| Year 6    | Seb J  | Seb has worked diligently all week on his practice SATs papers showing a steady perseverance and evidence of taking on board advice. Seb is always a great ambassador for our Golden Rules.  |

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

**PE:** Athena for her improved throwing skills scoring lots of points for her team. Arabella for showing great teamwork and communication during Athletics helping her team to victory. Emberlee for her effort and determination in Athletics she made a great captain! Dougie was outstanding in PE this week. A great effort this week. Shay also had a brilliant week. Shay was able to forehand the tennis ball with increasing accuracy. Gerard knows how impressed I was with his skills in tennis. Control with some accuracy great for the first tennis lesson. Oliver said he didn't really play tennis but you couldn't tell. Great serving technique and able to forehand over the net consistently.

**Spanish:** Adam had a lovely Spanish lesson showing that he understood the colours 'red' and 'yellow'. Annabella was brilliant as we retold the 'plant pot story' in Spanish this week joining in with all the actions. Rosalie always shows wonderful enthusiasm for Spanish and was really great with joining in with practising the Spanish colours. Shay always works well in Spanish and this week she was fantastic putting the numbers with fruits and vegetables. Hermione has produced beautiful work on our Tapas topic and some great sentences on food likes and dislikes.

**Music:** Janelle really tried hard this week reading and playing music notation. Isreal for his super rocket inspired drumming this week. Aida gave some great contributions this week to our discussion on Benjamin Britten's orchestral piece 'The Storm'. Avayah was fantastic this week remembering our body percussion motif, leading and encouraging her group. Esme and Matilda did a fantastic job this week of leading the classes Samba piece. Well done girls!

**Happy Birthday:** Dylan                      **House of the Week:** St Catherine's with 326 points

**Silver Awards go to:** Alexandru, Alfie, Milo Ruari and Israel for earning 200 *Monster Effort* points – Well done!

**Gold Awards go to:** Romee and Oliver L for earning 300 *Monster Effort* points – Well done!

**Attendance:** Reception Class with 96.4%

## **Plugs for Parents...**

**SATs Treat 15.05.26:** An email has been sent out to parents/carers today with detail of this treat.

**Y2 and Y5/6 Mini First Aid 18.05.26:** We are delighted that our Year 2 and Year 5/6 class will soon be participating in an essential life-skills workshop. Mini First Aid Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley & Wakefield will be coming to School to teach these hands-on sessions. During the visit, children will gain the confidence and knowledge needed to handle various medical situations and emergencies. These sessions are tailored to each age group to ensure the training is both engaging and easy for the children to remember.

**Y5 St Marie's Cathedral - The Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Service 19.05.26:** A letter has been emailed to parents/carers this week regarding this trip.

**Pentecost Parade and Year 5/6 Celebration of the Word: 21.05.26:** Family and friends are invited to join us for this Celebration of the Word at 8:50am followed by our annual parade down to Fox Valley at 9:30am.

**The Good Shepherd Appeal:** This Easter season, St. Ann's is proud to support the [Good Shepherd Appeal](#), an initiative that helps vulnerable people across the Hallam Diocese. It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to put their faith into action and support the incredible work of local charities. Our Year 5 children will be representing the school at the Good Shepherd service at St. Marie's Cathedral in Sheffield (information will follow) but in the meantime we would like to invite our whole school to join us in a fundraising challenge.

We are aiming to create the word 'HOPE' on the school hall floor using nothing but coins. Our goal is to make the word as big as possible. Please save your small change: 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, or 20p coins and bring it to school. We look forward to sharing a photo of 'HOPE' with you all.

**National Online Safety:** A deepfake is an extremely convincing piece of media that is created using artificial intelligence (AI), based on pictures and recordings of the subject. The name comes from the deep learning approach to AI needed to generate them – and the fact that they're used to create fake content. Deepfakes can be made as videos, static images and audio – where a person's voice is accurately mimicked to make it seem as though they have said something which, in reality, they have not. In our guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as fake news, pornography and fraudulent use.

## Plugs for Parents Continued...

**Change to Proud to be Me Time:** A quick reminder that our Friday Proud to be Me assembly is now at 2:30pm each week.

**AI Chatbots:** We know that some of our children are befriending AI chatbots. To help parents and carers to navigate this, please visit this [Internet Matters](#) page to learn about the risks involved and how you can best support your child to use them safely and responsibly.

**Jogging bottoms:** We are short of some of the bigger sizes of jogging bottoms for our spare clothes cupboard. If anyone has any KS2 (age 7-11) black jogging bottoms that they no longer need and can donate, please drop them off at the office, thank you.

## Picture News...

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



### Why do some people become so important to the world?



## In the news this week

Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster, is celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. For over 70 years, he has created and presented programmes that help people understand animals, nature, and the planet. His work has inspired millions of people to learn more about the world and take care of it. Many people are celebrating his life and the difference he has made.

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

- Who is someone you think is important? Why are they important?
- What has David Attenborough done to help people understand the world?
- How can we learn about places and animals we can't see ourselves?
- Do you think you have to be famous to make a difference? Why?
- Can you share something you care about and would like others to care about too?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Save the date! Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
St Ann's School Summer Gala

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## Links and Attachments...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Deepfakes
- [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter](#)
- [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](#)