



Friday 15th May 2026

Upcoming Events...

Monday 18 th May	Y5/6 and Y2 Mini First Aiders
Monday 18 th May (2pm)	Instrumental Recital (Cancelled)
Tuesday 19 th May	Y5 St Marie's Cathedral - The Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Service
Thursday 21 st May (8:50am)	Pentecost Parade and Celebration of the Word
Friday 22 nd May	INSET Day (School Closed)
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for May Bank Half Term Holiday
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 2 nd June	School Re-opens
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	Walk to School Week
Thursday 11 th June	National Dental Survey for 5 Year Olds
Friday 12 th June	Class Photos

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 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	Tuesday 19 th May
KS1 Sports Club (3-4pm)	Mr Pritchard	Tuesday 19 th May
TT Rock Stars (3-3:45pm)	Mrs Marshall	Thursday 21 st May

New Cancellation:

Maths Support (3-3:30pm)	Mrs Guo	Wednesday 20 th May
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Proud to be Me... : FRIENDSHIP: *"If Jesus calls us to be friends, let us not leave this call unheeded. Let us welcome it, let us take care of this relationship." Pope Leo XIV. As a family, name ways in which you can deepen your friendship with Jesus, who loves and supports us always. Perhaps it's through: reading the gospels; receiving the sacraments; sitting with Jesus in prayer, alone or with others. Share any stories of when you felt loved and supported by your friends and talk about the qualities that make a good friend (e.g. kindness, honesty, trust, loyalty). In what ways can we be a better friend to others this week – could you reach out to someone who may be feeling lonely? Which friends can you especially pray for at this time?*

Reception Year 1	Dollie Israel	Dollie and Israel for their work in science this week. They have shown a fantastic understanding of the features of living things. They confidently sorted objects into "alive" and "never been alive" groups, including thoughtful discussions about our class pet Professor Pebble. They explained their ideas clearly and demonstrated excellent scientific thinking.
Year 2	Louie	Louie has done really well in his English writing. He has shown great independence by coming up with his own ideas and writing his sentences all by himself. He worked hard to improve his spelling and used his purple pen to correct and edit his work. We are very proud of the effort, perseverance, and positive attitude he has shown towards his learning.
Year 3 Year 4	Bobi Thea	Bobi for a fantastic week of learning! Bobi has blown me away with his mathematical thinking, his creativity and his resilience. Keep up the wonderful work. Thea for continuing to bring a positive and calm attitude to the classroom. Thea has also worked really hard across her learning and has been really creative in English by producing a wonderful but unusual Lost Thing.
Year 5	All of Year 5	For being obliging and accommodating and coping with their 'temporary' classroom in the hall while Year 6 were otherwise engaged.
Year 6	All of Year 6	Year 6 have shown oodles of concentration and perseverance this week, working their socks off in our special 'morning tasks' this week. Well done, you have survived SATs!!

Proud to be Me Continued...

PE: Alex for remembering so many of the words we have used in PE this term and this is showing big improvements in his athletic performance. Jacob D he found the hurdles quite tough at the beginning but he has persevered and grew in confidence and skill. Margot – Margot really impressed with her effort this week, really giving her all in the races for her teams. Tinashe has really grown in confidence in PE. Her perseverance has really paid off in skipping. Iona is a determined student without a doubt. Nothing will get in the way of Iona's ambition to be the best at skipping. Nnenna is a pleasure to teach and is always willing to give any activity a try. Nnenna has really grown in confidence over the last term. Oliver and Carter showed just how capable both of them are. Catching the ball out of thin air, being a team player and as you can imagine super competitive.

Swimmer of the Week: Avayah

Spanish: Athena was fantastic in Spanish this week recognising the colours of the Spanish flag and joining in with our greeting song. Annabella tries really hard with her Spanish pronunciation and always shows wonderful enthusiasm. Daniel did really well this week recognising the weather phrases in Spanish. Harry tried really hard with his pronunciation this week when playing our polite Hungry Giant game. Erin is fantastic in Spanish every week and always gives every task 100%. She is a pleasure to teach.

Attendance: Year 3/4 with 96.2%

Silver Awards go to: Janelle, Roman, Dollie, Seb L, Laylah and Esme for earning 200 *Monster Effort* points – Well done!

Gold Awards go to: Jacey, Annabella, Oliver H, William, Thomas B, Matilda, Darla, Isla and Lottie for earning 300 *Monster Effort* points – Well done!

Platinum Awards go to: Nancy for earning 400 *Monster Effort* points – Well done!

Happy Birthday to Gabriel

House of the Week: St Teresa's with 400 points

Plugs for Parents...

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.

Instrumental Recital 18.05.26: This has been cancelled and will be rearranged for another date. We will keep you posted.

Walk to School Week 08 – 12.06.26: Please note: this week has been changed from the last week of half term in May to the second week back in June. Children will be encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride to school every day of the week. With our classroom packs, children can track their progress on a brightly coloured wallchart and earn stickers as they go along. If you live far away from School, don't worry. You can join in by park and stride (parking further away from School and completing the last bit of your journey actively).

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

National Dental Survey for 5 Year Olds 11.06.26: All 5-year-olds at St Ann's will have come home with information and a consent form to sign and return to School. Please sign and return if you haven't already. All 5 year olds with consent will participate in this. For more information about this initiative, please see this [School Dental Surveys video](#).

Class Photos 12.06.26: Class photos will be taken in school on this day and will be available to order and distributed before we break up for Summer. Please can all children come to school with their St Ann's jumper/cardigan for the photo (and tie if applicable). As it is Year 5/6s PE day, please can this class make sure they have their St Ann's PE hoodie with them for the photo, thank you.

Plugs for Parents Continued...

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.

Welcoming our new Parent Governors: We are pleased to announce that, following the recent parent /carer ballot, Jennifer Callaghan and Paula Mirfin have been elected as our newest parent Governors. We are incredibly grateful to all the candidates for their willingness to step into this role and thank them for their dedication and support.

National Online Safety: Group chats are a hugely popular way for children to stay in touch with their friends, whether via messaging apps, social platforms or games. These online groups can help them feel connected, strengthen relationships and encourage creativity – but they also come with certain risks. From teasing and exclusion to privacy worries and inappropriate content, children can experience a wide range of challenges in group chats. This guide helps parents and educators recognise the signs of trouble and offers simple ways to support children in using group chats safely and respectfully.

Picture News...

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



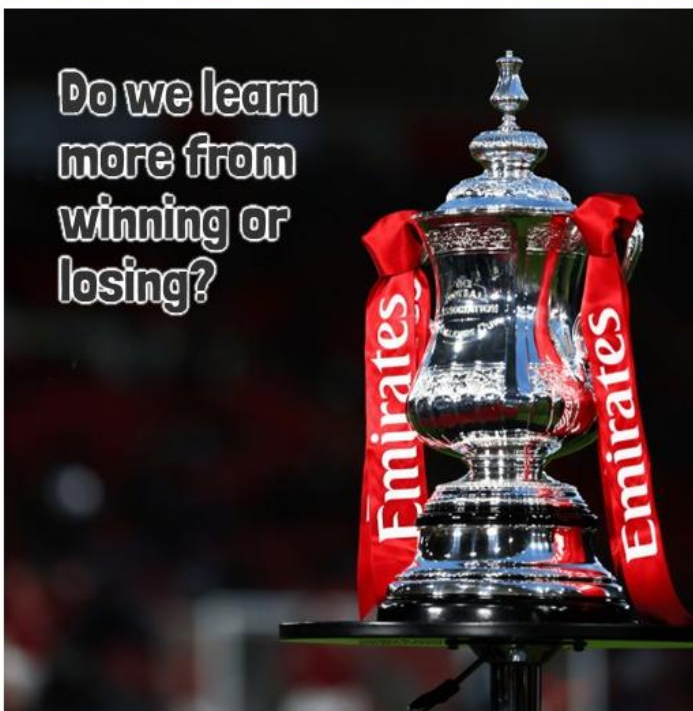
In the news this week

Last weekend, football teams Manchester City and Chelsea competed in the Men's FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium. The FA (Football Association) Cup is one of the oldest football competitions in the world, with teams from across England and Wales taking part each year. Millions of people watched the match, supporting their teams and hoping to see them win the famous trophy. For the players, reaching the final is a huge achievement after months of hard work.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you think of a time when you won something – what did you learn?
- What about a time you didn't win – what did that teach you?
- In your opinion, why do some people keep trying even after losing?
- Talk together about how you believe we should behave when you lose.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



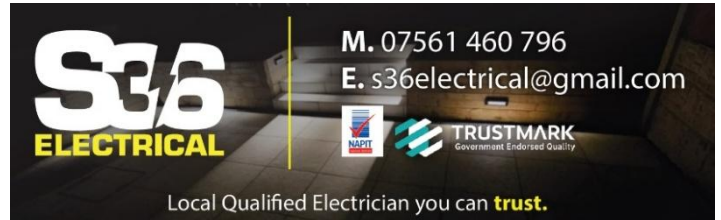
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Save the date! Saturday 27th June 2026
St Ann's School Summer Gala

**A huge thank you to our local partner,
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St Ann's School Summer Gala**



Other items:

SAFFA Volunteers needed: Calling all parents, carers and family members! SAFFA are looking forward to hosting the Summer Gala on Saturday 27th June and are looking for helpers. Help is needed setting up from 9am, running a stall/activity (12-4pm) and help tidying away. Even if you can only lend a hand for an hour, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email Ashleigh at saffapta@gmail.com to let her know if you can help. Thank you in advance for your support.

DSC Under 10s Football Club: Some of our children attend this club and have asked for your support to win a Tesco grant. If you shop at Tesco Penistone, please support DSC Under 10s Football by choosing them with your blue coin tokens – thank you.

Links and Attachments...

- National Online Safety – What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Group Chats
- [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](#)
- [Trans Pennine Trail – May Half Term Activity Pack](#)
- Stocksbridge Friendship Bowling Club – Open Day