

Head Teachers' Bulletin 2nd April - 2026

Upcoming Events

- 21st April – Full day 'Good Autism Practice' training
23rd April – DSL Network meeting 4-5pm online
27th April – Prayer and Liturgy Co-ordinators Network
29th April – Senior Leader Network meeting 1.30pm online
5th May – Heads' Forum

Actions from this bulletin

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New Updates (since last bulletin)

End of term thanks

With some of the schools in our family already on their Easter break and with all of the others quickly approaching the end of term, I thank you for your work this term and hope that you have a restoring break.

"Heavenly Father, this Holy Week, I quiet my heart before You. Let me not rush past these sacred days, but walk closely with Jesus—through His triumph, His suffering, and His sacrifice. Open my eyes to see the depth of His love, the weight of His obedience, and the hope found in His resurrection. Lord, prepare my heart to receive the fullness of this week's meaning. Amen."

Headteacher reports

The School Improvement Priority Document and Headteacher Report templates will be live for data entry from our return on Monday 20th April.

Although there are no significant changes from the last report, please remember that in section 2B which is the evaluation section on Catholic Life, you are reporting on Leadership. ie looking at Catholic Life, Religious Education and Collective Worship through the lens of Leadership.

The deadline for completion of both documents is Friday 8th May

Any questions, as always please ask.

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Prayer and Liturgy Coordinators Network 27th April

The main agenda item is planning for the Good Shepherd Trust activity in the Victoria Hall on 19th May. Our PLCs will be using this time to plan the workshops that the staff attending from their schools will be running with the children who are attending on 19th May. The aim of the Trust activity on the 19th May is that the children return to school with a Pentecost Liturgy that they are able to deliver back in school after the half term break.

At the request of PLCs we will also be sharing practice and thinking about how we can support those of other Faiths within our Annual Plans of Provision.

Good Shepherd Celebration - 19th May

Caritas will be sending out information after Easter about the two Good Shepherd celebration events that are taking place on the 19th and 20th May, and asking for numbers of students and staff attending.

Thank you to everyone who has let us know they will be bringing staff and children to the Good Shepherd event at St Maries on 19th May and the St Clare Trust event in the Victoria Hall afterwards. We have passed these numbers onto Caritas who are organising the Good Shepherd event. You will not need to respond to Caritas' request.

If you are intending to bring staff and children to the Good Shepherd event on the 19th and/or the St Clare event afterwards in the Victoria Hall, but for whatever reason you haven't yet let Anita know, can you please do so as soon as possible and Anita will then liaise with Caritas. The rate-determining factor is space in St Maries - there is still space, but Caritas need to manage preferences from schools across the whole diocese. We've had 'first refusal' on places for the 19th up to this point, but the two events are now being opened up to the whole diocese.

New Starters Trust Induction - Tuesday 9th June, 3.00-4.15pm Pastoral Centre

We are piloting a new starters Trust induction session. If it is successful we would be aiming to replicate this on a termly basis for staff who have joined the Trust within the previous term.

The aims of the induction session will be to:

- Help new starters form connections to the wider Trust
- Ensure that new starters understand the why of the Trust
- Ensure that new starters have a good awareness of the distinctive nature of the Trust
- Ensure that new starters know some key basic information about the Trust.

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We will be inviting all staff who have started at a Trust school since the Trust INSET day. They will be receiving a direct invitation via their school email after the Easter break, but we wanted to make sure that you are aware of this date.

We would welcome any feedback on this to inform plans going forward.

DSL Network - 23rd April 4.00-5.00pm

The agenda for the next DSL meeting is below. Please join on Teams

1. Peer reviews good practice sharing
2. Trust Safeguarding Role
3. Behaviour/safeguarding incident reporting on headteacher
4. reports
5. CPOMs Development Work at All Saints
6. Update on governor safeguarding training
7. OnlineSCR implementation update
8. Safeguarding training curriculum

SEND Network Meeting

The next meeting is 8th June (not 7th May as listed in the last bulletin)

OnlineSCR implementation and Training.

A reminder please to:

- Upload your user list by end of term.

Items from previous bulletin

EDUPay Guide

A user guide has been prepared for employees for the EDUPAY system. (The manager user guide is currently in development). The employee guide has been shared with School Business Managers to circulate to current staff and include in the onboarding of new staff. The guide will be added to the standard induction template which will be shared shortly.

'Good Autism Practice' training Tuesday 21st April

We need to have at least 10 people booked on to the training for it to run. The session in November was cancelled due to low numbers.

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This module is for any member of staff working with autistic pupils aged 5-16 .

This module focuses on the importance of getting to know a pupil and how their autism affects them. We look at examples of distressed behaviours and how these can be supported through a range of strategies, approaches, and reasonable adjustments. The module also guides you on how to gather information about an autistic pupil's interests, aspirations, strengths and differences and how this information can be used when developing a Pupil-Centred Education Plan (PCEP). The module introduces the AET Schools Competency Framework for you to be confident when developing and evaluating your good autism practice, following completion of the module.

Venue = Hallam Pastoral Centre. Cost = £75 per delegate (AET Materials totalling £350 are given to schools as part of this training)

English Hub Opportunities

The English Hub are looking to increase their team of Literacy Specialists (KS1 phonics and KS2 reading), and Early Years Language and Literacy Specialists from September 2026. The role would involve being released from school for around 1 day a week to support other schools on developing their reading and/or early language provision. [Please use the link here](#) to access an expression of interest form for more information and to request an application pack.

Applications will need to be submitted by Wednesday 1st April, for shortlisting for interviews and school visits after the Easter holidays.

Maths Hub role

Attached with this bulletin is information about the Maths Hub Operations & Partnerships Manager role. Please share this with anyone you think may be interested. [The application details are here.](#)

Keynote talk by Laura Bates

All Saints have arranged for Laura to speak with students, school leaders, PSHE leads and leaders from across the MAT as part of our ongoing work to **help tackle violence against women and girls** and to support schools in addressing issues such as everyday sexism and misogyny.

Laura Bates is a writer, campaigner and the founder of the Everyday Sexism Project, a global initiative that has gathered testimonies from women and girls about gender inequality and harassment in everyday life. Her work has increasingly focused on **the rise of online misogyny**, the influence of the so-called **"manosphere"**, and the ways in which emerging technologies – including AI – are being used to target and abuse women and girls online. She is also the author of several influential books exploring misogyny, online radicalisation, and the impact of emerging technologies on gender-based harm.

These issues have been widely reported in the news in recent months, and many schools are seeing their impact in the attitudes, language and online experiences of young people. Laura's keynote will explore these challenges, helping schools better understand the cultural and digital environments students are navigating, and how education can play a key role in promoting respectful relationships and critical digital awareness.

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The event is designed to support school students, leaders, PSHE staff and MAT leaders in understanding the challenges students, staff and parents are encountering in day to day life and digital spaces, and to equip schools with insight to help foster respectful relationships and critical digital awareness.

Event details - Monday 20th April at All Saints Catholic High School, Granville Road, Sheffield, S2 2RJ

Session 1 - 10am-11am (please arrive no later than 9:45am to allow us adequate time to seat guests) OR

Session 2 - 11:15am-12:15pm (please arrive no later than 11 am, again, to ensure that we can seat guests)

If staff would like to attend the event, they can do so by emailing Kay Scahill -PSHE/RSE Lead at

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