



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly!

Value of the Half Term

Justice

Newsletter Issue 25

Thursday 28 March 2024

This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right.
Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed.

Jeremiah 22:3

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ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT



Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's talent show. It was a very special occasion enjoyed by all. Huge thanks to the staff and volunteers who contributed to the event, but especially to **Miss Taylor** and **Mrs Taylor**, who organised and co-ordinated the entire show! We look forward to doing it all again next year! Our winners can be seen below:

Overall Winner	Grace B (Year 6)	7 and under winner	Tallulah C (Year 2)
Bob Lewis Award	Evelyn F (Year 4)	8 and over winner	Sophie C (Year 4)



KIDS GET THEIR SUPER POWERS BY
**ATTENDING SCHOOL
EVERY DAY** ⚡



BE AN ATTENDANCE
SUPERHERO!

Whole school attendance year to date <i>Whole School target 96%</i>	96.22%
Whole school attendance week ending 22 nd March 2024	97.33
Class with best weekly attendance	1M- 100%

Attendance Expectations

Children are expected to be in school **every day** unless they are unwell. All other reasons will be unauthorised. If your child is going to be absent, contact school and let us know before 9.20am. Children not in school may receive a phone call home or home visit. In line with our Attendance Policy, we are committed to supporting families in improving their child's attendance, before taking legal action.

#EveryMomentMatters



Number of pupils with 100% attendance this week

371

Punctuality

School starts at **8.50am**.

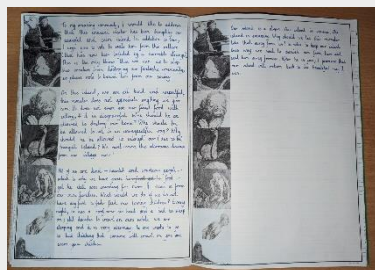
Lessons start at **8.50am**.

School gates open at 8.40am.

Children arriving after 8.50am will need to use the main entrance. Children who enter school via the main entrance will be registered as late. Regularly missing the beginning of lessons has a negative impact on a child's progress and wellbeing.



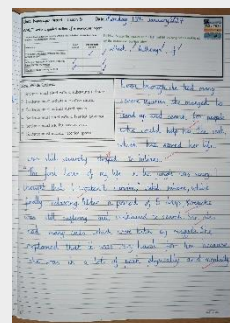
A SPOTLIGHT ON: ENGLISH – WRITING, SPELLING, PUNCTUATION & GRAMMAR



The Writing Journey:

In this week's spotlight, we would like to share the writing journey that your child completes in each unit. Our younger children in Reception and Year 1 may only complete small parts of the writing journey, as they begin to formulate their first sentences. Here's a breakdown of the process they undergo:

- 1. Read of the Text that Stimulates Writing:** Every writing journey begins with inspiration. We immerse children in captivating texts, sparking ideas and igniting imaginations.
- 2. Analysis of a WAGOLL (What A Good One Looks Like):** By examining exemplary pieces of writing, often referred to as WAGOLLs, children learn to identify key elements that make a piece effective.
- 3. Vocabulary Development:** Expanding vocabulary is essential for effective communication. Through various activities and exercises, children enhance their writing with vivid and precise language.
- 4. Teaching Grammar in Context:** Grammar lessons are integrated into the writing process, tailored to the specific purpose of the piece being written.
- 5. Incidental Writes:** Short, spontaneous writing exercises provide opportunities for children to practice their skills in different contexts.
- 6. Slow Write:** The slow write is a focused session where children take their time to craft a piece of writing, paying attention to detail, structure, and language choices.
- 7. Editing Task:** Editing is a crucial step in the writing process. Children learn to review and refine their work, focusing on clarity and coherence.
- 8. Planning:** Before diving into their first draft, children engage in planning activities, organising their thoughts and ideas to ensure a coherent and well-structured piece.
- 9. First Draft:** With a solid plan in place, children put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and write their initial draft.
- 10. Edit and Publish:** After completing the first draft, children revise and edit their work, refining it further. Finally, they proudly publish their finished piece, whether it's in the form of a printed story, a digital presentation, or a class reading.



What can I do to support my child's writing at home?

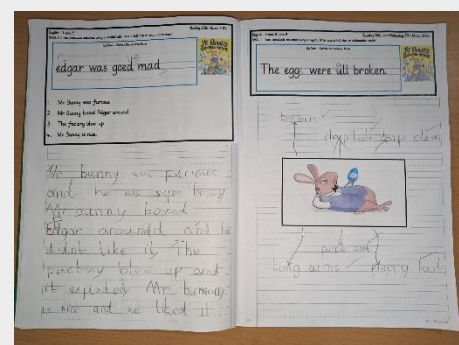
Write Often: Encourage your child to write regularly.

Read Together: Explore different reading materials and discuss them.

Offer Ideas: Help your child by suggesting writing topics or questions.

Create a Writing Space: Set up a cosy area with writing supplies.

Praise and Share: Celebrate your child's writing achievements and share their work proudly.



EASTER BINGO

We are delighted to announce, this year, our Easter Bingo raised the grand total of £1570.37

Huge thanks to Mrs Preston for her wonderful organisation of the event, the staff team who supported her, as well as all our families who came along to join in the fun!

FAMILY WORSHIP



On **Friday 26 April at 9am**, **1T** will lead their Family Worship in the hall all

about Earth Day. Please wait at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

Congratulations to Elsa D (Year 5) who has won this term's attendance raffle.

Our summer raffle starts now and will be drawn on Friday 19 July 2024. To enter you must have over 96%+ attendance and not taken a holiday during term time. Good luck! 😊

PARENT FORUM

We have Parent Forum Rep vacancies in the following classes and keen to fill them.
5B & 6A.

If you are interested in being a Parent Rep, please contact school on stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME



The Easter Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) will be running from Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 12th April 2024 for all eligible children, young people, and families.

We will be holding a provider event on Friday 8th March 2024 between 11.00am to 2.00pm at Central Link Family Hub, Peter Street, St Helens, WA10 2EB. We would like to invite parents/carers and children/young people to drop in and meet with HAF providers to have a better idea of what activities are on offer and an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have. Refreshments will be available.

Those who wish to attend must be eligible to access the HAF programme. The programme is open to **children aged 4-18 years who are eligible for and receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM), and their families. Children who are in receipt of a support plan via Early Help, Child in Need or Children We Look After, EHCP, or if your child receives additional hours at school.**

If you require any further information, please call Central Link Family Hub 01744 673445.

[#HAF2024](#) funded by the Department for Education

KINGSWOOD REMINDERS – YEAR 4

During the week beginning 15th April (first week back) children in Year 4 will be attending Kingswood. Please see below for final reminders and quick tips for our departure date on 17th April:

- £10 maximum spends for gift shop to be sealed in an envelope with name clearly written
- Long sleeve clothes will be required for certain activities (top and bottoms)
- Children will need a refillable water bottle to take out with them each day
- Spare set of clothes in case some items get wet, especially socks!
- Waterproof coat needed
- Two pairs of shoes – one pair for activities and one pair for in the evening
- Medicines need to be in a bag with your child's name written clearly
- No sweets or food to be brought
- No electronics or smart watches/Fitbits

Medicines and money will be given to a member of staff going on the departure morning and kept safely together.

Quick Tips!

- Girls/long hair – come with your hair braided so it is neat for the full duration of the trip
- Caps – if the weather is sunny when we are there
- Plastic bags – keep each outfit together in a separate plastic bag so it is easier for your child to get ready in the morning and put their clothes away of an evening



5B SWIMMING



W/C 15 April 5B will go swimming Tuesday-Friday afternoon for a fortnight. Please see separate letter for further information

CLASS TEACHER VACANCY

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, enthusiastic and talented class teacher to join our outstanding primary school from September 2024, and who shares our vision for providing a first-class education and instilling all our children with a love of learning. Please click on the following link for further information

<http://www.three-saints.org.uk/pages/vacancies/vacancies.htm>

School closes on
Thursday 28 March.

School re-opens on
Monday 15 April.

CHRISTIAN VALUE FOCUS: SERVICE

To end the half term, all classes have had a special focus lesson, on the Christian Value: Service. This will be next half term's value. You can find out more about this value towards the end of the newsletter.



ST GEORGE'S DAY

Children who attend a uniformed club, may wear this to school on St George's Day instead of their school uniform – Tuesday 23 April 2024.

MEASLES BLOG FOR PARENTS FROM DFE

Due to the rise in measles in the UK, if you wish to find out more, you may be interested to read this blog from the DFE:

[what to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school](#)

NUMBOTS & TIMESTABLE ROCKSTARS

Daily use of Numbots and TTRockstars has been proved to boost number and times table recall speed significantly, impacting positively on children's Mathematical Development. Just as the expectation at St Ann's is to read for 5 out of every 7 days each week, the expectation to access either Numbots (EYs-Y2) or TTRockstars (Y2-Y6) is the same

The table below shows the number of children who have accessed the programmes in the last 7 days. You can show that your child has accessed either of the programmes by simply ticking the logo off in their home school diary. Let's do this!

1M	1T	2H	2O	3E	3H	4C	4S	5B	5D	6A	6M
5	4	6	3	4	13	21	9	2	4	8	22

Most Improved	
Year 1: Sophia H & Grace B	Year 3: Evie C & Alana F
Year 2: Imogen G & Matilda M	Year 4: Dylan B & Amelia F
	Year 5: Isabella H & Oliver P
	Year 6: Francesca R & Noah S

A Month in Sport at St Ann's (March)

An extremely busy end to our Spring Term with lots of exciting news to share including St Helens School Games events, Intra-School competitions during lunchtimes and PE lessons as we all the launch of our new Year 5/6 Girls Football kit from The Premier League.



Key Stage 1 New Age Kurling
(Thursday 29th February)

Key Stage 2 New Age Kurling
(Monday 1st March)



Year 3 Football
(Thursday 7th March)



Girls Football Festival
(Friday 8th March)



Competitive PE Lessons



New Year 5/6 Girls Football kit

There are lots more competitions and School Events to look forward to during our Summer Term!



SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #24

Stranger Danger

NEVER-Agree to meet a stranger.

NEVER-Go anywhere or do anything with someone that you do not know.

NEVER-Take sweets or presents from someone you do not know.

NEVER-Never get into a car or vehicle of someone you do not know.

NEVER-Give personal details to a stranger.

ALWAYS -Tell your parents or responsible adult where you are going.

ALWAYS -Arrange a time to be back and **STICK** to it.

ALWAYS -Look out for your friends when you're out and about.

ALWAYS -Know your address and contact number for a responsible adult in an emergency



Resurrection!

An evening of songs and readings

with Rainhill Community Choir

7.30pm

Saturday April 27th

St Ann's Church, Rainhill

L35 0NS

All welcome

Free entry



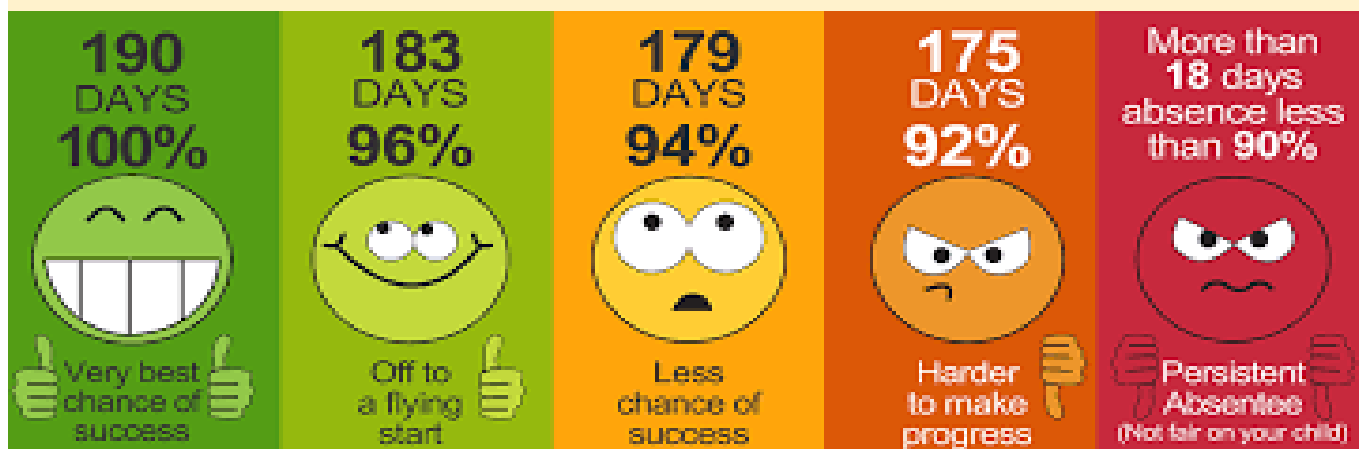
ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

At St Ann's we are relentless in our focus on attendance because we want the best for our pupils. The research speaks for itself, children with strong levels of attendance, fulfil their full potential and develop the skills and personal qualities required for a happy and fulfilled life.

Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

All children with **96%+ attendance**, and who have not taken a holiday during term time, by **Friday 19 July** will be entered into the next Attendance Raffle.

GOOD LUCK 😊



This term we will be focussing in school on the value **SERVICE**. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT SERVICE TOGETHER...

Jesus was called the 'servant king'; his mission was to **serve** God and to **serve** all those people he met, through his teaching, his example and the way he led his life.

Who are the unsung heroes who **serve** us?

- at school
- at home
- in our clubs

How do you **serve** others?

- at school
- at home
- in your clubs

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"There is more happiness
in giving than receiving"

*The words of Jesus recorded in
Acts 20.35 - The Good News Bible*



READ TOGETHER...

Queen Esther serves her people

When King Xerxes, the ruler of the mighty land of Persia, was looking for a wife, Mordecai immediately thought of his cousin, the wise and beautiful Esther. Mordecai's family was Jewish, but he warned Esther not to tell anyone about this as he knew that there were powerful people in the land who hated Jews. Mordecai took Esther to the palace gates to be presented to the king, and, sure enough, as soon as King Xerxes saw Esther he fell in love with her, and the humble Jewish girl became a queen.

Mordecai often sat by the palace gates hoping to hear snippets of news about his cousin. For some time, all seemed well. But Haman, a wicked and powerful man in the court of King Xerxes, became angry with Mordecai because he would not bow down and honour him. Haman hatched a cunning plan. He began to tell the King bad things about the Jews living in his land and eventually he persuaded Xerxes that all the Jews should be killed. Queen Esther was beside herself with grief. She loved her people very much but felt powerless to help them.

King Xerxes noticed how terribly sad his queen had become, and begged her to tell him why she was so upset. Esther said she would explain if he and Haman would come to a feast that she prepared the following evening. When the grand banquet was over King Xerxes asked once again. "My dear Esther, you promised to tell me the reason for your sorrow." Esther summoned all her courage in what might be her last act of **service**. She told the King about Haman's plan to kill all of the Jews, which would include herself. King Xerxes was furious at the prospect of losing his beloved and beautiful Esther and ordered Haman to be arrested.

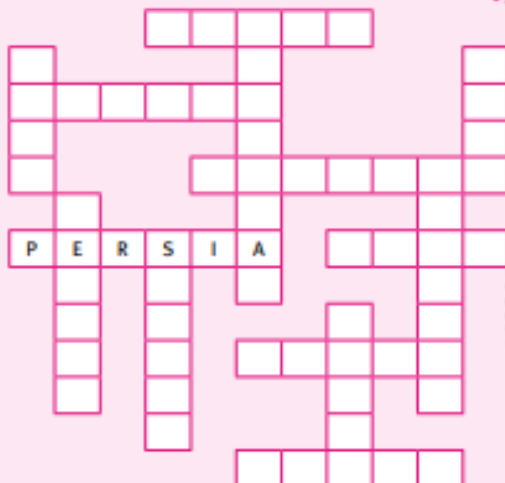
And so it was that Esther's name will be forever be remembered for her willingness to risk everything in the **service** of her people.

Bible story based on Book of Esther



QUIZ Word Fit

ESTHER	FEAST
XERXES	GATES
HAMAN	KING
MORDECAI	QUEEN
JEWS	SERVICE
PERSIA	SORROW
CUNNING	WIFE





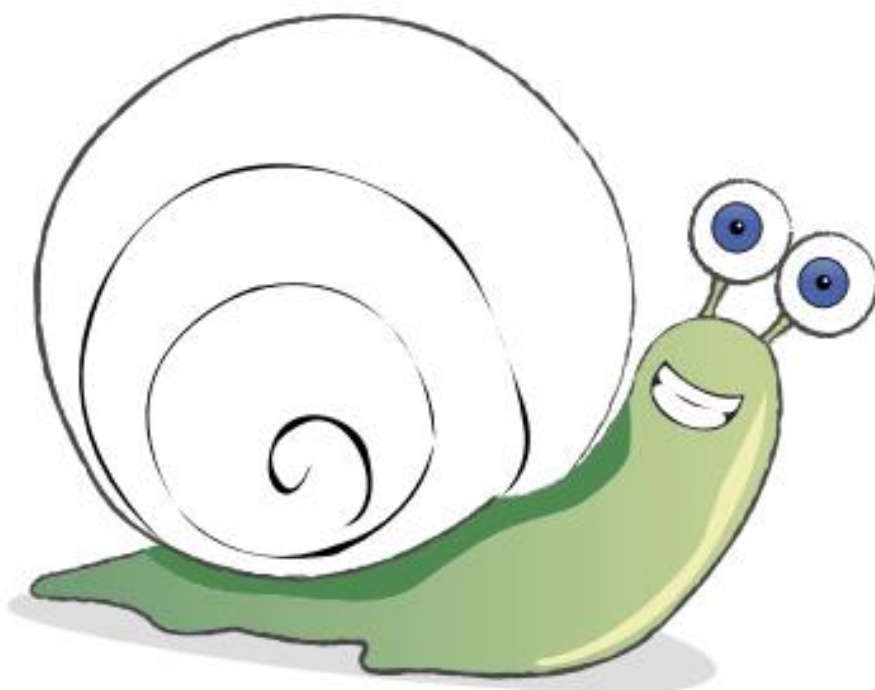
FAMILY FOCUS

Service with a smile

Complete a 'service snail'.

Living a life of **service** is about keeping your eyes open and looking out for ways to make others smile.

Draw a large smiley snail. Can you fill in the spirals on the snail's shell with ways in which as a family you serve each other in one week? When the snail shell is full take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.



HALL OF FAME

JK Rowling OBE

Joanne K Rowling is best known for writing the series of fictional novels about Harry Potter, stories which captured the imagination of children across the world. She was awarded the OBE for her "**services** to children's literature".

JK Rowling wanted to use some of the money she had earned from her books to help orphaned children in Eastern Europe, she founded The Lumos Foundation and funded work to transform the lives of disadvantaged children living in huge, poorly funded orphanages. With her help beautiful, well equipped homes have been established, run by foster parents who love and care for young children.



FASCINATING FACTS



OBE Award

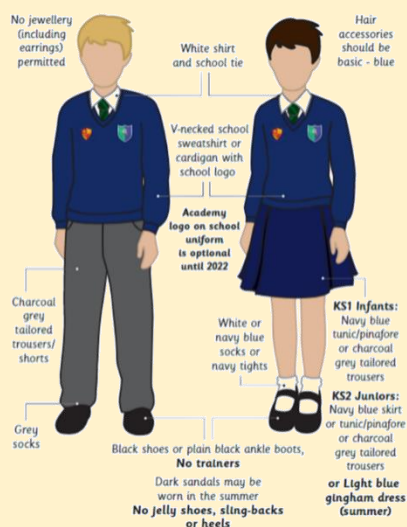
The OBE, **Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire**, is an honour and medal awarded to people who have **served** their country or local community, often as volunteers.

- the first honours were awarded by George V in 1917 to people who had **served** their country in World War 1 but were not soldiers
- over 800 OBEs are now given each year
- OBEs are awarded for **service** such as:
 - o helping disabled children and their families
 - o working on nature conservation projects
 - o bringing relief to carers of very sick relatives
 - o protecting and caring for our country's important buildings
 - o providing animal welfare



GENERAL INFORMATION/REMINDERS

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS



**Please note, it is no longer compulsory to wear items of clothing with the school and Trust logos on. Children may wear plain navy-blue items of school uniform.*

SCHOOL SHOES REMINDER



TOAST

The deadline for Toast (Years 1-6) for next half term has now passed. Please see the flyer attached to this Newsletter for details of the payments required for future half terms.

EARLY YEARS SNACK

Foundation stage children receive Snack on a daily basis. We would be most grateful if you would make payment on Arbor of the following amounts by the due dates:

Spring 2 - £8.70 as soon as possible if not already paid
 Summer 1 - £8.40 by 20th March 2024
 Summer 2 - £11.10 by 15th May 2024

TERM DATES

Term	Open on	Close on
Autumn Term 2023	5th September 2023	26th October 2023
	6th November 2023	22nd December 2023
Spring Term 2024	9th January 2024	9th February 2024
	19th February 2024	28th March 2024
Summer Term 2024	15th April 2024	22nd May 2024
	3rd June 2024	23rd July 2024

PURCHASING SCHOOL ITEMS

If you wish to purchase a school item this can now be done through Arbor. If you make a purchase please email the school office at stannsce@three-saints.org.uk so that arrangements can be made to issue the item. Current prices are as follows:

School Bag £10.00
Junior Tie £4.00
Elasticated Tie £3.50
Children's University Passport £5.00
Replacement Home School Diary £5.00

Courtesy
Care
Concentration



St. Ann's Church of England Primary School

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Twitter: [@RainhillStAnns](https://twitter.com/RainhillStAnns)

Headteacher: Mrs Laura Rynn

‘But those who trust in the Lord, they will find new strength.
They will soar high on wings like eagles’ **Isaiah 40:31**

Parents' Suggestion/Comment Slip



Easter at St Ann's



HOLY WEEK



Sunday 24th March
8:30am BCP Communion
10:30am Communion



Service for Palm Sunday with Platform 2
meeting in St Anns Centre



Tuesday 26th 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 27th 7.30pm Bible Course

We conclude the course with a final session and communion.

Thursday 28th 9.30am Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion with foot washing

Good Friday 29th March

9:30am Gather in church for hotcross buns

10am Walk of Witness to St Barts Church

10.30am Ecumenical Service at St Barts

2pm Last Hour at the Cross at St Anns



31st March 10:30am Easter Day

6am Sunrise Service at the Dream

8:30am BCP Communion



10:30am Easter Day Celebration Service

TOAST

YEARS 1-6

If you would like your child to have Toast every half term please see below for the amount due each half term and the date the amount is required by. Payments should be made to your Arbor Toast account. Payments can be made in advance of these dates if you wish and the credit will be used once the due date arrives.

	Amount Due	Date Toast Account to be in credit by
Autumn 1	£9.50	13th July 2023
Autumn 2	£8.75	18th October 2023
Spring 1	£6.00	19th December 2023
Spring 2	£7.25	31st January 2024
Summer 1	£7.00	20th March 2024
Summer 2	£9.25	15th May 2024

Total for year £47.75



RAINHILL HALL

YOU ARE INVITED TO RAINHILL HALL'S

200TH BIRTHDAY

Party

SUNDAY

5
MAY

12PM-4PM

**Live
Music**

Stalls

**Food
Available**

**Kids
Games**

**Visit from a
Pony**

**Bouncy
Castle**

FREE ENTRY

Rainhill Hall Hotel, 800 Warrington Road, L35 6NZ

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO PARKING
AVAILABLE ON SITE.

DATES FOR DIARY APRIL -July

DAY	DATE	EVENT										
Monday	15 th April 2024	School Opens										
Tue- Fri	16 th – 19 th April 2024	5B Swimming										
Wed-Fri	17 th -19 th April 2024	Y4 Kingswood Residential										
Friday	19 th April 2024	Friend’s Association Meeting 2.00-3.00pm										
Tuesday	23 rd April 2024	St George’s Day <i>Children can wear club uniforms.</i>										
Tue- Fri	23 rd – 26 th April 2024	5B Swimming										
Friday	26 th April 2024	1T Family Worship 9.00-9.30am										
Tue-Fri	7 th -10 th May 2024	Y5 Bikeability										
Thursday	9 th May 2024	Ascension Service @ Church 2.15-3.00pm										
Mon-Thurs	13 th -16 th May 2024	Y6 SATS Week <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Exam</th></tr><tr><td>Monday 13 May 2024</td><td>Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2</td></tr><tr><td>Tuesday 14 May 2024</td><td>English Reading</td></tr><tr><td>Wednesday 15 May 2024</td><td>Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)</td></tr><tr><td>Thursday 16 May 2024</td><td>Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)</td></tr></table>	Date	Exam	Monday 13 May 2024	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2	Tuesday 14 May 2024	English Reading	Wednesday 15 May 2024	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)	Thursday 16 May 2024	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)
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Mon-Wed	13 th -15 th May 2024	Y5 Bikeability										
Tuesday	14 th May 2024	Y2 Buddhist Temple Visit										
Wednesday	15 th May 2024	Parent Forum for Class Reps										
Thursday	16 th May 2024	Y5 Communion @ Church 9.30-11.00am										
Friday	17 th May 2024	Y6 Fun Day										
Monday	20 th May 2024	Mark Barrow Run (am) No spectators										
Monday	20 th May 2024	EYFS Sports Day 1.30-3.00pm										
Tuesday	21 st May 2024	EYFS Safari Park Trip										
Tuesday	21 st May 2024	KS1 Sports Day 9.15-11.30am										
Tuesday	21 st May 2024	Y5 & Y6 London Residential Parent Meeting 5.00-6.00pm, Hall										
Wednesday	22 nd May 2024	Children’s University Passport Bank										
Wednesday	22 nd May 2024	Y3 & Y4 Sports Day 9.15-11.30am Y5 & Y6 Sports Day 1.00-3.00pm										
Wednesday	22 nd May 2024	School Closes										
Monday	3 rd June 2024	School Opens										
Tuesday	4 th June 2024	Y1 & Y2 RSHE Parent Workshop 5.00-5.30pm										
Wednesday	5 th June 2024	Y3 & Y4 RSHE Parent Workshop 5.00-5.30pm										
Thursday	6 th June 2024	Y5 & Y6 RSHE Parent Workshop 5.00-5.30pm										
Friday	7 th June 2024	Friends Association Meeting 2.00-3.00pm										
Mon-Fri	10 th – 14 th June 2024	Year 1 & Year 2 Resists Phonics Screening Check Week										
Mon-Fri	10 th – 14 th June 2024	Year 4 Multiplication Timetable Check										

Wednesday	12 th June 2024	Y6 Leavers Service Anglican Cathedral 12.00 -3.00pm Parents/ carers welcome
Thursday	13 th June 2024	Y2 Trip to The Liverpool Empire: Awful Auntie (am)
Friday	14 th June 2024	EYs Song Fest Visit
Mon-Fri	17 th – 21 st June 2024	Whole school assessment week (except Y6)
Monday	24 th June 2024	Y1 Trip to The Story Barn, Calderstones Park
Wed-Fri	26 th -28 th June 2024	Y5 & Y6 London Residential
Friday	28 th June 2023	EY's Family Worship 9-9.30am
Mon-Tue	1 st -2 nd July 2024	Rainhill High School Y6 Transition Days
Mon-Tue	1 st -2 nd July 2024	Transition Days (all classes)
Wednesday	3 rd July	Choir Event: Lost in Music Details TBC
Thursday	4 th July 2024	Friends Disco
Monday	8 th July 2024	Year 6 Production @ Rainhill Village Hall
Wednesday	10 th July 2024	Year 6 Production @ Rainhill Village Hall
Friday	12 th July	Eyes Open Performance for Y6 (Drugs and alcohol awareness)
Thursday	18 th July 2024	Y6 Communion, Church @ 9.30-11.00am
Friday	19 th July 2024	Children's University Graduation St Ann's Church 11.00am-12.00pm
Monday	22 nd July 2024	Y6 Awards Evening 6pm @ Church Y6 Leavers Disco 7pm @ School
Monday	22 nd July 2024	Y1-Y5 Awards Evening 7pm @ Church
Tuesday	23 rd July 2024	Y6 Leavers Service @ Church 9.30am
Tuesday	23 rd July 2024	School Closes