



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Service

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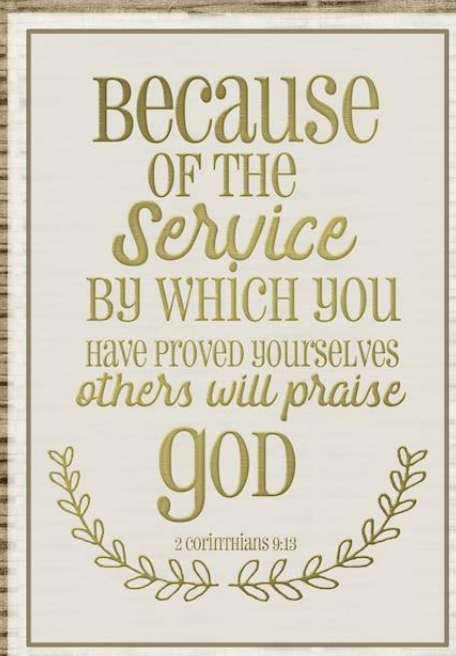
You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.

But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13

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Y4 KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL

A wonderful time was had by all during this year's Y4 residential to Kingswood. All the children showed strength of character and resilience as new skills were learned and memories were made. **HUGE THANKS** to all the staff who organised and supported the residential. It wouldn't happen without them!





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>	96.23%
Whole school attendance week ending 19 th April 2024	96.46%
Class with best weekly attendance	1T – 100%

#EveryMomentMatters



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.

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:



YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK

Immediately following our half term holiday, all Y4 pupils will take part in the statutory times table check. The Multiplication Tables Check will be administered over a **two week period** starting on **w/c Monday 3 June 2024**.

Children will be tested using an on-screen check (on a computer or a tablet), where they will have to answer multiplication questions against the clock.

The test will last no longer than 5 minutes. Answers will be marked instantly. Children will have 6 seconds to answer each question in a series of 25. Each question will be worth one mark and be presented to the child in this format:

$n1 \times n2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Questions will be selected from the 121 number facts that make up the multiplication tables from 2 to 12, with a particular focus on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables as they are considered to be the most challenging. Each question will only appear once in any 25-question series, and children won't be asked to answer reversals of a question as part of the check (so if they've already answered 3×4 they won't be asked about 4×3).

Once the child has inputted their answer on the computer / device they are using, there will be a three-second pause before the next question appears. Children will be given the opportunity to practise answering questions in this format before the official check begins.

The six-second time limit per question has been decided on by the DfE because it should allow children enough time to demonstrate their recall of times tables without giving them the time to work out the answers to each question.

Helping your child to prepare is easy! Simply ensure they access TTRockstars daily – we would recommend children play 3 games each day.

Watch as their score rapidly improves.

YEAR 1 PHONICS CHECK

School will administer the Phonics Screening Check the week beginning **Monday 10 June 2024** to all Y1 pupils and to Y2 pupils who failed the check in December.

The Phonics Screening Check shows how well your child can use the phonics skills they've learned, and to identify children who need extra phonics help.

The checks consist of **40 words and non-words** that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with a teacher. Non-words (or nonsense words, or pseudo words) are a collection of letters that will follow phonics rules your child has been taught, but don't mean anything – your child will need to read these with the correct sounds to show that they understand the phonics rules behind them.

You can download the Department for Education's official [Year 1 Phonics screening check past paper from 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022 & 2023](#) to get an idea of what your child will be asked to do.

Your child will be scored against a national standard, and the main result will be whether or not they fall below, within or above this standard.

You can help your child prepare for their Phonics Screening Check by going over the phonics they've learned in Reception and Year 1. Read new books and stories with them where they will be introduced to new words that they'll have to sound out, and [review the phonics sounds and rules](#).

As always, if you have any questions regarding the check, simply speak to your child's class teacher.

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

School is closed on
Monday 6 May due to
the Bank Holiday.

SPORTS DAYS

Please find detailed below the dates and time for this year's Sports Days (weather permitting). If sports days need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, we will send out a message as soon as possible.

YEAR GROUP	DATE	TIME	RESERVE DAY
EYs	Monday 20 May	1.30-3.00pm	Thursday 5 June
Y1	Tuesday 21 May	9.15-10.15am	Thursday 5 June
Y2	Tuesday 21 May	10.30-11.30am	Thursday 5 June
Y3	Wednesday 22 May	9.15-10.15am	Tuesday 3 June
Y4	Wednesday 22 May	10.30-11.30am	Tuesday 3 June
Y5	Wednesday 22 May	1.00-2.00pm	Wednesday 4 June
Y6	Wednesday 22 May	2.00-3.00pm	Wednesday 4 June

YEAR 6 FUN DAY



Y6 have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs and are doing school and themselves proud! Whilst there is still plenty of hard work ahead, they can look forward to Fun Day on **Friday 17th May**. On Fun Day Y6 children can wear own clothes to school, and following St Ann's tradition, if they have a tent and wish to bring it, they can set up camp on the field. There will be snacks and games, and lots of free time. Fingers crossed for good weather.

*Children who bring tents must be able to erect and dismantle them. Loss or damage is not the responsibility of school.

Y5 BIKEABILITY

Y5 can look forward to taking part in Bikeability training this term (7-15 May). Children will be divided into groups and will be given a number of days when they should bring their bike into school.

On their bikeability day, children should wear their PE kit to school, and bring in a waterproof coat and bicycle helmet.

Watch out for a separate letter with full details.



The
Bikeability
Trust



GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK MRS ROBINSON

Tuesday 30 April is very sadly **Mrs Robinson's** final day working at St Ann's Church of England Primary School.

Mrs Robinson has worked at our school for over 12 years, but with a young family, she has made the decision to leave her full-time position to have greater flexibility.

Mrs Robinson has worked across the school during her career, but spent the greatest amount of time in the infant department. Mrs Robinson has turned her hand to many areas of school life over the years, but more recently has taken a lead with Phonics and been our lead Student Mentor, and let's not forget that Mrs Robinson organised our first ever Easter Bingo!

While we are of course, very sad to see Mrs Robinson leave, we wish her all the very best for the future, and know she will keep in touch!

YEAR 2 VISIT TO MEDITATION CENTRE



Year 2 are so excited for their upcoming trip to Mahamevnawa Meditation Centre, this half term!

Whilst there, our Year 2s will be learning and practising the teachings of Buddha to broaden our understanding of other world faiths. We are looking forward to meditating with monks and learning about the Buddhist culture and religion!

Y5 & Y6 CONFIRMATION CLASSES & PARENT MEETING

St Ann's School and St Ann's church work together to help your children grow in Christian faith and values. This term we will be running confirmation groups after school for Y5 & Y6 for children to explore the Christian faith in preparation for confirmation.

If your children were baptised, as babies, you and your child's godparents would have made promises on their behalf. Confirmation is a time when your children can think about those promises for themselves in preparation for taking communion.

Rev'd Alan will be running some groups after school for children in Year 5 or Year 6 in preparation for confirmation. The groups will start on Monday the 20th May and run until the end of term. A meeting for further information will take place after school on Tuesday 7th May in 4S classroom at 4:30pm for any parents and children who are interested.



ELECTRIC VEHICLE NAMING COMPETITION

A reminder that St Helens Borough Council are running a competition for Year 5 and 6 children to name the 2 new electric recycling vehicles with the unveiling taking place at the winner's schools. The competition is open now with the closing date of 23rd May. The council Recycling and Waste team would like your Year 5 and 6 children to draw a picture about recycling and the environment to accompany a name for one of the vehicles.

Entry forms are available below which should be printed off for children and then scanned back to recycling@sthelens.gov.uk by 23rd May 2024. The pictures can be completed at school or at home. Further details and the template to be used are attached to the end of this Newsletter.

DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL GROUNDS



The next time you are on the yard, look out for the 4 trees that Mersey Forest have planted for us. We hope that as well as adding some interest to our field, and doing a little for climate change,

that in years to come they may even provide us with a little shade in the summer months.

ASCENSION SERVICE

On **Thursday 9 May 2.15pm**, some classes across the school will attend an Ascension Service at St Ann's Church.



Everybody welcome!

SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #25

'Listen up, Speak up'

It's up to all of us to keep children safe.

So why not take the NSPCC's free 10-minute digital training and learn what to do if you're ever worried about a child or their family. It is up to all of us to protect the children within our community.

Please encourage your friends and family to complete it too!

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up/#>



[Listen up, Speak up](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up/#)

Our free, 10-minute digital training will help you know what to do if a child needs help, or if you need support yourself.

www.nspcc.org.uk

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
3	5	2	1	3	4	25	26	2	21	4	4

Most Improved



Year 1: Francesca K & Sienna W

Year 2: Eli B & Lewis K



Year 3: Evalynn D & Amelia K

Year 4: Leyton S & Thomas R

Year 5: Henry M & Steven S

Year 6: Poppie- Mae M & Khaleesi H



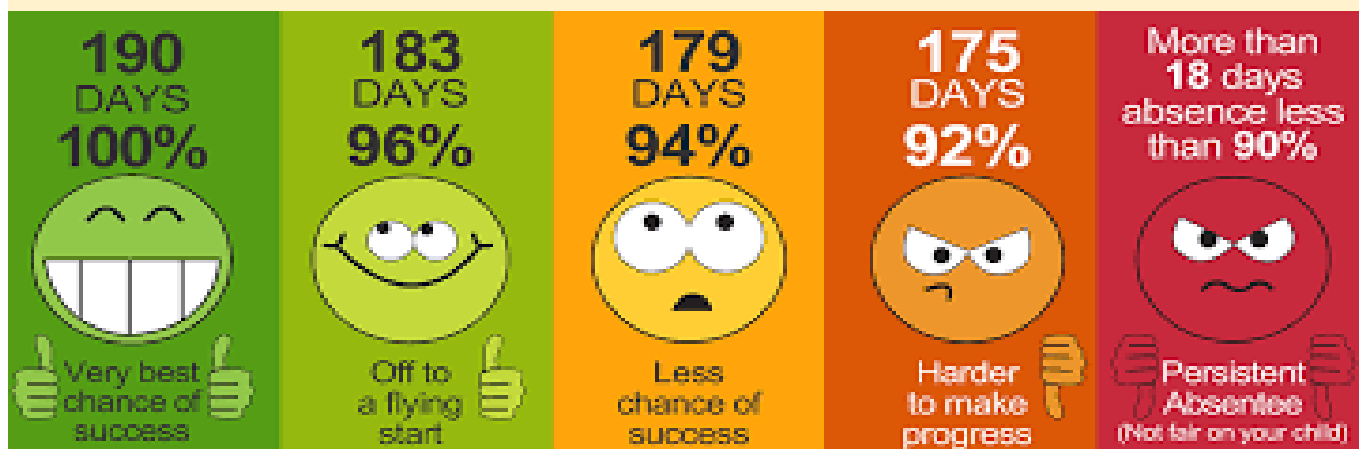
ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

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

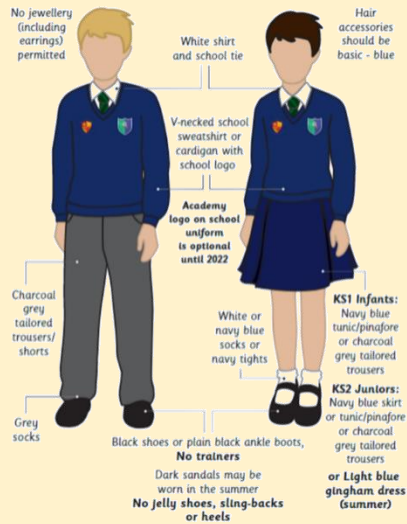
All children with **96%+ attendance**, and who have not taken a holiday during term time, by **Friday 19 July** will be entered into the next Attendance Raffle.

GOOD LUCK 😊



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:

Summer 1 - £8.40 as soon as possible if not already done so
 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

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Concentration



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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



YOU ARE INVITED TO RAINHILL HALL'S

200TH BIRTHDAY

Party

SUNDAY

5
MAY

12PM-4PM

**Live
Music**

Stalls

**Food
Available**

**Kids
Games**

**Visit from RDA
Pony**

**Bouncy
Castle**

FREE ENTRY

Rainhill Hall Hotel, 800 Warrington Road, L35 6NZ

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO PARKING
AVAILABLE ON SITE.



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

DAY	DATE	EVENT										
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										
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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 EYs Song Fest Visit										
Thursday	13 th June 2024	Y2 Trip to The Liverpool Empire: Awful Auntie (am)										
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	26th-28th June 2024	Y5 & Y6 London Residential
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
Friday	5 th July 2024	EY's Family Worship 9-9.30am
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

Electric Vehicle Naming Competition



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St Helens
Borough recycles