



# St Ann's Church of England

## Primary School



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

**Value of the Half Term**

*Courage*

**Newsletter Issue 20**

Friday 7 February 2025

For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

Hebrews 13: 5-6

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### e-SAFETY PARENT INSIGHT SESSIONS

This week, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school for a special Parent Insight Session as part of Safer Internet Day. It was fantastic to see families working together on fun and engaging activities, exploring how to stay safe online. Children and their grown-ups took part in discussions about online safety, learned how to make good choices when using the internet, and created work to share key messages. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to see how we promote online safety in school and to continue to support their children in becoming responsible digital citizens. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



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>	96.68%
Whole school attendance week ending 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	97.31%
Class with best weekly attendance	3E – 99.67%

## #EveryMomentMatters



As part of Safer Internet Day, KS2 were fortunate enough to watch an online-safety inspired performance by Altru Drama. Altru Drama then completed workshops with Year 6 children to further promote ways to stay safe online.

### 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 9.25am. 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

**363**

### 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.



## STAR DAY

We are once again very excited to be celebrating STAR Day on Friday 14th February. STAR Day is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together and raise money to support local, national and global charities that are making a difference to others in our world.

This year on STAR Day will be supporting three charities

- ACE - Building Schools in Africa
- Diabetes UK
- The Bobby Colleran Trust

On the day we are asking children to come to school wearing BLUE and all children across the school will complete a Star making activity!

**We kindly ask that to support our charities and STAR DAY a £2 donation is made via Arbor.**

## SUPER LEADERS CHURCH SERVICE

On **Friday 14 February @ 2.15pm**, representatives from Y2-Y6 will speak in church about what their Super Leader advocacy team have been getting up to this half term. The KS2 choir will also perform. Your child will know if they have been selected to perform. Why not come along and watch?



School closes for half term on  
Friday 14 February.

School re-opens after half term  
on Monday 24 February.

## FAMILY WORSHIP

On **Friday 14 February 3D** will lead their Family Worship in the hall.

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



## YEAR 3 COMMUNION

Y3 will take part in the Communion Service at church on Thursday 13 February @ 9.30am.



*Everyone is welcome!*

## A SPOTLIGHT ON: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE



### A SPOTLIGHT ON: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



Our high-quality MFL curriculum fosters pupils' curiosity, creativity and deepens children's understanding of the world. By learning Modern Foreign Languages, children develop tolerance and understanding of the world around them. Our MFL curriculum provides children with opportunities for them to understand and communicate ideas, facts and feelings in speech and writing, focused on familiar and routine matters. We aim for children's language learning to contribute to their knowledge as global citizens and the diverse world that they will grow up in as 21st Century citizens. We want our children to be inspired by language learning and to give them confidence and good

foundations so that they can build on learning in secondary school and use their skills in real life. We focus on French as it is a widely spoken language and highly accessible for our pupils, enabling them to make substantial progress in one language.

Children participate in a weekly MFL lesson in Key Stage 2. These engaging lessons are delivered by Madame Woodroffe, a native French speaker and specialist teacher. Children acquire skills and knowledge, with learning taking place in small, sequential chunks with opportunities for practice and revisiting learning. Where possible, cross-curricular links are made and additional experiences and themed days promoted, for example, European day of Languages.



## 10 BENEFITS OF LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE

1. Boosts brain power
2. Improves memory
3. Sharpens the mind
4. Enhances decision making
5. Your first language is improved
6. Improves academic performance
7. Increases networking skills
8. Provides better career choices
9. Enhances ability to multitask
10. Keeps the mind young and active

The impact of our MFL curriculum is that, through careful planning and delivery, children develop a love of languages and a willingness to experiment. With time and experience, children develop confidence to speak, ask questions and communicate with others in French, giving them liberation from insularity and an opening to other cultures. Our MFL curriculum ensures all pupils develop key language learning skills set out by the national curriculum, as well as a love of languages and learning about other cultures.

## SPRING RAFFLE



Would you like to be in with a chance of winning one of the lovely raffle prizes above to raise funds for School? If so please enter our raffle. Raffle tickets are £1 per strip and can be purchased from the School Office. Winners will be drawn on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Good luck everyone!

## 2025/26 TERM DATES

	Open On	Close On
<b>Autumn 2025</b>	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
<b>Spring 2026</b>	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
<b>Summer 2026</b>	Monday 13 April 2026	Thursday 21 May 2026
	Monday 1 June 2026	Friday 17 July 2026

### Easter Bank Holidays:

Good Friday: 3 April 2026

Easter Monday: 6 April

### Bank Holidays during term time:

Monday 4 May 2026

### Inset Days:

1 September 2025

2 September 2025

21 November 2025

22 May 2026

20 July 2026

## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORT BANK



Our next children's University Passport Bank is on **w/c 9 February**. Please ensure your child's passport is in their book bag.

## CHRISTIAN VALUE FOCUS: FORGIVENESS

Next half term our Christian Value focus will be FORGIVENESS. All pupils across the school will begin to study this value in a special RE lesson next week.

## SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #16



### Staff safe online

1. Don't share any personal information.
2. Only talk to people you know.
3. Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online.
4. Only accept friend requests from people you know.
5. Always think about what you post.
6. Use the privacy settings on social media accounts.
7. Remember not everyone online is who they say they are.
8. Report inappropriate content immediately.
9. Never share passwords.
10. Only share images with family and friends, make sure you're comfortable with the image.



## SPRING DISCO

On **Thursday 13 February**, we are holding an after-school disco to raise money for school fund. The disco is £3.00 per child. At the disco children will receive a drink of juice and will go home with a packet of crisps. EYs & Y1 children attending the disco should wear their disco clothes to school. Y2-Y6 children should be dropped off at the Y1 classroom door on the yard.

### DISCO TIMES

EYs & Y1 Disco: 3.15-4.15pm

Y2 & Y3 Disco: 4.30-5.30pm

Y4-Y6 Disco: 5.45-6.45pm

YEAR GROUP	COLLECTION POINT
EYs, Y1, Y2 & Y3	Own classroom
Y4	Year 1 door on yard
Y5	Back hall door
Y6	Front door of school



**PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WALK HOME FROM THE DISCO ON THEIR OWN.  
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED BY THEIR RESPONSIBLE ADULT.**



### **KNOW WHAT THEY DO ON SOCIAL MEDIA... WHY DOES THIS MATTER?**

- Young people **can get around age restrictions** on apps and websites, increasing the risk of them coming to harm online
- Many children have online profiles that make them appear older than they actually are – exposing them to **content inappropriate for their age**
- **Addictive algorithms can make it harder to take a break** and maintain a healthy balance between time on and offline
- Algorithms can also target content similar to what you've already selected/liked/shared. This can prevent you from finding new ideas and perspectives, create **misinformation** and **reinforce stereotypes**.





### THE VISION'S INNER SPARK PROGRAMME

**A space for everyone to learn new social and emotional skills in a fun and interactive way**

مساحة للجميع لتعلم مهارات اجتماعية وعاطفية جديدة بطريقة ممتعة وجذابة وتفاعلية

Un espace permettant à chacun d'acquérir de nouvelles compétences sociales et émotionnelles de manière amusante et interactive

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"I feel lonely in this country but Carly and Ash really listen, they are supportive, it feels like they are the only ones that care"

Understand Memories  
Mindfulness  
Sensory Grounding  
Coping Skills  
Emotional Intelligence  
Learn English Language skills  
Identity and Belonging  
Understand the Body and Mind

**Ash and Carly, The Vision**

**Every Thursday at 3:15pm-5pm.**  
Park Farm Community Centre, 54 Kentmere Avenue, St. Helens WA11 7PG

Adults, children and families welcome.  
Arrive anytime you like after school or college!

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**Every Thursday, 4 - 6pm.**  
Futures Hub, 2nd Floor Beacon Building, College Street, St. Helens, WA10 1TF

Men only group - please contact to confirm!

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# 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.*

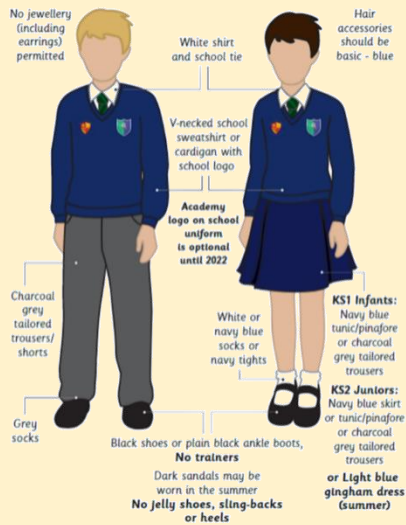
## Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

All children with **96%+ attendance**, and who have not taken a holiday during term time, by Friday 23 May will be entered into our first ever Attendance Raffle. **GOOD LUCK** 😊



## GENERAL INFORMATION/REMINDERS

### SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS



*\*Please note, it is not 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



### INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLANS

If you have notified school that your child has a medical condition that requires an Individual Health Care Plan please ensure that if there are any changes to their condition a new form is completed.

If your child has a newly diagnosed condition that requires an Individual Health Care Plan please contact the school office to arrange for a form to be completed.

### TOAST (Y1-Y6 ONLY)

If you would like your child to have Toast at breaktime for Spring 2 (24<sup>th</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> April) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £7.50 by 7<sup>th</sup> February. If your account is not in credit by at least this amount by this date we will issue a reminder by In-App message. If payment is still not received by the date stated in the reminder we will be unable to provide your child with toast for the ensuing half term. Please see the weekly Newsletter for full details.

### EARLY YEARS SNACK

Early Years children receive snack on a daily basis. We would be grateful if you would make payment on Arbor of the following amounts by the due dates:

Spring 1 - £10.50 – as soon as possible, if not already done so

Spring 2 - £10.50 – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Summer 1 - £8.40 – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Summer 2 - £12.25 – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## CONTACT DETAILS, CONSENT & PERMISSIONS

On a regular basis please check your contact details, consent and permissions on Arbor to make sure they are up to date for your child. Thank you

## MELLOR'S SCHOOL MEAL MENU

For a copy of Mellor's most up to date school meals menu, please check out our website by clicking on the following link: <https://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk/page/?title=School+Dinner+Menu&pid=46>

*Please note, the menu is subject to change where there is a shortage of supplies.*

### TERM DATES 2024-25

Term	Open on	Close on
Autumn Term 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
	4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Spring Term 2025	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Summer Term 2025	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025

### 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](mailto: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**



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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**

# 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	Midday 16th July 2024
Autumn 2	£8.50	Midday 15th October 2024
Spring 1	£7.50	Midday 17th December 2024
Spring 2	£7.50	Midday 7th February 2025
Summer 1	£6.00	Midday 26th March 2025
Summer 2	£8.75	Midday 20th May 2025

Total for year £47.75

**DATES FOR DIARY JANUARY -APRIL 2025**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Tuesday-Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	4H Swimming
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Y3 Communion 9.30-10.30am @Church
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Spring Disco EY's & Y1 - 3.15-4.15pm Y2 & Y3 – 4.30-5.30pm Y4 – Y6 5.45-6.45pm
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Children's University Passport Bank
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	3D Family Worship 9-9.30am
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Super Leaders Church Service 2.15-3.00pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>School Closes</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>School Opens</b>
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Friends of St Ann's Meeting 2.00-3.00pm
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Ash Wednesday Service 2.15-3.00pm @ Church led by Rev Alan. Everyone welcome!
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	2O Family Worship 9.00-9.30am
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Assessment Week
Tuesday-Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 18 <sup>th</sup> -21 March 2025	4S Swimming
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	2M Family Worship 9.00-9.30am
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Open House Book Look 3.30-4.30pm
Monday-Friday	24-28 March 2025	Mentoring Conversations (days & times TBC)
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	St Ann's Has Got Talent
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Easter Bingo (session times tbc)
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Y4 Communion 9.30-10.30am @Church
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Children's University Passport Bank
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Y5 Easter Service 2.15-3.00pm @ Church
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>School Closes</b>