



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

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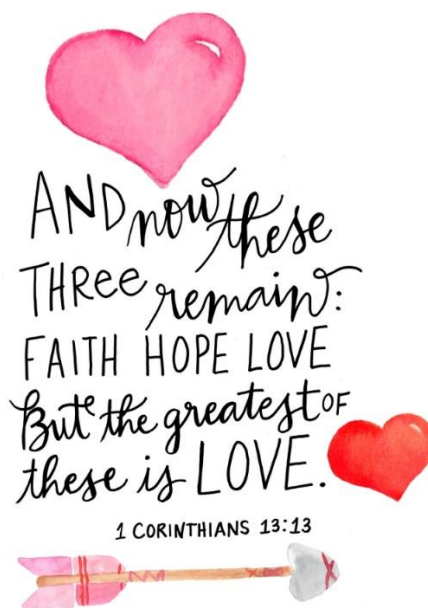
Friday 14 February 2025

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Hebrews 13: 5-6

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HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

Well done to the following children who enjoyed Hot Chocolate with Mrs Rynn this week. Your teachers chose you because you have made a strong start to 2025!. I wonder who will be chosen next half term?

EYM	Eleanor F	3D	Sofia C
EYP	Emily M	3E	Isabelle W
1S	Lyla C	4H	Oliver T
1T	Shindara A	4S	Lucinda L
2M	Sienna W	5BF	Jakob W
2O	Penelope B	5G	Elliott W
		6A	Keeva A
		6M	Henry M

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>	96.65%
Whole school attendance week ending 7th February 2025	96.24%
Class with best weekly attendance	5G – 99.26%

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.

#EveryMomentMatters



**Number of pupils
 with 100% attendance
 this week**

349

Punctuality

School gates open at **8.40am**
 School gates close at **8.50am**
 School starts at **8.55am**

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.

School closes for half term on
Friday 14 February.

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

FAMILY WORSHIP

Our next Family Worship will be led by **20** on
Friday 7 March @ 9am. The focus will be on
British Science Week.

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



STAR DAY

Today we have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating STAR Day. Over the course of the day we have taken part in a number of activities including making stars, discussing what charity is and why it is important and writing prayers. Earlier in the week we also enjoyed a visit from Ron and Sue from ACE Charity who told us all about Arise School in Tanzania and how the money we raise helps the school. Some lucky Year 5 children also had the opportunity to take part in a zoom call with children at the school! We are extremely grateful for your support with STAR Day as the money raised really does make a difference to the charities that receive it.

2025/26 TERM DATES

	Open On	Close On
Autumn 2025	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Spring 2026	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
Summer 2026	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

A SPOTLIGHT ON: DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



All of our children at St Ann's are very excited to begin their spring term units in Design and Technology! Every year group completes 3 projects per year. The projects were developed by the curriculum lead with support from an external D&T specialist.

Lessons are usually taught as a block so that there is time for children to become invested in their learning, knowledge can be deepened and skills can be mastered more easily.



One project within every year group is focused on food and nutrition ensuring that children have a growing understanding of where food comes from, its seasonality and the importance of a healthy, varied and balanced diet.

Other projects focus on structures, electrical control, mechanisms and textiles. The accurate use of technical vocabulary is high profile within DT lessons.

Our Design and Technology curriculum is built around key concepts that develop children's creativity, problem-solving and practical skills. User and Purpose ensure that children design with real needs in mind, while Functionality focuses on creating products that work effectively. Design



Decisions encourage thoughtful choices in materials and methods, fostering Innovation as children explore new ideas and approaches. Finally, Selection and Use of Tools and Equipment helps them develop precision and confidence in making high-quality

products.

Intent, Implementation, Impact

Our Design and Technology curriculum inspires children to understand how the designed world works and create functional products with purpose. Through a sequenced approach of investigating, developing skills, and designing and making, they build technical knowledge of materials, mechanisms, structures, and food preparation while developing essential life skills.

Our Design and Technology curriculum engages children in three carefully planned projects per year, covering food and nutrition,



structures, mechanisms, and textiles. Taught in blocks, lessons help deepen knowledge, develop skills, and reinforce technical vocabulary. Through cross-curricular links with science, maths, and PSHE, DT provides a meaningful context for learning and prepares children for future study.

Our Design and Technology curriculum inspires children to take pride in their creations while developing practical and personal skills for the future. By combining hands-on learning with an understanding of design, social, and environmental issues, it prepares them for a rapidly changing world. Progress is showcased through pupil voice, project displays, and assessments, ensuring children meet or exceed age-related expectations.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Week commencing **10 March** we are holding some workshops for parents/ carers. Please see below for dates and times. We encourage all parents/ carers to attend so that you are kept up to date with your children's education. All workshops start at 5pm, and will last roughly 30 minutes. Please wait by the gate at the front of school ready to be let in. 😊

Y1 Phonics Screening Check	Monday 10 March
Y4 Multiplication Timetable Check	Tuesday 11 March
Y6 SATs	Wednesday 12 March

ASH WEDNESDAY

On **Wednesday 5 March**, KS2 will attend an Ash Wednesday Service in church @ 2.15pm. An Ash cross will be marked on the children's forehead. Should you not wish your child to wear an Ash cross, please let your child's class teacher know before the service.



Everyone is welcome to join us for the service.

AN E-SAFETY POSTER CREATED BY OUR Y3 DIGITAL SUPER LEADERS TEAM

What might they NOT BE TELLING YOU?

DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly six in ten (58%) 8-17s use **multiple profiles** on at least one social media platform:

- (23%) said it was because one account was **just for parents/family** to see
- 13% said one account was **for the 'real me' and another contained edited/filtered posts or photos**

LGfL SafeguardED

Source: Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2024

The poster features a background image of children. It includes a black header with white text, an orange speech bubble with white text, a white text box with black text, and two white speech bubbles with black text. The LGfL SafeguardED logo is in the bottom left, and the source information is in the bottom right.

DO YOU SOMETIMES WORRY ABOUT HOW YOU ARE FEELING?

If so, read on!



Here are some brilliant tips from children just like you*. These children have also had ups and downs with their mental health and want to pass on some ideas that have helped them:

- Ask for help – from a teacher, parent, brother, sister, or other family member. Keep telling until someone listens to you.
- Remember you are not alone – everyone goes through tough times. Be kind to yourself – everyone is perfect in their own way.
- Stay calm – take some breaths or find somewhere to sit quietly for 2 minutes.
- Go outside and get some exercise to make yourself feel stronger.
- Spend time with your family and friends (or pets).
- It's okay to not always be okay.
- Think of your favourite thing and write it down.
- Keep a diary to track all your emotions.
- Stay positive and focus on things that make you happy. If you can't think of anything, maybe a friend can help you.
- Remember you are enough, and you are the only you.
- If you are being bullied, maybe the bully is being bullied or has something going on at home and they're taking it out on someone else. Tell an adult or trusted friend.



DO YOU SOMETIMES FEEL A BIT WORRIED ABOUT HOW SOMEONE ELSE IS FEELING?

If so, read on!

Things you can say to help support someone else:



*With thanks to the pupils at Seascape Primary School and Ark Globe Primary School.

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BEANO

PHOENIX
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK





Rules of Responsible Internet Use by Pupils



1. I will use the internet responsibly



2. In school I will only search for content appropriate and relevant to my lessons



3. I understand that information I compose, send and receive, as well as saved work and the internet sites I visit via my Three Saints account belongs to the trust and can be checked by others as necessary



4. I understand my internet activity is monitored.



5. I will only communicate with school staff and pupils using the appropriate communications system (MSTEAMS)



6. I will not access other people's files



7. I will use school devices for school work and homework only



8. I will not bring USB memory sticks into school without permission.



9. I will only communicate via the internet with people I know or my teacher has approved.



10. Messages (text or images) I send will be polite and sensible.



11. I will not share personal information, unless my parent/carer has given permission.



12. To help protect other pupils and myself, I will tell a teacher if I see anything that I am unhappy with or I receive a message I do not like.



FREE

Youth Event

21st February 2025

3:30pm-5:30pm

Photography • Gaming • Sport • Art • And much more!

No booking needed - Join us on the day at :

Totally Wicked Stadium
McManus Drive St Helens WA9 3AL



For Ages 10-14

Join us for an afternoon of creativity, learning new skills and making new friends!

YMCA ST HELENS
Would like to thank the following for their support:



For more information email:

✉ youthwork@ymcasthelens.org.uk



FAMILY MATTERS



FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
AGED 5-11 YEARS

No need to book, just drop-in!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:



SUTTON FAMILY HUB
WEDNESDAY, 3:30-5:00PM

NEWTON FAMILY HUB
THURSDAY, 3:30-5:00PM

BSL Interpreters are available on request
To get in touch with us please contact:

✉ childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk
☎ 01744 673420





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.

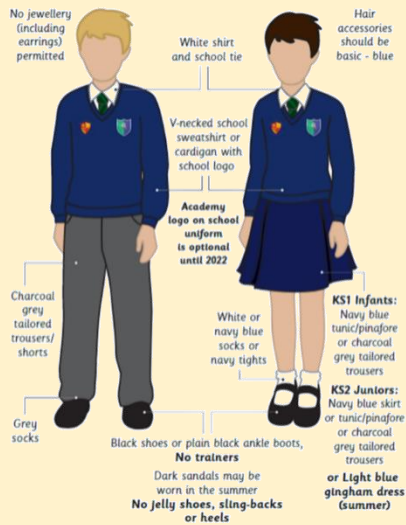
Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

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

The deadline for toast for this 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

Please see previous communications regarding changes to Foundation Stage Snack.

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 th September 2024	25 th October 2024
	4 th November 2024	20 th December 2024
Spring Term 2025	6 th January 2025	14 th February 2025
	24 th February 2025	4 th April 2025
Summer Term 2025	22 nd April 2025	23 rd May 2025
	4 th June 2025	22 nd 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 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

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

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Friday	14th February 2025	School Closes
Monday	24th February 2025	School Opens
Friday	28 th February 2025	Friends of St Ann's Meeting 2.00-3.00pm
Wednesday	5 th March 2025	Ash Wednesday Service 2.15-3.00pm @ Church led by Rev Alan. Everyone welcome!
Friday	7 th March 2025	20 Family Worship 9.00-9.30am
Monday	10 th March 2025	Assessment Week
Tuesday-Friday	11 th -14 th March 2025 18 th -21 March 2025	4S Swimming
Friday	14 th March 2025	2M Family Worship 9.00-9.30am
Thursday	20 th March 2025	Open House Book Look 3.30-4.30pm
Monday-Friday	24-28 March 2025	Mentoring Conversations (days & times TBC)
Monday	31 st March 2025	St Ann's Has Got Talent
Thursday	3 rd April 2025	Easter Bingo (session times tbc)
Thursday	3 rd April 2025	Y4 Communion 9.30-10.30am @Church
Friday	4 th April 2025	Children's University Passport Bank
Friday	4 th April 2025	Y5 Easter Service 2.15-3.00pm @ Church
Friday	4th April 2025	School Closes