



# St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

*Forgiveness*

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And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Mark 11:25

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## CONGRATULATIONS MRS PICKLES



We are thrilled to announce that Mrs. Pickles, the Chair of our School Committee and a dedicated parent at St Ann's, has received the prestigious Rainhill Good Citizenship Award from Rainhill Parish Council. We believe you will all agree that Mrs. Pickles is a truly deserving recipient, having generously devoted her time to support not only our school but also various groups within our local community.

**A heartfelt THANK YOU to Mrs. Pickles from everyone at St Ann's!**

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>	96.63%
Whole school attendance week ending 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	94.88%
Class with best weekly attendance	1S – 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 9.25am. 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**

**373**

#### 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.

### 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

We are delighted to share with you that together we raised £447.20 on STAR Day this year. All funds raised will be shared with this year's chosen charities:

**Diabetes UK**  
**Bobby Colleran Trust**  
**Africa's Children in Education**

#TogetherWeCanMakeADifference

### ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT

Arrangements for the Talent show are well underway. Please can parents/carers of children who are taking part in the show note the following:

1. **If you have not already done so**, please complete the link sent out earlier this week requesting information about your child's act.
2. Please could you email a photograph of your child in costume so that this can be included in the programme. Please use email address [stannsce@three-saints.org.uk](mailto:stannsce@three-saints.org.uk).

Further communications regarding tickets will follow shortly for those taking part, including the Choir.

### 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

## SPOTLIGHT ON: PSHE AT ST ANN'S!



At St Ann's, we believe that Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) education is vital in shaping well-rounded, confident and compassionate individuals. From Early Years to Year 6, we use the **JIGSAW PSHE** programme to develop **emotional literacy, social skills, and mental health** while building subject knowledge.

Through weekly **30-minute PSHE lessons**, children apply their learning to their own lives, helping them to positively contribute to society.

### Our PSHE Curriculum

Our **spiral curriculum** is progressive and covers key topics each half term:

- ✂ **Autumn 1:** Being Me in My World
- ✂ **Autumn 2:** Celebrating Difference
- ✂ **Spring 1:** Dreams and Goals
- ✂ **Spring 2:** Healthy Me
- ✂ **Summer 1:** Relationships
- ✂ **Summer 2:** Changing Me (*Includes RHSE - Relationships, Health and Sex Education*)

We make **clear connections** to the:

- **Protected Characteristics,**
- **Equality Act (2010),**
- **Diversity,**
- **Inclusion,**
- **Fundamental British Values,**

ensuring children develop respect, understanding and a strong sense of fairness.

### How We Learn

Each PSHE lesson has **two WALTs (We Are Learning To...)**:

- ✓ **PSHE Knowledge Focus** – Developing understanding of key concepts.
- ✓ **Social & Emotional Skills Focus** – Building essential life skills.

### Enriching Our Curriculum

At St Ann's, our PSHE curriculum is further enhanced through **focus days and weeks**, such as **Stand Up Speak Up, STAR Day** and **Anti-Bullying Day**. These special events provide opportunities for deeper discussion, active participation and practical applications of the values we teach.

Additionally, we run a **discrete Financial Education Programme** alongside PSHE, helping children develop a strong understanding of money management from an early age. Our **careers and aspirations curriculum** further supports pupils in setting goals, understanding different career paths and recognising their potential. These vital elements of our curriculum play a significant role in **building aspiration and essential life skills** that will benefit children throughout their lives.

At St Ann's, we are committed to preparing children for life in the wider world, equipping them with the knowledge, values, and skills to flourish in today's society.

*Want to know more? Speak to your child's teacher or Miss Foster (PSHE and Personal Development and Well-Being lead)*

## SPRING RAFFLE



EXCITING NEWS - WE  
HAVE HAD A GENEROUS  
DONATION OF A £20  
WINE CLUB VOUCHER FOR  
ONE LUCKY WINNER

DON'T DELAY - GET YOUR  
TICKETS NOW!!

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!

## 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
Y2 SATS Meeting	Thursday 13 March

### ASH WEDNESDAY

On **Wednesday 5 March**, Y2-Y5 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.

### ASSESSMENT WEEK

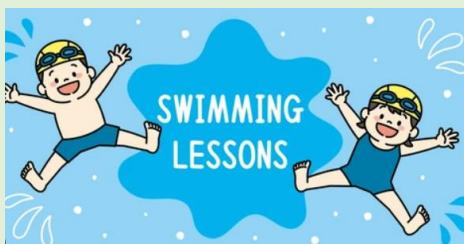


Week commencing **Monday 10 March** is assessment week for the whole school. Children's progress and attainment will be shared with parents/ carers at mentoring conversations that will take place week commencing 24 March.

It is advisable that children get plenty of rest this week, and are off electronic devices at least one hour before bedtime.

### SWIMMING

4S will have daily swimming lessons for a fortnight, week commencing 10 March (this excludes Mondays and 13<sup>th</sup> March as Year 4 are on their trip). Please see separate letter for further details.



### ASPIRATIONS DAY



We are excited to host Aspirations Day at St Ann's which is taking place over the week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, where children will have a fantastic opportunity to learn about a variety of careers and future pathways. We are delighted to welcome a diverse group of visitors, including parents, who will be sharing insights into their professions and inspiring our pupils to dream big. This event is a wonderful way to broaden children's horizons and encourage them to think about their own aspirations for the future. We can't wait for an inspiring and engaging week!

## OFSTED UPDATE

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support during St Ann's recent Ofsted inspection. Your understanding regarding our limited availability over the past few days has been greatly appreciated. While we are unable to disclose the outcome of the inspection at this time, I want to share how proud we are of our children. The inspectors acknowledged the hard work and dedication of our staff team, which is a testament to the strong community we have built together. We look forward to sharing the full report with you in due course and appreciate your continued support.

## VISITS UPDATE

As we plan for our upcoming educational trips, we want to keep you informed about the rising costs associated with these valuable experiences. Due to tighter school budgets, we may face challenges in funding these trips. If we are unable to raise sufficient voluntary contributions, we may have to consider cancelling some of these outings. We truly believe that these trips enrich our pupils' learning and personal growth, and we appreciate your continued support in making these experiences possible. Together, we can ensure that our pupils enjoy the benefits of these educational adventures.

Thank you for your understanding and support!

## SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #18

### Stress

Lots of different things can cause stress and it can feel difficult or like you can't cope. But you can manage stress, here are some tips that can help you get it under control. Sometimes stress can be helpful, it can motivate you to get things done. Or help you see that things need to change.

#### *5 things that you can try*

1. writing or drawing how you feel
2. exercise and sports
3. planning what you do
4. having healthy food and drink
5. take deep breaths.



For more advice visit

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/coping-with-stress/>



# 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** 😊



## 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**

## CELEBRATING MIA'S GENEROSITY!

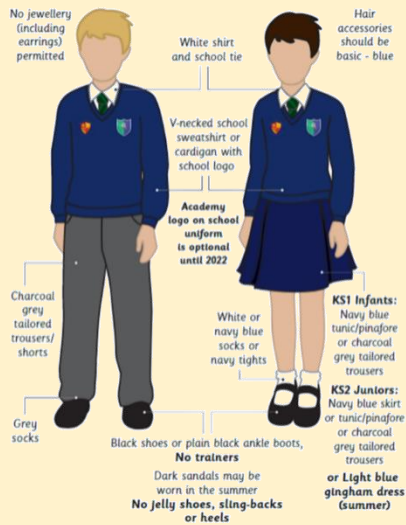


Well done to Mia in 5BF who we are very proud of. Before half term, Mia took it upon herself to hand-make around 50 beautiful crochet friendship bracelets to donate to a local charity shop and help raise money. Even more impressively, Mia crafted these bracelets using wool she purchased from the same charity shop! Her kindness and generosity are truly inspiring.

Please see the picture attached of Mia handing over the bracelets. Well done, Mia!

## 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.

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

### DATES FOR DIARY JANUARY -APRIL 2025

DAY	DATE	EVENT
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	20 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>

# 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