



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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Friday 7 March 2025

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

Matthew 18:21-22

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WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day has been a fantastic celebration of the joy of reading! This year, pupils across the school took part in activities designed to inspire their love of books and storytelling. One of the highlights of the day was our 'Reading Buddy' sessions, where our older pupils were paired with younger children to share stories together. It was wonderful to see them reading aloud and enjoying the magic of books.

Another activity that we held this year was Guess the Reader, where pupils had to match teachers to their favourite books. It was a brilliant challenge that sparked book talk and surprised many children with unexpected teacher choices! This activity showed just how personal and powerful books can be, helping us connect through the stories we love.

We also explored whole school texts focused around the power of reading. EYFS and KS1 read 'I Don't Like Books. Never. Ever. The End.' by Emma Perry, a delightful story about discovering the magic of books whilst KS2 explored 'The Bridge' by Tom Percival, which highlights how stories can connect people and bring them together. Both books inspired thoughtful discussions about the power of reading.

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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 28 th February 2025	96.94%
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

377

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

Well done to 2O who led a fabulous Family Worship to celebrate British Science Week.

Our next Family Worship will be led by **2M on Friday 14 March @ 9am**. The focus will be on International Women's Day.

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



COMING UP... SCIENCE WEEK



British Science Week begins on Monday 10th March and we cannot wait to spend all week exploring the

theme of Change and Adaptation! Children will be investigating how our planet has changed over time, how animals adapt to their surroundings, how technology has changed throughout the years and what developments we may see in the near future. We will also be having a visit from Reverend Chris who will be leading a whole-school assembly and several workshops for our children. Classes will also have the opportunity to watch and take part in live lessons about space and farming - what an exciting week!

ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT

If your child is taking part in the Talent Show please see your emails for correspondence sent out earlier this week.

If your child is a member of the School Choir please reply to the link sent out earlier this week to confirm if your child would like to perform with 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

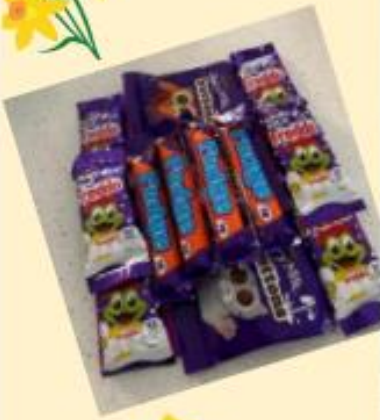
2 September 2025

21 November 2025

22 May 2026

20 July 2026

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 21st March. Good luck everyone!



A SPOTLIGHT ON: PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Our Physical Education curriculum inspires all pupils to achieve and succeed in physically demanding activities and competitive sport. Physical Education is taught through clear sequential learning mapped out from the Early Years to Year 6.

Children participate in two weekly Physical Education lessons - these lessons are led by specialist external sports coaches or the class teacher.

In EYFS and Key Stage 1, pupils develop fundamental movement skills, become increasingly competent and confident and access a broad range of opportunities to extend their agility, balance and coordination.

In Key Stage 2, pupils continue to apply and develop a broader range of skills. They enjoy communicating, collaborating and competing with each other. They develop an understanding of how to improve in different physical activities and sports and learn how to evaluate and recognise their own success.

KS2 children are provided with the opportunity to attend swimming lessons. During their lessons, children are taught to: Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres; Use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke) and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.



We can't wait to celebrate Healthy Living week in May!

Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May 2025



The week will focus on activities, discussions, and initiatives that encourage healthy living habits, such as exercise, nutrition, and mental well-being. The celebration is designed to raise awareness about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and inspire individuals to make positive changes.

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	Thursday 13 March

LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC YEAR 4 VISIT

Our Year 4 students are looking forward to an inspiring trip to the Liverpool Philharmonic for the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra: Schools' Concert 2025. This special event will take them on a musical journey around the world, exploring different cultures through the power of live orchestral music. Children in Year 4 have been practicing a song for the interactive concert.

We can't wait for to experience the magic of a world-class symphony orchestra in this unforgettable performance!

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). 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 17th 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! **Children in Key Stage 1 are welcome to attend school on Monday 17th March dressed in the clothes that represent what they want to be when they grow up... Doctor, Nurse, Lawyer, Teacher, Vet, Firefighter! The possibilities are endless!**



TRUST UPDATE

Mrs. Lewis, Headteacher at St Mary & St Thomas', is set to leave her substantive post to take on the role of Headteacher at Childwall CE. In the interim, Mrs. Rynn will serve as the Executive Headteacher for both St Ann's and St Mary & St Thomas' during the summer term while the recruitment process for a new Headteacher is underway. Mrs. Rynn's time will be shared equally between the two schools. She will be supported by the Senior Leadership Team at each school during the summer term, ensuring that both schools continue to thrive.



CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION FOR CARE EXPERIENCED CHILDREN

For further information regarding the Creative Writing competition please look at our website [our website](#). You can also hear about the competition's impact from young people who have previously been involved:

- Read [this interview](#) with Evan, one of our Upper Secondary finalists from Voices 2024 on what writing means to him.
- [Listen to Mali](#), a recent winner from the Primary category, share her experience on FunKids radio.
- Watch our video on [why young people should enter the Voices writing competition](#).

Key information:

- **Deadline for Submissions:** 23rd March 2025
- **Age for entry:** the competition is open to children and young people between the **ages of 4-25**
- **What to write?** This year's theme is 'My Voice' to coincide with our 50th anniversary. Entries can be poems, songs, raps, stories, articles, or anything else that fits the theme, up to 500 words.
- **Eligibility and Submission Guidelines:** Full details on how to submit, as well as further eligibility information, can be found on [our website](#)

Need some inspiration? We also have created [a resource pack](#) to help the creativity flow! This is aimed towards practitioners, teachers, and others who support care-experienced young people, to help them run creative workshops that let young people engage with the theme and produce some creative work they may wish to submit. This may be of value to your Virtual School and Participation teams.

If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team at voices@coramvoice.org.uk, or to myself. Thank you for taking the time to help support care-experienced young people in making their voices heard!

Warm regards,

Milly Jonas Research Officer (Coram)

SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #19

How to support a young person with an eating disorder

According to the NHS, eating disorders are a 'mental health condition where you use the control of food to cope with feelings and other situations'. Recognising an eating disorder is the first step towards healing and regaining balance and it's important to remember that while eating disorders can be overwhelming, help and support is available and recovery is possible.

There are various types of eating disorders, including Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia, and Binge Eating Disorder. However, some individuals might not fit into these categories and instead experience Other Specified Feeding or Eating Disorders (OSFED) or ARFID (Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder), which is more common among individuals with autism. Understanding these different experiences helps us better support those going through these challenges.

What are some of the signs and symptoms to look out for in young people?

Emotional and behavioural signs:

Withdrawal from social activities

Over exercising

Skipping meals

A noticeable dip in mood, or irritability

Avoidance of certain foods (especially cutting out fats and carbohydrates)

Preoccupation with weight loss, food, calories, and dieting

Engaging in food rituals, such as excessive chewing or rearranging food on the plate

Concerns with body shape and size

Physical signs and symptoms

Feeling cold or fatigued often

Feeling dizzy

Experiencing gastrointestinal issues (like constipation)

Trouble focusing or sleeping

Dry skin or hair

Lack of menstruation or other hormonal imbalances

For more information visit

<https://giveusashout.org/latest/how-to-support-a-young-person-with-an-eating-disorder/>

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSION

Wednesday 12th March 8.30am-9.15am

If you can arrive at the front office, a member of staff will be able to support.

Thank you



WELL DONE CHLOE

We are incredibly proud of Chloe for her remarkable achievement of walking 50 miles in February to raise money for Epilepsy Action. Her dedication to advocating for this important charity not only showcases her commitment to making a difference but also highlights her role as a social activist. Chloe's efforts inspire others to support those affected by epilepsy and contribute to a greater awareness of this condition. Well done, Chloe!



WHAT IS YOUTUBE KIDS?



Youtube Kids is a version of Youtube that has been created to give children a more contained environment for watching content on their own. Its aim is to make it easier for parents and caregivers to monitor the content that their children are watching by using advanced filters. Parents and carers can choose between 3-age based content settings:

- Preschool (ages 4 and under)
- Younger (ages 5-8)
- Older (ages 9-12)

Once you have created an account, you are able to create a separate profile for each child in your household and select your viewing preferences, allowing multiple children to use the app at the same time. You are even able to handpick the content that your child has access to. We would recommend that

Please be mindful that there may be limitations downloading Youtube Kids on Amazon Fire.



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.

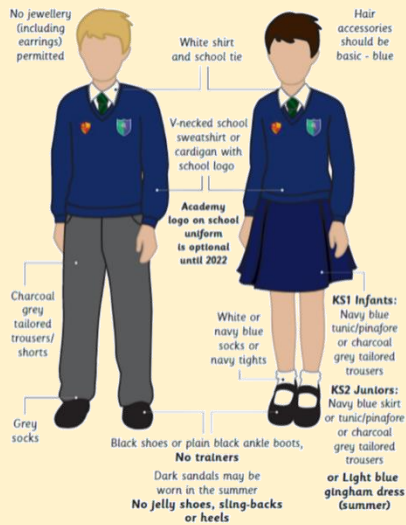
Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

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.

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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*'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

DATES FOR DIARY JANUARY -APRIL 2025

DAY	DATE	EVENT
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
Friday	21st March 2025	Own Clothes Day – Donations of £1 gratefully received
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

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