



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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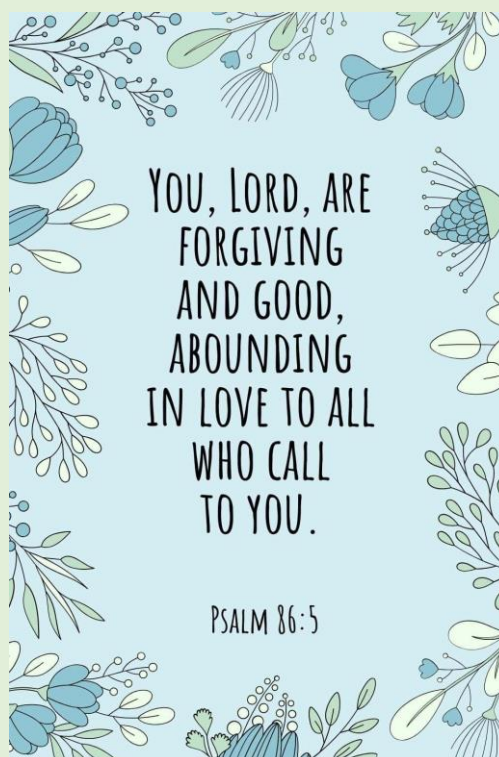
Friday 14 March 2025

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:14-15

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BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

We have had a wonderful week filled with Science at St Ann's! The theme for this year was 'Change and Adapt' and every year group has worked hard understanding these themes with wonderful activities such as minibeast hunting and making new slimy materials. We were also lucky enough to start the week off with a visit from Rev Dr Chris Stafford who spoke to everyone about the link between science and faith. What a week!



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>	96.66%
Whole school attendance week ending 7th March 2025	96.92%
Class with best weekly attendance	1T & 4H 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 9.25am. 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**

357

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.

IMPORTANT TRUST UPDATE

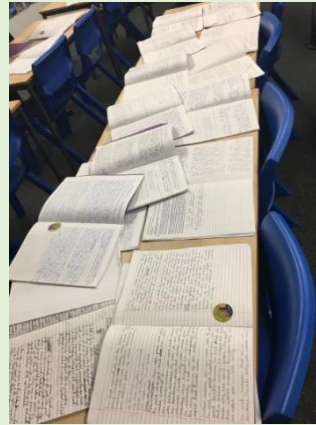
Mrs. Lewis, Headteacher at St Mary & St Thomas', is set to leave her substantive post to take on the role of Headteacher at Childwall CE. In the interim, Mrs. Rynn will serve as the Executive Headteacher for both St Ann's and St Mary & St Thomas' during the summer term while the recruitment process for 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.

MENTORING CONVERSATIONS

We are excited to announce that Spring mentoring conversations will be taking place soon. This is a valuable opportunity for parents and guardians to discuss their child's progress, achievements, and overall wellbeing with their teachers. Appointments can be easily booked via the Arbor platform. We encourage all families to take advantage of this chance to engage in meaningful conversations about their child's development and support their learning journey.

Tuesday 25 March	3.30-6pm
Wednesday 26 March	3.30-6pm

BOOK LOOK OPPORTUNITY



We warmly invite you to join us on **Thursday, 20th March at 3:30 PM** to view your child's books in their classroom. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to see the fantastic work your child has been doing and to celebrate their achievements. Please

enter through your child's classroom door, where their teacher will be available to speak with you and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in the excitement of your child's learning journey!

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: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



At St Ann's we believe that high quality Religious Education (RE) is the key to enabling every child to flourish.

RE prepares children for citizenship in today's diverse society. It enables them to develop sensitivity to, and respect for others. Through authentic encounters, children will develop diversity dexterity and be equipped with the ability to hold an informed conversation about religious beliefs and practices.

Quality RE has the potential, more than any other subject, to have the most powerful and lasting effect on the child's heart and mind. It is a subject that combines academic rigour with the development of the character and spirit of the child. RE provides opportunities for spiritual development and personal reflection. On a quest to discover more about religion and world views children will discover more about themselves. As RE develops children's knowledge and understanding of the nature of religion and belief, it provokes challenging questions about meaning and purpose, truth and values, identity and belonging. Children will experience, explore and encounter a wide range of creative and challenging multi-sensory activities that will help them to discover the answers to fundamental questions such as these: –

- Who am I and what does it mean to be me?
- In what ways do/can I relate to others?
- How/where can I encounter God?
- How can I make a positive contribution to the world in which I live?
- What values, attitudes, beliefs and behaviour are important to me?
- What does it mean to have faith?



Questful R.E.

Our R.E syllabus is taught through the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education programme '**Questful R.E.**'

Through an open investigative enquiry approach the children are given the sense of being on a quest of discovery. A key feature of the syllabus is the large number of questions included in each unit. The purpose of these questions is to give children opportunity to investigate, reflect, evaluate and make meaning. In doing so they will discover more about themselves, their relationships with others, their relationship with the world around them and their relationship with God.



Collective Worship

Collective worship is the unique heartbeat of our school and is a wider opportunity for children and adults to encounter faith by engaging in conversations about God, both as individuals and together. Collective Worship takes place daily and in a variety of ways these include Worship through Song and Worship with a member of St Ann's Church.

ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT

We are excitedly preparing for St Ann's Has Got Talent.

If your child is due to take part as either an Act, compere or Choir member please check your emails regularly for further updates.

SWIMMING

4S will have daily swimming lessons for a fortnight, week commencing 10 March (this excludes Mondays). Please see separate letter for further details.



FAMILY WORSHIP

Well done to 2M who led a fabulous Family Worship to celebrate International Women's Day.



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!**

OWN CLOTHES



We are excited to announce that we will be having an "Own Clothes Day" on Friday, 21st March, to raise money for our school fund. We encourage parents to ensure that children wear appropriate clothing suitable for outdoor play during playtime and lunchtime. The suggested donation for participating is £1. Please remember that the rules regarding jewellery still apply for health and safety reasons, so kindly limit accessories to ensure a safe and enjoyable day for all. Thank you for your support!

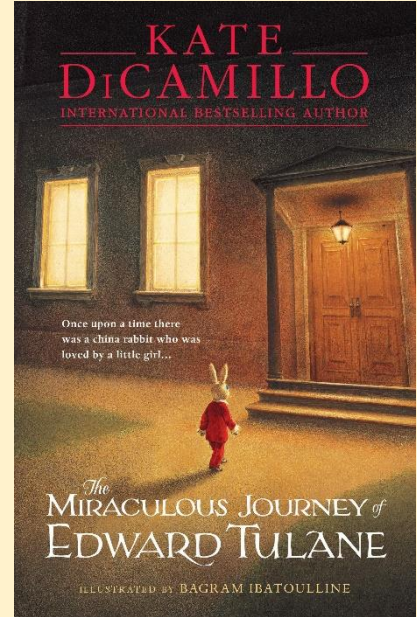


NEW FEATURE: RECOMMENDED READS

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
Kate DiCamillo
Recommended for 7-9 year olds

This story is all about love and what happens when we lose it. Edward, the main character, learns how important it is to care for others and how sad it can be to lose someone we love. Edward Tulane starts off as a fancy porcelain rabbit who only cares about himself. But as he goes on his journey, he learns to love and feel for others. Watching him change is really inspiring! Edward goes on many adventures and meets different characters along the way. Each new experience keeps you excited to find out what happens next!

Happy reading! Mrs Rynn 😊



PGL BOREATTON PARK MEETING



We would like to invite you to a parent meeting on Thursday 27th March at 3.30pm ahead of the upcoming PGL residential to Boreatton Park.

During this meeting we will be discussing the itinerary for the trip as well as discussing packing requirements. There will be an opportunity for staff to answer any other questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there!

SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #20



Dealing with body confidence-CHILDLINE

The world is now more superficial than ever before – tiktok, Instagram, snapchat and others have changed what the world expects people to look like. For young people, the standard idea of beauty has always been an immense pressure for those transitioning between being a child and being a young person.

FIVE things to help you feel better

- Everyone's different so don't compare yourself to other people.
- Ignore any negative or mean comments from other people.
- Write down 3 things you like about yourself and read it every morning.
- Share your thoughts with your friends and ask them what they like.
- Focus on hobbies you enjoy or things you are good at - this can help build your confidence.



ChildLine has created a page with advice on these issues.:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/you-your-body/my-body/how-you-look/>

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place between Monday 31st March and Thursday 4th April. Books range in price from £2 to £15. Reception, Y1 and Y2 will attend on Monday 31st March, Y3 and Y4 will attend on Tuesday 1st April and Y5 and Y6 will attend on Wednesday 2nd April. Children should bring money for the event in a named envelope and pass this to their class teacher.

On Thursday 4th April, the remaining books will be on sale for children who have missed the opportunity to buy one.

In previous years, your generous purchases have not only provided children with new reading experiences at home but have generated significant funds for school to purchase additional books for our class libraries.

We hope you are able to support the event again.



Watch this space

St Ann's Friends Association

coming soon...

Do you have any time to spare to help run an event?

Could your workplace donate a raffle prize or sponsor an event?

Does your workplace have a match giving scheme for employees?

Do you have any skills or talents to share with our school?

Come and find out more on
Friday 21 March, 2pm at St Ann's



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.

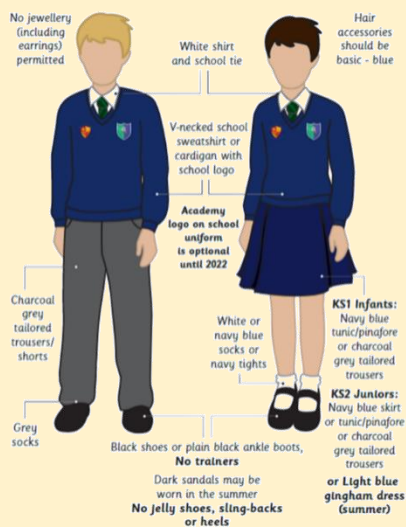
Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

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

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
Tuesday-Friday	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	21 st March 2025	Own Clothes Day – Donations of £1 gratefully received
Tuesday-Wednesday	25 th & 26 th March 2025	Mentoring Conversations Y1-6
Monday	31 st March 2025	St Ann's Has Got Talent
Monday - Thursday	31 st March – 4 th April 2025	Book Fair
Thursday	27 th March 2025	PGL Boreatton Park Meeting 3.30pm
Tuesday	1 st April 2025	Easter Bingo
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