



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Friendship

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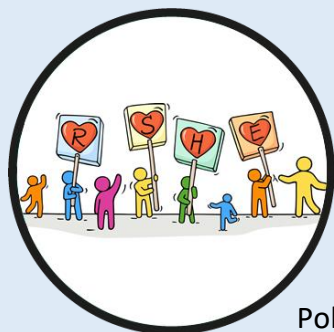
Friday 25 April 2025

Treat other people as you would like them to treat you.

Luke 6:31

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RELATIONSHIPS, HEALTH & SEX EDUCATION PARENT WORKSHOPS (Y1-Y6)

Week commencing Monday 19th May, we will be holding our annual RHSE workshops for parents/ carers about the summer term content of this curriculum. These workshops are for adults only. **Children are not permitted to attend these sessions due to the content being discussed and shared.** During the workshop you will learn more about our RSHE Policy, the taught content, watch the videos that will be shared with the children and have the opportunity to ask questions. These sessions are especially useful if you are considering withdrawing your child from the non-statutory part of this curriculum. A further letter was sent out on 1st April 2025 about the RHSE content to be taught in the summer term and the dates of the year group workshops.

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 4 th April 2025	95.96%
Class with best weekly attendance	1S – 98.93%

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**

368

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.

Y6 SATs WEEK

This year, Y6 SATs week will commence on Monday 12 May. The timetable below shows the statutory tests that all children will undertake. It is essential that your child is well rested before this week so that they have the greatest chance of achieving their potential. During the week please itself, ensure your child goes to bed at an age appropriate time and is off devices at least 1 hour before bedtime. Children must be in school each day and on time as the tests start first thing each day. Please make sure your child eats breakfast before leaving the house. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.

Test	Date
English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 1: Short Answer Questions (GPS) Paper 2: Spelling	Monday 12 th May 2025
English Reading Paper 1: Comprehension	Tuesday 13 th May 2025
Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic Paper 2: Reasoning	Wednesday 14 th May 2025
Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning	Thursday 15 th May 2025

Parents will be given their child's scaled score and whether they have reached the expected standard set by the Department for Education ('NS' means that the expected standard was not achieved and 'AS' means the expected standard was achieved). The range of scaled scores available for each KS2 test is:

- 80 (the lowest scaled score that can be awarded)
- 120 (the highest scaled score)

The expected standard for each test is a scaled score of 100 or more. If a child is awarded a scaled score of 99 or less they won't have achieved the expected standard in the test. The Department for Education expects at least 65 per cent of children to reach the expected standard.

Y2 SATS

Y2 SATs will take place during the month of June during our whole school assessment week. As Y2 SATs are non-statutory, schools are free to manage the timetable and administration so that they are completed in a low-stress, low-key, age appropriate way; some children won't even be aware they've taken them!

Children will complete the following tests:

KS1 reading

The reading test for Y2 is made up of two separate papers: Paper 1 is a selection of texts totalling 400 to 700 words, with questions interspersed. Paper 2 is a reading booklet with a selection of passages totalling 800 to 1100 words. Children write their answers in a separate booklet. Each paper should take around 30 minutes, but children are not strictly timed, as the tests are not intended to assess children's ability to work at speed. The texts in the reading papers cover a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, and get progressively more difficult towards the end of the test. Teachers have the option to stop the test at any point that they feel is appropriate for a particular child.

KS1 maths

The Y2 maths test is made up of two papers: Paper 1 (arithmetic, worth 25 marks and taking around 15 minutes) and Paper 2 (problem-solving and reasoning, worth 35 marks and taking 35 minutes, with a break if necessary). Question types include multiple choice.

In order for children to achieve their potential it is important that children are having an age appropriate amount of sleep and are off devices at least 1 hour before bedtime. Please also ensure that your child eats breakfast before school each day.

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

YEAR 6 FUN DAY



Y6 have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs and are doing school and themselves proud! Whilst there is still plenty of hard work ahead, they can look forward to Fun Day on **Friday 16 May**. On Fun Day Y6 children can wear own clothes to school, and following St Ann's tradition, if they have a tent and wish to bring it, they can set up camp on the field. There will be snacks and games, and lots of free time. The Ice Cream van is booked for 1.00pm, it will £2.00 for an ice cream with a flake and sauce/ice lolly. Fingers crossed for good weather.

*Children who bring tents must be able to erect and dismantle them. Loss or damage is not the responsibility of school.

PARENT FORUM

The next Parent Forum session for their year's class reps will take place on **Friday 16 May at 2.00pm**. Please speak with your class representative if you would like to have anything raised at the meeting. We look forward to seeing our reps soon.



TEST STRESS

Whilst we do everything we can to minimise the pressure of statutory assessment tests, we are aware that some children can still become overly worried. If you feel you need advice in order to support your child during test season, you may wish to take a look at the following link: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/>

A SPOTLIGHT ON: FINANCIAL and ECONOMIC EDUCATION (FEE)



Vision

At St Ann's, we believe that in today's modern world it is essential that children are both educated and prepared for the financial world that they currently live in and the world that they will face when they are older. We strive to prepare children to be responsible financial citizens who have a secure understanding of how managing finances, budgets and their own money, can impact on their future lives and careers. Our Financial and Economic Education provides children with a range of opportunities to learn and apply their knowledge and skills; allowing them to flourish in the future and live financially secure lives.

What is Financial and Economic Education?

We recognise that FEE is an important and necessary part of all pupils' education. Throughout our carefully planned and sequenced curriculum, children learn a range of topics and themes such as:

- How to manage money
- Becoming a critical consumer
- Managing risks and emotions associated with money
- Understanding the important role money plays in our lives
- Making financial decisions
- Spending and saving
- Value for money.



Connections in children's learning are exploited, with clear and purposeful connections to the Maths Curriculum and PSHE Curriculum being made. As part of this work, last year, in December 2024, we were accredited as a Centre of Excellence for Financial Excellence. Our Financial Education curriculum was also highly commended in our recent Ofsted inspection:

'The programme the school has adopted to develop pupils' financial literacy and enterprise is extremely well thought through. Not only do pupils learn about money management but they also get the opportunity to put this into practice through enterprise opportunities and charitable fundraising. The 'super leaders' programme gives all pupils from Years 2 to 6 the chance to be part of an advocacy team that campaigns for change. These teams allow pupils to develop the skills needed to be responsible young adults ready for the next phase of their education.' – Ofsted February 2025.

What does this look like?

Children receive half termly lessons focusing on Financial and Economic Education. These are taught in the last week of each half term, following the completion of their PSHE topic for that half term. This allows us to revisit and build on prior learning as part of a spiral curriculum. As a result, children gain cumulative knowledge which is built upon over time. Within each year group, key Financial and Economic knowledge is taught at an age appropriate level. However, connections to previous learning from preceding year groups are also made.

Want to know more?

Miss Foster is our Financial Education lead as part of her role as Maths lead and Personal Development lead.

For more information, follow the links below.

<https://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk/page/?title=Financial+Education&pid=138>

<https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/centres-of-excellence/>

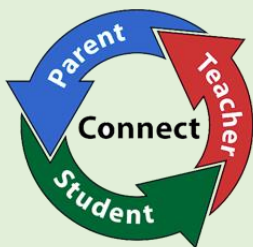
SPORTS DAYS

Please find detailed below the dates and time for this year's Sports Days (weather permitting). If sports days need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, we will send out a message as soon as possible.

YEAR GROUP	DATE	TIME	RESERVE DAY
EYs	Monday 20 May	1.30-3.00pm	Friday 23 May
Y1	Tuesday 20 May	9.15-10.15am	Thursday 22 May
Y2	Tuesday 20 May	10.30-11.30am	Thursday 22 May
Y3	Wednesday 21 May	9.15-10.15am	Friday 23 May
Y4	Wednesday 21 May	10.30-11.30am	Friday 23 May
Y5	Wednesday 21 May	1.00-2.00pm	Thursday 22 May
Y6	Wednesday 21 May	2.00-3.00pm	Thursday 22 May

EARLY YEARS VISION SCREENING

EYs Vision Screening Checks will take place on Thursday 1 May.



EARLY YEARS MENTORING

Mentoring Conversations for EYM and EYP will take place on **Tuesday 29 April and Thursday 1st May** between 3.30-6.00pm.

Please see previous communications for further information.

FAMILY WORSHIP

On **Friday 2 May at 9.00am**, 1S will lead their Family Worship in the hall. Please wait at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.



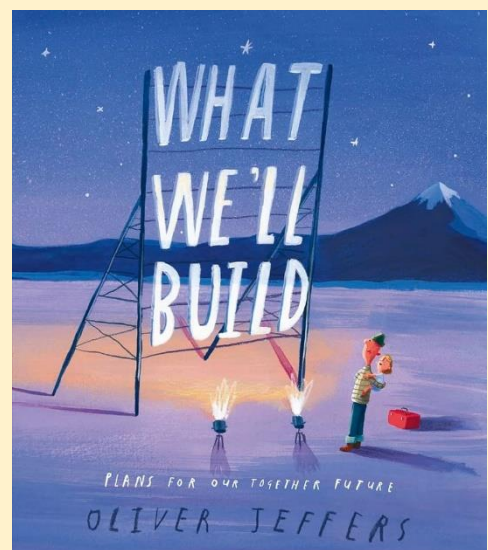
RECOMMENDED READS

What We'll Build
By **Oliver Jeffers**

Recommended for 3-6 year olds

This is my favourite book as it a book I read with my children. We read it together 'you and I'. It is a reminder that there is always hope and love in the big wide world.

Happy reading! Mrs Crowther 😊



SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #24



Why it's good to talk

We've all been on the receiving end of a difficult conversation. But that doesn't make it any easier when you have to have one with your child.

It's important every child has someone they trust to look to for help.

We all want children to grow up in a safe and loving environment and to become happy, confident adults. To get there there'll be times they need to talk to someone, for advice or for support. There will also be times when you need to explain something that might upset them.

As their parent or carer, it's up to you to talk to them when you think they might need a nudge in the right direction, or to share news or information that's going to affect their lives.

Before starting a difficult chat

Whatever it is you want to discuss, it's important to think about where and how to talk so children will listen.

There's no telling how long the conversation is going to last, so the first thing to consider is where and when you're going to start it. For e.g., if you start in the evening when they're tired, your child or children might not be able to concentrate.

If you're talking to just one child about something, consider how private the time and place are. It might work best to have it at a time when brothers and sisters aren't around to interrupt.

It could be good to have it in a relaxed and neutral place, like on a walk or in the car.

Have materials available that can help with a discussion for e.g. a book or some paper and pens.

REMEMBER

Give them as long as they need to answer without interrupting.

Let your child ask you questions too.

Let them know that they can trust you to keep their confidence and that you want them to always feel they can talk to you, other people they trust or organisations like [Childline](#), when anything is worrying them.

Rainhill Cricket Club - ECB Summer Programmes (30th May - 18th July)

ALL STARS CRICKET

Book here: 5 - 8 years of age (5.30- 6.30pm)

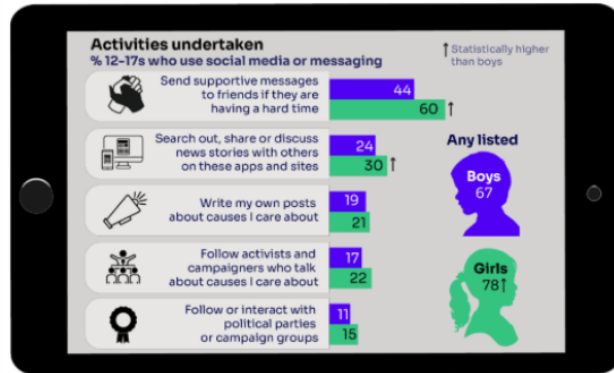
DYNAMOS CRICKET

Book here: 8 - 11 years of age (6.30 - 7.30pm)



KNOW WHAT THEY DO on social media?

Eight in ten (81%) of all children aged 8-17 use at least one social media app/site for following friends, people and organisations, reading, liking or sharing content



Many used sites and apps like **TikTok** and **Instagram** to consume content

Snapchat was the most favoured platform to message and communicate with friends.

"I don't think I could live without Snapchat anymore.... I've got all my friends on it, and we have like group chats where we all call, like, all the time, and we text each other and Snap each other" **Suzy, 12**



Go to apps.lgfl.net for guidance on apps and social media sites

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



What about **WHATSAPP**?

Do you know the **minimum age** to use this?
What are the **risks**?

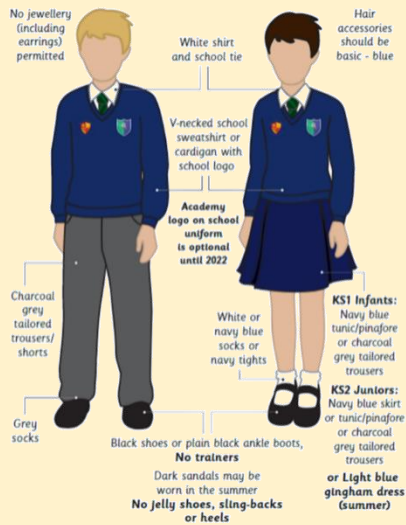


- Unwanted contact** to contact somebody on WhatsApp, all you need is their phone number, which could expose you to unwanted messages or calls
- Inappropriate content** messages are end-to-end encrypted which means that the content cannot be monitored. This means that your child could see or hear harmful or upsetting content e.g. pornography or violence.
- Location sharing** live location feature means that your child could reveal their current location to others
- Cyberbullying** children could be bullied, feel left out or deliberately excluded or removed from groups
- Oversharing** privacy features, such as disappearing and 'view once' messages, might mean that your child feels safe to reveal private or risky information or images. However, there is always a risk that this could be copied and shared



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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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

DATED FOR DIARY APRIL-JULY 2025

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Tuesday	22nd April 2025	School Opens
Wednesday - Friday	23 rd -25 th April 2025	Y4 PGL Residential
Friday	25 th April 2025	Friends of St Ann's Meeting 2.00-3.00pm
Tuesday	29 th April	EYFS Mentoring Conversations
Thursday	1 st May	EYFS Mentoring Conversations
Friday	2 nd May 2025	1S Family Worship 9.00am
Friday	9 th May 2025	1T Family Worship 9.00am
Monday -Thursday	12-15 th May 2025	KS2 SATS
Friday	16 th May 2025	Y6 Fun Day
Monday	19 th May 2025	Mark Barrow Run 9.00 -11.30am Parents/ carers not invited to this event <i>All year groups to wear PE kit to school today</i>
Tuesday	20 th May 2025	Sports Day Y1 - 9.15-10.15am Y2 - 10.30-11.30am EY's - 1.30- 2.30pm <i>Children to wear PE kit school on their year group sports day</i>
Tuesday	20 th May 2025	Y1 & Y2 RHSE Parent Workshop 5.00pm
Wednesday	21 st May 2025	Sports Day Y3 - 9.15-10.15am Y4 - 10.30-11.30am Y5 – 1.00-2.00pm Y6 – 2.15-3.15pm <i>Children to wear PE kit school on their year group sports day</i>
Wednesday	21 st May 2025	Y3 & Y4 RHSE Parent Workshop 5.00pm
Thursday	22 nd May 2025	Y5 Communion 9.30am @ Church
Thursday	22 nd May 2025	Reserve Sports Day Y1 – 9.15-10.15am Y2 – 10.30-11.30am Y5 – 1.00-2.00pm Y6 – 2.15-3.15pm <i>Children to wear PE kit school on their year group sports day</i>
Thursday	22 nd May 2025	Y5 & Y6 RHSE Parent Workshop 5.00pm
Friday	23 rd May 2025	Children's University Passport Bank
Friday	23 rd May 2025	Reserve Sports Day Y3 – 9.15-10.15am Y4 – 10.30- 11.30am EY's – 1.30-2.30pm

		<i>Children to wear PE kit school on their year group sports day</i>
Friday	23rd May 2025	School Closes
Wednesday	4th June 2025	School Opens
Thursday	5 th June 2025	Ascension Service 2.15-3.00pm @ Church <i>Everyone welcome</i>
Thursday	5 th June 2025	Y5/6 Lake District Parent Briefing 5.00– 6.00pm
Friday	6 th June 2025	Friends Meeting 2.00-3.00pm
Monday – Friday	9 th – 13 th June 2025	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Monday	9 th June 2025	Y6 Leavers Service @ the Anglican Cathedral <i>Parents/ carers welcome to attend, but need to make their own way there.</i>
Thursday	12 th June 2025	Y6 Communion 9.30am @ Church <i>Everyone welcome</i>
Thursday	19 th June 2025	Y2 Trip to Liverpool Philharmonic Hall
Friday	20 th June 2025	Class Photographs <i>All children to wear correct school uniform</i>
Friday	27 th June 2025	EYP Family Worship 9.00am
Monday -Tuesday	30 th June-1 st July 2025	Y6 RHS Transition Days
Thursday	3 rd July 2025	Choir Lost in Music event, Town Hall
Friday	4 th July 2025	EYM Family Worship 9.00am
Wednesday -Friday	9 th -11 th July 2025	Y5 and Y6 Lake District Residential
Friday	11 th July 2025	EY's Trip to Knowsley Safari Park
Friday	18 th July 2025	Children's University Passport Bank Children's University Graduation 11am @ Church. <i>Parents of children graduating and choir welcome to attend.</i>
Monday	21 st July 2025	Awards Evening @ Church Year 6 – 6.00pm EYFS - Year 5 – 7.00pm <i>The church carpark will be closed to St Ann's due to event at Millennium Centre on the same evening.</i>
Monday	21 st July 2025	Year 6 Leavers' Disco 7.00-8.00pm
Tuesday	22 nd July 2025	Year 6 Leavers' Service 9.00am <i>Y6 Parents/ Carers welcome</i> Y6 to bring shirt to school to have signed
Tuesday	22nd July 2025	School Closes

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Current trends – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

Understanding the Risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

What can you do? – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

Further Support – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
7TH MAY
2025
4PM – 4.45PM**



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