



St Ann's Church of England

Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Hope

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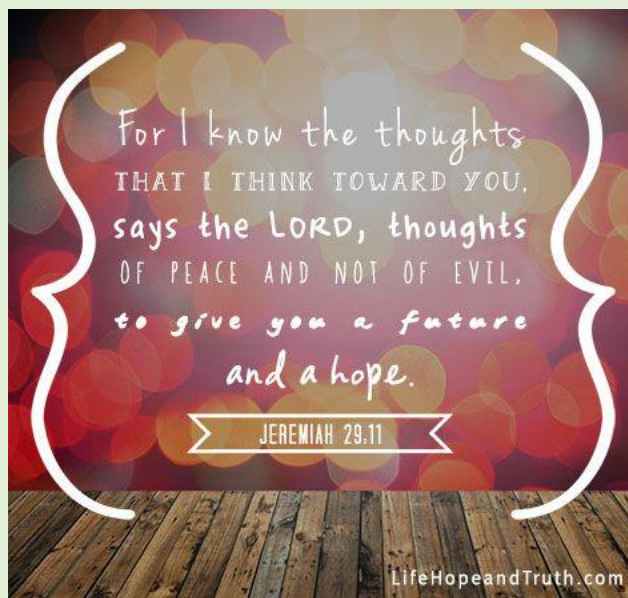
Friday 13 June 2025

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

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ALTRU DRAMA: JUST BREATHE



Huge thanks to Altru Drama for supporting our Y6 PSHE curriculum once again, with a performance focused on raising awareness around alcohol and drugs, in an age appropriate way. The children really benefited from the Q&A session following the performance.



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>	96.55%
Whole school attendance week ending 6 th June 2025	94.5%
Class with best weekly attendance	5G – 99.38%

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**

363

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

On **Friday 27 June at 9.00am**, EYP will lead their Family Worship in the hall. Please wait at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.



WELCOME ADAM

Introducing to you our newest member of our School Committee – Adam Gribben. Welcome to the team! Shortly, you will be able to read all about Adam, on our school website.



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

ASSESSMENT WEEK

We would like to inform you that the week commencing **16 June** will be Assessment Week for the entire school, with the exception of Year 6. To ensure that your child is well-prepared and can perform to the best of their abilities, we recommend the following:

- **Limit Screen Time:** Please encourage your child to be off devices at least **1 hour** before bedtime to help them unwind and prepare for a good night's sleep.
- **Fresh Air:** Ensure your child gets plenty of fresh air and outdoor activity during the day to help them stay energised and focused.
- **Rest Well:** A good night's sleep is crucial for optimal performance, so please ensure your child goes to bed at a reasonable time throughout the week.

Thank you for your support in helping your child succeed during this important week!

CHARACTER EDUCATION

A SPOTLIGHT ON: CHARACTER EDUCATION



Character Education encompasses the holistic personal development of a child, extending beyond academic achievements. It aims to instil essential characteristics and values such as resilience, honesty, motivation, and humility, all of which are vital for success in adult life.

At St Ann's, we are committed to nurturing our pupils' character through various meaningful initiatives, most notably:

1. Super Leaders Initiative

Super Leaders initiative pupils with the qualities necessary to thrive as responsible, respectful, and active citizens. Each child joins an advocacy team focused on effecting positive change. By the end of the academic year, these teams have made significant contributions to our school and wider community. Examples include:

- **Rights Respecting Parliament:** Developed a child-friendly safeguarding policy and film.
- **Health and Safety Team:** Promoted road safety awareness.
- **Town Troopers:** Wrote poetry for our neighbours
- **Global Ambassador:** Created environmentally friendly reindeer food for the holiday season.
- **Equality Advocates:** Designed a logo displayed in all classrooms, celebrating equality and inclusion.

Our pupils are so dedicated to citizenship that many take the initiative to raise money for charity in their own time.

2. UNICEF Rights Respecting School

As a silver UNICEF Rights Respecting School, we prioritise the promotion of equality, dignity, respect, and non-discrimination. This commitment is central to our character development efforts, reinforcing the values that underpin our community.

3. Stand Up Speak Up Week

During our Stand Up Speak Up Week, children become courageous advocates for the marginalised and fight for the rights of children globally. This week fosters confidence in making impactful changes despite adversity. Pupils engage with pressing social issues, such as climate change and women's education, through shared readings and learning about influential figures like Malala Yousafzai and Greta Thunberg. The tangible outcomes of their work reflect their strong convictions.

4. STAR Day

Our annual STAR Day encourages each year group to select a charitable cause to raise awareness and funds for. This initiative not only fosters empathy but also empowers children to take action for the greater good.

5. Inclusive Extra-Curricular Provision

We offer a wide-ranging and inclusive extra-curricular programme that provides both team and individual opportunities. These activities, led by experts in their fields, aim to challenge pupils, build knowledge, and develop skills. Success in these endeavours is acknowledged and celebrated, encouraging children to explore new interests and hone existing ones.

6. Curriculum for Behaviour

Our Curriculum for Behaviour emphasises the importance of discipline and good conduct within the school environment. We promote positive character traits through our 3Cs: **Courtesy, Care, and Concentration**, which serve as foundational principles for lifelong character development.

INCREDIBLE CHARITY CHALLENGE BY ISAAC AND JACK!

We are so proud of Year 6 pupils Isaac O and Jack E, who are continuing to make an amazing impact through their fundraising efforts. Isaac, an official ambassador for the Bradley Lowery Foundation, has raised over £30,000 for charities including Alder Hey Children's Hospital and the Oliver King Foundation. His challenges have included walking 75 miles, visiting all 20 Premier League stadiums in two days and even sitting in every seat at Goodison Park!

This summer, Isaac and Jack will take on a new challenge—sitting in every seat at Selhurst Park before walking 15 miles between St James' Park and the Stadium of Light. Their goal is to raise over £40,000 for vital causes. We are incredibly proud of their compassion, determination, and community spirit! Well done boys! #StAnn'SuperStars!

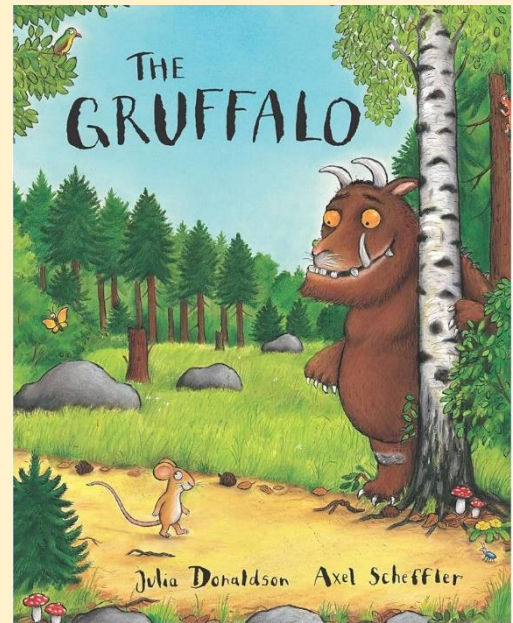


RECOMMENDED READS

The Gruffalo
By Julia Donaldson

Recommended for 3-7 year olds

The book is about the clever adventures of a little mouse who takes a walk through the deep, dark wood. To outsmart the hungry predators (a fox, an owl and a snake), he invents a terrifying creature called the Gruffalo. When the mouse unexpectedly comes face to face with his imaginary beast, he must use his quick thinking once again to stay safe! The Gruffalo is a fun and imaginative story that celebrates clever thinking and courage.



Happy reading! Miss Swift 😊

TOP UP SWIMMING LESSONS

We are pleased to offer additional swimming lessons for UKS2 pupils over the coming weeks. From **Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th June**, these sessions will be solely for **5G**, as they unfortunately missed their second week of lessons in January due to poor weather and snow. From **Tuesday 24th to Friday 27th June**, lessons will be provided for **UKS2 pupils who have not yet met the expected standard in swimming** and are still developing the water safety and proficiency skills needed to keep them safe in and around water. A letter will be sent to inform you if your child is required to attend during this second week.

All sessions will run from **1.30pm to 2.30pm**, with pupils leaving school at approximately **1.00pm** after an early lunch and returning in time for the usual **3.20pm** finish. We kindly ask parents to **park safely and considerately** around school to support the safe arrival and departure of the coach. Please refer to the letter for full details.

EARLY YEARS NURSERY VISITS

Over the past few weeks, we've had the pleasure of welcoming our new EYFS pupils and their families during our drop-in sessions. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces exploring their new learning environment. The children enjoyed getting stuck into activities, while parents had the chance to meet staff and ask questions. A big thank you to everyone who attended – we're excited to start this new journey together!

YEAR 2 VISIT TO THE PHILHARMONIC



As part of our Curriculum and Cultural Offer the children in Year 2 will visit the Liverpool Philharmonic to watch and take part in Schools' Concerts 2025 on Thursday 19th June 2025. The coach will leave school at 12:30pm and will return for approximately 3:20pm. The children will need to wear their school uniform (no PE kits) and will also need to bring a disposable bottle of water (plastic), with their name clearly displayed. As the children will be in school for lunch, the usual lunchtime routines will apply. We cannot wait to spend an afternoon surrounded by musical talent - the children will be so inspired by this experience!

CLASS PHOTOGRAPH DAY

We are excited to remind you that our annual class photograph day is scheduled for Friday, 20 June. On this special day, we ask that all children wear their full winter school uniform.

Rationale for Winter Uniform: Wearing the winter uniform not only ensures that our children look smart and presentable, but it also enhances the overall appearance of our school community in the photographs. A cohesive and polished look contributes to a positive image of our school, reflecting the pride we take in our students and their achievements.

In the event that the weather is unusually warm, we will promptly send out a message requesting that children wear their summer uniform instead.

For those children who typically have PE on Fridays, please remember to send their PE kit in a named carrier bag so they can participate comfortably after the photographs are taken. Thank you for your cooperation and support in making this day a memorable one for our children!

WILDLIFE NATURE TRAIL LAUNCHED ACROSS PARKS IN ST HELENS

As part of the 2030 hub's Climate Impact Week, St Helens Borough Council is pleased to launch a wildlife nature trail around the Borough to raise awareness about the impact of climate change on local wildlife. Please share these details with parents and children. Visit the following parks' notice boards to learn more about how climate change affects wildlife:

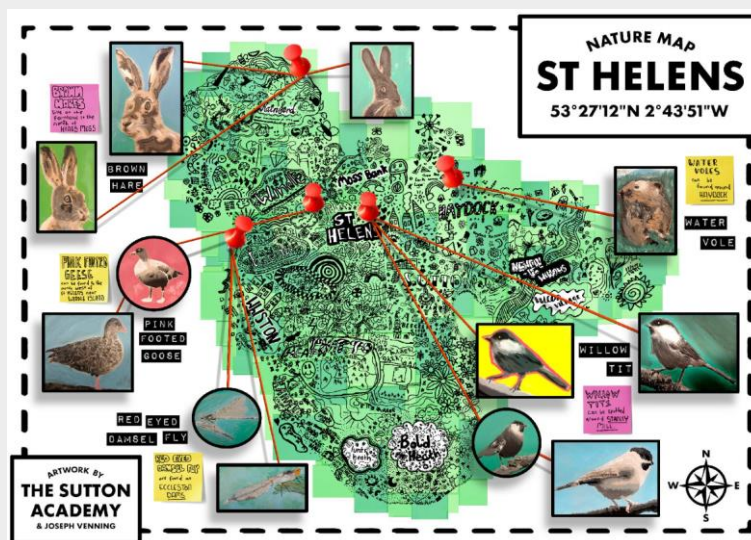


Taylor Park
Sankey Valley Park
Sherdley Park
Siding Lane Local Nature Reserve
Clock Face Country Park

Students at Sutton Academy, in partnership with the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA), have created a map showcasing the range of wildlife around the Borough. Based on this map, we have identified green spaces and parks where you might be able to spot these species. After visiting all five sites and locating the posters on the notice boards, there is a QR code to scan to take a quiz. St Helens has a diverse range of wildlife in its open spaces and parks. With over 952 hectares of parks and recreation space, it is home to a variety of species.

Biodiversity, the variety of all life on Earth, provides us with essential benefits and is crucial for our survival, providing us with everything we need. However, species extinction is accelerating, with over 98% of all species that have ever lived now extinct. In the last 40 years, wildlife populations have decreased by 69%.

The UN have warned that the rate of climate change is also increasingly difficult for animals and plants to cope with, and extreme weather events are becoming more frequent. Keeping global temperature increases within 1.5 degrees above preindustrial levels is crucial to avoid further biodiversity losses. According to the IPCC report, if global temperatures rise by 1.5-2.5 degrees, approximately 20-30% of species could face extinction.





Y6 Entrepreneur's Summer Tuck Shop

**Every Friday after school, pop by the
Base/Reception door at the front of
school for a refreshing...**

ICE POP (50P)

CUP DRINK (50P)

HELP US RAISE FUNDS

SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #30

NSPCC PANTS Campaign with St. Helens Council



A new campaign with St Helens Council and the NSPCC has been launched to help parents talk to children about sexual abuse.

Since 2013, Pantosaurus has helped over six million parents to Talk PANTS and help keep children safe from sexual abuse. Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. The below links are for sessions just for St Helens carers, parents as part of the joint programme between St. Helens Council and the NSPCC.

16.6.25 NSPCC RASASC session [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

17.6.25 NSPCC Report Remove session [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Since 2013, the campaign has helped over six million parents to Talk PANTS and keep children safe from abuse. PANTS stands for:

P - Privates are private
A - Always remember that your body belongs to you
N - No means no
T - Talk about secrets that upset you
S - Speak up, someone can help

At the launch this week, parents heard about Talk PANTS at a Read & Rhyme session in Eccleston Library and the NSPCC's friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus made an appearance.

Local Campaigns Manager, Mubashar Khaliq, said: *"An estimated 1 in 20 children have experienced sexual abuse. Talk PANTS was developed with children, parents, carers and teachers to help children understand that they have a right to say no and if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen. We know that a simple conversation can make a huge difference, and that's what Talk PANTS is all about. We're delighted to be bringing this campaign to the St Helens community and we hope it will really have an impact over the next 12 months."*

The NSPCC offers a [range of resources](#) designed to help children understand what is and isn't OK, and how they can speak out if anything happens that worries them. To help make the conversation easier - parents can [buy a Pantosaurus storybook](#), sign up for [Talk PANTS emails](#) and the NSPCC has a range of other [Talk PANTS products in the NSPCC shop](#).

The campaign is also being supported by Children's Laureate Frank Cottrell-Boyce, who is from the St Helens region. Frank said: *"As the Children's Laureate and a father of seven children, I know how important it is for us to give children the tools they need to use their voices and speak up. I'm so pleased to be supporting the vital NSPCC Talk PANTS campaign, which is being launched in the borough of St Helens where I grew up. I know the difference books can make in children's lives, giving them confidence and making them feel like they matter. It's wonderful that a book like Pantosaurus and the Power of PANTS has been created to help families and schools have simple conversations to keep children safe from abuse in an engaging way."*



Let's Talk PANTS

Talk PANTS is all about having important conversations with children to help keep them safe from sexual abuse – with the help of Pantosaurus, of course!

From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides a simple but valuable rule.



- P** RIVATES ARE PRIVATE
- A** LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU
- N** O MEANS NO
- T** ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU
- S** PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP

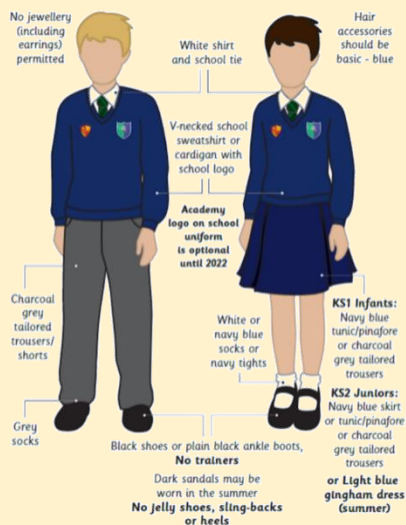
Find out more:
nspcc.org.uk/talkpants

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

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 the next academic year.

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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Email: stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

Twitter: [@RainhillStAnns](https://twitter.com/RainhillStAnns)

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 17th July 2025
Autumn 2	£8.50	Midday 21st October 2025
Spring 1	£7.50	Midday 16th December 2025
Spring 2	£6.25	Midday 10th February 2026
Summer 1	£5.75	Midday 24th March 2026
Summer 2	£8.75	Midday 15th May 2026

Total for year £46.25

ST HELENS ARMED FORCES DAY



FREE EVENT

Live music,
Military parade, displays,
and much more!

SATURDAY 21 JUNE

11am - 4pm (PARADE: 12 NOON)

VICTORIA PARK,

ST HELENS, WA10 2UE



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1, 2 & 3**

***Please go to our website
for more detailed
information.**

**6 Week
Course**

Mon - Fri

Daily sessions

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am

2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

www.studysmartuk.online

We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.

If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.





Services at St Ann's June 2025



We aim to cater for different styles and ages
with a variety of services throughout the
EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ANY OF OUR SERVICES

8.30am BCP Holy Communion - EVERY SUNDAY
(a traditional communion service using the Book of
Common Prayer)

Sun 1st June - Environment Sunday
10.30am All Together for Worship



Sun 8th June Pentecost
10.30am Holy Communion with
Platform 2 contemporary worship
in St Ann's Centre



Sun 15th June 5th Trinity Sunday
10.30am Morning Worship with
Platform 2 contemporary worship
in St Ann's Centre



Sun 22nd June 1st Sunday After Trinity
10.30am Holy Communion with Platform 2
contemporary worship in St Ann's Centre



Sun 29th June 2nd Sunday After Trinity
10.30am Holy Communion with **with prayer**
for healing & Platform 2 contemporary worship
in St Ann's Centre



Midweek Holy Communion Thursdays 9.30am

Coffee is served in St Anns Millennium Centre following the service.



Stanley Bear Club meets every Monday in term
time 9-10:30am for 0-5s but not on bank holidays.
Breakfast and stories, songs and praise. Craft Time
with glue & glitter.