



# 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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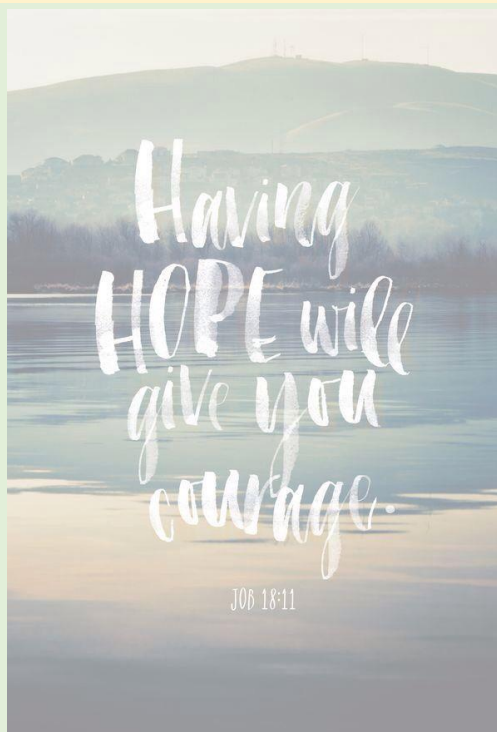
Friday 20 June 2025

But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

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### LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC TRIP

On Thursday, Year 2 were lucky enough to visit the Liverpool Philharmonic and watch their orchestra play! Our show was inspired by the beloved children's story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, and we headed off on an epic adventure. From the exciting, to the scary, we travelled on a musical journey, listening to iconic pieces of by Grieg and Mussorgsky, a wonderful original work by Ian Stephens, and Debbie Wiseman's musical portrait of a polar bear from her *Carnival of the Endangered Animals*. The orchestra was also accompanied by an artist who painted different scenes from our adventure as the music played – what an amazing sight to see!

## FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

On Tuesday, St Ann's proudly hosted the Rainhill Schools Football Cup 2025, with enthusiastic participation from our Year 4 and Year 6 pupils. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for all involved!



On Thursday, Year 5 took part in a football tournament at Rainhill High. We are incredibly proud of their performance - our girls' team came 1st, and the boys' team finished 2nd!



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 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	96.95%
Class with best weekly attendance	5G – 99.18%

#### 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**

**374**

#### 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.



## RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAYS

**Monday 30 June & Tuesday 1 July** are Transition days for Y6 pupils going to Rainhill High School next academic year. All other pupils should attend St Ann's as normal.



## WELL DONE TO ALL OUR YEAR 4 AND YEAR 1 CHILDREN!

We are incredibly proud of all the Year 4 pupils who took part in the Multiplication Tables Check and our Year 1 pupils who completed the Phonics Screening Check. Everyone worked so hard and approached the challenge with a fantastic attitude. Well done to each and every one of you — we're very proud!

## WELL DONE



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'sSuperStars

Below is the fundraiser link, should you wish to donate. You may have also seen Isaac and Jack bucket collecting this weekend around the village. Well done boys to your dedication to this cause!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/isaac-oconnor-4>

## ST ANN'S CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION CEREMONY

Mark your calendars! St Ann's Children's University Graduation ceremony is set to take place on the 18th of July at St Ann's Church. This event will honour the hard work and achievements of our children, celebrating their dedication to learning and personal growth.

Keep your eyes peeled as children who are to receive awards will soon be receiving their invitations! The ceremony promises to be an inspiring occasion, featuring speeches, a special performance by the choir, and the presentation of certificates to our graduates.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in this occasion. For more details, keep an eye out for your invitations and stay tuned for updates!

## A SPOTLIGHT ON:



### Transition Days at St Ann's CE Primary School

#### Dates: Monday, 30 June & Tuesday, 1 July

We are excited to announce our Transition Days, where children will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher and experience their new classroom environment. On these days, children will follow the daily timetable as it will be from September, entering and exiting through their new classroom door or designated area. 😊

Our current Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to Rainhill High School in September will also attend their transition days at their new school. All other Year 6 pupils should attend St Ann's as usual, where they will serve as 'special helpers' throughout the school.

#### Purpose of Transition Days

Transition Days are designed to help children acclimatise to their new year group. During these days, children will:

- Follow the routine of their new class.
- Meet their new teachers and support staff.
- Engage in a variety of lessons to get a taste of what's to come.

These days are crucial for building relationships between children and staff, helping to alleviate any concerns about moving up. Our goal is to ensure that the start of the new school year is an exciting and positive experience for everyone.

#### Creating Our Year 1 Classes

As part of our school procedure, we will review our current Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) classes in preparation for the transition into Year 1 in September. Typically, the classes formed at the end of EYFS remain consistent throughout your child's time at St Ann's, although exceptions may occur. Class placements are determined based on staff knowledge of each child, having taught them throughout the year. You will be informed of your child's class on **Friday, 27 June**.

#### Transition for New Starters into Our EYFS

Starting school at St Ann's is a process that begins well before the first day of the new school year in September. During the summer term, we engage in several activities to prepare new children for their first day:

**Drop-in Sessions:** New children can meet staff and explore our setting.

**Transition Sessions:** Children attend sessions designed to ease their transition.

**New Parent Meeting:** Parents receive crucial information about school life and the Early Years curriculum.

**Pre-School Visits:** Our staff visit children's pre-school settings to converse with their key workers.

**Individual Parent Conversations:** Our teachers conduct telephone conversations with each parent to gather insights about their child.

#### Transition for Pupils with Additional Needs

For our students with additional needs, we recognise the importance of thorough preparation ahead of transition. Teachers and support staff collaborate to create a Transition Support Plan, ensuring that children can experience aspects of their new year group in the weeks leading up to the end of the academic year.

Children may:

- Visit their new classroom.
- Familiarise themselves with the layout and resources.
- Participate in storytime with their new class teacher once announced.

Additionally, children with additional needs will receive a transition booklet to read over the summer, helping them become familiar with their new class and teaching staff.



# COPING WITH CHANGE

**Choose health**

Know what affects your child, what makes them grumpy, hyper, disconnected...

Do they need snacks throughout the day?  
Do they need lots of sleep?  
Do they need to get out and about and do exercise?  
Do they need time alone?

Trust that you know your child and give them the basics that they need to cope with difficult days

**Work together**

Share ideas about how to:

- create action plans
- have a problem-solving approach
- enjoy achievements
- be forward-looking
- show them that we can all get things wrong

**Move on up**

Encourage independence:

- help them to move positively from child identity towards teen identity
- increase their responsibilities
- be positive whenever they act maturely

Be aware of your child's changing needs. Sometimes it might feel like one step forwards, two steps back.

**Be calm**

Try to stay calm whilst your child is feeling distressed. Your child may show:

- highs and lows
- blame
- melodrama
- self-centredness
- anger

**Communicate**

The small things you do make all the difference:

Keep talking, texting, listening, hearing, hugging, sympathising, smiling, reassuring, checking, sharing, suggesting, encouraging, respecting

**Get learning**

Be involved, find out more and talk about:

- social media
- internet benefits and dangers
- new music
- language and slang
- current affairs
- what it's like to be young in the current world

**Be wise**

As they discover new things, try to:

- be interested
- be non-judgemental
- guide
- give boundaries
- see it from all sides
- listen to their point of view
- choose your words carefully
- act on warning bells

**Be the anchor**

In times of change you are:

- constant
- family
- familiar
- routine
- in-jokers
- irritating
- comforting
- home

**Have fun**

Provide lots of light relief:

- be silly
- be embarrassing
- play games
- laugh together
- do stuff together
- make jokes
- make things
- be outside

**Look after yourself**

Support yourself, to best support your child:

- lean on friends
- offload on other family
- find 'me time'
- see the GP
- relax, exercise
- sleep well, eat well
- remember tomorrow is a new day

## Ten Ways for parents to help children cope with change

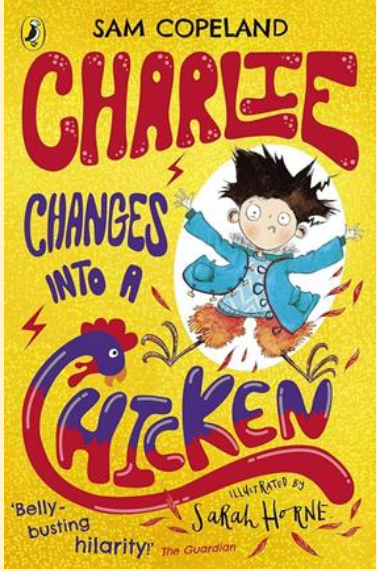


### RECOMMENDED READS

**Charlie Changes into a Chicken**  
By Sam Copeland

Recommended for 6-11 year olds

This is my favourite book because it's a hilarious, fast-paced story with an irresistible mix of humour and absurdity. It follows Charlie McGuffin, a boy who has an unusual problem—when he gets stressed, he randomly transforms into animals! This quirky concept alone makes for a fun and unpredictable read.



Happy reading! Mr Evans 😊

## COMMUNICATION AT ST ANN'S

At St Ann's, we value open and constructive communication with our parents and carers. To ensure that any concerns are addressed promptly and appropriately, we kindly remind you of our escalation process:

### **Class Teacher**

Your first point of contact for any questions, concerns, or issues should always be your child's class teacher. They are best placed to assist you with day-to-day matters and provide the most relevant support.

### **Assistant Headteachers**

If you feel that your issue has not been resolved after speaking with the class teacher, the next step is to contact the appropriate Assistant Headteacher:

**Mrs. Preston** – For matters relating to Early Years & Key Stage 1

**Miss Foster** – For matters relating to Key Stage 2

### **Deputy Headteacher or Executive Headteacher**

Should you still feel that your concern has not been adequately addressed after following the above steps, you may escalate the matter to either:

**Mrs. Hartley (Deputy Headteacher)**

**Mrs. Rynn (Executive Headteacher)**

Following this channel of communication not only ensures that your concerns are dealt with in the most effective way but also helps us to maintain a positive and collaborative environment for all our children.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.



### **SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #31**

Is your child a young carer?

A young carer is someone under 18 who looks after a parent or another family member. They take on physical and emotional duties that adults usually handle. It can feel scary and isolating.

Our Family Support Worker has strong links with St Helens Young Carers Centre and would be happy to support your child and family in receiving some additional support.

Please contact Mrs Crowther on 0151 426 5869 for further information.

## SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

As we prepare for a new school year, we would like to remind our parents of some important school policies. Your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines helps ensure that our school remains a happy and safe environment for all children, allowing our staff to focus on delivering quality education.

### **Branded Clothing**

Branded clothing is not permitted. All uniform items, including PE kits, must be plain navy. This policy helps maintain a sense of unity and equality among all students.

### **Ear Piercing Policy**

Children are not allowed to wear earrings to school. If your child is planning to have their ears pierced, please ensure this is done within the first few days of the summer holidays. This allows time for earrings to be removed when school resumes in September. Clear plastic backless retainers are permitted to ensure the hole remains open. We appreciate your support in this health and safety matter.

### **Make-Up Policy**

The wearing of make-up is not permitted in school. Students arriving with make-up will be asked to remove it. This policy helps maintain a focus on learning and a distraction-free environment.

### **Snack Policy**

**Permitted Snacks:** The only snacks allowed at playtime are:

- Toast
- Fruit
- Vegetables

**Non-Permitted Snacks:** Children bringing other food items will be asked to save these for lunch or take them home. Alternative snacks of fruit or vegetables will be provided.

### **School Bags**

**Requirement:** Please ensure your child brings their school book bag each day. Rucksacks are not permitted due to limited cloakroom space and the potential for trip hazards.

**Safety Note:** Rucksacks can fall off pegs and pose risks to both students and staff.





# **Y6 Entrepreneur's Summer Tuck Shop**

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

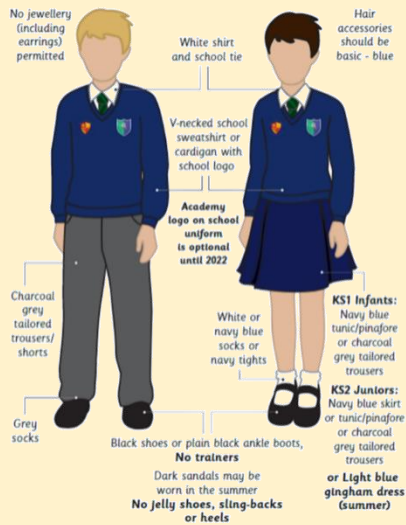
**ICE POP (50P)**

**CUP DRINK (50P)**

**HELP US RAISE FUNDS**

## 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.*

## PARKING

We have had a number of complaints from both parents and people living close to school regarding parking. Please could parents ensure that they are parking both legally and considerately when dropping off or picking up their children. Thank you.

### 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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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

**DATES FOR DIARY APRIL-JULY 2025**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	EYP Family Worship 9.00am
Monday -Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> June-1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	Y6 RHS Transition Days
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	Choir Lost in Music event, Town Hall
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	EYM Family Worship 9.00am
Wednesday -Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Y5 and Y6 Lake District Residential
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	EY's Trip to Knowsley Safari Park
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	Year 6 Leavers' Disco 7.00-8.00pm
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Year 6 Leavers' Service 9.00am <i>Y6 Parents/ Carers welcome</i>  Y6 to bring shirt to school to have signed
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025</b>	<b>School Closes</b>

# 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



ST HELENS  
BOROUGH COUNCIL



**TICKETS  
AVAILABLE  
NOW!**

**AMAZING  
LEGO DISPLAYS**

**NEW & RETIRED  
LEGO SETS**



**BUILD  
CHALLENGES**

**ACTIVITIES  
FOR ALL AGES**



**CHARITY  
TOMBOLA**

**MILLIONS OF  
LOOSE BRICKS**



**PLUS SO  
MUCH MORE!!**



**19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025  
AINTREE RASECOURSE  
MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF**

**LIVERPOOL  
BRICK  
FESTIVAL**

# NEW TICKET WAVE



TICKET  
**BRICK  
FESTIVAL**  
TICKET

19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

AINTREE RACECOURSE

LIVERPOOL  
**BRICK  
FESTIVAL**

**MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF**