



# 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*

Newsletter Issue 37

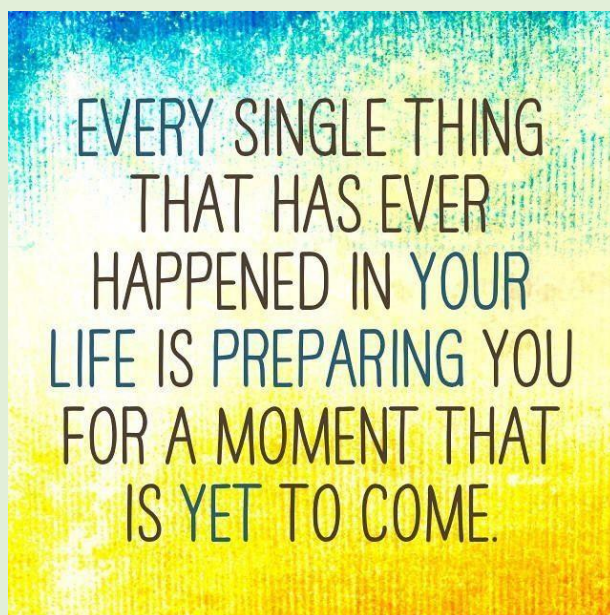
Friday 4 July 2025

“And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.”

Psalm 39:7

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## TRANSITION DAYS

We are thrilled to share the incredible success of our recent Transition Focus Days at St Ann's CE Primary School! These special days provided our children with invaluable opportunities to engage in fun and enriching activities designed to ease their transition into the next year group. Through collaborative projects, team-building exercises, and interactive learning experiences, our children not only built strong relationships with their new teachers and classmates but also developed essential skills that will serve them well in their educational journey. The positive feedback from both children and parents has been overwhelming, highlighting the joy and excitement these days brought to our school community. We are proud of our children's enthusiasm and adaptability, and we look forward to seeing them thrive as they embrace the new challenges ahead!



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>	96.54%
Whole school attendance week ending 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	96.12%
Class with best weekly attendance	5BF – 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**

**37**

### 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.



## SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

28th July - 31 August 2025

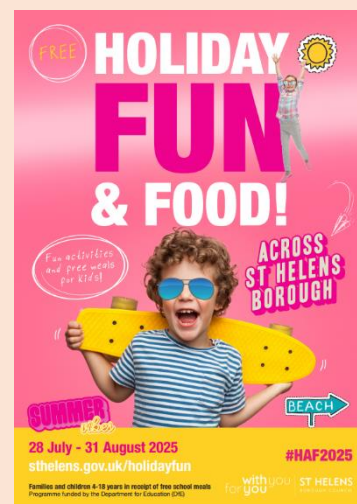
☀️ **PLAN YOUR SUMMER in ST HELENS!** ☀️  
A FREE Drop-In Event for Parents, Carers and Young People  
HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) and Short Breaks

📅 **Date:** Thursday 3rd July

🕒 **Time:** 4pm – 7pm

📍 **Location:** Saints – Totally Wicked Stadium

**Free refreshments**



### Looking for summer activities?

Come along and find out what's on offer across St Helens this summer!

- ✓ Meet activity providers
- ✓ Explore HAF (free holiday activities and meals for eligible children)
- ✓ Find out about Short Breaks for children with additional needs
- ✓ Discover local clubs, events and support
- ✓ Ask questions and plan your summer!

**No need to book – just drop in!**

☕ Free refreshments provided

School closes on  
**Tuesday 22 July 2025**

School re-opens on  
**Wednesday 3 September 2025**  
(Y1-Y6)  
School re-opens on  
**Thursday 4 September 2025 (EYs)**

### 2025/26 TERM DATES

	Open On	Close On
<b>Autumn 2025</b>	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
<b>Spring 2026</b>	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
<b>Summer 2026</b>	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

## EXCITING NEWS

Reverend Alan shared some exciting news with the children this week, which we also wanted to share with parents.

St Ann's church wrote to Songs of Praise, with an invitation to hold a service here during the Rocket 200 Celebrations. The Rights Respecting Parliament wrote supporting letters saying how much they were looking forward to the Rocket celebrations. Here is their reply. 😊



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27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Rev. Conant

What can I say? The package we received from you all at St Ann's Church and School is by far the most wonderful thing we've ever received in the post at Songs of Praise HQ! My only regret is that it took us so long to reply after receiving it – please accept our apologies and our sincere thanks for brightening our day and for the encouragement the letters brought.

Songs of Praise is unique in the world of broadcasting. We are soon to mark our 64<sup>th</sup> birthday, making us the longest-running religious programme on television and one of the most enduring broadcasts in the world. But our longevity and continued popularity is entirely down to the people across the UK who so generously share their stories and lend their voices to our congregations. We treasure our community of viewers and all those who contribute to the programme.

Suffice to say we were honoured that you should think of us, and even more honoured by the time and care that went into writing us. I'd be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to Thomas, Sofia, Jack, Harlie, Imogen, Hattie, Zac, Alva, Anya, Thomas, Scarlett and Isabella. We all enjoyed reading the letters which were beautifully written, and we are all in awe of your forward planning!

Television is changing rapidly, and no one quite knows what it will look like in 2029 BUT please be assured, if Songs of Praise is still going strong in four years' time, which we hope it will, we would be delighted to accept your invitation to come to Rainhill and celebrate this important anniversary. In fact, just a few weeks ago I took my own children to the National Railway Museum in York and learnt about the Rainhill trials.

If there's anything we can help with or consider featuring in the meantime, please let us know but either way I look forward to keeping in touch.

With sincere thanks and very best regards,

David Waters

## A SPOTLIGHT ON: CHRISTIAN VALUES



At St Ann's, we explore 12 Christian Values over a two-year period. This approach ensures that each child encounters every value at least three times throughout their primary education, enabling them to revisit and deepen their understanding as they grow older.

These values are frequently highlighted during Collective Worship, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose. Additionally, our Class RE Reflection Areas are designed to reflect the current value being studied, providing a dedicated space for contemplation and discussion.

To encourage children to embody these Christian Values, we reward their efforts with Dojos. Exceptional demonstrations of these values may even lead to special invitations for "Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher," celebrating their commitment to our school's ethos.

Below are the Christian Values we focus on at St Ann's:

**Our Christian Values**

Over a two-year period we study 12 Christian Values. This means children encounter each value at least three times during their primary education, allowing for values to be revisited at a deeper level as the children grow older. The values are often a focus for Collective Worship. Class RE Areas reflect the value currently being studied.

Compassion	Endurance	Courage
Justice	Thankfulness	Trust
Peace	Service	Wisdom
Forgiveness	Friendship	Hope



## INTERFAITH DAY



Next week, we're excited to be holding our annual **Interfaith Day**, with this year's focus on **Christianity Around the World**. Children will explore how Christianity is celebrated across different cultures and countries through a range of engaging activities. There will be a special **art focus**, with each class creating work inspired by themes such as **celebrations, traditions, and global Christian communities**. It promises to be a creative and thoughtful day of learning, reflection, and fun!

## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

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!

## COLOUR RUN

We're very excited for our upcoming Colour Run, taking place during the week commencing 14th July! It's a fantastic opportunity for the children to get active, have fun, and raise money for our school – all while being showered in colour! There's still time to sign up if your child would like to take part, so don't miss out on this colourful celebration. We can't wait to see everyone's bright smiles (and even brighter t-shirts)!



## YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

Ahoy me hearties! Year 6 have been working incredibly hard learning songs, dances and scenes in preparation for the Pirates of the Curry Bean shows on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – it looks amazing! A couple of reminders for parents and carers of year 6:

- Please ensure that students know all their lines by **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**.
- Please see separate communication for all costume-related details.

As always, do not hesitate to contact us with any queries.

## 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. **Nail polish and false nails are also not permitted. 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.



## SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #33

### Protecting your children when out alone



Tell your child to avoid talking to people they don't know when you're not around, this includes speaking to older children.

Make sure your child knows never to walk away with strangers.

Make sure your child understands that they should always tell you if a stranger approaches, and never to keep this secret.

If your child is travelling alone, tell them to sit near other families on the train or bus.

If your child has to use a lift – tell them only to use lifts with friends, and not to feel worried about getting out if they are uncomfortable about someone else being in there

If your child gets lost, they should ask for help from a police officer, another grown-up with children or someone working at a nearby shop

Ensure your child knows their address and telephone number in the event of an emergency.

Have an awareness of where your children are and who they are with when going out after school and on the weekends.

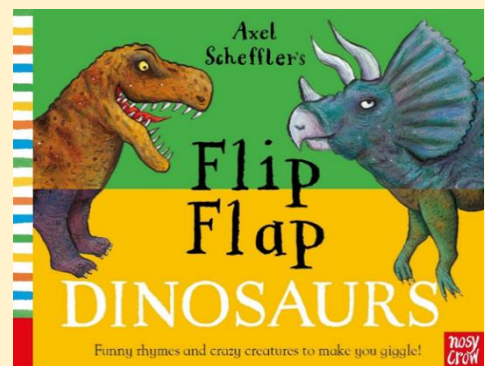
Have an awareness of who your child might be speaking to and meeting up with, are they meeting up with older children from high school who experiment with vapes and other substances.



### RECOMMENDED READS

**Flip Flap Dinosaurs**  
By Alex Scheffler

Recommended for 2-5 year olds



I love this book because it is about dinosaurs and I enjoy learning facts about them. I also love this book because it rhymes and lets me make some strange dinosaurs that make me laugh!

Happy reading! Miss O'Shea 😊

## MESSAGE FROM SEND YOUTH PARTNERSHIP

We are the SEND Youth Partnership – a group of young people from across St. Helens. We work with the SEND Partnership Board to make sure young people’s voices are heard and acted on.

We’ve created a SEND Young People’s Survey because we want to understand what life is really like for other young people with SEND – in school, at home, in the community, and as we grow up.

This survey links directly to the St Helens SEND Strategy – Visible, Valued and Included. The strategy says things should improve for young people with SEND – but we need to know if that’s actually happening.

Your students' answers will give us a baseline to measure progress and hold people to account.

We’re asking for your support to share the survey with young people with SEND

The survey is:

- Short and accessible
- Open to all young people with SEND – whether or not they have an EHCP

We know some young people may need support to take part.

There are also two prizes of £50 vouchers to be won for those who take part!

We’ll be sharing the results with the SEND Partnership Board and publishing a summary on the SEND Information Hub. This is a real opportunity for young people’s voices to make a difference – and your support can help make that happen.

Please click the link below to access the survey and thank you for helping us lead this important work.

[SEND Young People's Survey](#)



**Y6 Entrepreneur's  
Summer  
Tuck Shop**

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

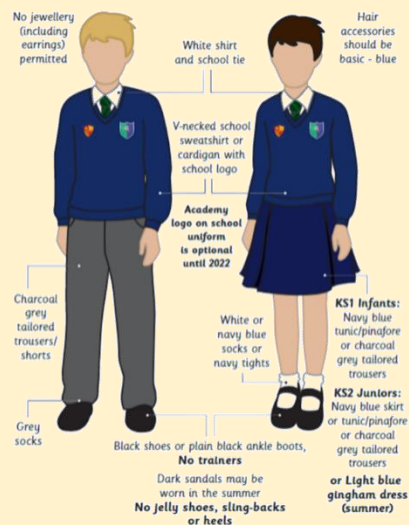
**ICE POP (50P)**

**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

If you would like your child to have Toast at breaktime for Autumn 1 (3<sup>rd</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £9.50 by 17<sup>th</sup> July. If your account is not in credit by at least this amount by this date we will issue a reminder by In-App message. If payment is still not received by the date stated in the reminder we will be unable to provide your child with toast for the ensuing half term.

### 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 <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



St Ann's Church  
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# Services at St Ann's July 2025



St Ann's Church  
RAINHILL

We aim to cater for different styles and ages with a variety of services throughout the month.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ANY OF OUR SERVICES

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

10.30am All Together for Worship



## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

10.30am Holy Communion in Church building with Platform 2 contemporary worship in St Ann's Centre



## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

10.30am Morning Worship (No HC) in Church building with Platform 2 contemporary worship in St Ann's Centre



## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

10.30am Holy Communion in Church building

**Platform 2 RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER**

8.30am BCP Holy Communion - EVERY SUNDAY

(a traditional communion service using the Book of Common Prayer - large print available)

Midweek Holy Communion Thursdays 9.30am

Services are an ecumenical act of worship & everyone is welcome to join us for the service and coffee afterwards.



**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.

**DATES FOR DIARY APRIL-JULY 2025**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Wednesday -Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Y5 and Y6 Lake District Residential
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>