



# 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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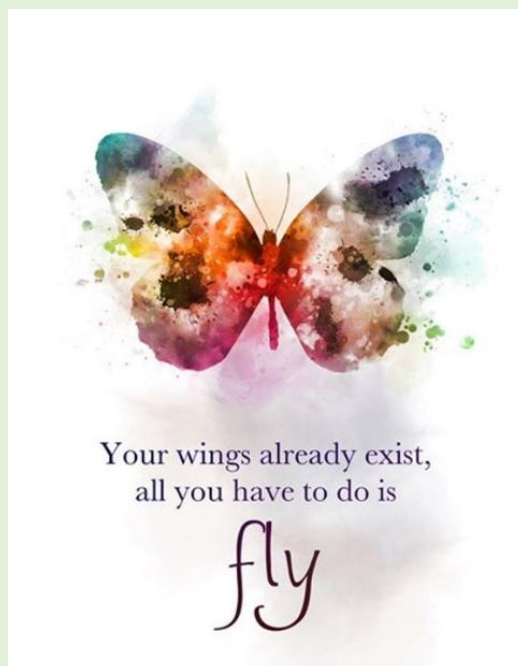
Friday 11 July 2025

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield

Psalm 33:20

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## INTERFAITH DAY

Interfaith Day was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to explore Christianity around the world. Each year group focused on a unique theme, deepening their understanding of global Christian traditions. The day helped children appreciate the diversity within Christianity and encouraged

respect and curiosity about other cultures and beliefs. Some year groups also had the wonderful experience of visits from two members of our church community. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the faith from Joan and Jean.



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 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	96.41%
Class with best weekly attendance	1T % - 2O & 1T

#### 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**

**356**

#### 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
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: SPIRITUALITY



At St Ann's Church of England Primary School, we view spirituality as the essence of our relationships with one another and with God. It embodies the journey of being fully human and discovering ourselves through love. By fostering a shared understanding within our community, we can nurture the spirituality of each individual.

This understanding is deeply explored and experienced during our collective worship, rooted in Anglican practises. Our worship typically includes retelling Bible stories—often through song—moments of stillness, prayers, and personal reflections. By providing children with the time and opportunity to relive their stories and reflect on their significance, we encourage them to express their emotional reactions to personal experiences. This process allows children to connect with their spiritual selves, as the heart of their stories often revolves around love.

Spirituality is revealed through four key aspects:

1. **Awareness of Self:** Understanding one's own identity and feelings.
2. **Relationships with Others:** Nurturing connections and empathy towards peers.
3. **Response to Nature:** Appreciating the beauty of the natural world.
4. **Exploration of the Beyond:** Contemplating deeper questions about existence and faith.

Questions such as "What would Jesus do?" or "Who would Jesus be?" prompt our children to reflect on their values and virtues. Moments of stillness create space for simply 'being'—encouraging everyone to be present to themselves, to others, to the world, and to the divine.



Spiritual development is woven into our curriculum in various ways:

- **Daily Collective Worship:** Nurturing spiritual growth through stories, songs, prayers, reflections, symbols, and natural objects.
- **Regular Worship through Song:** Led by our Church choir director, enhancing our communal worship experience.
- **Pupil-Led Collective Worship:** Taking place half-termly, allowing students to lead and share their insights.
- **Weekly RE Lessons:** Providing opportunities for reflection and exploration of faith.
- **Half-Termly Church Services:** Engaging the wider community in our spiritual journey.
- **KS2 Communion Services:** Offering deeper connections to our faith.
- **Confirmation Classes for Y5 & 6:** Preparing students for important spiritual milestones.
- **Spontaneous Acts of Prayer or Kindness:** Responding to personal, local, national, and global events, such as sending get-well messages to peers in hospital.
- **Prayer Writing:** Displaying heartfelt prayers that reflect our community's love and support during significant events.
- **Prayer Spaces:** Available in every classroom and central areas, fostering a reflective environment.
- **Awe and Wonder Moments:** Integrated throughout the curriculum, such as literature in English, mindfulness in PSHE, and exploration of natural disasters in Geography.
- **Cultural Development Opportunities:** Through our Cultural Offer, including visits to external places.
- **Focus Weeks:** Engaging in themes like Stand Up Speak Up week to promote awareness and action.



- **Shared Experiences:** Such as the Jubilee family picnic, STAR charity fundraising day, and Christingle workshops.
- **Outdoor Learning:** Engaging with nature in our woodland areas.
- **Celebrations:** Including talent shows, Worship through Praise, school productions, and special birthday acknowledgments.

Through these initiatives, we strive to create a nurturing environment where our children can flourish spiritually, socially, and emotionally.

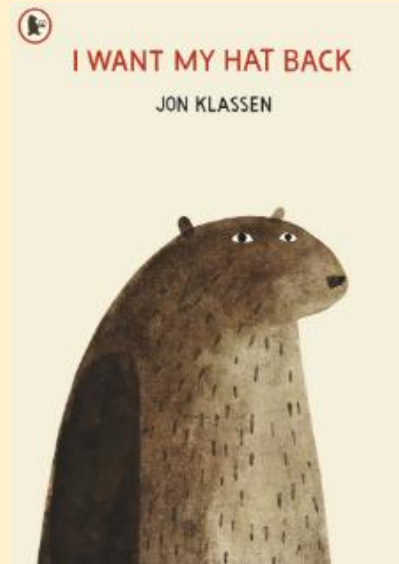


## RECOMMENDED READS

### **I Want My Hat Back** By John Klassen

Recommended for 2-7 year olds

I love this book because it is funny and clever. I especially like how some characters seem a little bit suspicious! The pictures are simple but full of feeling, and I enjoy using my imagination to think about what the characters might be thinking. I always wonder—what really happened to that rabbit?



Happy reading! Miss Thomson 😊



## COLOUR RUN

We're very excited for our upcoming Colour Run, taking place next week! 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! We can't wait to see everyone's bright smiles (and even brighter t-shirts)!

## 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!

## 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!

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.



## TRANSITION CONVERSATION FOR OUR PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Many thanks to parents for attending our transition conversations for pupils with Special Educational Needs. We hope you found these conversations useful and that you and your child are looking forward to the new academic year.

### YEAR 6 LEAVERS' SERVICE & SHIRT SIGNING



On **Tuesday 22 July** Year 6 will hold their Leavers Service. This will take place at **St Ann's Church at 9.30am**.

Children will be permitted to have their shirt signed back at school following the service. Parents may choose to send in a clean shirt rather than the one they are wearing that day.

If you do not wish for your child to have their shirt signed, please make them aware of this.

*Everybody welcome.*

### VACANCY @ ST ANN'S



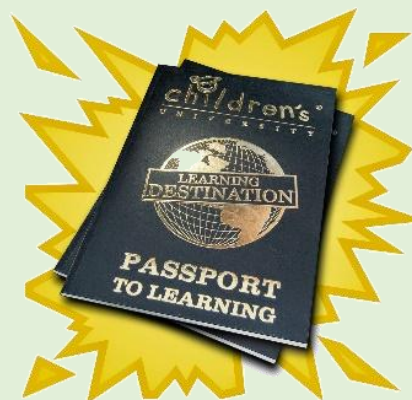
We are looking for a Level 3 Teaching Assistant Support to join our team. Find out more about this vacancy by clicking on the following link.

<https://www.three-saints.org.uk/pages/vacancies/vacancies.htm>

**Come and join our team!**

### CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORT BANK

If your child has a children's university passport, send it into school for the final banking of club hours w/c Monday 21 July.



If your child attends after school clubs, but doesn't currently collect their university hours, speak to Mr Harrison to find out more 😊

### END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of year school reports will be sent home on Friday 18 July. Should you wish to discuss your child's report following receipt of it, please contact your child's class teacher via the usual means.



## AWARDS EVENING & Y6 DISCO



On **Monday 21 July** we are holding our Awards Evenings at St Ann's Church

**6.00pm: Year 6 Awards Evening.**

Everyone invited.

(followed by disco, to finish approximately 8.00pm)

**7.00pm: EYs-Y5 Awards Evening**

Invitation only

Children should wear full and correct uniform including black school shoes (summer or winter). Year 6 children should bring their disco clothes to school in the morning, in a named carrier bag. After the Awards Evening children will get changed into their disco clothes, back at school. Y6 children should be collected from school at 8.00pm from the main entrance.

**IMPORTANT: THE CHURCH CARPARK WILL BE CLOSED TO SCHOOL PARENTS/CARERS AND STAFF DUE TO IT BEING USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. IF YOU ARE DRIVING TO THE AWARDS EVENING, YOU WILL NEED TO PARK SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY AROUND THE SURROUNDING ROADS. THANK YOU**

## SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #34



### Mental Health

How to promote good mental health with your child

- Connect with your child every day and share your own feelings.
- Ensure your child has an opportunity to have quiet time together.
- Praise your child when they do well, recognise efforts as well as achievements.
- Actively listen to your child with no distractions.
- Keep your promises, if you're not able to make sure you explain your reasons.
- Encourage your child to focus on the moment and not dwell on events.
- Practise self-care for yourself and set the standard.
- Help your child to develop a language of feelings, use stories or play together to help them to understand.



**Y6 Entrepreneur's  
Summer  
Tuck Shop**

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

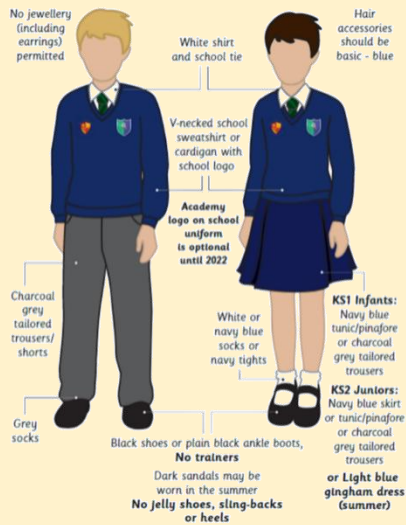
**ICE POP (50P)**

**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 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 <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**

## DATES FOR DIARY APRIL-JULY 2025

DAY	DATE	EVENT
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>

# 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  
RAINHILL

# 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.



**FRIDAYS 5-6 PM**  
**RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL MUGA**

**RAINHILL UNITED**  
**WILDCATS**

**FOR**  
**GIRLS IN RECEPTION TO**  
**YEAR 6**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL  
[INFO@RAINHILLUNITED.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@RAINHILLUNITED.CO.UK)  
OR SCAN HERE TO BOOK





**MONDAYS 5-6 PM**  
**RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL MUGA**

**RAINHILL UNITED**  
**FUTURE STARS**

**FOR**  
**BOYS IN RECEPTION**  
**& YEAR ONE**

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**THE MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY  
PRESENTS**

**HOLIDAY  
CLUB**



The  
Martial Arts  
Academy

**AGES 5 TO 14**

**£25 PER DAY**

**WEEK 1**

**9am - 4pm**

**WEEK 2**

**JULY 28th - AUGUST 1st**

**AUGUST 18th - AUGUST 22nd**

**FUN ACTIVITIES & GAMES**

**Contact Us NOW to book your child's place**

**info@sthelensmartialarts.co.uk | 07904552685**

**The Dojo, 288 Gartons Lane, St Helens, WA9 4RR**