

Newsletter Issue 2: Friday 12 September 2025



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



NEW FOR 2025-26: CHARACTER EDUCATION



ClassDojo
Big Ideas

At St Ann's, we are excited to share that this year we will have an intense, year-long focus on developing our children's strength of character. Our dedicated staff will lead by example as the ultimate role models, demonstrating the values and behaviours we wish to nurture in every child. Throughout the year, regular worship sessions will

centre on key personal and learning skills such as **growth mindset, resilience to setbacks, positive thinking, moods and attitudes, empathy, and gratitude**. To support this important work, we will share links to the worship videos along with thoughtful questions in our weekly newsletter, enabling parents to continue these meaningful conversations at home. We warmly encourage a strong partnership between home and school as we work together to help our children grow in character and confidence.

This week's video link and take-home questions

We're watching a video series about how students can develop a growth mindset!

Watch it at: www.classdojo.com/BigIdeas, and ask your child these questions tonight.

1. What was the biggest challenge you faced today? (Ask your child, and then have them ask the question back!)
2. How can you and I think about these challenges in a new way?
3. What can we do differently tomorrow if we face similar challenges?

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>	96.93%
Whole school attendance week ending 5 th September 2025	96.93%
Class with best weekly attendance	2O, 4G & 6H – 100%

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**

389



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.

YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY

Following the letter sent out in Summer Term, we are delighted to share that our Year 5 children will have the opportunity to take part in **Bikeability Training** this Autumn. Sessions will run daily from **Monday 29th September to Friday 10th October** with small groups of six children taking part each day. To participate, parents must complete the **online consent form** linked in the letter that was sent out in Summer term, without this, children will not be able to take part. Children will need a bike, helmet and outdoor PE kit on their training day; however, if your child does not have access to a bike, one can be hired free of charge, please let us know if this is required. Bikeability is a fantastic way for children to gain confidence and learn the skills needed to cycle safely on today's roads, and we are thrilled to be able to offer this opportunity.

Monday 29 th September – Friday 3 rd October	5F children (6 per day)	https://bikeright.co.uk/events/f764b263-725a-46e6-9dc6-6cc8b3a5a714/?c=95002
Monday 6 th October – Friday 10 th October	5E children (6 per day)	https://bikeright.co.uk/events/8c405f95-d3cc-443e-be85-7b62df403513/?c=95003

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION AT ST ANN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are delighted to let you know that The Schools Music Service will be returning to provide instrumental music tuition in your school from this term onwards.

We currently offer classes on clarinet, flute, guitar, keyboard and violin in school, in small group half hour sessions, during the school day. It is our belief that music greatly enriches the life of a child, both academically and socially.

If you would like more information about classes here is a link to our website where you can see how everything works - www.schoolsmusicservice.co.uk

If you know what instrument your child would like to learn, or you have learned with us before, you can register for classes on our website and I will sort everything out for you. Please watch our short video for more information.

Also, if your child has had music tuition with us in the previous academic year, please ensure that you have made a new application for this year's tuition to put them back onto the teacher's pupil list.

Our teachers are extremely excited to be coming back to your school and we look forward to meeting you all **soon**.



**WELCOME TO THE
SCHOOLS MUSIC SERVICE**

The S.M.S provides quality music education and support in schools and in the community. Established in 1997, we provide tuition for over 1000 children in schools throughout the North West.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Group rate tuition fees are based on around 3 pupils sharing a half hour lesson. There are 10 lessons per term, totalling 30 lessons per academic year. The cost is £7.50 per lesson, £75.00 per term, a total of £225.00 a year. Parents may pay in advance or by 10 monthly instalments of £22.50.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS:

www.schoolsmusicservice.co.uk
Tel: 0151 426 9953
Email: schoolsmusicservice@gmail.com

**A SPOTLIGHT ON:
UNDERSTANDING OUR BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM: THE ST ANN'S STANDARD**



At St Ann's CE, we believe that learning how to behave is just as important as any other part of the curriculum. That's why we have a dedicated behaviour curriculum, known as the St Ann's Standard. Just like academic skills, appropriate behaviour is something children need to be taught—it doesn't happen by chance.

Our St Ann's Standard sets unapologetically high expectations because we want the very best for every child. We know that children feel safe, secure, and happy when expectations are clear and consistent.

At the heart of our St Ann's Standard are the 3Cs: Courtesy, Care, and Concentration. These three values form a golden thread that guides behaviour in nearly every situation. Children are rewarded when they demonstrate the 3Cs, which are explicitly taught, regularly revisited, and proudly displayed throughout the school. Everyone—staff and children alike—know and lives by these principles.

The graphic features a white background with a decorative border of green leaves and brown berries. At the top, the text 'St Ann's Standard' is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below this is a shield-shaped logo with a green left half and a blue right half, containing a white 'S' and 'A' intertwined. Underneath the logo, the three core values are listed in a black, cursive font: 'Courtesy: To be respectful and polite to everyone.', 'Care: To care for everyone and everything.', and 'Concentration: To give our best at all times.' At the bottom of the graphic, there are six small articles of text: 'Article 3: Best interests of the child.', 'Article 12: Respect for the views of the child.', 'Article 28: Right to education.', 'Article 29: Goals of education.', and 'Article 31: Leisure, play and culture.'

We encourage you to ask your child about the St Ann's Standard and the 3Cs. You might even find it helpful to apply these values at home to support your child's learning and development.

Thank you for partnering with us to create a positive and respectful school community.

PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD

St Helens Event
Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Are you supporting a young person with additional needs to prepare for adult life? This event is for you. Join us to explore the four key pathways of Preparing for Adulthood:

➔ Education & Employment

➔ Independent Living

➔ Community Inclusion

➔ Health

🎤 Hear from expert speakers

? Ask the questions that matter to you

💡 Get clear, practical advice on planning next steps

Whether you're just starting to think about the future or already on the journey, this event will help you feel more confident and informed.

Two Sessions: 10am - 1pm or 5pm - 7.30pm

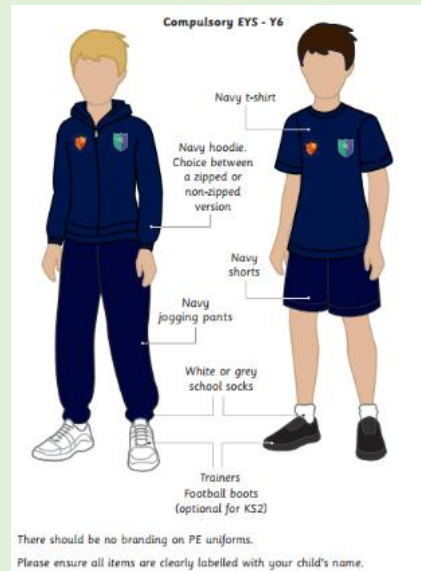
Book your Free Place

PE KIT EXPECTATIONS

At St Ann's, children wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE lessons. We view the PE kit as an important extension of our school uniform, and therefore, we expect the same high standards of dress to be maintained.

All children are required to wear:

- Navy blue t-shirt
- Navy blue hoody
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue jogging bottoms
- Trainers



These items can be plain or feature the school and Trust logo. Please note that branded sportswear is not permitted.

Additionally, trainers should only be worn on PE days and are not acceptable as everyday footwear.

If a child arrives without the correct PE kit, the school will provide suitable clothing for them to wear during the day.

We appreciate your continued cooperation and support in helping us uphold these standards.

IS YOUR CHILD RESIDENTIAL READY? TIPS FOR BUILDING INDEPENDENCE AND CONFIDENCE

The benefits of school residential trips are well-known: they provide children with valuable opportunities to develop personal skills such as resilience and perseverance, enjoy fresh air and Vitamin D by spending time outdoors, and importantly, nurture their physical and mental health, wellbeing, and self-esteem.

However, over the past two years, some parents and carers have expressed concerns about their child's personal care skills and level of independence before the trip, leading to worries about whether their child is ready for the experience. With this in mind, we thought it would be helpful to share some practical ways you can support your child to get residential-ready. Remember, St Ann's offers a residential holiday for children in Year 4, so the earlier you start preparing, the better!

1. **Encourage Independence:** Help your child practice these essential skills at home:

*Falling asleep in their own bed
Cleaning themselves after using the toilet (including flushing and washing hands)
Getting dressed and undressed independently
Brushing their hair and teeth
Using a knife and fork confidently*

2. **Have Positive Conversations:** Speak about the residential trip with enthusiasm and confidence. Avoid sharing your worries directly with your child. If you have concerns, discuss them away from your child to avoid passing on anxiety. Remember, children are very perceptive and can pick up on your body language and tone.
3. **Address Their Worries:** It's normal for children to have concerns about new experiences. Listen patiently and acknowledge their feelings. Together, think of positive, realistic solutions to ease their worries. For example, if your child is scared of sleeping in the dark, reassure them that they won't be alone and that morning will come soon. If they worry about bedwetting, encourage them to use the toilet before bed and remind them that teachers are there to help if needed.
4. **Keep Them Informed:** Prepare your child by explaining what to expect so there are no surprises. Let them know they might not share a room with their best friend and that electronic devices won't be allowed. Emphasise how much they will grow and learn from the experience.
5. **Involve Them in Packing:** When it's time to pack, do it together. This helps your child know what they are taking and where to find their belongings, boosting their confidence and responsibility.

If you would like more tips or support in getting your child ready for the residential trip, please speak with your child's class teacher. We are here to help every step of the way!

YEAR 4H SWIMMING

4H will have a block of swimming lessons Tuesday – Friday week commencing 15 September and week commencing 22 September. Please refer to separate letter for further information.



YEAR 4 PGL RESIDENTIAL: BOREATTON PARK



Boreatton Park
Shropshire



Polite reminder – The second deposit is due
Wednesday 17 September 2025.

YEAR 4 HARVEST SERVICE



Our Harvest Service will take place on Friday 3rd October 2025 at 9:30am. We would be very grateful for any donations of food, which will be collected and shared with St Helens Food Bank to support local families in need.

INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOGRAPH DAY

Wednesday 1 October 2025



SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSION



Tuesday 16th September 8.30am-9.30am

If you can arrive at the front office, a member of staff will be able to support.

Thank you

Family of Faith



A Reflection from Mrs Hartley

At St Ann's, we are reminded by the words, "Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart." This verse encourages us to release our anxieties and place our trust in God through prayer. It teaches us the power of gratitude, even in challenging times, and reminds us that through faith and thankfulness, we can find peace and strength. As a school community, let us embrace this spirit—supporting one another, staying hopeful, and being thankful for the blessings we share each day.

Together, with God's love, we can soar high.

**Our Christian Value
this half term is...**

THANKFULNESS

*Don't worry about
anything, but in all
your prayers ask God
for what you*

*need, always asking
him with a thankful
heart.*

Philippians 4:6

St Ann's Church Services

8:30am Sundays: Traditional Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion in Church. All welcome.

10:30am First Sunday: All Together For Worship – lively, inclusive parish service in Church.

10:30am Other Sundays:

- 2nd Sunday: Common Worship Communion (lighter service)
- 3rd Sunday: Morning Prayer and Teaching
- 4th Sunday: Formal Eucharist

(All in Church, concurrent with Platform 2)

10:30am Weekly (except 1st Sunday): Platform 2 in Millennium Centre – informal, family-focused worship with group activities, crafts, and games. Coffee and refreshments provided.

Thursdays 9:30am: Midweek Holy Communion in Church, followed by coffee in the Centre.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Our newly elected Rights Respecting Parliament members would like to warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall on Friday, 26th September at 9:15am.

While sipping on a tea or coffee and eating delicious cake, you can enjoy taking part in a raffle, with all proceeds going to support Macmillan Cancer Support. Donations of cakes, while not necessary, are greatly appreciated if you'd like to contribute. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together, enjoy some delicious treats, and support a fantastic cause which so close to so many of our hearts.

We hope to see you there!

Every cake and every coffee matters

Cancer can disrupt someone's whole life. Coffee Mornings like this mean we can do whatever it takes to help people with cancer live life as fully as they can. The money you raise today will go towards:

Physical support

We provide specialist nurses and information on cancer, side effects such as hair loss, exercise and nutrition, so each and every day is a bit more bearable.

Financial support

We provide benefits advice, grants and a team of experts who are on hand to help make sure money is one less thing for people with cancer to worry about.

Emotional support

We provide free specialist counselling and local support groups so people with cancer can talk and get help with how they're feeling.



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland. Printed on sustainable material. Please recycle. MAC19471_Matters_Card.



Respite Programme



Our activity sessions give young carers a chance to have a break from their caring role and the opportunity to meet with other Young Carers.

We offer a wide variety of activities. These include:-

- Team games
- Multi sports
- Music
- Baking
- Arts & crafts
- Or just simply a place to chill out and relax!

All activities are free of charge but are on a first come, first served basis.

Our activity groups are split into ages, so you'll meet Young Carers of a similar age to you.

Group A - School Years 1-3

Group B - School Years 4-6

Group C - School Years 7-9

Group D - School Year 10 - till 18th Birthday

“Young Carers are always there to listen and give the best advice according to the situation. This helps me to improve my caring role and my day-to-day life challenges.”

“At the Young Carers Centre, you can have 1 to 3 sessions and events where you get free time from caring responsibilities. This is good for me because it gives me respite.”

Office Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday
9:30am - 16:30pm
Friday
9:30am - 16:00pm

St Helens Young Carers Centre
Fishwick House,
Coltham Street,
St Helens
WA10 1SJ



If you are a Young Carer or think you may be one you can contact us directly or ask someone to make a referral on your behalf.

- ✓ Between 6-18 (referrals to be made before 18th birthday)
- ✓ A St Helens Postcode
- ✓ Care for somebody due to a physical, mental health condition, disability or substance misuse



Contact Us

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info@sthelenscarers.org.uk
www.sthelensyoungcarers.org

sth.yc

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ST. HELENS YOUNG CARERS



Young Carers Service

Helping Hands, Caring Hearts.

Providing support to Young Carers ensuring that they are recognised and have the same opportunities and life chances as other children and young people of a similar age.

Who are Young Carers?



A Young Carer is someone aged 6 to 18, who provides regular or ongoing care and emotional support to a family member who is ill, disabled, has a mental health condition or misuses drugs or alcohol.

They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult and the cared for would not be able to cope without their support.

Young carers undertake a range of tasks to support their family member. This might include:

- Shopping
- Cooking
- Cleaning
- Managing medicines
- Managing money
- Providing personal care
- Helping people get out the house
- Keeping an eye on someone
- Providing emotional support

Our Service Offer



Young Carers registered with our service can access:



Young Carers can become heavily impacted by their caring role and face unexpected challenges. Therefore we will support in any way we can to reduce the impact of caring and any obstacles that you may face. Please contact us for any support you feel you need.

Wellbeing Support



Our Wellbeing Team offer support & guidance to Young Carers.

This is initially done through our 'assessment', This is just to go through your current situation, get to know more about you and your caring role. From this we can make sure we are the right service for you and offer you a package of support.

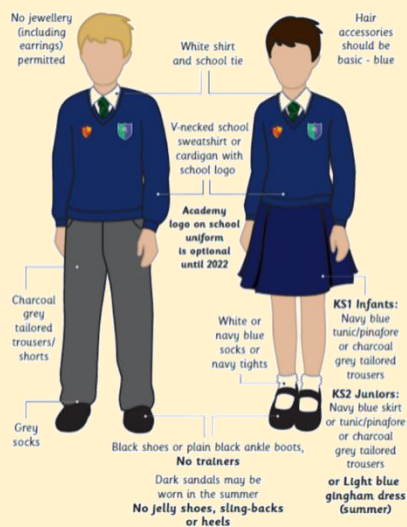
When you are registered with us, you will be able to access the following ongoing support as and when you need it from our Young Carer wellbeing team:

- Reviews of your caring role
- Ongoing wellbeing Support
- Signposting & Referrals

If you are unsure, just contact us and we can see how we can support you!

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 previously notified school that your child has a medical condition, you will have received a form this week to complete as part of our annual review process. ***Your early attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated and this helps with our efficiency.***

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.

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.

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.

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

TERM DATES 2025-26

Term	Open on	Close on
Autumn Term 2025	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Spring Term 2026	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
Summer Term 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

Courtesy

Care

Concentration



St. Ann's Church of England Primary School

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Tele: 0151 426 5869

Website: <http://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk>

Email: stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

X: [@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



Saturday 20th September
A staggered start from 12.30pm.

Pick up your question sheets at the Centre.

Ray Gorbutt has kindly prepared the questions and photographs to help you work out the answers! Afterward, weather permitting, we will gather together for a picnic in the Vicarage garden. Bring your own picnic, rug or folding chairs.

Everyone welcome!

~ £5 per family or group.

Come and enjoy the event on your doorstep.

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



RAINHILL UNITED JFC GIRL PLAYERS NEEDED

WE ARE LOOKING FOR THREE U8'S GIRLS
TO COME AND JOIN OUR NEW U8'S TEAM

2025/2026 SEASON



Contact Gill at
girlsfootball@rainhillunited.co.uk



RAINHILL UNITED JFC GIRLS FOOTBALL



MEET SUE SMITH !

Come and meet our Club Ambassador.

Co-commentator on EA Sports FC, pundit on Sky Sports
Soccer Saturday. One of England's most famous
women's footballers and former Rainhill United player.

Friday 19th September 5pm - 6pm

Rainhill High School MUGA

For girls aged from Reception to Year 6

PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE

<https://bit.ly/RUJFCWildcats>



For more information email socialmedia@rainhillunited.co.uk
or visit www.rainhillunited.co.uk

STANLEY BEAR

CLUB

CRAFTS

**CHURCH FOR
0-4 YEAR OLDS**

**PRAYER
PARACHUTE**

**BIBLE
STORYTIME**

GAMES

FOOD

MUSIC



**MONDAYS DURING TERM TIME
@ ST ANN'S CHURCH, RAINHILL**

9AM - 9.30AM: BREAKFAST

9.30AM - 10.30AM: FUN & GAMES WITH STANLEY BEAR

CONTACT MARGARET: 07779 638515 FOR MORE DETAILS

EVERYONE AGED 0-4 (AND THEIR GROWN-UP!) IS WELCOME.

JUST TURN UP!



ST ANN'S CHURCH
PRESENTS

*Last Night
of the Proms*

SATURDAY
18th OCTOBER
AT 7.30pm

REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED

ST ANN'S CHURCH
VIEW ROAD, RAINHILL

FREE BUT
DONATIONS REQUESTED

CONTACT RACHEL ON 07523 787577
FOR MORE DETAILS