

Newsletter Issue 6: Friday 10 October 2025



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



YEAR 5's VISIT TO CLONTER OPERA



On Monday, Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Clonter Opera Theatre. The children learned all about the different types of voice and discovered how singers warm up their voices and bodies before performing. They enjoyed joining in with a singing workshop, learning a lively chorus together. The professional singers explained how knowing about history, different cultures, poetry, languages, music, drama

and even physical and vocal fitness can help you grow as a performer. The children showed great creativity when designing their own stage sets, imagining what their own productions might look like. To finish the day, they watched an exciting musical performance and even got to take part as the enthusiastic audience!



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>	96.71%
Whole school attendance week ending 3 rd October 2025	96.24%
Class with best weekly attendance	RP – 98.57%

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

362

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.





THIS WEEK'S CHARACTER EDUCATION VIDEO LINK AND TAKE-HOME QUESTIONS (Y1-Y6)

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

Watch it at: <https://ideas.classdojo.com/f/growth-mindset-5/0> and ask your child these questions tonight.

1. What does it feel like when something is too challenging? Is it wrong that we feel this way?
2. What kind of attitude should we take on when facing a challenge, and why is that important?
3. When taking on a challenge, it's okay to ask for help or to take a break to reflect, like Mojo did! Does this mean we aren't growing our brain anymore?

School closes for
half term on Friday
24 October.

School re-opens
after half term on
Monday 3 November

GREAT ATHLETE

We're thrilled to announce that **Emily Ford, GB Olympian**, will be visiting our school on **Thursday 23rd October!** During her visit, Emily will lead a **fun fitness circuit** with all of our pupils — an exciting opportunity for the children to get active and be inspired by a real Olympic athlete.

Children will be bringing home **sponsorship forms** to help raise funds for the event. Please make sure these are **completed and returned to school before half term.**

Sponsorships can also be made **online** by visiting greatathletes.org, selecting "**Set up a fundraising page**" and searching for our school. For more information, please keep a close eye on our School Socials.

ST ANN'S DONATES TO THE FOOD BANK

Huge thanks to all our families for the generous donations this Harvest time. All food collected will be shortly taken to our local food bank.



A SPOTLIGHT ON: SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEND)



What is SEND Provision?

SEND stands for *Special Educational Needs and Disabilities*. At St Ann's, we are proud to support all children—regardless of their needs or abilities. Every child is a valued member of our school family, and we celebrate the unique qualities they bring.

Our goals for children with SEND are the same as for all pupils, but we understand that they may require different teaching approaches or a tailored pace of learning. To ensure each child thrives, we:

- Identify individual needs early
- Share information with all relevant parties
- Monitor the impact of support strategies
- Adapt the curriculum to be accessible for all
- Foster a culture of encouragement, acceptance, and respect



What Does This Look Like in Practice?

We know children learn in many different ways. Our teachers and teaching assistants plan lessons using a variety of teaching styles and resources to meet diverse learning needs. At times, children may need additional support to help them reach their full potential.

Some of the ways we support SEND learners include:

- Working with external specialists (e.g. LASC training, Trauma-Informed Approach, Physical Intervention)
- Providing tailored resources such as coloured overlays, pencil grips, and fidget toys
- Offering targeted intervention programmes like **IDL** and **Reading Plus**

We believe strong partnerships with parents and carers are key. Your insights help us shape the most effective support for your child. Together, we can create a fully inclusive and nurturing learning environment.

Our SEND Provision Includes:

Clear *Access Strategies* for subtle in-class adaptations

A *bespoke curriculum* for pupils requiring a more individualised approach

- Support in class from teachers and teaching assistants
- Personalised timetables focused on specific outcomes
- Small group or 1:1 sessions with a Teaching Assistant
- Access to our *Sensory Room* and *Rainbow Room* for therapeutic support
- Movement breaks and *Sensory Diets* tailored to individual needs
- Termly reviews of your child's Support Snapshot/Plan with their class teacher

If you'd like to learn more about our SEND provision or have concerns about your child's learning needs, please contact our SENDCo, **Miss Buckley**, at: ✉ stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

We're here to support every step of the way.

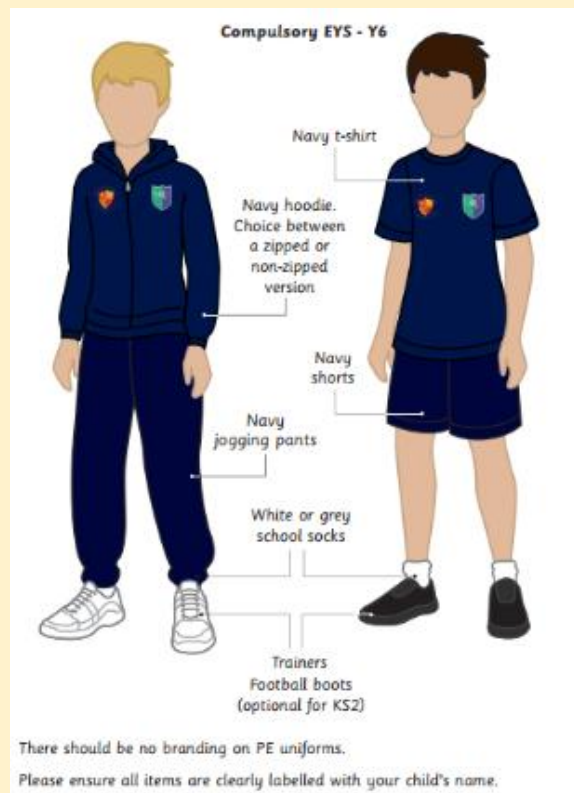
PE KIT EXPECTATIONS

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.

WANTED PARENT/ CARER VOLUNTEERS

We are looking to organise a Breakfast with Santa school fund raiser for the children this year.

Provisional dates are:

1 December

2 December

5 December



All Breakfasts with Santa will take place in our school hall 8.00-8.45am. However, Santa needs some parent/ carer helpers to manage his visit to St Ann's. If you would be interested in supporting school with this fund raiser, please contact us via the school email address by Friday 17 October:

stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

Thank you in advance for all offers of support!

WANTED: TOYS/ GAMES IN GOOD CONDITION

Next time you are having a sort out of the toys and games in your house, if they are in good condition with no missing pieces, why not consider donating them to our Breakfast and After School Club?

We are always looking to refresh the provision we have for the children to keep the time children spend with us fun and interesting.

Simply drop us an email at stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

Many thanks in advance for all donations! 😊

DEDICATION OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR SERVICE FOR EYS & NEW STARTER PARENTS/ CARERS

On **Friday 24 October 2025 @ 2pm**, our Dedication of the School Year Service will take place at St Ann's Church. This is the service where we officially welcome our Reception children and all other children new to our school since this time last year.



Parents/ carers of all our new starters are encouraged to join us for this special service.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Well done to 6H for a thought-provoking Family Worship.



Our next Family Worship will be led by 6B and take place on **Friday 17 October at 9am**. Please enter the hall via the back door.

Everyone welcome

LORD'S PRAYER COLLECTIVE MOMENT



We were delighted to take part in Faith in the North's special event on Friday, 10th October, joining with schools across the North of England to say the Lord's Prayer together. As part of "The Lord's Prayer Journey" resource series, this collective moment of prayer offered a meaningful opportunity for our school community to reflect, connect, and be part of something bigger. It was inspiring to know that so many young people across the region were united in faith and prayer on the same day. We're proud to have played a part in this uplifting initiative.

WEAR RED TO SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

On **Friday 17 October** children are invited to wear red to show racism the red card.





PARENT INSIGHT SESSIONS

Want to find out more about how your child is taught? They come along to our Parent Insight sessions! This time, the focus is on Reading and Resilience!

1 parent/ carer is invited to join their child for one demonstration lesson which is designed to give you an insight into teaching and learning in the subject area. Dates and times can be seen below.

Lessons will take place in the Studio to ensure there is enough space. To enter, parents/ carers should wait at the front of school by the blue Base door 5 minutes before the start of the session.

Siblings who do not attend the school are not permitted to attend for health and safety reasons.

Mobile phone should be switched off before you enter the premises.

The session will begin with a brief talk from your child's class teacher about the session you will take part in.

Children whose parents/ carers do not attend, will still take part in the lesson.

Class	Date	Time
EYM	Please see separate correspondence sent out regarding Phonics	
EYP	Information Meeting and Stay and Play sessions	
1S	Wednesday 15 October	10.15am
1T	Wednesday 15 October	11.00am
2M	Monday 13 September	1.00pm
2O	Friday 17 October	1.00pm
3M	Thursday 16 October	1.00pm
3S	Tuesday 14 October	1.00pm
4G	Monday 13 October	2.15pm
4H	Tuesday 14 October	2.15pm
5G	Wednesday 15 October	1.15pm
5E	Wednesday 15 October	2.15pm
6B	Friday 17 October	2.15pm
6H	Thursday 16 October	2.15pm

Family of Faith



A Reflection from Miss Buckley

As I reflect on the story of the ten lepers, I'm struck by how only one returned to thank Jesus—and he was a Samaritan, someone often looked down upon by society. Yet he was the one who recognized the source of his healing and responded with deep gratitude. This passage reminds me how easy it is to receive blessings and move on without acknowledging the One who gave them. Thankfulness is more than saying "thank you"—it's a posture of the heart. The Samaritan fell at Jesus' feet, glorifying God with a loud voice. His gratitude was not quiet or casual—it was bold and heartfelt. I want to live like that, always aware of God's hand in my life, never taking His grace for granted. Each day, no matter how ordinary, is full of reasons to give thanks. May I be the one who always returns to give God glory.

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

THANKFULNESS

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

Luke 17:15&16

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)

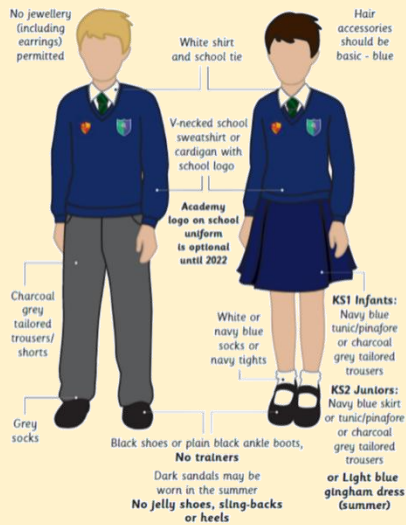
10:30am Weekly (except 1st Sunday): Platform 2 in Millennium Centre – informal, family-focused worship with group activities, crafts, and games. Coffee and refreshments provided.

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



WEEKLY 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 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



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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 OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



OPEN DAY 2025 – 2026



'Pupils love being in school.'
Ofsted, February 2025

Join us at St Ann's Church of England Primary School Open Day to experience our outstanding leadership, behaviour, and early years provision, where every child is nurtured to soar high with God's love.

7th November 2025 9.30am & 1.30pm

CONTACT US

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