

Newsletter Issue 7: Friday 17 October 2025



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



RIAT STEM CHALLENGE



Year 5 took part in an exciting STEM Day as part of the Road to RIAT project. The children became engineers for the day, tasked with designing and creating their very own space shuttles! They worked collaboratively to plan, build, and test their designs, applying creativity, problem-solving and teamwork throughout the challenge. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore science, technology, engineering and maths in a fun and hands on way!



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 10 th October 2025	95.75%
Class with best weekly attendance	20 & 5E – 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**

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.

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ONIA, ETTA AND EDITH! 🐣

We are very proud of Onia, Etta and Edith for their fantastic efforts helping out at the St Ann's Church and grounds clean-up on Saturday 11 October. Their hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment to giving back show a real sense of **community spirit** and demonstrates how they are making a **positive difference**.

This wonderful act of service truly reflects our school value of **Care** – one of our 3Cs – and it's inspiring to see the girls bringing this value to life in such a meaningful way. Well done and thank you for being such brilliant role models!



JAYDEN'S GOLDEN VICTORY AT THE BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2025! 🏆



We are thrilled to share that Jayden won a **Gold Medal** at the **British National Taekwondo Championship 2025!** Despite battling a knee injury sustained just weeks before, he showed incredible **determination, courage, and faith**, choosing to compete

after prayer and recovery.

His strength truly reflects **Philippians 4:13**: *"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."*

Jayden's Elite Team also shined, winning **15 medals** and placing **9th out of 90 teams!** Huge thanks to Coach for nurturing the team with love, knowledge, and unwavering support.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND DONATIONS

Thank you so much for your kind donations to celebrate Harvest. These much needed items were collected this week by St Matthew's Centre Pantry.





ClassDojo
Big Ideas

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/i/perseverance-the-dip-1> and ask your child these questions
tonight.

1. What is a dip?
2. Where/what situations might we encounter a dip?
3. What kind of emotions accompany a dip, and how can we stay positive??

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.



COMING UP: HENRY PARENT WORKSHOPS

We're excited to welcome the **HENRY team** into

school to run a series of supportive and practical workshops for parents and carers. HENRY is an organisation that helps families give children the best start in life – from healthy eating to emotional wellbeing.

The **first workshop** will take place on **Tuesday 25th November at 9:00am in the Studio** and will focus on **Understanding Behaviour** – a fantastic opportunity to explore why children behave the way they do and how to respond in positive and effective ways.

Future sessions will take place in the Spring and Summer Terms and will cover important topics like **fussy eating** and **looking after ourselves** as parents.

Places are available for all parents/carers, so please sign up via the school office to secure your spot. We'd love to see as many parents as possible – come along, connect with others, and pick up some really helpful tips!

A SPOTLIGHT ON: CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS



At St Ann's Church of England Primary School, our Christian ethos is central to all we do. It is shaped by our school vision:

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

Established in 2019 through community workshops and consultation, our vision is rooted in the Bible verse Isaiah 40:31: *"...But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles..."*

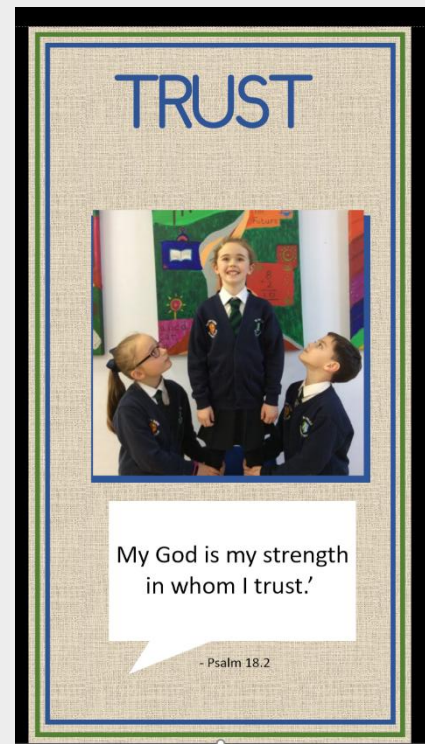
This theologically grounded vision reflects our identity as a Church of England school and guides how we live, learn, and grow together.

Living Our Vision

As a Church school, we offer a wide range of experiences to support every pupil's spiritual journey:

- **Respect & Open Dialogue:** We foster respectful conversations based on Christian values, where all can share their beliefs without fear or judgement.
- **Exploring Faith:** All children are encouraged to explore questions of faith, including doubt and certainty, in a safe and supportive environment.
- **Supporting All Faiths:** Pupils from Christian and other backgrounds are supported to grow in their own beliefs and understanding.
- **Celebrating the Church Year:** Pupils experience the Church's seasons and learn their spiritual significance.
- **Visits to Places of Worship:** Regular visits to our local parish church and cathedral help pupils see the Church as a living community.
- **Welcoming Visitors:** Members of our local parish and Christian community visit to share their faith and life experiences.
- **Strong Parish Links:** Our close relationship with the local parish enhances worship and learning.
- **Inclusive Support:** Every child is supported to flourish—spiritually, emotionally, and academically.
- **Understanding Global Christianity:** Pupils learn about Christianity as a worldwide faith with diverse worship traditions.
- **Religious Literacy:** Children grow in confidence using religious language and understanding key Christian concepts.
- **Access to Bibles and Artefacts:** Pupils explore age-appropriate Bibles, prayer books, and Christian artefacts with respect and care.
- **Prayer & Reflection:** Each classroom has a reflection area, with additional prayer spaces indoors and outside for quiet reflection.
- **Worship Through Music:** Children enjoy a rich variety of hymns and spiritual songs, both traditional and contemporary.
- **Deepening Understanding:** Pupils make strong progress in their knowledge and understanding of Christianity.

At St Ann's, we are proud to be a school where faith, love, and learning grow hand in hand. Thank you for being part of our community.



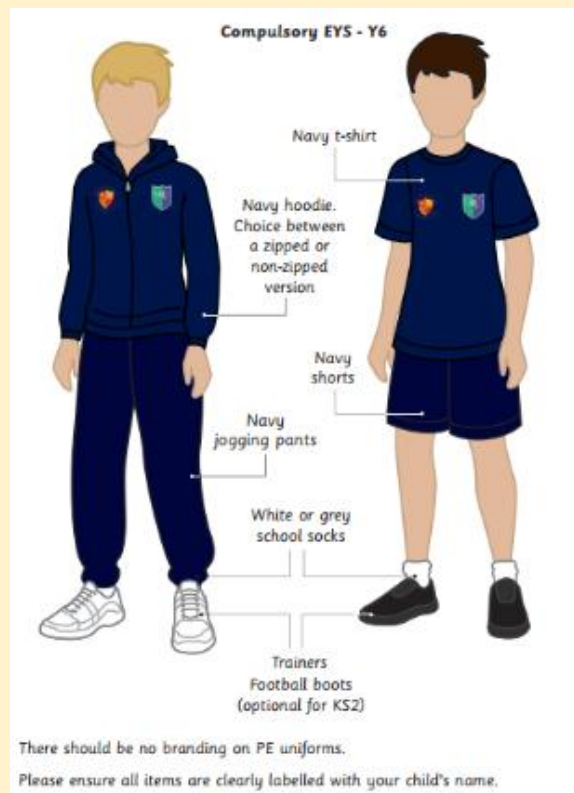
PE KIT EXPECTATIONS

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 6B for a thought-provoking Family Worship.



Our next Family Worship will be led by 5E and take place on **Friday 7 November at 9am**. Please enter the hall via the back door.

Everyone welcome

SWIMMING FOR 5G



Upon our return to school after the half term, 5G will attend swimming lessons for a fortnight, Tuesday to Friday week commencing 3 and 10 of November (excluding Mondays). Please see separate letter for further details.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On **Friday 14 November** we will be wearing our own clothes for Children in Need for a suggested donation of £2. Donations can be made via Arbor.



CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF OUR PARENT INSIGHT SESSIONS

We were delighted to welcome so many families to our recent Parent Insight sessions, where the focus was on Reading and Resilience. Parents and carers joined their children for engaging demonstration lessons, offering a valuable insight into classroom teaching and learning. The sessions sparked great discussion and strengthened the partnership between home and school. A big thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the event such a success — your enthusiasm and support truly made a difference! We look forward to welcoming you to future Parent Insight Sessions.



INVITATION TO Y5 & Y6 TO ANTHONY WALKER EVENING AT RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL



RHS are pleased to invite Year 5 and Year 6 children, along with their parents, guardians, and siblings, to Rainhill High School's annual Anthony Walker Evening on Wednesday 15th October.

Rainhill High has a long-standing partnership with the Anthony Walker Foundation, a charity established in memory of Anthony by his mother, Dr. Gee Walker, to combat hate crime and promote racial harmony. Each year, they come together as a school community to celebrate Anthony's life and love for the arts, and to raise funds for this important cause.

This special evening includes performances from talented students and staff, and is always deeply moving. Gee Walker herself will be attending once again—her powerful closing remarks are always a highlight of the evening.

Venue: Rainhill High School Arts Theatre

Date: Wednesday 15th October

Doors open: 6:00 PM (Refreshments available)

Family of Faith



A Reflection from Mr Evans

1 Thessalonians 5:18 reminds us that thankfulness is not just a response to good circumstances but a mindset rooted in faith. "In everything give thanks" calls us to express gratitude even in difficulty, trusting that God is working for our good. This perspective shifts our focus from what we lack to what we've been given—grace, hope, and the presence of Christ. When we give thanks in all situations, we acknowledge God's sovereignty and align ourselves with His will. Thankfulness softens our hearts, fosters humility, and helps us recognize the blessings that might otherwise go unnoticed. It transforms our attitude and brings peace, even when life feels uncertain. Living with a thankful heart is not always easy, but it is powerful. It's a daily choice that deepens our relationship with God and brings light to those around us. Gratitude, then, becomes a form of worship—a way to honor God in all things.

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.

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

THANKFULNESS

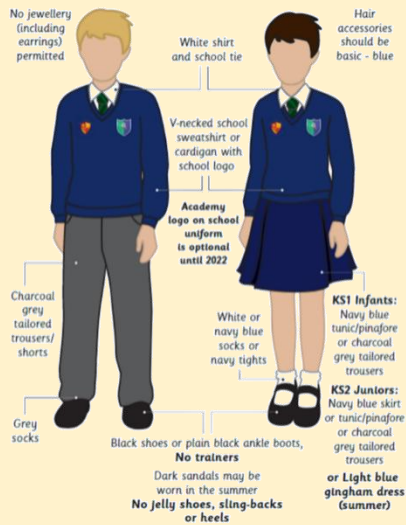
In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18



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 to complete as part of our annual review process. We still have a number of forms outstanding, ***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

If you would like your child to have Toast at breaktime for Autumn 2 (3rd November – 19th December) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £8.50 by 21st October. 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.

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

Email: stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

X: [@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

KNOWSLEY FRINGE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2025

The Knowsley Music Festival is seeking singers, artists, and performers from the Knowsley area to participate in this year's event. The Fringe Festival will take place from **1 – 14 November 2025**

Funding and Applications

Funding between £250 and £500 is available for local artists to perform at various venues throughout Knowsley's town centres and villages.

For more information scan the QR code or visit

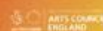
www.cultureknowsley.co.uk

The deadline for applications is 11.59pm on Friday 3 October 2025.



Find out more at
www.cultureknowsley.co.uk

Follow Culture Knowsley on socials at @cultureknowsley



BE PART OF IT!

How to apply

- Please send a brief proposal (no more than 1 x A4) describing your proposal including venue and artist/s and/or bands;
- Please include the proposed date your music event will take place (this must be between 1st and 14th November 2025 to be considered);
- Please supply a budget breakdown of how the funding will be spent;
- Please supply an artist/band bio of no more than 100 words;
- Please supply an image we can use for promotion, if your bid is successful.

Proposals must be submitted by 11:59pm on Friday 3rd October 2025 (Applications after the deadline will not be accepted).

You will be contacted if you have been successful by 5pm on Friday 10th October 2025.

Applications are to be submitted via email to sarah.craven@knowsley.gov.uk and

amy.grundy@knowsley.gov.uk

If there are any accessibility issues or difficulties in applying via email, please contact the team to discuss on **0151 443 2788**

For further information and judging criteria please visit www.cultureknowsley.co.uk

Funding bids will be judged on the following criteria

Date – Your event must happen between Saturday 1st November and Friday 14th November 2025.

Performers – We are keen to showcase Knowsley artists, bands and performers and will place special focus on original music. (We will also consider applications showcasing Liverpool City Region musicians). We are especially interested in seeing applications from new artists and new venues across the borough.

Music Policy – The music policy is open, but we do want to see attempts to make sure line ups reflect diversity and a fair gender balance and that the performers booked reflect high standards of reputation regarding conduct.

Cost – The small commission amounts available are between £250 - £500 so please evidence costs between these amounts.

Venues – We would like the events to take place Boroughwide (Knowsley) attracting people into the town and village centres and taking place in both new and established music venues.

Line Up and Venue – Both of these need to be realistic and we will need to see evidence in your application that preliminary discussions have already taken place with talent and venues.

Marketing – If awarded, this will be considered a partnership event and your event will be listed as part of the official music festival programme.

Please note: The Knowsley Culture team will not be able to provide organisational event support but your event will be included in our Fringe marketing activity e.g. event listings, social media support.

We also request you tag @cultureknowsley in any of your own social media posts and use #KnowsleyMusicFestival. Please also liaise with the Knowsley Council communications team if you wish to engage with the media about your event – communications@knowsley.gov.uk

Find out more at www.cultureknowsley.co.uk



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

• 0151 426 5869

• stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

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

Friday	24 th October 2025	Dedication Service for EYFS & New Starters to St Ann's 2.00pm @Church
Friday	24th October 2025	School Closes
Monday	3rd November 2025	School Opens
Tue-Fri	4 th – 7 November 2025 & 11 th -14 th November 2025	5G Swimming
Friday	7 th November 2025	Prospective Parents Open Day 9.30am & 1.30pm
Friday	7 th November 2025	5E Family Worship 9.00am
Friday	14 th November 2025	Own Clothes for Children in Need (suggested £2 donation)
Monday	17 th November 2025	Flu Immunisations – whole school
Friday	21 st November 2025	Inset Day School closed
Tuesday	25 th November 2025	Parent Workshop: Understanding Behaviour Open to all parents/ carers 9.00am @ school
Tue-Fri	25 th -28 th November 2025 & 2 nd – 5 th December	5E Swimming
Friday	28 th November 2025	4G Family Worship 9.00am
Friday	28 th November 2025	Friends Meeting 2.00-3.00pm
Monday	1 st December 2025	Breakfast with Santa 8.00am-8.40am
Tuesday	2 nd December 2025	Breakfast with Santa 8.00am-8.40am
Friday	5 th December 2025	Breakfast with Santa 8.00am-8.40am
Friday	5 th December 2025	3S Family Worship 9.00am
Mon-Thur	8 th -11 th December 2025	Mentoring Conversations (All after school)
Friday	12 th December 2025	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day (for a suggested donation of £2 for Save the Children)
Monday	15 th December 2025	KS1 Nativity (1) 9.30am KS1 Nativity (2) 2.00pm
Tuesday	16 th December 2025	KS1 Nativity (3) 9.30am KS1 Nativity (4) 2.00pm
Wednesday	17 th December 2025	EY's Nativity (1) 9.30am EY's Nativity (2) 2.00pm
Wednesday	17 th December 2025	Y3 Trip to the Shakespeare North Playhouse
Wednesday	17 th December 2025	Y2 Christmas Party Children to wear party clothes to school
Thursday	18 th December 2025	EY's & Y1 Christmas Parties Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties Children to wear party clothes to school
Friday	19 th December 2025	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties Children to wear party clothes to school
Friday	19 th December 2025	Y3 to lead Christmas Service 2.15pm @ Church
Friday	19th December 2025	School Closes