



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

Well done to the following children who enjoyed Hot Chocolate with Mrs Rynn this week. Your teachers chose you because of how beautifully you have settled into your new class. I wonder who will be chosen next half term?

EYM	Harper K	3M	Grace B
EYP	Mila M	3S	Phoebe P
1S	Emily L	4G	Paige M
1T	Phia C	4H	Niamh M
2M	Joseph B	5E	Parker C
2O	Zac M	5G	Ellie C
		6B	Jessica M
		6H	Ava M



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>	96.51%
Whole school attendance week ending 17 th October 2025	96.37%
Class with best weekly attendance	3M – 99.33%

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**

347

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.

AN INSPIRING VISIT FROM OLYMPIAN EMILY FORD!

We were delighted to welcome GB Olympian Emily Ford to our school on Thursday 23rd October. During her visit, Emily led an energetic fitness circuit, which all the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in. The hall was filled with excitement, laughter, and plenty of determination as pupils gave their best effort alongside an Olympic athlete!



After the circuit, Emily spoke to the children about her journey as an Olympian, sharing inspiring stories about the challenges she has faced and the importance of staying driven, focused, and resilient when things don't go to plan. Her message really resonated with everyone and reminded us all that perseverance and a positive attitude can help us overcome any setback.



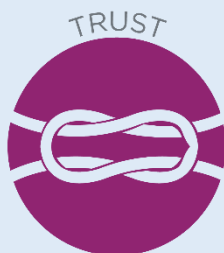
IT WAS A TRULY MOTIVATIONAL DAY FOR OUR PUPILS, AND WE'RE SURE EMILY'S WORDS WILL INSPIRE THEM BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM FOR A LONG TIME TO COME.

School closes for
half term on Friday
24 October.

School re-opens
after half term on
Monday 3 November

CHRISTIAN VALUE: TRUST

Next half term, our Christian Value focus will be Trust. To prepare for this, all classes have taken part in a special lesson exploring the meaning of trust. The children reflected on why trust is important in relationships and how we can build trust with others and become trustworthy ourselves. They engaged with stories from the Bible as well as examples from everyday life to deepen their understanding of this key value.



PARENT FORUM

The minutes from the recent Parent Forum meeting can be found on the school website or by clicking the following link:

<https://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+Forum&pid=31>



COMING UP: PARENT WORKSHOP

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: OUR LUNAR CURRICULUM



The Lunar Curriculum has been designed by The Three Saint's Academy Trust. It has been designed to incorporate good practice observed from a range of schools and has been informed by research such as the EEF 'Teaching and Learning Toolkit'. Parents, children and staff have been consulted during the design of the curriculum so we can ensure that we have designed a curriculum fit for purpose, designed to stretch and challenge and meet the needs of our pupils.

What is the Lunar Curriculum?

The Lunar Curriculum is a pedagogical approach to teaching all subjects that builds upon pupils' interests to inspire learning and make sure it is memorable over time. This curriculum is underpinned by a set of non-negotiables and teaches both key knowledge and skills progressively. Its focus is on pupils knowing and remembering more, building on prior learning so that they leave school ready for secondary education and beyond into their working life. Learning is active and authentic ensuring investment, not just engagement. Below you will find the aims and principles of the Lunar Curriculum.

Curriculum Aims

- Develop **L**ife-skills which promote a love of learning
- Grow an **U**nderstanding of ourselves, each other and the world
- **N**urture curiosity and creativity which feed the imagination and increase knowledge
- Cultivate **A**spiration through motivation and self-belief
- Instil **R**esilience, independence and other personal attributes

Purpose

The purpose of the Lunar Curriculum is to equip pupils with the essential knowledge and skills needed to succeed in life. Each subject is carefully planned and sequenced so that new knowledge and skills build on what has been taught before, providing a broad and ambitious curriculum.

In addition to the subject specific skills, the Lunar Curriculum also develops pupils' personal, learning and thinking skills which they need for success in learning and life. The Lunar Curriculum will focus upon the skills below:

- Independent enquirers
- Creative thinkers
- Reflective learners
- Team workers
- Self-managers
- Effective communicators



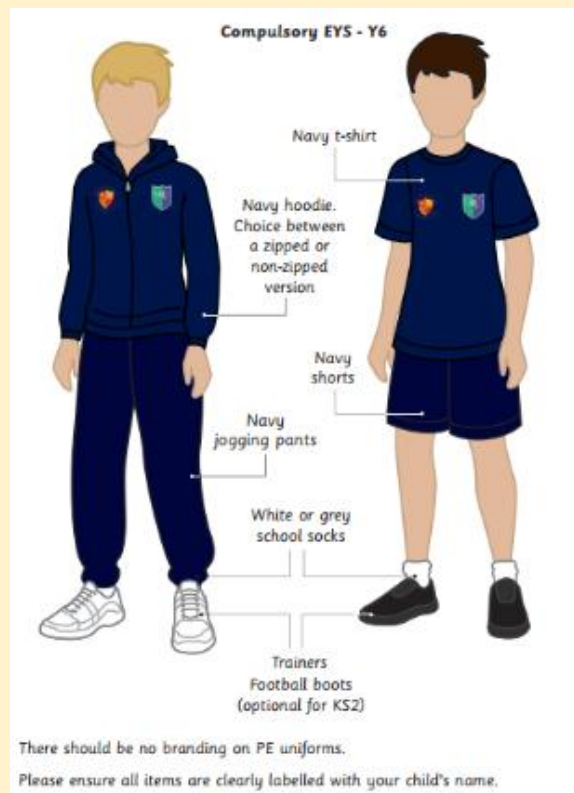
PE KIT EXPECTATIONS

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! 😊

AUTUMN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES – OCTOBER UPDATE FROM ST HELENS ACL

As we head into November, St Helens Adult and Community Learning (ACL) has a fresh line-up of courses and events to support adults in building confidence, learning new skills, and taking positive steps forward.

Get Online Week

20th – 26th October

Join this national campaign to help adults improve their digital skills and feel more confident using phones, tablets, laptops, and essential Microsoft tools. Whether you or someone you support is new to technology, our beginner-friendly digital courses are a perfect starting point.

Ways to Wellbeing Workshop

Wednesday 5th November

Explore the "Five Ways to Wellbeing" and discover practical actions to support mental health. We'll also introduce ACL courses that help integrate these into daily life. Ideal for those interested in our **Photography and Wellbeing** course or simply looking to take time for self-care and connection.

Little Children, Big Feelings

Starting Wednesday 5th November

This brand-new course supports parents and carers of children aged 0–5 in nurturing emotional wellbeing. Learn practical strategies for building your child's confidence and resilience, with options to progress into childcare and education.

 *Places are limited – book early!*

Coming Up in November...


We're excited to support two national campaigns:


- **Get the Nation Learning Week** – Celebrating the power of adult learning
- **Number Confidence Week** – Helping adults build everyday maths confidence


Stay tuned – more details coming soon!


For more information or to register:

 Call: 01744 676671 / 01744 677328

 Text: 07702 959814

 Email: adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk

 Visit: www.sthelens.gov.uk/adultlearning

 Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates

All courses are open to adults aged 19+ living in the Liverpool City Region.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

As you will already be aware the closing date for secondary school applications on 31 October 2025 is fast approaching. In order to assist the School Admissions Team if your child is in Year 6 please ensure that if you have not already done so you make an online application via St Helens Council Website by the closing date. Many thanks.

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!

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.



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

FLU VACCINATION

Flu Vaccinations for all chn with parental consent will take place on Monday 17 November 2025



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.



ONLINE COUNSELLING SUPPORT: KOOTH

Kooth online counselling support is available from the age of 10-25. To find out more click on the links below:

<https://www.kooth.com/>

<https://www.qwell.io/>



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/perseverance-the-dip-2/0> and ask your child these questions tonight.

1. What should you do when you make a mistake?
2. What will happen if you continue to repeat this process? Try using the word "neuron" in your explanation!
3. So how do we escape the dip? Give a real life example (even better, an example from your own experience).

SAFEGUARDING ALERT: JEFFY YOUTUBE VIDEOS

What is Jeffy?

Jeffy is a puppet character featured in a popular series of YouTube videos, with the channel attracting over five million subscribers. The content is animated in a style that may appear child-friendly at first glance.

Why We're Concerned

Despite its cartoonish look, Jeffy videos often contain highly inappropriate content, including:

- Sexual references and nudity
- Violence and gore
- Profanity and offensive language
- Disturbing and adult themes



In addition, the character of Jeffy has drawn criticism for portraying an offensive stereotype of someone with learning difficulties, which can be harmful or upsetting to some viewers.

What You Can Do

- Check what your child is watching on platforms like YouTube and YouTube Kids.
- Use parental controls to restrict access to inappropriate content.
- Talk to your child about what they see online and encourage them to speak up if something makes them uncomfortable.

If you need further advice on keeping your child safe online, please reach out to our safeguarding team.

Stay informed. Stay safe.

Family of Faith



A Reflection from Mrs Grace

Psalm 100:4 reminds Christians to approach God with hearts full of thankfulness and praise. The verse encourages us not just to enter God's presence, but to do so with gratitude, recognising His goodness and faithfulness. In a world that often focuses on what we lack, this verse redirects our hearts to appreciate all that God has provided. Thankfulness is a key Christian value that shapes our attitude and deepens our relationship with God. By giving thanks, we acknowledge His blessings, both big and small, and reflect a spirit of humility and joy that honours Him in our daily lives.

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

THANKFULNESS

*Enter his gates with
thanksgiving
and his courts with
praise;
give thanks to him and
praise his name.*

psalm 100:4

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)

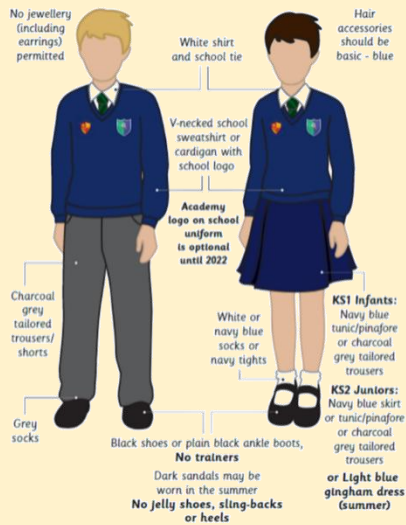
10:30am Weekly (except 1st Sunday): Platform 2 in Millennium Centre – informal, family-focused worship with group activities, crafts, and games. Coffee and refreshments provided.

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



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

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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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

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

Is it okay if I haven't cried?

How do I go back to school?

When will I stop feeling like this?

Why do I feel like this?



WINSTON'S WISH

now

When grief feels too heavy, you can get FREE, instant grief support via text or WhatsApp (13+), phone, email, or live chat. Open on weekdays, excluding bank holidays. Please visit our website to find current opening hours.



07418 341 800



ask@winstonswish.org



08088 020 021



winstonswish.org

Winston's Wish is here for young people (aged 25 and under) when someone dies.

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Giving hope to grieving children

Registered Charity Number 1061359 (England and Wales), SC041140 (Scotland).



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

Healthy Families: Growing Up



Join our
parent
group

Healthy, thriving children and families



HENRY's free **Healthy Families: Growing Up** programme is for parents and carers of primary-school age children - it will help you develop a healthier, happier lifestyle that the whole family can enjoy.

The programme covers these 5 themes across **8 sessions** and provides everything you need to help your children flourish.

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activity for the whole family
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Get
in touch
to sign up
now!



"This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum"



Programme details

Monday 3rd November - Monday 22nd December
10am - 12 pm.
Sutton Family Hub, 26 Ellamsbridge Rd, Saint Helens WA9 3PY.

Contact Us

Phone: 01744 371111
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