

Newsletter Issue 10: Friday 14 November 2025



# St Ann's Church of England Primary School

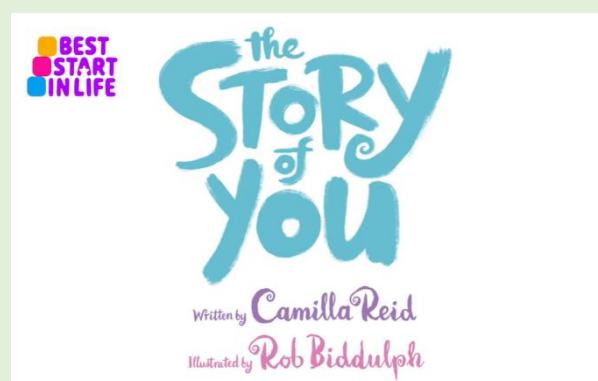


*Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly!*



## GIVING CHILDREN THE BEST START IN LIFE

The Government's **"Best Start in Life"** initiative aims to ensure that every child has the support, care and opportunities they need to thrive from birth to age five. It focuses on giving parents and carers access to high-quality early years services, expert advice, and practical tools to help children develop healthily and happily. The initiative brings together health, education, and family support, helping to build strong foundations for future learning and wellbeing. To find out more about this national commitment and how it can benefit your family, please watch this short video introduction: [The Best Start in Life](#) and access the following website: <https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>



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>	96.39%
Whole school attendance week ending 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	97.29%
Class with best weekly attendance	2M – 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**

**372**

#### 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.

## FAMILY WORSHIP

Well done to 5G for a thought provoking Family Worship all about Anti-Bullying.



Our next Family Worship will be led by **4G** and take place on **Friday 14 November at 9am**. Please enter the hall via the back door.

*Everyone welcome*

## OFFICE HOURS

We kindly ask for your patience and support during a period of reduced capacity in our school office. Please note that the office will close at 3:30pm each day until further notice. During this time, responses to calls and emails may take a little longer than usual, and we appreciate your understanding as we do our best to assist everyone.

*Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.*

## 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:

[stannsce@three-saints.org.uk](mailto:stannsce@three-saints.org.uk)

Thank you in advance for all offers of support!

## 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!

## MENTORING CONVERSATIONS

We are delighted to announce that our Autumn Term Mentoring Conversations will take place on **Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 December, from 3:30–6:00pm**. Sessions can be booked on Arbor from 8.00am on 18th November 2025 until midday on 25th November 2025.

This year, conversations will once again be held face-to-face at school.

- EYs, Year 1 & Year 2: Sessions will take place in the Studio. Please enter via the Blue Base door.
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6: Sessions will take place in the Hall. Please enter via the back hall door.

If you need to move between the Hall and the Studio, please use the pedestrian walkway at the side of the school building.

At St Ann's, we value the active involvement of children in their Mentoring Conversations. We therefore encourage parents and carers to bring their child along, either by returning to school or collecting them from Base as needed. Children in Base should be collected from the Blue Base door as usual.

These conversations offer a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, achievements, and wellbeing with their teacher. Appointments can be conveniently booked via the Arbor platform.

We encourage all families to take part in this important opportunity to share insights, celebrate successes, and support each child's continued learning journey.



### 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/the-high-dive/0> and ask your child these questions tonight.

1. How did Mojo feel after his attempt to jump from the high dive? How do you know?
2. Think about a time you faced a big challenge. How did you feel? What happened?
3. Mojo felt "defeated." What other words can you use to share how you might feel in this situation?

### FLU VACCINATION

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

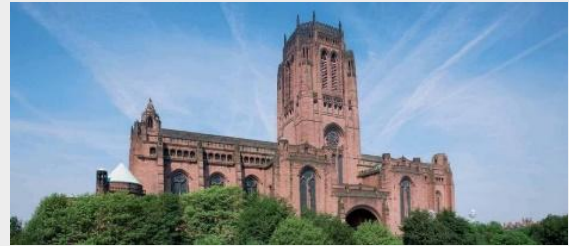
### REMINDER

**School is closed to all pupils on Friday 21st November due to a staff inset day.**

## A SPOTLIGHT ON: CURRICULUM & CULTURAL OFFER



At St Ann's, we believe that helping our children to grow is about much more than academic achievement — it's about nurturing their personal development too.



Cultural awareness and experience are golden threads woven through everything we do — from day-to-day learning, to opportunities beyond the classroom, and events that connect families with the wider community.



As Darren Henley wrote in *Cultural Education: An Independent Review* (2012):

“Cultural activities form a vital part of children’s everyday lives — academically, physically and socially enriching, whether in or out of school.”

### A BROAD CULTURAL EDUCATION FOR ALL

Schools play a vital role in developing children’s cultural understanding, and at St Ann’s this begins with our curriculum. Every subject includes a cultural focus — from exploring different countries in Geography, to studying global artwork in Art and Design, to discovering the customs of ancient civilisations in History. Even our English texts and Design & Technology projects celebrate cultural diversity.



We also make the most of the cultural opportunities on our doorstep. From musical theatre to residences, from art galleries to museums, each child will take part in at least **fourteen** cultural visits or experiences during their time at St Ann’s.

Our after-school clubs further support our vision by offering children a wide range of creative and cultural experiences.

“Children should expect to be given a rich menu of cultural experiences.”  
*(The Importance of Teaching: The Schools White Paper, 2010)*

**Santa is coming!**

ho ho ho

1ST, 2ND OR 5TH DEC.

## Breakfast with Santa

ALL CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A FESTIVE BREAKFAST (BRIOCHE, FRUIT AND A DRINK), PHOTOGRAPH AND A SELECTION BOX!

• £8 PER CHILD • BREAKFAST WILL START AT 8AM

Sign up for breakfast via Arbor by Friday 21st November

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH SESSION YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD(REN) TO ATTEND WHEN PAYING VIA ARBOR

Please note that all places for Friday 5th December have been allocated. If booking now please choose either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> December and type this in the narrative box on Arbor. Many thanks

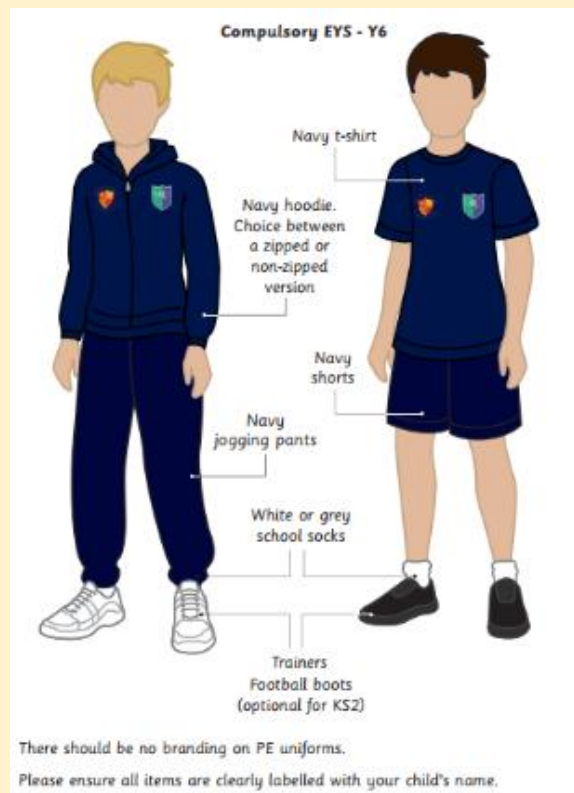
## PE KIT EXPECTATIONS

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.

## SAFEGUARDING ALERT:

### How to talk about grief



Children feel similar emotions to adults when they experience a loss, but they may not be able to express it in the same way.

Children may sometimes appear to accept the death, and later become distressed and upset. It is important they are given the time, space and support they need to manage this.

Barnardos Child Bereavement Service recommends that the cause of death (in simple terms) should be shared with children, so they are not at risk of blaming themselves. Being made aware that everyone eventually dies, but normally not until they are very old, can help address the worry that everyone else around them may also die soon. The words "death" or "dead" should be used, rather than phrases like "gone to sleep", "lost" or "gone". The honest and direct language reduces confusion, and gives the child or young person all the information that you have. It may feel uncomfortable, or like you're giving them more to worry about, but in reality, you're taking away all the things they could invent on their own when you tell them the truth.

**For more information please visit**

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/support-for-parents-and-carers/mental-health/grief-and-loss/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-grief#:~:text=Explaining%20death%20to%20children%20and%20young%20people&text=The%20words%20E2%80%9Cdeath%E2%80%9D%20or%20E2%80%9C,the%20information%20that%20you%20have.>



## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you so much for all your kind donations towards this very deserving cause, we will confirm the amount raised in next week's Newsletter.

The children were lucky enough to receive a visit from Pudsey himself earlier this week, they thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

## ASSESSMENT WEEK

**Week commencing 24 November** is whole school assessment week. Children will complete various assessments during the week, the outcomes of which will be shared with parents/ carers at Mentoring Conversations.

## 5E SWIMMING

5E will attend daily swimming lessons week commencing Monday 17 November 2025 for a fortnight (excluding Mondays). Please see separate letter for further details.



## CONGRATULATIONS ONIA!



We are incredibly proud to celebrate **Onia's amazing success!** As many of you know, she is a dedicated member of the **Woolston Karate Club** and has recently been **invited to join the Great Britain Karate Association Development Team**. Onia already competes in tournaments across the country, but this exciting achievement means she will now have the opportunity to compete **at an international level**. Her hard work, determination, and commitment—both in training sessions and at home—are truly inspiring. Congratulations, Onia, on this fantastic accomplishment!



## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AND WORKSHOP

This year the Christingle service is on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at St Ann's church. This is a family service and during the service the congregation light a Christingle orange to represent the light of the world.

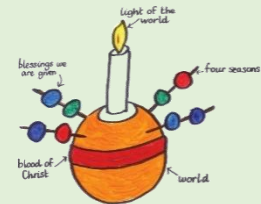
Before the service all children will be able to make their own Christingle Orange in school. Making Christingle Oranges will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Children in Years 2 to 6 will make their Christingle Oranges in class with their teacher. This year in place of sending home candles for families to fill with change we kindly ask that a £2 donation is made via Arbor.

We will be holding Christingle Workshops for children in EYFS and Year 1. During the workshop ONE parent/carer will be able to come along and make a Christingle orange with your child. The timetable for workshops is below.

### EYFS / YR 1 CHRISTINGLE WORKSHOP – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

(workshops to take place in the Studio. Parents to enter school via the Base Door)

9.30am	1S
10.30am	1T
1pm	EYM
2pm	EYP



We look forward to seeing you at the workshops and at the service on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL

# Christmas LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Christmas Stalls inside the Post Office  
& outside The Cookhouse

Food & Drink Stalls on Station Street  
Rainhill Rotary Santa Sleigh

**SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER  
2PM UNTIL 6PM**

RAINHILL SCHOOL CHOIRS

[www.rainhillparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.rainhillparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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# Family of Faith



## A Reflection from Mrs Allcock

Psalm 56:3–4 reminds believers to place their trust in God when faced with fear. The psalmist shows that faith in God’s power replaces anxiety with peace. Trust, a central Christian value, means relying on God’s promises rather than human strength. Even in uncertainty, believers can be confident that God’s love and protection never fail. Choosing trust over fear reflects a deep relationship with God—one that brings courage and hope in difficult times. This verse teaches that when we rely on God completely, we need not be afraid, for His presence gives us strength and security beyond all earthly threats.

Our Christian Value this half term is...

### TRUST

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God

I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

Psalm 56:3-4

### 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)

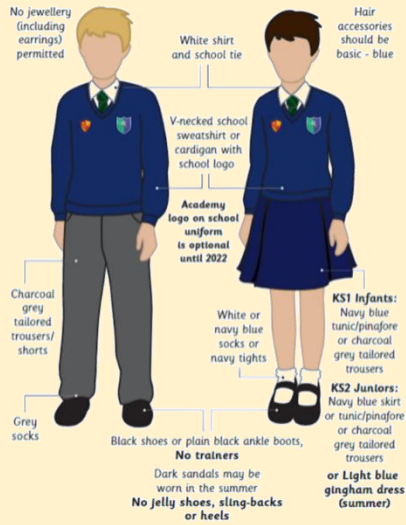
**10:30am Weekly (except 1st Sunday):** Platform 2 in Millennium Centre – informal, family-focused worship with group activities, crafts, and games. Coffee and refreshments provided.

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



## 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. 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](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

## 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

### DATES FOR DIARY

Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Flu Immunisation – whole school
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	New Intake Meetings 9.30-11am 1.30-3pm
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025	Friends Meeting 2-3pm
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	4G Family Worship 9-9.30am
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	EYS & KS1 Christingle Workshop
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	Breakfast with Santa 8am-8.45am
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025	Breakfast with Santa 8am-8.45am
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Breakfast with Santa 8am-8.45am (Fully booked)
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	3S Family Worship 9-9.30am
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	EYs & Y1 Christingle Workshops
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	KS1 Nativity (1) 9.30-10.30am KS1 Nativity (2) 2-3pm
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	KS1 Nativity (3) 9.30-10.30am KS1 Nativity (4) 2-3pm
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	EY's Nativity (1) 9.30-10.30am EY's Nativity (2) 2-3pm
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Y3 Trip to the Shakespeare North Playhouse
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Y2 Christmas Party 1-3pm
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Visit from Father Christmas 9-11am EY's & Y1 Christmas Parties 9-11am Y3 & Y4 Christmas 1-3pm
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties 9-11am
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Y3 to lead Christmas Service 2.15-3.00pm @ Church
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	School Closes

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**Christmas FAMILY!**  
**DISCO BINGO**

**RAINHILL EX-SERVICES CLUB**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

TICKETS £7.50 VIA 07843 230797 OR STEBENNETT1@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

RAINHILL EX-SERVICE CLUB, 561 WARRINGTON ROAD, L35 4LS

DOORS 1PM  
SHOW 2PM

# 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  
Email: [chcp.sthelens@nhs.net](mailto:chcp.sthelens@nhs.net)  
Website: [www.sthelenswellbeing.org.uk](http://www.sthelenswellbeing.org.uk)



# ST ANN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



## JOB VACANCY



We are seeking an exceptional **Level 2 Teaching Assistant** who embodies a passion for education and a commitment to fostering a positive learning

**CONTRACT HOURS:** 25 hours (term-time plus INSETS)

For further information go to: <http://www.three-saints.org.uk/pages/vacancies/vacancies.htm>

**CONTACT US**

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**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



**Calling Under 8 Boys !!  
We are looking for players to join our  
U8 Rangers team.**



Any U8's looking for a football team?

We are looking for medium ability players for our U8 Rainhill United JFC Rangers team, to come and join a great bunch of lads.

If you are interested please contact  
Dave Hamilton 07957902614 Jay Martin 07739080436

# **JOIN OUR FOOTBALL CLUB! YEAR 4 GIRLS NEEDED!**



We are looking for Year 4 girls to join Rainhill United JFC, to play in a new girls team.

Want to develop your football skills, make friends and have fun? Join Rainhill United JFC for this season.

Contact Gill at  
[girlsfootball@rainhillunited.co.uk](mailto:girlsfootball@rainhillunited.co.uk)

