



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



LIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



As part of their Super Leaders task, our Year 3 Arts Councillors created a beautiful art display for the *Light Before Christmas* event at Liverpool Cathedral. Working around the theme 'The Gift', the children layered wrapping paper, paints and glitter to produce a vibrant and eye-catching display. Our Rights Respecting Parliament representatives from Year 3 had the exciting opportunity to attend the opening night of the Cathedral's Light Show, where they proudly spotted their artwork alongside pieces from other schools. They then enjoyed the magical light experience, relaxing on bean



bags as the Cathedral was transformed with colour and sound. The children had a fantastic time and represented our school brilliantly.



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>	95.93%
Whole school attendance week ending 28 th November 2025	90.73%
Class with best weekly attendance	4G – 96.77%

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**

322

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

Congratulations to 3S on a wonderful Family Worship all about National Day for Disabled Persons.



Our next Family Worship will be led by **3M** and take place on **Friday 16 January at 9am**. Please enter the hall via the back door.

Everyone welcome

SPORTS COMPETITION NEWS

Our Year 4 team delivered a fantastic performance at the most recent St Helen's School Games Dodgeball competition, showing great teamwork, determination, and encouragement for each other throughout. After a series of fast-paced matches, the children proudly secured **3rd place!** We are incredibly proud of their effort and enthusiasm—well done, Year 4!



CHRISTINGLE WORKSHOPS & SERVICE



Last week, we held our Christingle celebrations, and they were a truly special part of the school calendar. Parents joined their children in EYFS and Year 1 for hands-on workshops, where they enjoyed making Christingles together. The sessions were wonderfully well attended and created a lovely sense of community. Children across the school also took part and loved making their own Christingles in class. Thanks to the generosity of our families the money raised



will be donated to The Children's Society. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all parents for their kind donations.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY



On **Friday 12 December**, we will be supporting *Save the Children* by inviting pupils to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers, festive outfits, or seasonal accessories. The suggested voluntary donation is £2.00, which can be made via Arbor. On the same day, children who have a school meal will be treated to a special Christmas dinner at lunchtime. We look forward to a joyful, festive day while raising money for a wonderful cause! 🎄



School closes for Christmas on Friday 19 December 2025



School re-opens after Christmas on Monday 5 January 2026

Y6 WORLD MUSEUM VISIT



On Tuesday, Year 6 enjoyed an exciting and enriching trip to the Liverpool World Museum as part of their Ancient Egypt topic. The highlight of the day was a hands-on mummification workshop, where pupils had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of this fascinating ancient practice through practical activities and expert guidance. The children were highly engaged, asked thoughtful questions and demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout. This experience has not only enhanced their historical knowledge but also sparked further enthusiasm for our current topic.



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.**

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.

A SPOTLIGHT ON: BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (BASE)



Overview

Our Breakfast and After School Club provides high-quality childcare for children aged 4-11 years, operating from **8:00 AM to 8:50 AM** and **3:15 PM to 6:00 PM**. We offer a safe and secure environment where children are cared for by qualified staff with extensive experience in delivering engaging play activities.

Activities

We offer a diverse range of activities that are both physically and mentally stimulating, catering to the needs of all children. Our activities are rotated regularly and include:

- **crafts, sports, tabletop games, outdoor play, toys and games**

Food and Drink

In alignment with our school's healthy food and drink policy, we provide nutritious snacks and drinks.

- **Breakfast options** typically include:
 - Cereals, Toast, Crumpets, Water, Milk, A selection of fresh fruit
- **Evening snack options** may include:
 - Yoghurts, Cheese and crackers, Vegetable dippers with hummus, Sandwiches, Pizza, Fruit and more

Booking a Place

To secure a place for your child, please email your requirements to stannsce@three-saints.org.uk.

- A **one-month paid notice** is required to cancel a booking; otherwise, charges will still apply.
- All absences must be paid for.
- The waiting list and fee book are confidential; please speak to staff for any queries.

Attending the Club

When children first join the Breakfast or After School Club, we allow them to settle in at their own pace. We encourage parents or carers to visit the club with their children shortly before the start date. This visit provides an opportunity for children to explore the club, ask questions, and for parents to complete any necessary registration paperwork.

Costs

Breakfast Club: £5.00

After School Club: £10.00

Payments

Upon registration, you will complete a fee agreement form. Fees must be paid in advance. Failure to pay will result in your child losing their place. Payments can be made through Arbour, childcare vouchers, or the Government Choices scheme. If you are experiencing difficulties with payments, please speak to our staff in confidence for support.

Collection

Children must be collected by **6:00 PM** at the latest. Late collections will incur a fee of **£5.00 for every 15 minutes** past the designated pick-up time.

KS1 & EYS NATIVITIES

Y1 & Y2 will perform their nativity on:
Monday 15 December @ 9.30am
Monday 15 December @ 2.00pm
Tuesday 16 December @ 9.30am
Tuesday 16 December @ 2.00pm

A total of 4 tickets per family can be purchased at a cost of £2 per ticket. The results of the ticket requests will be collated next week and tickets will be distributed as soon as possible after this.

The nativity will take place in the school hall.

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.

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:

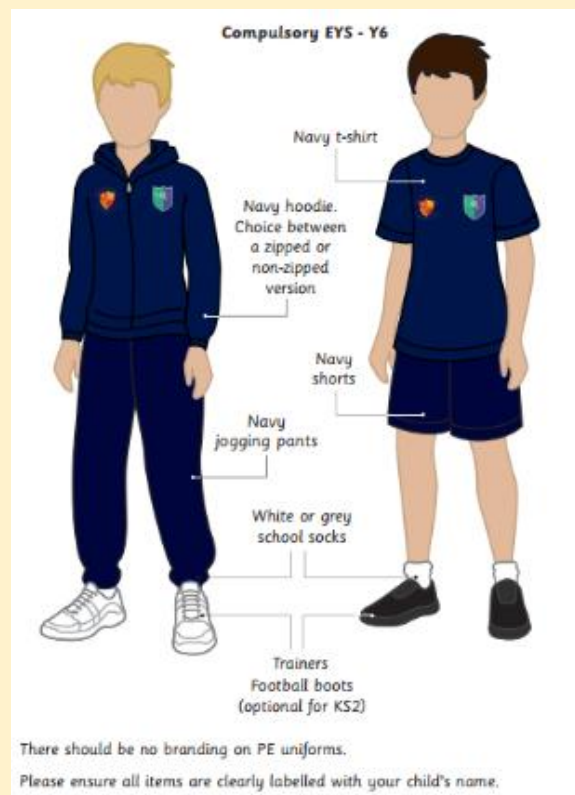
- Navy blue t-shirt
- Navy blue hoody
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue jogging bottoms
- Trainers

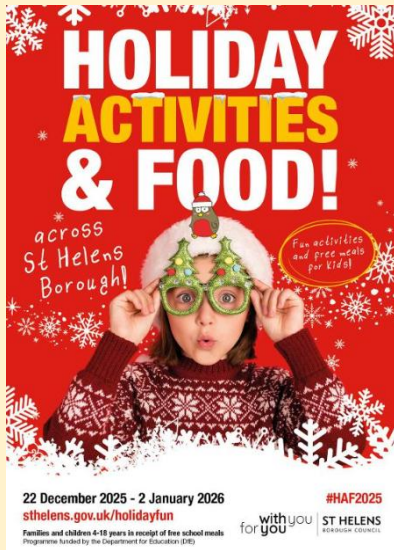
These items can be plain or feature the school and Trust logo. Please note that branded sportswear is not permitted.

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.





Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme – Winter 2025

If your child is aged 4–18 and eligible for benefit-related free school meals, or is in receipt of a support plan or EHCP, they may be able to take part in the Winter 2025 HAF programme. A full list of providers offering activities is available in our **HAF Winter 2025 Guide** (PDF, 26 MB), presented in a handy calendar format to help you plan day-by-day activities throughout the school holidays. You'll find a range of **FREE events and activities**, clearly marked with suitable age ranges. While all sessions are SEND-friendly, we recommend pre-booking and contacting the facilitator directly to discuss suitability and any individual requirements your child may have.

Y1 PANTO VISIT

On **Monday 8 December** Y1 will watch the Christmas Panto at St Helens Theatre Royal. For further information parents/ carers should refer to separate letter.



Y2 VISIT TO FAMILY NATIVITY SETS SPECIAL



On **Friday 12 December**, Year 2 will visit St Ann's Church to explore the exhibition of family Nativity sets. The children will enjoy viewing the displays and listening to a special Christmas talk from a member of the PCC, helping them reflect on the meaning of the Nativity.

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Y5 CHRISTMAS CONCERT VISIT



On **Tuesday 16 December** Y5 will go to Rainhill High School to watch their Christmas Concert. We will leave school at approximately 9.30am and return in time for lunch.

Y3 SHAKESPEARE PLAYHOUSE VISIT

On **Wednesday 17 December** Y3 will watch this year's Christmas play at the Shakespeare Playhouse in Prescot. For further information parents/ carers should refer to separate letter.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

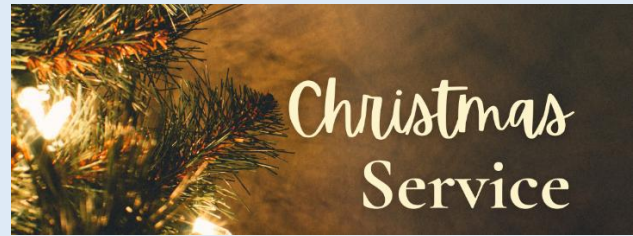


It's nearly Christmas party time! Dates and times can be seen below. On the day of your child's Christmas party, they should wear their party clothes to school (bearing in mind that we will still be outside at playtime and lunchtime), and bring in one Christmas party snack e.g. packet of crisps or chocolate bar (all nut free and no hard boiled sweets) please.

Y2	Wednesday 17 December
EYS, Y1, Y3 & Y4	Thursday 18 December
Y5 & Y6	Friday 19 December

Y3 CHURCH SERVICE

On **Friday 19 December** at St Ann's Church, Y3 will lead this year's Christmas Service at **2.15pm**.



Everyone welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS ST ANN'S!

We are delighted to share that we have raised £505.00 for Children in Need and £2636.59 towards improving sports and PE equipment in school through our Great Athlete event and £1260.32 From our Breakfast with Santa fundraiser! A huge thank you goes to everyone who donated, took part, and supported the day with such enthusiasm. Your generosity and community spirit have made a real difference, not only to the charities we support but also to the opportunities we can offer our children in school. We are incredibly proud of what we have achieved together as a community—well done, St Ann's!



SAFEGUARDING ALERT:



Why it's good to talk

We've all been on the receiving end of a difficult conversation. But that doesn't make it any easier when you have to have one with your child.

It's important every child has someone they trust to look to for help.

We all want children to grow up in a safe and loving environment and to become happy, confident adults. To get there there'll be times they need to talk to someone, for advice or for support. There will also be times when you need to explain something that might upset them.

As their parent or carer, it's up to you to talk to them when you think they might need a nudge in the right direction, or to share news or information that's going to affect their lives.

Before starting a difficult chat

Whatever it is you want to discuss, it's important to think about where and how to talk so children will listen. There's no telling how long the conversation is going to last, so the first thing to consider is where and when you're going to start it. For e.g., if you start in the evening when they're tired, your child or children might not be able to concentrate.

If you're talking to just one child about something, consider how private the time and place are. It might work best to have it at a time when brothers and sisters aren't around to interrupt.

It could be good to have it in a relaxed and neutral place, like on a walk or in the car.

Have materials available that can help with a discussion for e.g. a book or some paper and pens.

REMEMBER

Give them as long as they need to answer without interrupting.

Let your child ask you questions too.

Let them know that they can trust you to keep their confidence and that you want them to always feel they can talk to you, other people they trust or organisations like [Childline](#), when anything is worrying them.

Family of Faith



A Reflection from Mr Harrison

As a primary teacher, I see how children often trust in things they can see—being good at something, having the right equipment, or feeling popular. These may boost confidence, but they don't last. Psalm 20:7 reminds us that real trust comes from God, who is constant and faithful.

In Bible times, chariots and horses symbolised strength. Today, children may rely on achievements or belongings in the same way, yet the Christian value of **Trust** teaches that God is more dependable than anything else.

Trusting in God helps us face challenges with courage and kindness, knowing we are never alone. In school, we can remind children that God's love never changes.

Our trust is in the Lord, who walks with us every step of the way.

Our Christian Value this half term is...

TRUST

Some trust in chariots
and some in horses,
but we trust in the
name of
the LORD our God.

Psalm 20:7

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)

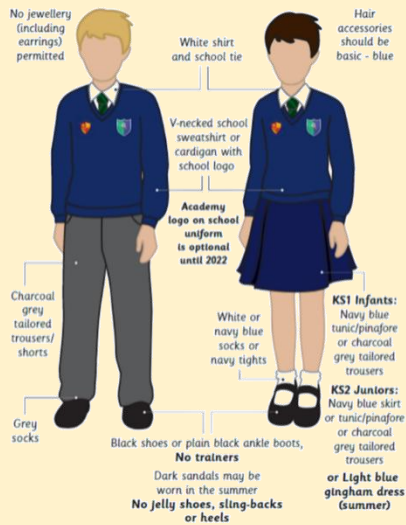
10:30am Weekly (except 1st Sunday): Platform 2 in Millennium Centre – informal, family-focused worship with group activities, crafts, and games. Coffee and refreshments provided.

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



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Email: stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

X: [@RainhillStAnns](https://www.instagram.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

Right Care, Right Place

Get the Right Care in the Right Place this winter...

Know where to go when your child's unwell - get familiar with your local NHS services.

NHS
Mersey and West Lancashire
Teaching Hospitals
NHS Trust

Online symptom checker

Alder Hey Children's Hospital has an online symptom checker with advice on treating common symptoms in children. Visit the website:

www.alderhey.nhs.uk/symptom-checker

Pharmacy Services

Your local pharmacy can treat minor illnesses with over-the-counter treatments, and most pharmacies can also offer prescription medicine for conditions, including:

- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Sore throat (aged 5 years and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)



Scan here to find out more



A&E

A&E is for people with life threatening illness or injury, so if you think your child needs immediate attention, then you should attend A&E.

Conditions that require immediate attention include:

- Shortness of breath
- Seizures
- Severe bleeding or burns
- Head or eye injuries
- Allergic reactions
- Serious animal bites
- Uncontrolled pain

GP Services

Your GP can help with common illnesses including:

- Persistent coughs
- Skin infections
- Eye infections
- Ear pain



Urgent treatment / walk-in centres

If your GP surgery is closed, UTCs have specialist nurses and doctors that can help. Common conditions that can be treated include:

- Cuts and scrapes
- Minor burns
- Minor breathing difficulties
- Suspected fractures
- Uncontrolled fever



Find your local Urgent Treatment Centre

St Helens Urgent Treatment Centre

The Millennium Centre, Corporation St, St Helens WA10 1HJ
8am-8pm, 7 days a week incl. Bank Holidays

Runcorn Urgent Treatment Centre

Nightingale Building, Hospital Way, Runcorn WA7 2DA
8am-9pm, 7 days a week incl. Bank Holidays

Widnes Urgent Treatment Centre

Health Care Resource Centre, Caldwell Rd, Widnes WA8 7GD
8am-9pm, 7 days a week incl. Bank Holidays

Huyton NHS Walk-in Centre

Nutgrove Villa, Westmorland Road, Huyton L36 6GA
8am-8pm, 7 days a week incl. Bank Holidays

Kirkby Urgent Treatment Centre

St Chads Clinic, St Chads Drive, Kirkby L32 8RE
8am-8pm, 7 days a week incl. Bank Holidays

Halewood NHS Walk-in Centre

The Halewood Centre, Roseheath Drive, Halewood L26 9UH
8am-8pm, 7 days a week incl. Bank Holidays



If your child is struggling to breathe or loses consciousness, you should call 999



The Three Saints Academy Trust
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026/2027

Term	*Open On:	*Close On:
<u>Autumn term 2026</u>	2 nd September 2026	23 rd October 2026
	4 th November 2026	18 th December 2026
<u>Spring term 2027</u>	5 th January 2027	12 th February 2027
	22 nd February 2027	25 th March 2027
<u>Summer term 2027</u>	12 th April 2027	28 th May 2027
	7 th June 2027	21 st July 2027

Bank Holidays during term time:
May Day: Monday 3 May 2027

Staff Inset Days

- 1st September 2026
- 2nd November 2026
- 3rd November 2026
- 20th November 2026
- 4th January 2027

Christingle
Sunday November 30th, 4.00pm

Christmas Fair & Farmers Market
Saturday December 6th,
9.00am to 1.00pm

Family Nativity Sets Special
Friday and Saturday
December 12th - 13th,
10.00am - 4.00pm

Carol Service
Sunday December 14th, 6.30pm
Led by Community Choir

Carol & Crib Service
Christmas Eve, 4.00pm

Midnight Communion
Christmas Eve, 11.30pm

Christmas Communion
Christmas Day, 10.30am

St Ann's Church, View Road, Rainhill



Get Ready To Dust Off Those Shellsuits!

Whether it's a date night or a night with your mates, book those babysitters and come and join us for an Adult only fun night of Games, Bingo and Dancing!!

PRIZES FOR WHOEVER LOOKS THE MOST 90s!!



£15 per ticket

All funds raised go to the school and our kids!!

8pm till Late

Prescot Town Council

24th Feb 2026

For Tickets Contact:

raia_t331@hotmail.com

In association with:



St Ann's Friends Association

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

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 20TH

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

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

DOORS 1PM
SHOW 2PM