



# 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 the excellent progress you have made this half term. I wonder who will be chosen next half term?

<b>EYM</b>	Hudson B	<b>3M</b>	Cora B
<b>EYP</b>	Jacob D	<b>3S</b>	Toby G
<b>1S</b>	Penelope G	<b>4G</b>	Alex W
<b>1T</b>	Ella B	<b>4H</b>	Evan H-S
<b>2M</b>	Aiden C	<b>5E</b>	Emilia R
<b>2O</b>	Albie H	<b>5G</b>	Jacob B-H
		<b>6B</b>	Aoife C
		<b>6H</b>	Jasmine 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>	95.67%
Whole school attendance week ending 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	92.8%
Class with best weekly attendance	RP – 97.5%

#### 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**

**346**

#### 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.

## SPORTS COMPETITION NEWS



Children from Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 took part in an exciting Multi-Skills sessions at Broadway Badminton Centre, with a strong focus on team building and cooperation. Pupils worked brilliantly together as they tackled a variety of challenges, showing great communication, encouragement and problem-solving. It was wonderful to see older and younger pupils alike growing in confidence and demonstrating fantastic teamwork throughout. Well done to all who took part!



## ST ANN'S CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT LED BY MRS GREAVES

This week, children in Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 took part in a Mini Music Concert where they had the opportunity to showcase their musical learning in front of a live audience. Pupils proudly played instruments they have been learning and sang songs they have been practising, demonstrating their growing confidence and musical skills. A big thank you to Mrs Greaves for her wonderful support in helping the children to develop their musical talents and confidence. It was a fantastic celebration of their hard work and helped to foster a strong sense of achievement and enthusiasm for music across our school community.



## A SPOTLIGHT ON: SUPER LEADERS



Our Super Leaders initiative gives pupils the qualities they need to flourish in society by teaching them to be responsible, respectful and active citizens in public life. It is instrumental to our character education offer. Every year, each Y2-Y6 child is a member of two advocacy teams which campaign for change. By the time a child leaves our school, they have been a member of every Super Leader team. The intent behind our Super Leaders initiative is to provide children with an opportunity to make a difference to our school, local or global community. Past projects/ campaigns have included: Rights Respecting Parliament developed a child-friendly safeguarding policy and film, Health and Safety Team promoted Road Safety, Charity Champions led on charity work to make up food hampers for local families and Food Bank, the Town Troopers have written a letter to residential about the future development of our school grounds, our Global Ambassadors made environmentally friendly reindeer food and our Equality Advocates designed a logo which is displayed in all classrooms and which celebrates equality and inclusion.

Class	Super Leader Team 1	Super Leader Team 2
Y2	Town Troopers	Wellbeing Warriors
Y3	Arts Council	Global Change Ambassadors
Y4	Values Ambassadors	Digital Leaders
Y5	Charity Champions	Health and Safety Crew
Y6	Equality Advocates	Entrepreneurs
Miss Foster	Rights Respecting Parliament	
PECO	Sports Leaders	

You can read about each Super Leader Team on our website.  
<https://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk/page/?title=Super+Leaders&pid=72>



## 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*

## Y1 PANTO VISIT



Our Year 1 children had a fantastic time on our trip to the St Helens Theatre Royal this week to watch *Dick*

*Whittington!* From the moment the curtain went up, the children were completely captivated — they loved the colourful costumes, the catchy songs, and the hilarious characters who had them laughing from start to finish. The lively audience participation was a firm favourite too, with many of the children joining in with the cheers and the boos. The whole experience was magical, and the children haven't stopped talking about their favourite moments since we returned to school.

## 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.

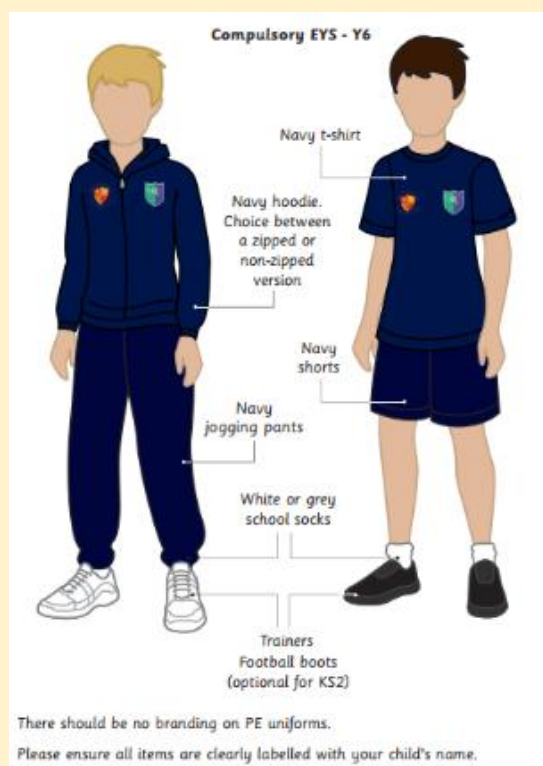
All children are required to wear:

- 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.



# Christmas RAFFLE

FOR A CHANCE  
TO WIN ONE OF  
WONDERFUL  
PRIZES, PLEASE  
PURCHASE A  
TICKET £1 PER  
STRIP



WE ALSO HAVE A FAMILY  
MATCH TICKET  
VOUCHER FOR A SAINTS  
GAME



DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
18th DECEMBER



## 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.

### WELCOME TO THE TEAM MR EAST

This week, we were delighted to welcome Mr. East to our teaching team. Mr. East brings over 10 years of experience in primary education and will be teaching across the school. We are excited to have him with us—please join us in giving him a warm welcome!



### CHOIR VISIT AMBERLEY COURT



Our school choir recently visited Amberley Court care home to perform a selection of festive songs for the residents. The children's heartfelt

singing brought warmth and happiness, creating a wonderful connection between generations. The visit was a rewarding experience for both the children and the residents, lifting spirits and spreading festive cheer throughout the care home. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Devaney, our choir director, for her dedication and inspiring leadership in preparing the children for this memorable event. This special visit not only brightened the day for everyone involved but also helped to strengthen the positive relationship between our school and the wider community.

### 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



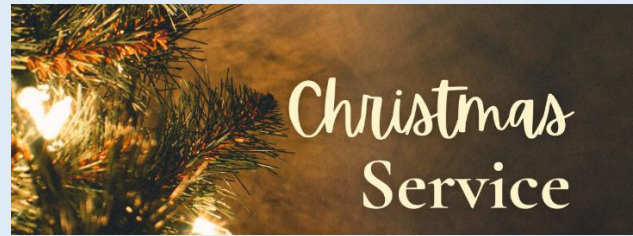
It's nearly Christmas party time! Dates and times can be seen below. On the day of your child's Christmas party, they should wear their party clothes to school (bearing in mind that we will still be outside at playtime and lunchtime), and bring in one Christmas party snack e.g. packet of crisps or chocolate 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

School closes for  
Christmas on Friday  
19 December 2025

## 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!

School reopens after  
Christmas on Monday  
5 January 2026

## SAFEGUARDING ALERT:

### Mental Health

How to promote good mental health with your child

- Connect with your child every day and share your own feelings.
- Ensure your child has an opportunity to have quiet time together.
- Praise your child when they do well, recognise efforts as well as achievements.
- Actively listen to your child with no distractions.
- Keep your promises, if you're not able to make sure you explain your reasons.
- Encourage your child to focus on the moment and not dwell on events.
- Practise self-care for yourself and set the standard.
- Help your child to develop a language of feelings, use stories or play together to help them to understand.



# Family of Faith



## A Reflection from Mrs Green

As a teacher reflecting on this verse—“For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name”—I am reminded of the deep sense of security that trust can bring, especially during the Christmas season. In school, we see how children flourish when they know they are safe, valued, and supported. In the same way, this verse invites us to recognise that true joy grows from trusting in something greater than ourselves.

At Christmas, we celebrate God’s faithfulness shown through the birth of Jesus—a promise kept, a light given to guide us. This helps me reflect on how I can embody that trustworthiness in my own classroom. When students see consistency, kindness, and integrity, they learn that trust is not only a belief but also a lived experience.

Ultimately, the verse encourages me to foster an environment where trust leads to joy, confidence, and hope for every child.

Our Christian Value this half term is...

**TRUST**

For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Psalm 33:21

### 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)

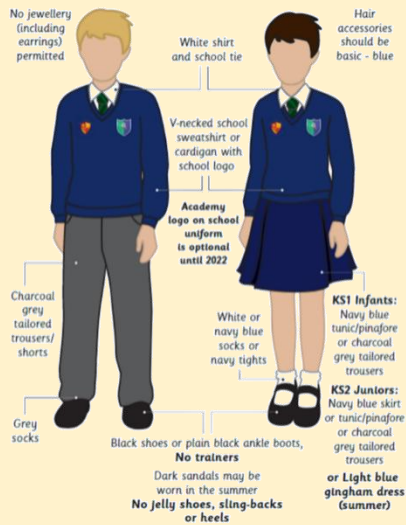
**10:30am Weekly (except 1st Sunday):** Platform 2 in Millennium Centre – informal, family-focused worship with group activities, crafts, and games. Coffee and refreshments provided.

**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

If you would like your child to have Toast at breaktime for Spring 1 (5th January - 13th February 2026) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £7.50 by 16th December. 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](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

## 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.*

## 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

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](http://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**

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

***Bank Holidays during term time:***

*May Day: Monday 3 May 2027*

**Staff Inset Days**

1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2026

20<sup>th</sup> November 2026

4<sup>th</sup> 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

**BACK TO THE  
90'S**

**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  
24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026  
For Tickets Contact:  
raia\_1331@hotmail.com

**90's  
BINGO  
PARTY!!**  
Bongo/ Style!!

In association with:  **St Ann's Friends Association**

NODA

**RAINHILL**  
MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY

WINNERS OF NODA'S 2025  
AWARD FOR BEST PANTO

# Rapunzel

*The Hair-larious Family Panto*

**14 - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 7PM.  
SATURDAY 2PM & 7PM

Rainhill Village Hall, Dane Court. L35 4LU.

Tickets: **Adults £12.00, Children & Concessions £10.00**

Booking [www.rainhillmusicaltheatrecompany.co.uk](http://www.rainhillmusicaltheatrecompany.co.uk)

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