

Newsletter Issue 16: Friday 9 January 2026



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year 2026! I hope you all had a joyful and restful Christmas break. As we start this new term, we are excited about the many opportunities ahead for our children to learn, grow, and shine. There is so much to look forward to, including Stand Up Speak Up Week, where we encourage social activism and making a positive difference; our Interfaith Day celebrating diversity and understanding; and Parent Insight sessions to keep you involved in your child's learning journey. We're also planning our lively Spring Disco and the much-loved STAR Day, our annual charity fundraising event led by our Charity Champions. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a positive, caring community where every child can thrive. Here's to a fantastic term full of learning, friendship, and fun!

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>	95.62%
Whole school attendance week ending 19 th December 2025	94.7%
Class with best weekly attendance	3S – 99.31%

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**

362



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.



St Ann's Outstanding Achievement Rewards

We are excited to launch SOAR – St Ann's Outstanding Achievement Rewards; our new whole-school enrichment programme.

SOAR has been developed following feedback from parents and carers and replaces Children's University. Creating our own programme allows us to recognise a wider range of learning experiences, both in and out of school, while keeping the system simple and inclusive for all families.

Children can earn SOAR hours for:

- Attending school clubs and enrichment activities
- Taking part in out-of-school clubs
- Representing the school in competitions
- Supporting the school community through leadership roles or helping at events

Parent can log hours by clicking on the links below for each half term.

Spring 2 - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=r9bU2008dU-7UaJ-VobDnkU6JM5cU9ErH3VEQM3K1VUN1IRUUDNMjhYMEpTMVpQTlpWMDROMURFTy4u>

Summer 1 – <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=r9bU2008dU-7UaJ-VobDnkU6JM5cU9ErH3VEQM3K1VUQ1I4TUL5NlpaN1VWU1MV0NGULZLRVc5M54u>

Summer 2 – <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=r9bU2008dU-7UaJ-VobDnkU6JM5cU9ErH3VEQM3K1VUNjFBUVozQzFDNTVLRjtTNUw1QVFOQDFRNS4u>

Autumn 1 – <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=r9bU2008dU-7UaJ-VobDnkU6JM5cU9ErH3VEQM3K1VUOVBQMVCwUTFKSjMxNzZLODYwT1dLUEo5Vy4u>

Autumn 2 – <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=r9bU2008dU-7UaJ-VobDnkU6JM5cU9ErH3VEQM3K1VUQUU1TjUxOUZwUzFBskpMWDtTUtVUdLSy4u>

Spring 1 - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=r9bU2008dU-7UaJ-VobDnkU6JM5cU9ErH3VEQM3K1VUN0RQVTZVVNSMFNUUjFQSkhSNkoxM1lGWi4u>

Hours completed during previous Children's University years will be carried forward into SOAR.

To be included in the current SOAR programme year (March–March), all hours must be submitted by 28th February. Any hours submitted after this date will count towards the next SOAR programme year.

PARENT INSIGHT SESSIONS – w/c 2 February 2026

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to our next series of Parent Insight sessions focused on nurturing the children's spiritual development. These sessions are designed to give you a valuable insight into how we nurture the children's spiritual development.

Details:

- One parent or carer is invited to join their child for a demonstration lesson.
- Lessons will take place in the Studio, providing ample space for everyone.
- Please arrive 5 minutes before the session and wait at the front of school by the blue Base door.
- For health and safety reasons, siblings who do not attend the school cannot be accommodated.
- Mobile phones should be switched off before entering the premises.

Each session will begin with a brief introduction from your child's class teacher explaining what you will experience during the lesson. Children whose parents or carers are unable to attend will still participate fully in the lesson.

We look forward to welcoming you.

YEAR GROUP	DATE	TIME
EYM	Wednesday 4 February	10.00am
EYP	Wednesday 4 February	10.45am
1S	Monday 2 February	10.00am
1T	Monday 2 February	10.45am
2M	Tuesday 3 February	10.00am
2O	Tuesday 3 February	10.45am
3M	Monday 2 February	1.00pm
3S	Monday 2 February	2.15pm
4H	Tuesday 3 February	1.00pm
4G	Tuesday 3 February	2.00pm
5E	Wednesday 4 February	1.15pm
5G	Wednesday 4 February	2.15pm



A SPOTLIGHT ON: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



What is Personal Development?

A school's curriculum extends far beyond academic learning. Schools play a vital role in supporting pupils to develop across many aspects of life, preparing them for adulthood, helping them understand how to engage positively with society, and providing meaningful opportunities to do so.

How does St Ann's support children's personal development?

At St Ann's, personal development is a central priority. Our high-quality provision is rich, varied and extends well beyond the classroom.

Personal development begins with our **Lunar Curriculum**, which promotes six key *Personal Learning and Thinking Skills*:

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

The Lunar Curriculum is further enhanced through a wide range of experiences, including:

- Focus days and weeks (e.g. Anti-Bullying Day, Safer Internet Day, Stand Up Speak Up Week, Aspirations Days, British Science Week, World Book Day and Healthy Living Week)
- Visits and visitors (e.g. Bikeability, Crucial Crew and visitors from other faiths)
- Our Curriculum and Cultural Offer, ensuring every child takes part in 14 enriching experiences such as museum visits, art galleries and a West End show
- Three residential opportunities in Key Stage 2
- **Blue Sky Experiences** – 50 guaranteed experiences for every child at St Ann's
- Sporting and dramatic opportunities, including performances, competitions, the Talent Show and the Year 6 production
- A wide range of extra-curricular activities

Children's talents and interests are further nurtured through our extensive wider curriculum. Each week, pupils can choose from at least 12 clubs, with a minimum of 50% being sports-based, reflecting our commitment to physical health and wellbeing. Both pupils and parents consistently tell us that our clubs are engaging and meet children's interests. Clubs are available for all age groups, and some pupils are actively encouraged to attend to support their academic, personal or social development.

Personal development is also supported through:

- Spiritual, moral, social and cultural education
- Strong pastoral care
- Provision that promotes physical and mental health
- Our PSHE and RSHE curriculums
- Developing understanding of British Values, equality, diversity and protected characteristics
- Opportunities for discussion and debate

For more information, please visit our website:

<https://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk/>

ST ANN'S BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT:
HOW WE HELP CHILDREN LEARN POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
(This feature is in response to feedback from Parent Forum)

At St Ann's, we believe that good behaviour helps all children learn and enjoy school. Our staff work hard to create a calm, welcoming, and safe environment where every child can thrive. Here's how we support children to behave well and what happens if they need extra help to get back on track.

How We Encourage Positive Behaviour

- Staff build warm, respectful relationships with children.
- Classrooms are tidy, calm, and set up to help children focus.
- Everyone knows and follows the St Ann's Standard for behaviour.
- We celebrate and reward behaviour that goes above and beyond.
- Clear routines help children know what to expect and how to behave.
- Staff greet children and families warmly every day.
- Quiet, orderly movement around school keeps learning uninterrupted.



What Happens if Behaviour Needs Support?

We use a step-by-step approach to help children learn from their behaviour and make better choices:

1. **Gentle Reminders:**
If a child is distracted or off-task, staff use quiet prompts, praise, and eye contact to help them refocus.
2. **Warnings and Short Consequences:**
For low-level disruptions like calling out or ignoring instructions, children get a **private** reminder linked to their class rules. They may miss a few minutes of playtime as a consequence.
3. **Reflection Time:**
If behaviour continues, the child spends time reflecting with their teacher, sometimes shadowing staff during playtime.
4. **More Serious Issues:**
For behaviours like swearing, mild aggression, or refusal to follow rules, the child meets with a senior leader for reflection and restorative discussion. They will miss playtimes and parents will be contacted.
5. **Serious Incidents:**
For serious behaviours such as fighting or threatening others, children may be removed from class for a period and parents will be informed. Further support plans, including report cards, may be put in place.
6. **Repeated Serious Behaviour:**
Continued serious incidents may lead to longer internal removals or suspensions. Each case is carefully reviewed to best support the child's needs.

Supporting Every Child

We understand that sometimes children need extra help. Our team works closely with families and may involve our Family Support Worker to provide additional support.

We appreciate your partnership in helping all children meet our high expectations and enjoy their learning at St Ann's.

Y5 CRUCIAL CREW VISIT

Year 5 are looking forward to their visit to Crucial Crew will take place on Wednesday 21st January. Crucial Crew is a multi-agency initiative involving the local authority, emergency services and other main service providers to promote personal safety issues, crime prevention and citizenship. The scheme, aimed at Y5 pupils, provides the opportunity for children to visit various safety scenarios, each providing important safety messages.

In order for the trip to go ahead, we kindly request a contribution of £14. Unfortunately, at present, we have not received sufficient funds to cover the total cost, and it may be necessary to cancel the visit if additional contributions are not received.

We would like to avoid this situation, as this trip represents a valuable opportunity for the children. We encourage Year 5 parents to consider this request to ensure that all students can benefit from the experience.

FAMILY WORSHIP



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

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.



Family of Faith



A Reflection from Miss Swift

As a teacher, Colossians 1:10 reminds me that education is not only about academic achievement, but about shaping character and faith. Each day in the classroom brings challenges that test patience, resilience, and commitment. This verse calls me to live a life worthy of the Lord by serving my students with consistency and purpose, even when progress feels slow. Bearing fruit in every good work means investing time, care, and encouragement, trusting that growth often happens quietly. The Christian value of endurance is especially relevant in teaching, where perseverance is required to support every learner through struggles and setbacks. God's strength sustains me when my own energy is limited, reminding me that endurance is not about self-reliance, but about drawing on His glorious might. Through patience and faithfulness, I aim to model endurance to my students, helping them grow not only in knowledge, but in character and hope.

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

So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience.
Colossians 1:10

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.



SAFEGUARDING ALERT:

Parental Conflict

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children. *Arguing better* is a free online course to help you manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

You will learn:

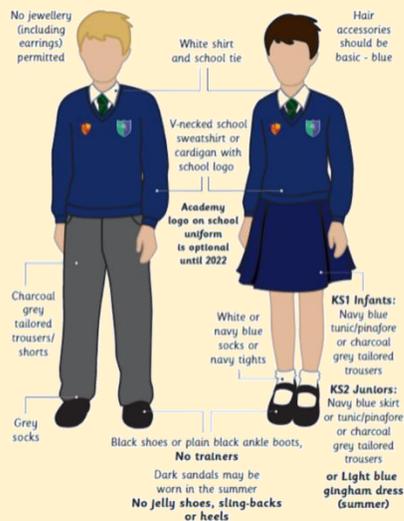
- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you.
 - Ways to recognise stress and talk about it.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
 - What causes arguments and how to stop them.



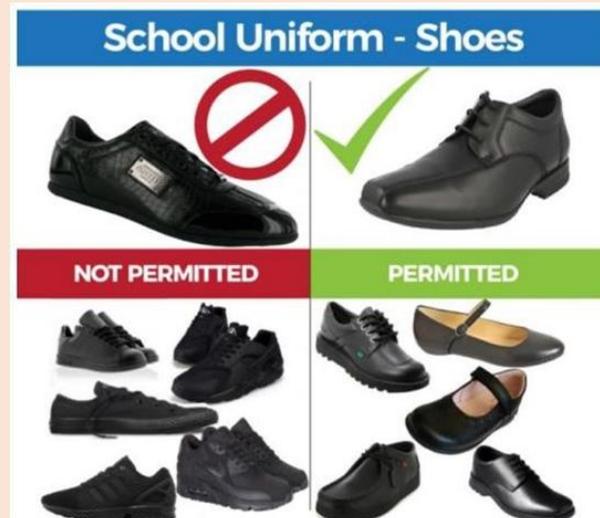
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www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents
or scan the QR code

GENERAL INFORMATION/ REMINDERS

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS



SCHOOL SHOES REMINDER



**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.*

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

SCHOOL MEAL MENU

For a copy of the 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

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



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

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

NODA
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF
Drama AND Musical Theatre

RAINHILL
MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY

WINNERS OF NODA'S 2025
AWARD FOR BEST PANTO

Rapunzel

The Hair-larious Family Panto

14 - 17th January 2026

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 7^{PM}.
SATURDAY 2^{PM} & 7^{PM}

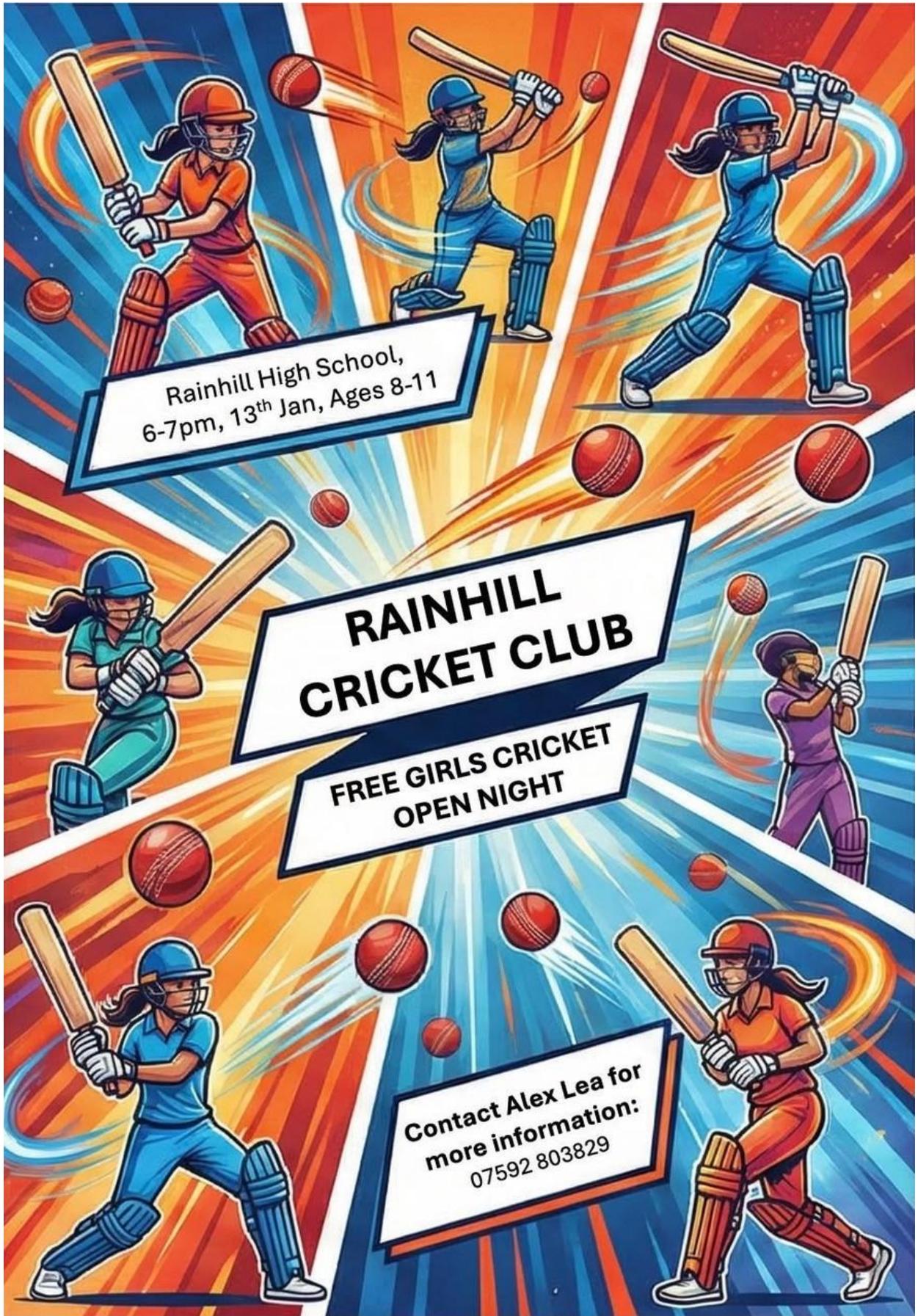
Rainhill Village Hall, Dane Court. L35 4LU.

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

Booking www.rainhillmusicaltheatrecompany.co.uk

Enquiries **07399031655** email RainhillMTC@hotmail.com

Charity number 702693



Rainhill High School,
6-7pm, 13th Jan, Ages 8-11

RAINHILL CRICKET CLUB

FREE GIRLS CRICKET
OPEN NIGHT

Contact Alex Lea for
more information:
07592 803829