

Newsletter Issue 17: Friday 16 January 2026



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



STAND UP SPEAK UP WEEK

During Stand Up, Speak Up Week, children across the school took part in class debates linked to our Super Leader initiative, with a strong focus on developing oracy, pupil voice and social responsibility.

Through a whole-school worship, pupils learned how to express their views confidently and respectfully, while listening carefully to the opinions of others and recognising the power of their voices to bring about positive change.

The week helped children explore key Fundamental British Values, including democracy, mutual respect and individual liberty, alongside important themes of equality, diversity and inclusion. In their class debates, pupils discussed real-life issues that affect their communities and the wider world, learning how to disagree politely, justify their viewpoints, and consider how people can campaign constructively for change.

This experience empowered children to stand up and speak up in a positive and purposeful way, encouraging them to see themselves as active citizens who can challenge injustice, advocate for others and make a meaningful difference. As a result, pupils strengthened their confidence, communication skills and sense of responsibility as thoughtful, respectful and socially aware members of society.

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 9 th January 2026	95.32%
Class with best weekly attendance	1T – 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**

371

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.

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: SPIRITUALITY



At St Ann's Church of England Primary School, we view spirituality as the essence of our relationships with one another and with God. It embodies the journey of being fully human and discovering ourselves through love. By fostering a shared understanding within our community, we can nurture the spirituality of each individual.

This understanding is deeply explored and experienced during our collective worship, rooted in Anglican practises. Our worship typically includes retelling Bible stories—often through song—moments of stillness, prayers, and personal reflections. By providing children with the time and opportunity to relive their stories and reflect on their significance, we encourage them to express their emotional reactions to personal experiences. This process allows children to connect with their spiritual selves, as the heart of their stories often revolves around love.

Spirituality is revealed through four key aspects:

1. **Awareness of Self:** Understanding one's own identity and feelings.
2. **Relationships with Others:** Nurturing connections and empathy towards peers.
3. **Response to Nature:** Appreciating the beauty of the natural world.
4. **Exploration of the Beyond:** Contemplating deeper questions about existence and faith.

Questions such as “What would Jesus do?” or “Who would Jesus be?” prompt our children to reflect on their values and virtues. Moments of stillness create space for simply ‘being’—encouraging everyone to be present to themselves, to others, to the world, and to the divine.



Spiritual development is woven into our curriculum in various ways:

- **Daily Collective Worship:** Nurturing spiritual growth through stories, songs, prayers, reflections, symbols, and natural objects.
- **Regular Worship through Song:** Led by our Church choir director, enhancing our communal worship experience.
- **Pupil-Led Collective Worship:** Taking place half-termly, allowing students to lead and share their insights.
- **Weekly RE Lessons:** Providing opportunities for reflection and exploration of faith.
- **Half-Termly Church Services:** Engaging the wider community in our spiritual journey.
- **KS2 Communion Services:** Offering deeper connections to our faith.
- **Confirmation Classes for Y5 & 6:** Preparing students for important spiritual milestones.
- **Spontaneous Acts of Prayer or Kindness:** Responding to personal, local, national, and global events, such as sending get-well messages to peers in hospital.
- **Prayer Writing:** Displaying heartfelt prayers that reflect our community's love and support during significant events.
- **Prayer Spaces:** Available in every classroom and central areas, fostering a reflective environment.
- **Awe and Wonder Moments:** Integrated throughout the curriculum, such as literature in English, mindfulness in PSHE, and exploration of natural disasters in Geography.
- **Cultural Development Opportunities:** Through our Cultural Offer, including visits to external places.
- **Focus Weeks:** Engaging in themes like Stand Up Speak Up week to promote awareness and action.



- **Shared Experiences:** Such as the Jubilee family picnic, STAR charity fundraising day, and Christingle workshops.
- **Outdoor Learning:** Engaging with nature in our woodland areas.
- **Celebrations:** Including talent shows, Worship through Praise, school productions, and special birthday acknowledgments.

Through these initiatives, we strive to create a nurturing environment where our children can flourish spiritually, socially, and emotionally.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Well done to 3M for a wonderful Family Worship all about World Religion Day.



Our next Family Worship will be led by 4H and take place on **Friday 6 February at 9am**. Please enter the hall via the back door.

Everyone welcome

PARENT FORUM

Our next Parent Forum for class representatives will take place on **Thursday 22 January at 2.00pm**. We look forward to welcoming as many representatives as possible.

Please remember that if you have any questions or feedback for the school's leadership team, your class representative is the best point of contact.

SAFEGUARDING ALERT:

Is your child a young carer?

A young carer is someone under 18 who looks after a parent or another family member. They take on physical and emotional duties that adults usually handle. It can feel scary and isolating.

Our Family Support Worker has strong links with St Helens Young Carers Centre and would be happy to support your child and family in receiving some additional support.

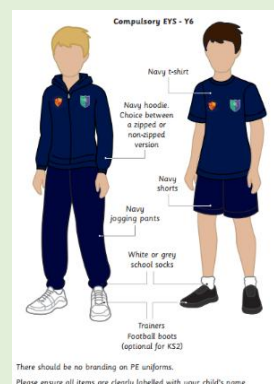
Please contact Mrs Crowther on 0151 426 5869 for further information.

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.

RECEPTION HEARING TESTS

These will take place on Wednesday 28 January.

JOB VACANCY

Job Title: Teaching Assistant (Level 2)

School: St Ann's Church of England Primary School, part of Three Saints Academy Trust

Grade: Scale 2 - SCP 3-4

Contract: Temporary (linked to pupil funding)
Contract Hours: 25 hours (39 weeks plus 28 days holiday ie 44.6 weeks)

Salary: £24,796 - £25,185 (actual £14,330.41)

Start date: As soon as possible

Visits: School visits are welcomed. Please contact 0151 426 5869 to arrange an appointment.

How to Apply: Download the application pack from <https://www.three-saints.org.uk/pages/vacancies/vacancies.htm>

CVs will not be accepted.

Key Dates:

Closing date: Monday 19 January 2026, 12 noon

Interviews: Monday 26 January 2026

We are looking for an enthusiastic and committed Teaching Assistant to join our outstanding primary school. The successful candidate will support inclusive learning, uphold high expectations, and help inspire a love of learning in all children.

The role requires someone who can:

- Support a range of learning and pastoral needs
- Build positive relationships with pupils, staff, and parents
- Work effectively independently and as part of a team
- Promote positive behaviour consistently
- Be organised, resilient, and professional

About St Ann's:

St Ann's is an oversubscribed, two-form entry Church of England primary school with Outstanding Ofsted and excellent SIAMS judgements. Guided by a strong Christian ethos, we nurture independent, confident learners and place children and families at the heart of our work.

We offer:

- Fantastic children with excellent attitudes to learning
- A supportive and dedicated staff team
- High-quality professional development
- A bespoke, engaging curriculum
- Strong leadership and community support



Safeguarding: The Three Saints Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding children. Appointment is subject to an Enhanced DBS check and, where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check.

Family of Faith



A Reflection from Mrs Ince

This verse from 1 Corinthians 10:13 gently reminds us that challenges and temptations are a normal part of life for everyone, including children. It reassures us that God is faithful and always present, even when things feel difficult. He knows our strengths and our limits, and He promises not to leave us facing more than we can manage. Importantly, God always provides a way through our struggles, helping us to keep going when we feel like giving up. This links closely to the Christian value of **endurance**—the ability to persevere with patience, courage, and trust in God. In school life, endurance might mean trying again after a mistake, being kind when it is hard, or staying focused when learning feels challenging. As parents and educators, we can encourage children to trust in God's help, to seek support when needed, and to develop resilience that will guide them throughout their lives.

Our Christian Value this half term is...
ENDURANCE

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Colossians 10:13

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)

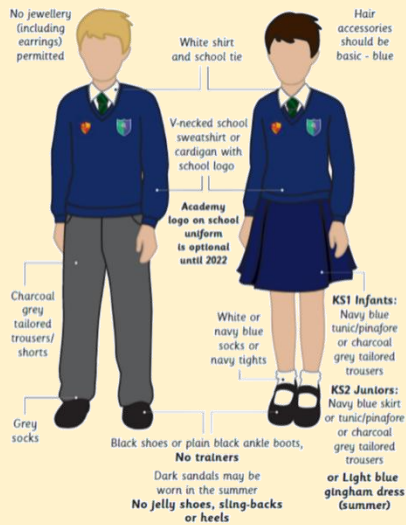
10:30am Weekly (except 1st Sunday): Platform 2 in Millennium Centre – informal, family-focused worship with group activities, crafts, and games. Coffee and refreshments provided.

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

We still have a number of forms outstanding following our annual review. If you have received a new form this week we would most grateful, if you have not already done so, if you would complete and return this as soon as possible.

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
Reading Record £1.00

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



St. Ann's Church of England Primary School

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Website: <http://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk>

Email: stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

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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

PLAYERS WANTED



FFC U5 (RECEPTION)



A GREAT FIRST STEP INTO GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

**TRAINING:
WEDNESDAY 5-6PM - PRESCOT
MATCHES (OPTIONAL):
SUNDAY - KIRKBY**

MORE INFO: 07479953465 / @FOOTYFACTORYCOACHING





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_1331@hotmail.com

In association with:



St Ann's Friends Association

NODA
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
OF DRAUGHTSMEN

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

Neurodevelopment pathway drop ins

Come along to one of our drop in sessions in St Helens.

Our team will answer questions you have about the neurodevelopment pathway process.

You don't need to be using our service, you can drop in if you have any questions to ask about this.

We look forward to meeting you.

Tuesdays at Parr Children's Centre and Central Link Family Hub
See details and times below

13 January at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

10 March at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

12 May at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

27 January at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

24 March at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

26 May at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

10 February at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

14 April at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

9 June at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

24 February at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

28 April at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

23 June at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

We work with children and young people with complex neurodevelopmental difficulties, who need an assessment to gain a better understanding of their needs.

Parr Children's Centre, Ashtons Green Drive, St Helens, WA9 2AP

Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street, (off Peter Street), St Helens, WA10 1QF

If you need more information you can contact us on 01744 415 608 or email: mcn-tr.sthelensneuropathway@nhs.net



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