

Newsletter Issue 18: Friday 23 January 2026



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



CELEBRATING INTERFAITH WEEK



This week, St Ann's embraced the theme "Community – Belonging Together" during Interfaith Week (w/c 19 January 2026). Our children explored how different faiths and worldviews, while diverse in beliefs, share core values of kindness, helping others, and belonging.

From "Classroom Community Circle" to "Community Cohesion" activities, pupils engaged in meaningful discussions and creative projects about community, service, and respect. Our Super Leaders championed initiatives like kindness campaigns, community rules, and charity fundraising, demonstrating leadership and empathy.

Collective worships led by our Mrs Rynn enriched understanding of service, equality, and sharing. The whole school came together to celebrate diversity and inclusion, creating a vibrant display of their best work and reflections.

Interfaith Week has truly deepened our children's appreciation for community spirit and the shared values that unite us all. Together, we continue to soar high on wings of kindness and respect.

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>	95.8%
Whole school attendance week ending 16 th January 2026	97.32%
Class with best weekly attendance	5G – 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**

353

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	2.00pm*
4G	Tuesday 3 February	1.00pm*
5E	Wednesday 4 February	1.15pm
5G	Wednesday 4 February	2.15pm



***Time change**

ST ANN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPIRITUALITY PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

Following our inspiring series of collective worships focused on nurturing our spirituality, and this half term's Parent Insight on flourishing spiritually, we are excited to launch a Spirituality Photograph Competition for all our pupils!

What to do:

Capture an image or take a photo that inspires you spiritually. It could be something that makes you feel peaceful, hopeful, joyful, or connected to God's love and the world around you.

- You can enter as many photos as you like – let your creativity soar!
- Each photo should reflect what spirituality means to you personally.

How to enter:

Send your photo entries to: stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

Deadline:

All entries must be submitted by Friday 6 February.

Judging and Prizes:

Our Values Ambassador Team will carefully select the winners. Each winner will receive a £5 book token as a prize.

Display:

All photos entered will be proudly displayed in our school's RE Area for everyone to enjoy and be inspired by.

We wish everyone the best of luck and are looking forward to seeing your wonderful entries flooding in!

Together, let's celebrate the beautiful ways we experience and express our spirituality.

A SPOTLIGHT ON: CHRISTIAN VALUES



At St Ann's, we explore 12 Christian Values over a two-year period. This approach ensures that each child encounters every value at least three times throughout their primary education, enabling them to revisit and deepen their understanding as they grow older.

These values are frequently highlighted during Collective Worship, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose. Additionally, our Class RE Reflection Areas are designed to reflect the current value being studied, providing a dedicated space for contemplation and discussion.

To encourage children to embody these Christian Values, we reward their efforts with Dojos. Exceptional demonstrations of these values may even lead to special invitations for "Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher," celebrating their commitment to our school's ethos.

Below are the Christian Values we focus on at St Ann's:

Our Christian Values

Over a two-year period we study 12 Christian Values. This means children encounter each value at least three times during their primary education, allowing for values to be revisited at a deeper level as the children grow older. The values are often a focus for Collective Worship. Class RE Areas reflect the value currently being studied.

Compassion	Endurance	Courage
Justice	Thankfulness	Trust
Peace	Service	Wisdom
Forgiveness	Friendship	Hope





SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSION

Monday 9th February
2026 8.30am-9.15am

If you can arrive at the front office, a member of staff will be able to support.
Thank you



FAMILY WORSHIP



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

A VISIT FROM ARK

This week, we were delighted to welcome colleagues from Ark Curriculum Plus into our school and we are very proud to share that the visit was a great success. The team were highly impressed with the quality of maths teaching across the school and the strong provision we provide for our children.

They particularly noted the effectiveness of our maths curriculum and how we use the Ark Curriculum as a toolkit, thoughtfully adapting it to meet the needs of our pupils and our school context. This ensures that children are well supported, appropriately challenged, and able to develop confidence and enjoyment in maths.

The positive feedback reflects the hard work and commitment of our staff, as well as the enthusiasm of our pupils.

CELEBRATING OUR YOUNG NETBALL STARS!

We know how much our community enjoys celebrating the successes of our children, both in and beyond the classroom. This week, we proudly share fantastic news about two of our talented players, Ellie and Holly.

They have been representing St Helens Bees Netball Club at the North West regional ENG competitions. Competing in both the ENG Premier League and cup competitions, this season marked the first time a squad from St Helens Bees played at this elite level, featuring the best netball teams across the North West.

In January, the girls narrowly missed a place in the national finals after a tough play-off, an impressive achievement for such young athletes. At just 10 years old, Ellie and Holly demonstrate exceptional skill and sportsmanship, making us all very proud.



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:

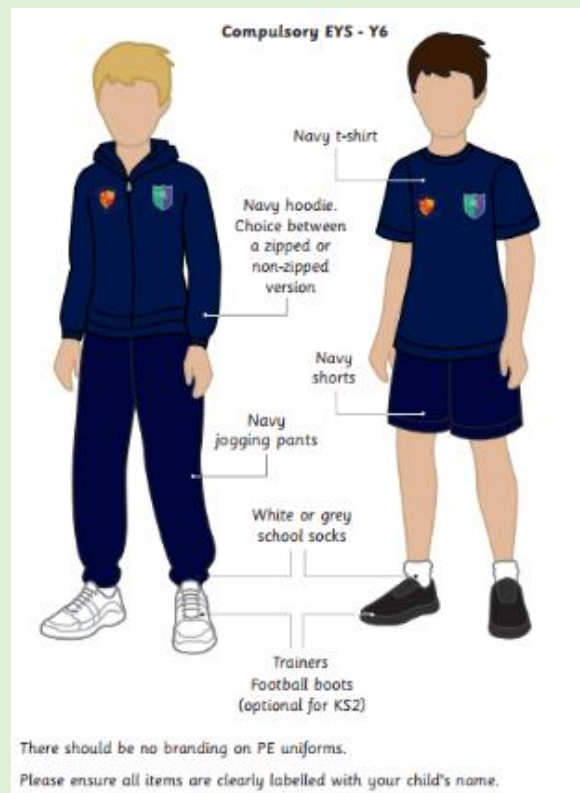
- Navy blue t-shirt
- Navy blue hoody
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue jogging bottoms
- Trainers

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.



Y5 CRUCIAL CREW VISIT

The Year 5 children have thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Crucial Crew, where they had the opportunity to speak with many different services, including a range of emergency services. Throughout the visit, they learned valuable life skills and gained important knowledge about staying safe in real-life situations. The experience was both engaging and educational and all of the children took part enthusiastically, making it a memorable and enjoyable day for everyone involved.

RECEPTION HEARING TESTS: Wednesday 28 January

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.



PARENT/CARER ONLINE SESSION: GUIDE TO ONLINE GAMING



Date: Wednesday, 28th January 2026

Time: 9.30am – 10.15am

Access Link: [Join the session on Teams](#)

We invite all parents and carers to join this important session focused on **online gaming**. The session will cover the latest trends and emerging risks in online gaming and aims to help you better understand how to support your child in navigating the online gaming world safely.

Key information about the session:

- No registration required – simply click the link above at the scheduled time to join.
- Cameras and microphones will be off for attendees to ensure a smooth experience.
- Questions can be submitted via the Q&A box during the session.
- The session will be streamed via Microsoft Teams, accessible on desktop or mobile apps (free to download) or through supported browsers (Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Firefox).

Family of Faith



A Reflection from Miss Johnson

In Romans 15:4-5, we are reminded that God is the source of our endurance and encouragement. Endurance means staying strong and hopeful, even when things are tough. Just as Jesus showed kindness, patience, and love no matter what, we too are called to have the same attitude towards one another. This means supporting our friends, being patient when things don't go our way, and never giving up. At St Ann's, we live by this value, knowing that with God's help, we can face challenges bravely and encourage each other every day. Together, we grow stronger in faith and friendship, just as Jesus teaches us.

Our Christian Value this half term is...

ENDURANCE

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.

Romans 15: 4-5

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)

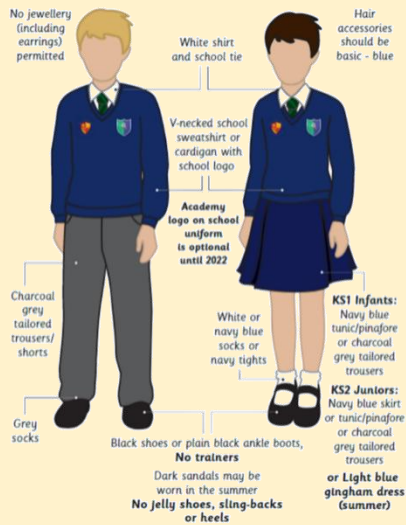
10:30am Weekly (except 1st Sunday): Platform 2 in Millennium Centre – informal, family-focused worship with group activities, crafts, and games. Coffee and refreshments provided.

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 recently 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



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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



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

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Guide to Online Gaming - this session will cover the latest trends and emerging threats. We will focus on developing your understanding of online gaming, the associated risks and the steps we can take to support our children.

**WEDNESDAY
28TH JAN
2026
9.30AM - 10.15AM**



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City Learning Centres