

Newsletter Issue 19: Friday 30 January 2026



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT – GET READY TO SHINE!



We are excited to announce our annual talent show, St Ann's Has Got Talent, taking place on the evening of Monday 23rd March at Rainhill Village Hall. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to showcase their incredible talents in front of family and friends. The school choir will also be performing, adding to the excitement of the evening!

Auditions will be held on Friday 27th February. If your child would like to take part, please complete the Expression of Interest form attached to this email and return it to the school office at stannsce@three-saints.org.uk no later than Monday 23rd February.

We welcome a wide range of acts—musicians, singers, dancers, comedians, sports stars, and more—the more varied, the better! Please ensure any music used is sent into school by 23rd February. Children should bring any props and costumes needed for their audition on the day.

Tickets for the show will be on sale soon at £8.00 each. We look forward to celebrating the amazing talents of our St Ann's children!



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>	95.86%
Whole school attendance week ending 23 rd January 2026	96.87%
Class with best weekly attendance	3M – 99.0%

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**

361

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



DISCO



SPRING SCHOOL DISCO

12 FEBRUARY

3.15-4.15pm Early Years & Year 1 Disco

4.30-5.30pm Year 2 & Year 3 Disco

5.45-6.45pm Year 4, 5 & 6 Disco

**£3.00 PER CHILD
PAYABLE VIA ARBOR ONLY**



**A SPOTLIGHT ON:
SPIRITUAL MORAL SOCIAL & CULTURAL EDUCATION**



Spiritual Development

- Personal Beliefs and Values: Encourage children to explore and develop their own beliefs, values, and faiths while fostering an attitude of respect and tolerance towards the beliefs of others.
- Holistic Well-being: Promote the development of a healthy mind and body, focusing on the whole person and their beliefs, while nurturing an awareness of their own needs and those of others.
- Religious Awareness: Support children in understanding various beliefs and religious faiths, enhancing their awareness of different choices and acceptance of others' beliefs.

Moral Development

- Understanding Right and Wrong: Help children recognise the difference between right and wrong, emphasising honesty and truth in decision-making.
- Respect for All: Instil an understanding of equal respect for all living things, fostering a sense of responsibility for their actions and words.
- Positive Relationships: Enable children to reflect on the importance of caring, positive relationships, encouraging them to take responsibility for their interactions with others.

Social Development

- Interpersonal Skills: Teach children how to interact effectively with others, promoting acceptance and understanding within various social contexts.
- Behavioural Expectations: Help children understand acceptable behaviour and societal rules, preparing them for participation in diverse groups, communities, and the wider society.
- Conflict Resolution: Provide opportunities for children to develop problem-solving skills, encouraging them to find constructive solutions to conflicts and challenges.

Cultural Development

- Cultural Awareness: Foster an understanding and respect for the beliefs and values of people from diverse backgrounds, celebrating both differences and similarities.
- Global Perspective: Encourage knowledge of the wider world, exposing children to a multitude of choices and experiences that reflect various cultures.
- Experiential Learning: Organise visits to cultural institutions such as theatres, ballet performances, operas, and museums to enrich children's understanding of cultural diversity and appreciation.

Implementation Strategies

- To effectively enhance SMSC development the following strategies are implemented:
- Curriculum Integration: SMSC objectives embedded across all subjects, ensuring that lessons promote discussions around beliefs, values, and ethical dilemmas.
- Extra-Curricular Activities: A range of clubs and activities that celebrate cultural diversity are offered and organised.
- Parental Involvement: We engage parents in discussions and activities related to SMSC, fostering a community-wide approach to developing these values.
- Staff Training: We provide professional development opportunities for staff to enhance their understanding of SMSC and how to effectively promote it within the classroom.
- Reflection and Assessment: Children take part in reflection sessions to discuss their experiences and growth in SMSC areas.





We're using the Arbor Parent App!

See and manage your child's day-to-day school information. **Make payments and bookings**, and receive in-app messages – all from one app.



- ✓ Log in securely in seconds with Face ID
- ✓ Receive in-app messages and reminders instantly on your phone
- ✓ Make payments, sign up for clubs, and book parents evenings

 **Don't forget to enable notifications to stay up-to-date!**

Enable push notifications so you never miss important updates about your child's school life!

Turn on Notifications now!



PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

Children's safety is our highest priority, and we ask all families to drive and park safely and considerately around the school grounds. Please allow extra time at drop-off and pick-up, consider parking a little further away and walking to school where possible, and remain mindful of local residents. Avoid stopping in unsafe areas or parking across driveways, as this can create hazards for children and inconvenience our neighbours. By working together and showing patience and care, we can help keep our school community safe for everyone.



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

NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH SURVEY

On Wednesday 11 February, all children who are 5 years old, will take part in the National Oral Health Survey.



Y3 COMMUNION

On Thursday 12 February Y3 will attend the community Communion service at St Ann's Church.



COMING UP: STAR DAY

We are once again very excited to be celebrating STAR Day on Friday 13th February and we look forward to a special day that brings our whole school community together. **STAR Day** is a great opportunity for children and staff to raise money. This year the charities we are supporting focus on sustainability and climate change, helping to care for the Earth so plants, animals and people can stay healthy now and in the future by saving energy, reducing waste and protecting nature.



This year on STAR Day we will be supporting two charities. One of these will be WaterAid and the second charity will be chosen by the children through a school vote, giving them the chance to share their views and take part in an important decision.

On the day we are asking children to come to school wearing their own clothes and all children across the school will take part in a Star Day Treasure Hunt.

To support our charities, we kindly ask families to make a £2 donation via Arbor.

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:

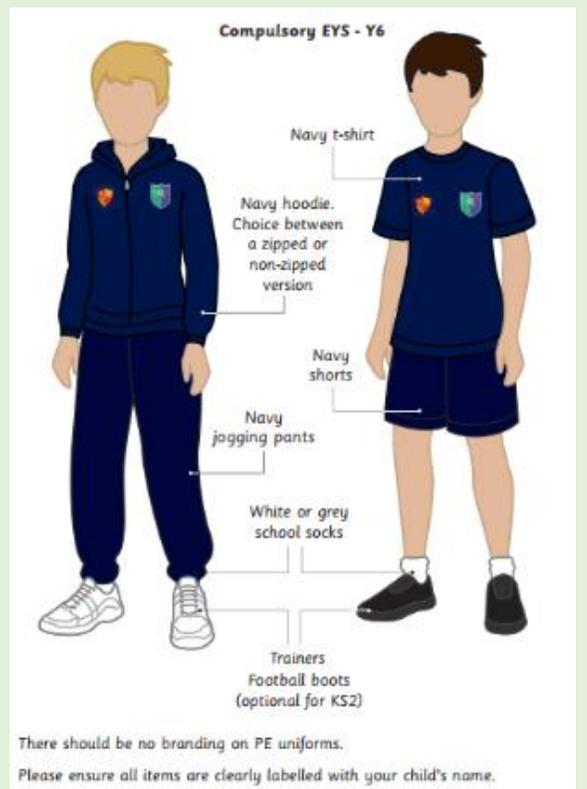
- Navy blue t-shirt
- Navy blue hoody
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue jogging bottoms
- Trainers

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.



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



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR Y2 TOWN TROOPER SUPER LEADER TEAM



SAFEGUARDING ALERT:

Helping your child to make friends



Work together to grow their friendship skills

Talk to your child about what makes a good friend, and practice friendship skills such as listening, sharing, compromising, and negotiating. Sit together and explore examples in everyday life and from TV and books. This will help your child think about what makes a good friend and feel less worried about friendship issues.

Help them to gain confidence

If your child is shy, this can make it feel more difficult to make and keep friends. Give your child lots of opportunities to connect and communicate with you in whatever ways you feel comfortable for them. Practising with you will give them more confidence to connect with others.

Model positive and healthy relationships

Happy relationships between parents and significant adults lead to better mental and physical health for all involved. Children thrive emotionally when they see and are involved in warm and caring relationships where they are respected and valued.

Reassure them that it's natural for friends to fall out sometimes

Children's friendships often change and can look different depending on your child's age and stage of development. While having friends at school is important, it is perfectly ordinary for your child to have difficulties with their friendships. Let your child know that being friends doesn't always mean agreeing or getting along with others all the time.

Talk the talk

Sometimes children can find it difficult to know how what they can say when talking with their peers. You can help your child by practicing what they can say to introduce themselves to someone new or to make a new friend. Help children to think of questions they can use to make connections with friends, such as:

Would you like to play football or something else during break?

Can I sit next to you in class?

Do you want to play catch?

Family of Faith



A Reflection from Mrs Smith

Hebrews 12:7 reminds me that enduring hardship is part of God's loving discipline. Just as a father disciplines his children to help them grow and become stronger, God allows challenges in our lives to shape our character and faith. This verse encourages me to see difficulties not as punishments, but as opportunities to develop endurance—a key Christian value. Endurance means staying faithful and hopeful even when things are tough, trusting that God's guidance is for our good. In my role as a teaching assistant, I try to model this perseverance to children, helping them understand that challenges can be overcome with patience and trust in God's plan. Through endurance, we grow closer to God and become the people He wants us to be.

Our Christian Value this half term is...

ENDURANCE

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?

Hebrews 12:7

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)

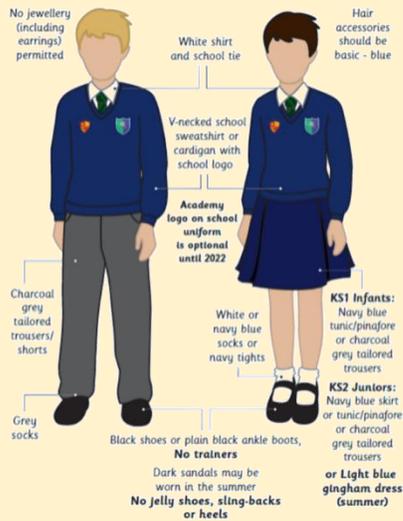
10:30am Weekly (except 1st Sunday): Platform 2 in Millennium Centre – informal, family-focused worship with group activities, crafts, and games. Coffee and refreshments provided.

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

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



St. Ann's Church of England Primary School

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

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



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**



Knowsley
City Learning Centres



MUSIC CENTRE

**FREE ensembles, bands and choirs
for all abilities at St Helens Town Hall**

MONDAY

VOCAL YOUTH 6:15-7:30pm

TUESDAY

ROCK BAND 4:30-6pm

WEDNESDAY

BEGINNER ORCHESTRA 4-5pm

INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA 4-5PM

ST HELENS YOUTH ORCHESTRA 5:30-7PM

For more info ask your music
service tutor.

**To book your place email
musicservice@sthelens.gov.uk**



Looking after ourselves

Free local workshops



Find out ways to
look after
yourself and
stay calm

Come
along!

Family life can be stressful. This workshop helps you to find ways to look after yourself and stay calm so you can juggle everything better.

Come along and:

- Understand the benefits of recharging our batteries for emotional and physical health
- Share feelings and develop realistic expectations and coping strategies
- Overcome feelings of guilt and failure
- Gain practical strategies to reduce the stresses of family life

More information

25th February

9-10.30am

Rainhill St Ann's
CoE Primary
School



Portico Vine Girls U11s

School Year 5 / 6



For girls in Year 5 or 6
from Sept 2025

Games starting THIS
season

All abilities welcome

Join us at our training
sessions every Thursday
18:00-19:00

Cath Lee [07305 177323]



Portico Vine U10s

School Year 5



All abilities are welcome!
Join us at one of our rugby training sessions on
Mondays & Wednesdays from 6-7pm.

Paul Valentine [07478 701898] - Jess Huston [07564 034625]



Portico Vine U11S

School Year 6



All abilities are welcome!
Join us at one of our rugby training sessions on Mondays & Wednesdays from 6-7.30pm.

Callum Latimer (07666 807652)

Spring Term Dates for Dairy		
Monday	2 nd February 2026	Parent Insight Meetings 1S 10am 1T 10.45am 3M 1pm 3S 2.15pm
Tuesday	3 rd February 2026	Parent Insight Meetings 2O 10am 2M 10.45pm 4H 1pm 4G 2.15pm
Wednesday	4 th February 2026	Parent Insight Meeting

		EYM 10am EYP 10.15am 5E 1pm 5G 2.15pm
Friday	6 th February 2026	4H Family Worship 9.00am School Hall
Monday	9 th February 2026	School Nurse Drop-in 8.30am
Wednesday	11 th February 2026	National Oral Health Survey (5 year olds only)
Thursday	12 th February 2026	Y3 Communion 9.30-10.30am @ Church Everyone welcome! Spring Disco's 3.15-4.15pm 4.30-5.30pm 5.45pm-6.45pm
Friday	13 th February 2026	STAR DAY – details to follow Church Service @ 2.15pm: Head Boy & Girl and selected pupils from Y2- Y5 to lead
Friday	13 th February 2026	School Closes
Monday	23 rd February 2026	School Opens
Wednesday	25 th February 2026	Parent Workshop: Looking After Ourselves @ school 9-930am Ash Wednesday Service 2.15-3.00pm @ Church Everyone welcome!
Friday	27 th February 2026	St Ann's Has Got Talent Auditions
Thursday	5 th March 2026	Parent Forum 2-3pm
Friday	6 th March 2026	2O Family Worship 9.00am School Hall
Monday- Thursday	9 th March 2026	Y1, Y4 & Y6 Parent Workshops: Statutory Tests 5.00pm Dates TBC
Wednesday	11 th March 2026	Y2 Trip to the Anglican Cathedral, Liverpool
Friday	13 th March 2026	2M Family Worship 9.00am School Hall Friends Meeting 2.00-3.00pm
Monday & Tuesday	16 th & 17 th March 2026	Mentoring Conversations @ school 3.30-6.00pm
Thursday	19 th March 2026	Y4 Communion 9.30-10.30am @ Church Everyone welcome!
Monday	23 rd March 2026	St Ann's Has Got Talent Rainhill Village Hall
Thursday	26 March 2026	Easter Bingo @ school (ticketed) 3.30-4.30pm

		4.45-5.45pm 6.00-7.00pm
Friday	27 th March 2026	Y5 Easter Service 2.15-3.00pm @ Church Everyone welcome!
Friday	27 th March 2026	School Closes