

Newsletter Issue 21: Friday 27 February 2026



# St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



## **ARK SHOWCASE: DELIVERING A FIRST CLASS MATHS EDUCATION @ ST ANN'S**

We were incredibly proud to host an ARK Maths Showcase at St Ann's this week, welcoming 12 Maths leaders and headteachers from other schools to see mathematics in action across our classrooms.

Visitors spent the morning touring lessons and speaking with staff and pupils and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. They commented on the school's calm and purposeful learning culture, the excellent learning behaviours shown by our children and the high levels of engagement in every class. They were particularly impressed by the quality of questioning, the clear modelling of new learning and the confident way pupils used practical resources to support their understanding.

What made us most proud was hearing that what they saw wasn't a "showcase performance", but a true reflection of the high-quality teaching and learning that takes place at St Ann's every single day.

A huge well done to our staff and children for representing the school so brilliantly; you truly showcased what makes St Ann's so special.



KIDS GET THEIR SUPER POWERS BY  
**ATTENDING SCHOOL  
 EVERY DAY** ⚡

BE AN ATTENDANCE  
 SUPERHERO!

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| <b>Whole school attendance<br/>         year to date</b><br><i>Whole School target 96%</i>         | 96.03%      |
| <b>Whole school attendance<br/>         week ending 13<sup>th</sup> February<br/>         2026</b> | 96.03%      |
| <b>Class with best weekly<br/>         attendance</b>  | 3M – 98.33% |

### 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**

**364**

### Punctuality

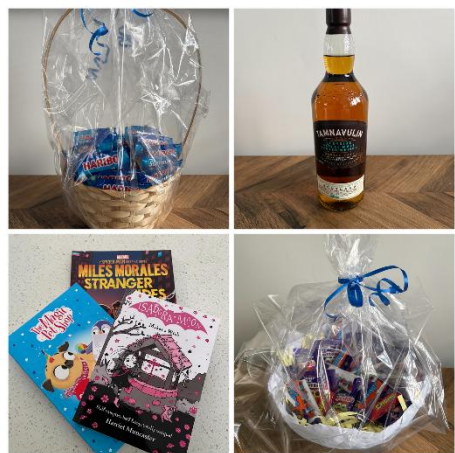
School gates open at **8.40am**  
 School gates close at **8.50am**  
 School starts at **8.55am**

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.

# Easter Raffle



**TICKETS £1  
PER STRIP  
FROM SCHOOL  
OFFICE**





# Wear Blue for Bobby

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH 2026

PLEASE HELP US MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE!



OUR CAMPAIGNS:

SLOW D<sup>20</sup>OWN TakeCare PARK SAFE

Every year on **March 13<sup>th</sup>**, we wear blue to remember Bobby and to help protect other children like him. **Bobby was just six years old** when his life was tragically taken, and the **Bobby Colleran Trust** was created to turn his story into positive change.

Every blue T-shirt worn and every hoodie bought **helps fund road safety education, raise awareness near schools, and remind drivers to slow down where children live, walk, and play.** If this message helps even one driver think twice, slow down, or pay more attention, then it is making a difference.

From the bottom of our hearts, **Thank-you for your support!**

**SCAN HERE  
FOR T-SHIRTS  
AND HOODIES**



**#wearblueforbobby**

## A SPOTLIGHT ON: THE PREVENT DUTY



### What is the Prevent Duty?

The Prevent Duty is a crucial part of the UK government's counter-terrorism strategy, outlined in the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015. Its primary goal is to safeguard individuals and communities from the threat of terrorism by preventing people from being drawn into extremist ideologies or organisations.

At St Ann's, all staff members undergo comprehensive Prevent training. This training equips them with the knowledge to identify signs that a child may be at risk of radicalisation, whether through religious or political influences. Staff are also trained on the appropriate steps to take if they suspect a child may be vulnerable, ensuring that our children are supported and kept safe.

To combat radicalisation, we actively teach British values in our curriculum. These values are defined as:

- **Democracy**
- **The Rule of Law**
- **Individual Liberty**
- **Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs**

### What is Expected Under the Prevent Duty?

Since the introduction of the Prevent Duty in 2015, schools and childcare providers are legally required to:

- **Assess the Risk:** Evaluate the potential risk of children being drawn into terrorism.
- **Protect Children:** Implement robust safeguarding policies to protect children and young people from extremist influences.
- **Comply with Local Safeguarding Policies:** Align safeguarding arrangements with the Local Safeguarding Children Board's policies and procedures.
- **Provide Staff Training:** Ensure that all staff are trained to identify children at risk of radicalisation and are equipped to challenge extremist ideas.
- **Safeguard Online:** Protect children from accessing terrorist and extremist material online.

### At What Age Does the Prevent Duty Apply?

The Prevent Duty applies from the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) onwards. Research indicates that children are particularly susceptible to cognitive development during these early years, making it vital to instil core British values early on to prevent radicalisation later in life.

### Prevent Duty in the Early Years

In the EYFS, the Prevent Duty is integrated into various areas of learning and development, particularly focusing on Personal, Social, and Emotional Development (PSED) and Understanding the World (UW). The aim is to teach children about acceptable and unacceptable behaviour early on, fostering a positive worldview and respect for diverse lifestyles and cultures.

It's important to clarify that the Prevent Duty in early years is not a response to an anticipated wave of radicalisation among young children. Instead, it seeks to address the roots of radicalisation by

promoting understanding and appreciation of others from a young age. This foundational work helps children develop positive attitudes that can influence their perspectives throughout their lives.

### Signs to Look For

While not definitive indicators of radicalisation, certain behavioural changes may suggest a child is in need of support. Parents and caregivers should be aware of the following signs:

- Changes in behaviour
- Sudden shifts in friendship groups
- Social isolation from friends and family
- Speech that appears scripted
- Hesitance or inability to discuss personal views
- Increased disrespect towards others
- Heightened anger or frustration
- Increased secretiveness, especially regarding online activities
- Accessing extremist material online
- Use of extreme or violent language
- Creation of artwork or writing featuring violent or extremist imagery



By staying vigilant and fostering open communication, we can work together to ensure our children feel safe and supported.

### YEAR 4 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Year 4 football team achieved a fantastic result at their recent competition, finishing in first place after a series of impressive performances.

The team truly reflected our school values, bringing together a wonderful range of abilities and proudly representing both boys and girls on the pitch. Every player played their part, showing determination, teamwork and respect throughout. They represented the school impeccably at all times and were an absolute privilege to coach. We are incredibly proud of their achievement — well done, champions!



### FAMILY WORSHIP

Our next Family Worship will be led by **20** and take place on **Friday 6 March at 9am**. Please enter the hall via the back door.

*Everyone welcome*



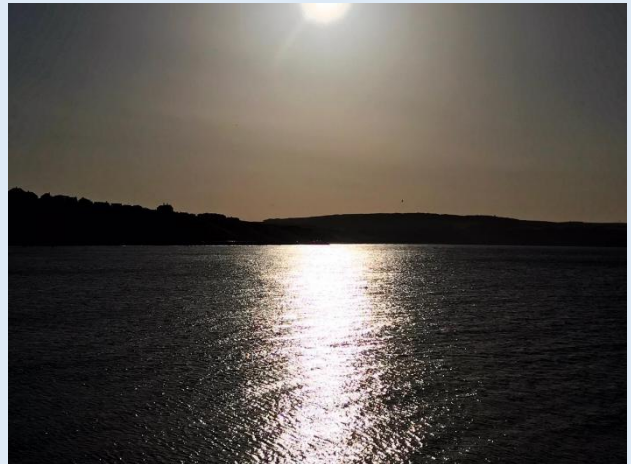
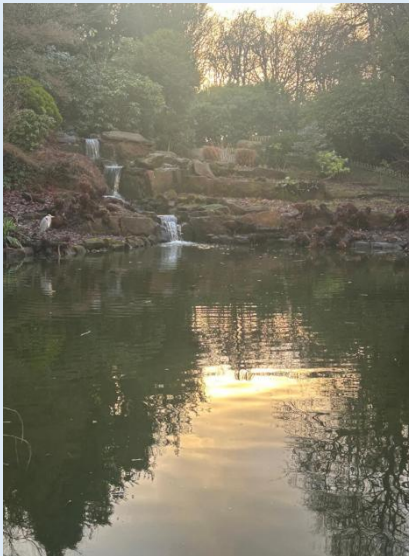
## SPIRITUALITY PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

Following our inspiring series of Collective Worship sessions on nurturing spirituality, and this term's Parent Insight focusing on spiritual flourishing, we were delighted to launch our Spirituality Photograph Competition. Children were invited to capture an image that helps them feel closer to themselves, to others, to God or to nature.

We received some thoughtful and creative entries, and the winning photographs can be seen below. Congratulations to Sofia in 4G and Lyla in 6B, whose images beautifully reflected the theme. Both children were presented with a £5 book voucher during Worship & Praise in recognition of their fantastic efforts.

Well done, Sofia and Lyla!

### Lyla in 6B



## Sofia in 4G

*'These trees remind me that God cares for us.'*



## SCHOOL/ CHURCH LINKS



At the end of last half term, our Reception class welcomed a visit from a member of the church PCC, Mr Hayhurst. He shared his favourite story from the Old Testament with the children, bringing it to life through expressive reading and discussion. The children listened beautifully and enjoyed hearing why this story is so important to him, as well as asking thoughtful questions of their own. It was a lovely opportunity for the class to explore the story together and reflect on its meaning.

## OWN CLOTHES DAY

To help raise funds for school we will be holding an **Own Clothes Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.** Donations of £1 in cash will be gratefully received. Many thanks



## St Ann's Friends Association



### ONLINE SAFETY & AI WORKSHOP

For Parents & Carers

Would you like to learn more about:

- What Artificial Intelligence (AI) is
- How children may be using AI
- Staying safe online in an ever-changing digital world
- Practical tips to support your child at home

Join us for our upcoming parent workshop exploring

### Online Safety & AI in Education

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March • 2:00pm  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March • 2:00pm

*(This workshop is repeated – please attend whichever date suits you.)*

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to keep our children safe, informed and responsible online.

## MENTORING CONVERSATIONS

We are delighted to announce that our Spring Term Mentoring Conversations will take place on **Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th March, from 3:30–6:00pm.**

Conversations will once again be held face-to-face at school.

- EYs, Year 1 & Year 2: Sessions will take place in the Studio. Please enter via the Blue Base door.
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6: Sessions will take place in the Hall. Please enter via the back hall door.

If you need to move between the Hall and the Studio, please use the pedestrian walkway at the side of the school building.

At St Ann's, we value the active involvement of children in their Mentoring Conversations. We therefore encourage parents and carers to bring their child along, either by returning to school or collecting them from Base as needed. Children in Base should be collected from the Blue Base door as usual.

These conversations offer a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, achievements, and wellbeing with their teacher. Appointments can be conveniently booked via the Arbor platform. Sign up will **open at 8.00am 3rd March** and will **close at midday on 10th March.**

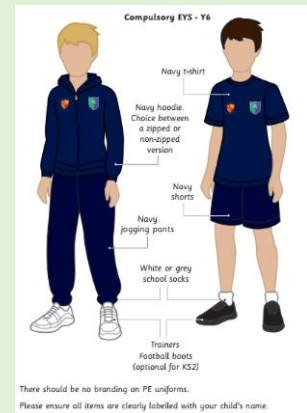
We encourage all families to take part in this important opportunity to share insights, celebrate successes, and support each child's continued learning journey.

## 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.

## SAFEGUARDING ALERT:

### Screen Time



Did you know as an adult in the UK we check our phones on average 6 to 7 times an hour and spend over 2 hours on our phones, one way or another, every day?

Helpful pointers for our children:

1. Agree a clear set of rules and times with your child on screen time in the home. For example, dinner time, homework time and bedtime should be screen-free times.
2. Do as you say. Modelling behaviour is THE most powerful way you can influence your child's behaviour.
3. Restrict the use of computers/devices in the bedroom. Depending on the age of your child you may want to set a curfew or ban devices from the bedroom completely.
4. Try not to rely on screens too much to keep the kids amused. It can be easy to encourage kids to pick up the tablet or play a game on the computer to keep them occupied. This only confuses rules on screen time.
5. Chat to your child about what they do online and encourage them to use their screen time for learning and education.
6. Pick one evening a week where you do a family activity together, whether it's movie night, games night. Doing activities together as a family will help implement screen time guidelines and offer fun alternatives.
7. Finally, why not join in? Set some time aside to play your child's favourite computer game and discover the online world together.

## ASPIRATIONS DAY

We are excited to host Aspirations Day at St Ann's which is taking place on Friday 13h March, where children will have a fantastic opportunity to learn about a variety of careers and future pathways. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to dress up as the job they would like to do when they grow up. This event is a wonderful way to broaden children's horizons and encourage them to think about their own aspirations for the future. We can't wait for an inspiring and engaging week!

## YEAR 4 PARENT RESIDENTIAL MEETING



We are looking forward to welcoming Year 4 parents to our upcoming PGL Parent Workshop on **Wednesday at 3:30pm**. This meeting will provide important information about this year's residential trip, including activities, accommodation, kit lists and key arrangements, as well as an opportunity to ask any questions. Please ensure you bring your completed medical forms with you so that staff can collect and collate them on the day. We look forward to seeing you there!

## PARENT WORKSHOPS

Week commencing **9 March** we are holding some workshops for parents/ carers. Please see below for dates and times. We encourage all parents/ carers to attend so that you are kept up to date with your children's education. All workshops start at 5pm, and will last roughly 30 minutes. Please wait by the gate at the front of school ready to be let in. 😊

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Y1 Phonics Screening Check        | Monday 9 March     |
| Y4 Multiplication Timetable Check | Wednesday 11 March |
| Y6 SATs                           | Tuesday 10 March   |

## EASTER BINGO

On **Thursday 26 March**, we will be holding our much-loved Family Easter Bingo sessions to raise money for the school fund. This is always an enjoyable and successful fundraising event, and we are delighted to be running it again this year.

Due to space restrictions in the hall, the event is ticketed, tickets are now available to purchase via Arbor, cost £3.50 per ticket. Three sessions will take place at **3.30pm, 4.45pm and 6.00pm**, each lasting no longer than one hour. Please ensure you select the correct session when booking.



Please bring plenty of spare change, as refreshments, a raffle, and additional bingo cards will be available to purchase. Further details can be found in the separate letter sent home.

# Family of Faith



## A Reflection from Miss Downes

In Micah 6:8, we are reminded that God has already shown us what is good: to act justly, love kindness and walk humbly with Him. Justice means choosing what is right and fair, even when it is difficult. It is about telling the truth, taking responsibility for our actions and standing up for others when they need support. In our school community, we show justice when we include everyone in our games, listen carefully to one another and make sure our words and actions build others up rather than tear them down. However, justice is not separate from kindness and humility. God asks us to care deeply for others and to remember that we are all learning and growing together. When we live out justice with loving hearts and humble attitudes, we reflect God's love and help our school to be a place of fairness, respect and peace for all.

Our Christian Value this half term is...

### JUSTICE

*He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

Micah 6:8

### 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.



## HELP YOUR CHILD STAY SAFE ONLINE



### Kids Online Safety

[Get started](#)   [How to start talking about online safety](#)   [What should you trust online?](#)   [Parental controls](#)

[Where to get support](#)   [Where to report something](#)

## Help your child stay safe online

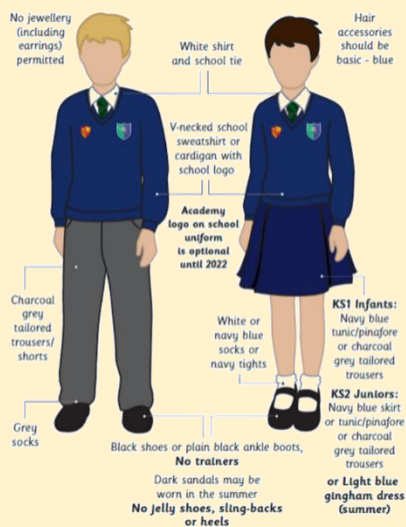


We encourage you to visit <https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/> for practical advice from trusted sources to help you feel more confident about the steps you can take to keep your child safe online.

With so many apps, games and websites available, it's completely natural to feel overwhelmed. The good news is that you're not alone — there is plenty of guidance and support available to help you navigate the digital world with confidence.

## 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 notified school that your child has a medical condition that requires an Individual Health Care Plan please ensure that if there are any changes to their condition a new form is completed.

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](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**



**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

Wednesday  
April 1<sup>st</sup>, 7.30pm  
St Ann's Church  
Rainhill L35 0NS

# Angel Voices

Presented by Rainhill Community Choir  
Free Entry  
Retiring Collection

a musical by Roger Jones based on the book of Revelation

# 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](mailto:musicservice@sthelens.gov.uk)**





**FREE ENTRY**

**BOOK SWAP**

**PARTY**

**RENEW YOUR BOOK COLLECTION**  
Bring your used books and find yourself a  
new one to enjoy!

Fiction, Non-Fiction, Adults, Young Adults,  
Children, Baby & Toddler Books!

**For all ages!**

Crafts &  
Storytelling for  
young kids

Don't miss the visit of some  
childrens' book characters!

Raffle!

Refreshments available



Rainhill High School Library



Available

Saturday 28/02



10am - 1pm