



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



ASPIRATIONS DAY

This week we held our annual **Aspirations Day**, where pupils spent time thinking about their futures and the many exciting possibilities ahead of them. Our focus this year was on developing both **realistic and ambitious aspirations**, helping children to recognise the skills they already have and how these can link to different careers.

Children in **Early Years and Key Stage 1** came to school dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic range of costumes – from doctors and teachers to astronauts, builders and many more! The children looked amazing and clearly put a lot of thought and effort into their outfits. Throughout the day they explored different jobs and talked about the skills people need to achieve their goals.

In **Key Stage 2**, pupils took part in activities to help them understand the difference between realistic and ambitious aspirations. They reflected on their own talents and strengths and used an online careers tool to explore a range of possible career paths that might suit them.

The day encouraged lots of thoughtful discussions about the future and helped pupils to see that their interests, talents and hard work can open many doors. We were incredibly proud of how engaged and enthusiastic the children were throughout the day.

Thank you to parents and carers for helping the children prepare their fantastic costumes and for supporting this special event.



**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>	96.13%
Whole school attendance week ending 6th March 2026	97.68%
Class with best weekly attendance	5E – 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**

367

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.

A SPOTLIGHT ON: WRITING



Spotlight on Writing - The Reading to Writing Journey

Our goal at St Ann's is to inspire children to become confident, skilled writers. In order to do this, we follow a carefully structured writing process designed to inspire creativity while developing essential skills. Here's an overview of how your child's writing journey unfolds:



1. High-Quality Texts as a Stimulus for Writing

Great writing starts with great reading! Each writing unit begins with a high-quality text for inspiration. Whether it's a gripping story, an informative non-fiction text, or a powerful poem, these texts provide rich examples of language, structure, and style. By immersing themselves in these texts, children develop a deep understanding of the kind of writing they'll create.

2. Exploring 'What a Good One Looks Like'

Before diving into their own writing, children study examples of effective writing to identify key features and language techniques. For instance, in a narrative unit, they might explore how dialogue conveys character or how description builds setting. In a persuasive writing unit, they might analyse how rhetorical questions or emotive language engage the reader. This process helps children understand the building blocks of great writing.

3. Focused Skills Lessons

Throughout each unit, we dedicate time to skills-based lessons. These lessons focus on teaching specific elements of writing required for the unit's purpose, such as: Using fronted adverbials to vary sentence structure (e.g., *As the storm raged, the trees swayed violently*); including dialogue to reveal character traits and advance a story; correctly punctuating sentences to ensure clarity and flow.

4. Gathering Ideas on a Writing Plan

Writing becomes much easier when ideas are organised. Children create writing plans to outline their ideas. This step encourages creativity and ensures their writing has direction and purpose.

5. Drafting, Editing, and Revising

After planning, children draft their writing. Mistakes are a natural part of this process, and we emphasise the importance of editing and revising. Through self-assessment and teacher guidance, children correct errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation, while also enhancing the overall composition. They may revise sentences for greater impact or reorganise ideas for better clarity.

6. Publishing for the Audience

Finally, children produce a polished, final version of their work in the correct format for its intended audience. For example, they might create a beautifully illustrated leaflet, a typed-up persuasive letter, or a handwritten short story. Seeing their work in its finished form gives children a sense of pride and accomplishment, reinforcing their identity as authors.

A Focus on Spelling



Spelling is a key part of the writing process. One of the resources we use is Spelling Shed, a fun and interactive platform where children practice spelling patterns, rules, and word families. The ability to spell words correctly not only boosts confidence but also allows children to focus on the content and creativity of their writing.



Family-Friendly All Age

Mothering Sunday Service

This Coming Sunday

10.30am, 15th March

All Are Welcome!

St Ann's Church

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. If you have booked an appointment this can be viewed in the Guardian Consultations section of Arbor.

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

SAFEGUARDING ALERT:



Dealing with body confidence-CHILDLINE

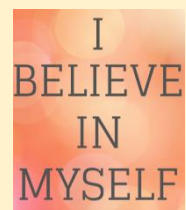
The world is now more superficial than ever before – tiktok, Instagram, snapchat and others have changed what the world expects people to look like. For young people, the standard idea of beauty has always been an immense pressure for those transitioning between being a child and being a young person.

FIVE things to help you feel better

- Everyone's different so don't compare yourself to other people.
- Ignore any negative or mean comments from other people.
- Write down 3 things you like about yourself and read it every morning.
- Share your thoughts with your friends and ask them what they like.
- Focus on hobbies you enjoy or things you are good at - this can help build your confidence.

ChildLine has created a page with advice on these issues.:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/you-your-body/my-body/how-you-look/>



COLLECTIVE WORSHIPS: LENT

We give heartfelt thanks as Bishop Geoff leads our series of Lenten worship, guiding us with wisdom, compassion, and hope. Through prayerful reflection and thoughtful teaching, he is helping us journey more deeply into this sacred season. We celebrate his faithful leadership and the spiritual renewal it inspires in us all.



MARTIAL ARTS SESSIONS



On **Monday 16 March**, children in **Years 2–6** should come to school wearing their PE kit, as they will have the exciting opportunity to take part in a Martial Arts session during the school day. We look forward to an active and enjoyable experience for all involved.

ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT

Arrangements for the show are continuing. Please can parents/carers of children who are taking part in the show note the following:

1. **If you have not already done so**, please email a photograph of your child in costume so that this can be included in the programme. Please use email address stannsce@three-saints.org.uk.
2. Tickets can now be purchased by finalists and compères on Arbor using the "Talent Show Tickets 2026" option. Tickets will cost £8 per ticket and up to 4 tickets per finalist/compère can be purchased. If you would like to purchase tickets please make payment **by today (13th March)**. If there are any surplus tickets available after this date we will advise parents how these can be purchased.

School closes on
Friday 27 March

School re-opens on
Monday 13 April



LOST PROPERTY

All unclaimed lost
property will be disposed of
on **19th March.**

Please call into the Office before this
date if you have any missing items.



Please check if your child has lost
any items before the deadline.

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, with tickets available to purchase via Arbor. Three sessions will take place at **3.30pm, 4.45pm and 6.00pm**, each lasting no longer than one hour. **Please order tickets by noon on 18th March** after which time orders will be collated and tickets sent home



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.

Y4 TO COMMUNION



On **Thursday 19 March at 9.30am**, **Year 4** will be participating in the Community Communion Service at St Ann's Church. Family members are very welcome to join us for this special time of worship, and we would be delighted to see you there.

EASTER SERVICE

Year 5 will be leading our Easter Service in church on **Friday 27 March at 2.15pm**. Family members are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration. We look forward to sharing this meaningful occasion with you.



OWN CLOTHES DAY

To help raise funds for school we will be holding an **Own Clothes Day** on

Friday 20th March. Donations of £1 in cash will be gratefully received. Many thanks

FAMILY WORSHIP

Well done 2M for a wonderful Family Worship all about International Women's Day!



Our next Family Worship will be led by **1S** and take place on **Friday 1 May at 9am**. Please enter the hall via the back door. *Everyone welcome*

Y2 VISIT TO ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL



We had an amazing day! We took part in a drama workshop, created some stained-glass inspired artwork, discussed the Lent journey and had a tour of the Cathedral itself!

This week, Year 2 visited the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool to take part in their Easter Workshops.



A MESSAGE FROM ST HELENS COUNCIL: HAF EASTER PROGRAMME 2026

If your child is aged 4-18 and eligible for benefit related free school meals and would like to attend, please see our list of providers who will be running the activities. Children who are in receipt of a support plan or EHCP are also eligible for the HAF programme.

Take a look at our [HAF Easter 2026 Guide \(PDF, 10 MB\)](#) to see what is happening near you. The guide is presented in a handy calendar format to help you plan activities for each day during the school holidays. Find FREE events and activities suitable for you using the age ranges next to the listings.

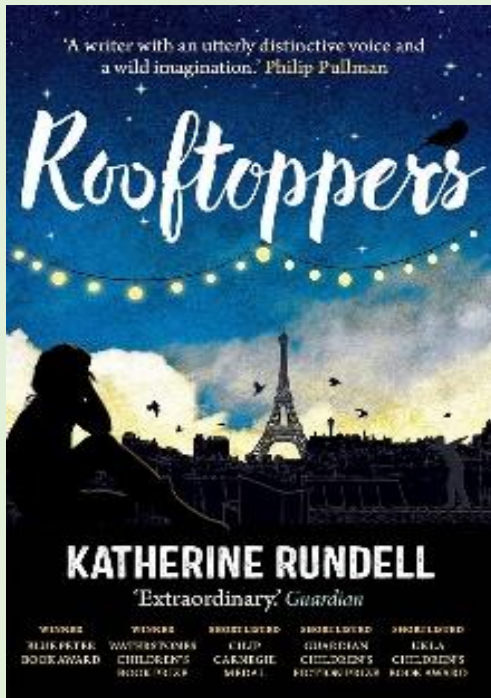
We have endeavoured to ensure that all sessions are SEND friendly, but would advise you to pre-book sessions and speak to the facilitator for further information on suitability and individual requirements for your children.

Activities are subject to change at short notice and places are subject to availability.

We will be further announcing details of 2 Family Hub trips on Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March, and booking dates for both trips will be announced with the details of these trips.

If you have trouble contacting the provider, please contact your local [Children's Centre](#) on [01744 673445](tel:01744673445) or email holidayfun@sthelens.gov.uk and we will support you.

Booking links will go live at 2pm on Monday 16th March.



RECOMMENDED READS

Rooftoppers By Katherine Rundell



Recommended for 9-12 year olds

I recommend the book *Rooftoppers* because it's a beautifully written, magical adventure that celebrates curiosity, courage, and individuality. Katherine Rundell's rich, playful language brings Sophie's journey across the rooftops of Paris vividly to life. It's an uplifting story that encourages readers to see the world differently and believe in the power of imagination and hope.

Happy reading! Mrs Rynn 😊

Easter Raffle

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

Family of Faith



A Reflection from Miss Palmeri

In Book of Leviticus 19:15 we are reminded that justice is not about status, sympathy, or power, but about fairness. God calls His people to avoid partiality—whether towards the poor out of pity or the powerful out of fear. True justice reflects God’s own character: steady, righteous, and impartial.

As a Christian value, justice means treating every person with equal dignity, listening carefully, and making decisions with integrity. It challenges us to stand against unfairness in our communities and to examine our own biases. When we judge fairly and act rightly, we mirror God’s heart and help build a community shaped by truth, compassion, and righteousness.

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

Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favouritism to the great, but judge your neighbour fairly.

Leviticus 19:15

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)

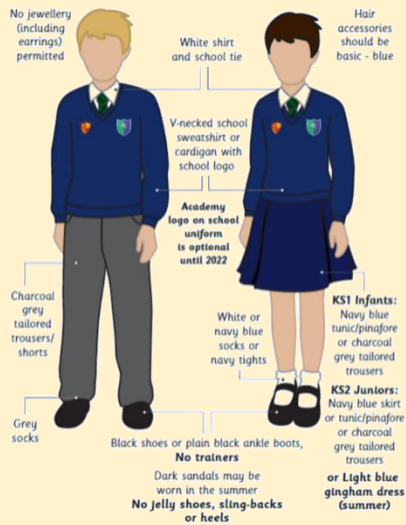
10:30am Weekly (except 1st Sunday): Platform 2 in Millennium Centre – informal, family-focused worship with group activities, crafts, and games. Coffee and refreshments provided.

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

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

If you would like your child to have Toast at breaktime for Summer 1 (13th April- 21st May 2026) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £5.75 by 24th March. If your account is not in credit by at least this amount by this date we will issue a reminder by In-App message. If payment is still not received by the date stated in the reminder we will be unable to provide your child with toast for the ensuing half term.



	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

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.*

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.



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

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**



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**Angel
Voices**

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

Presented by Rainhill Community Choir
Free Entry
Retiring Collection

a musical by Roger
Jones based on the
book of Revelation

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 - Creative Ideas on a Budget
 - Practical Health and Safety for Activities
- ✓ Getting Started with Volunteering



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