

Newsletter Issue 24: Friday 20 March 2026



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



MARTIAL ARTS SESSIONS



On Monday, all classes took part in an exciting workshop led by a martial arts specialist. The children were taught how to warm up and cool down safely, helping them understand the importance of preparing their bodies for exercise. They also practised a range of defensive drills with a partner, building confidence, coordination and teamwork skills.

It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved, and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning something new while staying active.



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>	96.18%
Whole school attendance week ending 13 th March 2026	97.29%
Class with best weekly attendance	3S – 99.67%

#EveryMomentMatters



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.

**Number of pupils
with 100% attendance
this week**

358

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: MATHEMATICS



At St Ann's, we are passionate about ensuring every child becomes a confident and capable mathematician. Our Maths curriculum is carefully designed to build knowledge step by step, helping children to *know more, remember more and understand more* over time.

In lessons, children experience a wide range of teaching approaches and resources so that everyone can succeed, regardless of their starting point. We actively encourage children to take risks in their learning, understanding that making mistakes and working through challenges are important parts of becoming resilient learners. Developing this positive mindset is key to long-term success in Maths.

Our teaching focuses on the three key aims of the National Curriculum: **fluency, reasoning and problem solving**. This means children are not only learning how to calculate but also how to explain their thinking, justify their answers and apply their skills in different contexts. We want our pupils to become thinkers who can approach unfamiliar problems with confidence.

A strong emphasis is placed on mathematical vocabulary. Children are encouraged to speak in full sentences and use precise language to explain what they are doing and, crucially, *why* they are doing it. This helps to deepen understanding and ensures that learning goes beyond simply following procedures.

Across the school, we use a range of practical resources and visual representations (such as numicon, base ten, place value counters and number lines) to support understanding. This follows the CPA approach (Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract), which helps children build secure foundations before moving to more formal written methods. Alongside this, our teaching is underpinned by the principles of Teaching for Mastery, ensuring concepts are explored in depth.

We were also delighted to recently receive a successful visit from My Mastery which recognised the strength of Maths teaching and learning across the school. The visit highlighted the positive attitudes of our pupils, the consistent use of mathematical language and the clear progression of learning. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the hard work of both staff and children, as well as to continue refining our practice.

To further support fluency and confidence, children regularly use online platforms such as Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars. These help to build speed, accuracy and recall of key number facts. In EYFS, children are also introduced to early number through the engaging Numberblocks programme which helps to develop a strong foundation in a fun and meaningful way.

In addition to daily Maths lessons, we provide targeted support and enrichment through programmes such as Mastering Number, Maths Meetings and focused times tables teaching. These approaches ensure that all children are both supported and challenged to achieve their very best. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, resilience and determination our pupils show in Maths every day.

SAFEGUARDING ALERT:



Why it's good to talk

We've all been on the receiving end of a difficult conversation. But that doesn't make it any easier when you have to have one with your child.

It's important every child has someone they trust to look to for help.

We all want children to grow up in a safe and loving environment and to become happy, confident adults. To get there there'll be times they need to talk to someone, for advice or for support. There will also be times when you need to explain something that might upset them.

As their parent or carer, it's up to you to talk to them when you think they might need a nudge in the right direction, or to share news or information that's going to affect their lives.

Before starting a difficult chat

Whatever it is you want to discuss, it's important to think about where and how to talk so children will listen.

There's no telling how long the conversation is going to last, so the first thing to consider is where and when you're going to start it. For e.g., if you start in the evening when they're tired, your child or children might not be able to concentrate.

If you're talking to just one child about something, consider how private the time and place are. It might work best to have it at a time when brothers and sisters aren't around to interrupt.

It could be good to have it in a relaxed and neutral place, like on a walk or in the car.

Have materials available that can help with a discussion for e.g. a book or some paper and pens.

Remember

Give them as long as they need to answer without interrupting.

Let your child ask you questions too.

Let them know that they can trust you to keep their confidence and that you want them to always feel they can talk to you, other people they trust or organisations like [Childline](#), when anything is worrying them.

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.



FAMILY WORSHIP



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

ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT



We are extremely excited for St Ann's Has Got Talent next week.

Tickets have been distributed together with details of the arrangements for the show. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

School closes on
Friday 27 March

School re-opens on
Monday 13 April

Y5 TO COMMUNION



On **Thursday 16 April at 9.30am**, **Year 5** 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.

YEAR 3 WATERSIDE VISIT

Year 3 are invited to an engaging trip to Liverpool's historic docks and canals on Thursday 16th April. At Collingwood Dock, they will explore the area's role in the Industrial Revolution and take part in a hands-on canal-building workshop. In the afternoon, they will enjoy a guided walk along the Leeds & Liverpool Canal before visiting Stanley Locks, where they will learn how locks work and even help operate them. It promises to be a fun and educational day!



Y3 FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Our Year 3 pupils recently took to the pitch for an exciting football competition filled with teamwork, determination, and plenty of goals! The children showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout, cheering each other on and playing with great enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see their skills developing, from confident passing to brave goalkeeping. A big well done to all who took part—you represented the school brilliantly and made us very proud!

Family of Faith



A Reflection from Miss Thomson

Isaiah 42:1–4 presents God’s chosen servant, upheld by His Spirit and called to bring justice to the nations. This justice is not harsh or oppressive; instead, it is gentle, patient and restorative. The servant does not break a bruised reed or snuff out a smouldering wick, showing care for those who are weak or struggling. For Christians, this reflects the value of justice as fairness, compassion and the protection of human dignity. Justice means standing up for what is right while treating others with mercy and respect. Inspired by this passage, Christians are called to follow Christ’s example by working for fairness, supporting those who are vulnerable, and helping to build communities where truth, dignity and compassion guide our actions.

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

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight;

I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

Isaiah 42:1-4

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:

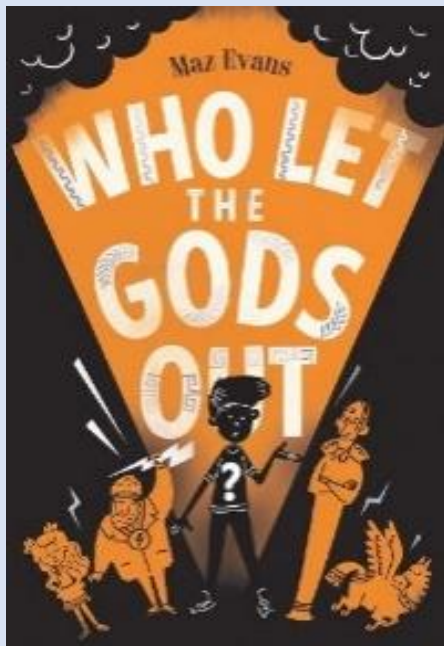
- 2nd Sunday: Common Worship Communion (lighter service)
- 3rd Sunday: Morning Prayer and Teaching
- 4th Sunday: Formal Eucharist

(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.





RECOMMENDED READS

Who Let the Gods Out? By Maz Evans

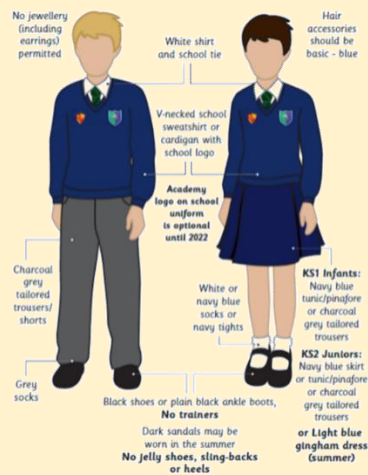
Recommended for 9-12 year olds

I would highly recommend Who Let the Gods Out? by Maz Evans. I really enjoyed this book because it perfectly combines laugh-out-loud humour with exciting adventure. The story follows Elliot as he accidentally releases the Greek gods into the modern world, leading to plenty of chaos and unforgettable moments. It's fast-paced and fun, making it a brilliant choice for anyone who loves action, comedy and stories that keep them turning the pages.

Happy reading! Mrs Hartley 😊

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:

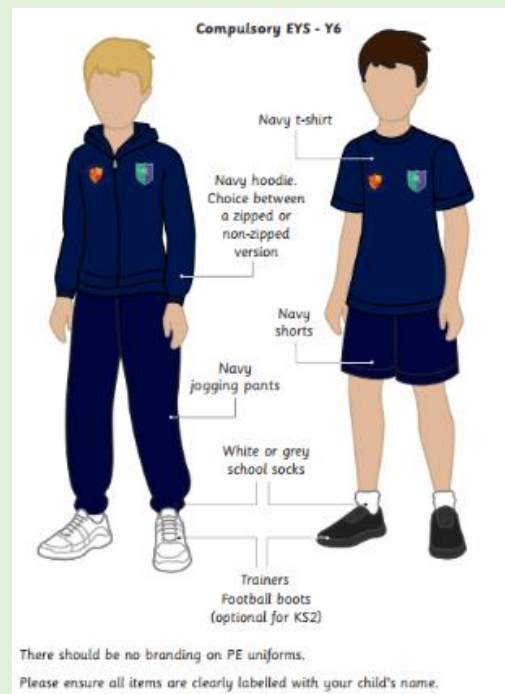
- Navy blue t-shirt
- Navy blue hoody
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue jogging bottoms
- Trainers

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

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FREE online talk by
Jane Keyworth
FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



Book online

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Parents - Live Talks page

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

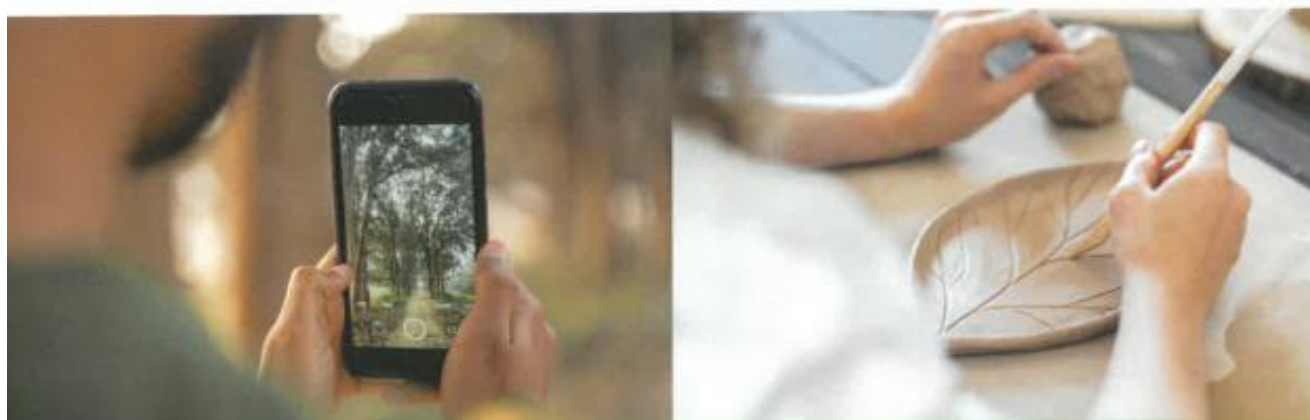
Presented by Rainhill Community Choir
Free Entry
Retiring Collection

a musical by Roger
Jones based on the
book of Revelation

Performance authorised by Christian Music Ministries - office@cmm.org.uk

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



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