

Newsletter Issue 28: Friday 24 April 2026



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



NURTURING CHILDREN'S SPIRITUALITY

On Monday 20 April, all staff and governors took part in a Spirituality training session to deepen our understanding of spiritual development and reflect on how this is nurtured across school. Rooted in our Christian vision, we explored how every child is valued and supported to grow in body, mind and spirit.

We focused on our school's approach of "Look Up, Look In, Look Out," considering how children develop their relationship with God, grow in self-awareness, and show compassion and service to others. The session also introduced the ideas of "WOWs, OWs and NOWs" – helping children reflect on moments of awe, challenge and stillness. This training will support us in continuing to provide meaningful opportunities for reflection, creativity and personal growth for all pupils.



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>	96.19%
Whole school attendance week ending 17 th April 2026	96.04%
Class with best weekly attendance	5E – 99.66%

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**

365

Punctuality

School gates open at **8.40am**
 School gates close & school
 starts at **8.50am**

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.



ST ANN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



**RECEPTION PLACES
AVAILABLE**



September 2026

**'Pupils love being in school.'
Ofsted, February 2025**

Contact us to experience our outstanding leadership, behaviour, and early years provision, where every child is nurtured to soar high with God's love.

CONTACT US

• 0151 426 5869

• stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING ALERT:



Stranger Danger

NEVER-Agree to meet a stranger.

NEVER-Go anywhere or do anything with someone that you do not know.

NEVER-Take sweets or presents from someone you do not know.

NEVER-Never get into a car or vehicle of someone you do not know.

NEVER-Give personal details to a stranger.

ALWAYS -Tell your parents or responsible adult where you are going.

ALWAYS -Arrange a time to be back and **STICK** to it.

ALWAYS -Look out for your friends when you're out.

ALWAYS -Know your address and contact number for a responsible adult in an emergency.

YEAR 2 FOOTBALL COMPETITION



Our Year 2 pupils recently took part in an exciting football competition, where they demonstrated fantastic determination and teamwork throughout. The children showed great resilience on the pitch, giving their best in every match and

supporting one another brilliantly. They represented the school extremely well, displaying excellent sportsmanship and a positive attitude from start to finish.

We are very proud of their efforts and the way they conducted themselves during the event.



YEAR 5 MATHLETES EVENT

Our Year 5 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting visit to Rainhill High School, where they took part in a lively Mathletes competition alongside other local primary schools.

The event gave the children a valuable glimpse into life at a secondary school, helping to build confidence and ease the transition for the future. Throughout the session, they worked brilliantly as

a team in a challenging maths quiz, demonstrating excellent problem-solving skills and enthusiasm. It was a fantastic experience that combined learning, teamwork, and a healthy dose of competition!



PARENT FORUM

The next Parent Forum for Parent Representatives will take place on **Thursday 30 April at 2:00pm**.

This meeting is an opportunity for parent reps to share feedback, discuss ideas, and strengthen communication between parents and the school. We look forward to your participation and valuable contributions.



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

PSHE & RSHE POLICY CONSULTATION

We have reviewed and updated our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic) and RSHE (Relationships, Sex & Health Education) policy to ensure it aligns with the latest statutory guidance. The updated policy has been emailed to you for your information.

Consultation period

- The policy is now out for parental consultation **until Tuesday 28 April 2026**.
- Please send any feedback or comments to stannsce@three-saints.org.uk by that date.

How we will share and discuss the policy

- The updated policy will be an agenda item at the next Parent Forum. Please share any feedback you may have with the class Parent Forum Rep. Our next Parent Forum Meeting for Reps is on Thursday 30 April.
- We will hold RSHE workshops for parents of children in Years 1–6 in the week commencing 18 May 2026. These sessions will share the content and materials we use in RSHE lessons and give you the opportunity to ask questions.

Why your feedback matters

We are committed to ensuring our RSHE curriculum is developmentally appropriate for our children, accessible to all, and supportive of their wellbeing. Your views help us make sure the policy and lessons meet the needs of our school community.

Thank you for taking the time to read the policy and for any feedback you provide.

YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK

Immediately following our half term holiday, all Y4 pupils will take part in the statutory times table check. The Multiplication Tables Check will be administered over a **two week period** starting on **w/c Monday 1 June 2026**.

Children will be tested using an on-screen check (on a computer or a tablet), where they will have to answer multiplication questions against the clock.

The test will last no longer than 5 minutes. Answers will be marked instantly. Children will have 6 seconds to answer each question in a series of 25. Each question will be worth one mark and be presented to the child in this format:

$n1 \times n2 = \underline{\quad}$

Questions will be selected from the 121 number facts that make up the multiplication tables from 2 to 12, with a particular focus on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables as they are considered to be the most challenging. Each question will only appear once in any 25-question series, and children won't be asked to answer reversals of a question as part of the check (so if they've already answered 3×4 they won't be asked about 4×3).

Once the child has inputted their answer on the computer / device they are using, there will be a three-second pause before the next question appears. Children will be given the opportunity to practise answering questions in this format before the official check begins.

The six-second time limit per question has been decided on by the DfE because it should allow children enough time to demonstrate their recall of times tables without giving them the time to work out the answers to each question.

Helping your child to prepare is easy! Simply ensure they access TTRockstars daily – we would recommend children play 3 games each day.

Watch as their score rapidly improves.

YEAR 1 PHONICS CHECK

School will administer the Phonics Screening Check the week beginning **Monday 8 June 2026** to all Y1 pupils and to Y2 pupils who failed the check when they were in Y1.

The Phonics Screening Check shows how well your child can use the phonics skills they've learned, and to identify children who need extra phonics help.

The checks consist of **40 words and non-words** that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with a teacher. Non-words (or nonsense words, or pseudo words) are a collection of letters that will follow phonics rules your child has been taught, but don't mean anything – your child will need to read these with the correct sounds to show that they understand the phonics rules behind them.

You can download the Department for Education's official [Year 1 Phonics screening check past paper from 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025](#) to get an idea of what your child will be asked to do.

Your child will be scored against a national standard, and the main result will be whether or not they fall below, within or above this standard.

You can help your child prepare for their Phonics Screening Check by going over the phonics they've learned in Reception and Year 1. Read new books and stories with them where they will be introduced to new words that they'll have to sound out, and [review the phonics sounds and rules](#).

As always, if you have any questions regarding the check, simply speak to your child's class teacher.

SPORTS DAYS

Please find detailed below the dates and time for this year's Sports Days (weather permitting). If sports days need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, we will send out a message as soon as possible.

YEAR GROUP	DATE	TIME	RESERVE DAY
EYs	Tuesday 19 May	1.30-3.00pm	Tuesday 2 June
Y1	Tuesday 19 May	9.15-10.15am	Tuesday 2 June
Y2	Tuesday 19 May	10.30-11.30am	Tuesday 2 June
Y3	Wednesday 20 May	9.15-10.15am	Wednesday 3 June
Y4	Wednesday 20 May	10.30-11.30am	Wednesday 3 June
Y5	Wednesday 20 May	1.00-2.00pm	Wednesday 3 June
Y6	Wednesday 20 May	2.00-3.00pm	Wednesday 3 June

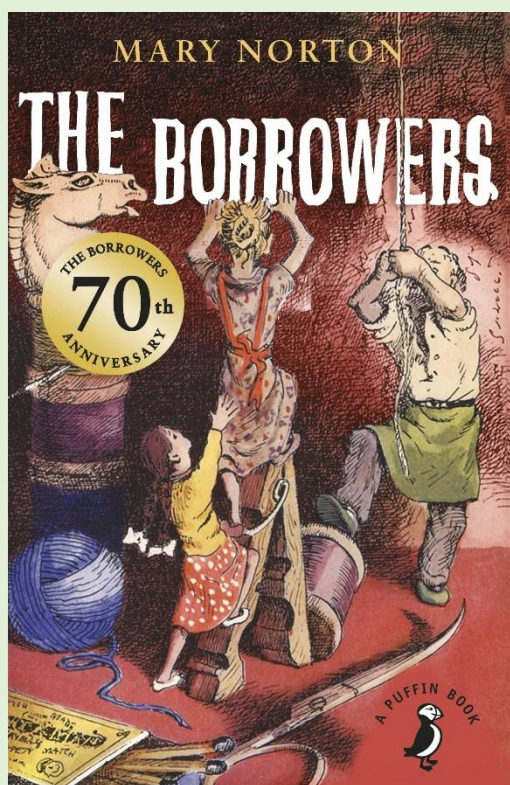
HOMEWORK ACTIVITIES TO NURTURE YOUR CHILD'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Thank-you circle — 3–5 mins

- EYFS: "Tell me one thing you liked today." (Model gratitude.)
- KS1: "Name one small thing you're thankful for and how it made your day better."
- KS2: "Share something you're grateful for this week and why it matters to you."

Tip: Use a talking object (soft toy) to give everyone a turn.



RECOMMENDED READS

The Borrowers
By Mary Norton



Recommended for 8-12 year olds

I would recommend *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton. I really enjoyed this book because it turns an ordinary house into a world full of wonder and imagination. The story follows Arrietty, a tiny girl who lives beneath the floorboards and "borrows" everyday objects from the humans above, leading to moments of danger, discovery and bravery. It's warm, adventurous and full of charm, making it a brilliant choice for anyone who loves magical ideas and stories that make you see the world in a completely new way.

Happy reading! Mrs Grace 😊

Government Open consultation
Growing up in the online world: a national consultation



Technology is part of most children's lives from an early age. It can help children learn, build friendships and develop creativity. But it also brings risks, and many parents, teachers and young people have told us the current situation is not working well enough.

Social media use among children and adolescents is almost universal. The proportion of children with social media profiles has increased significantly in the last 5 years. We must ensure children can engage with the online world safely, and that parents and carers feel confident to support and empower their children online.

This consultation is the next step in the government's work to ensure children's experiences online are safe and enriching. We want to understand how technology impacts children's wellbeing, and what more we can do to help families strike the right balance.

The Online Safety Act 2023 established one of the strongest systems in the world for protecting children from illegal and harmful content online. This consultation builds on that foundation to consider the broader impact of technology on children's everyday lives.

Given the importance of the internet and digital services in today's society, we need to consider whether additional measures could build on our existing approach and ensure the UK remains the safest place for children to be online.

The consultation will consider how children use digital technology as well as measures including:

- setting a minimum age for children to access social media - and what age would be right
- restricting risky functionalities and design features that encourage excessive use, such as infinite scrolling and autoplay
- whether the digital age of consent should be raised
- how age verification and age assurance technologies can support effective implementation
- whether the guidance on the use of mobile phones in schools should be put on a statutory footing
- better support for parents, including clearer guidance and simpler parental controls

We welcome responses from everyone, including children and young people, whose voices are central to this process.

Click on the following link to have your say!

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

Family of Faith



A Reflection from Mrs Warrilow

This verse reminds me that Christian freedom is not about doing whatever we want, but about choosing what is right. Freedom in Christ releases us from selfishness, yet it also calls us to responsibility. Instead of using freedom to satisfy personal desires, we are encouraged to serve others with humility and love. This connects deeply to the Christian value of service, which is about putting others before ourselves and acting with compassion. True freedom is expressed not in self-indulgence, but in selflessness. By serving others, we reflect Christ's love and build stronger, more caring communities. In this way, freedom becomes a gift that benefits not just ourselves, but everyone around us.

Our Christian Value this half term is...

SERVICE

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love

Galatians 5:13

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.



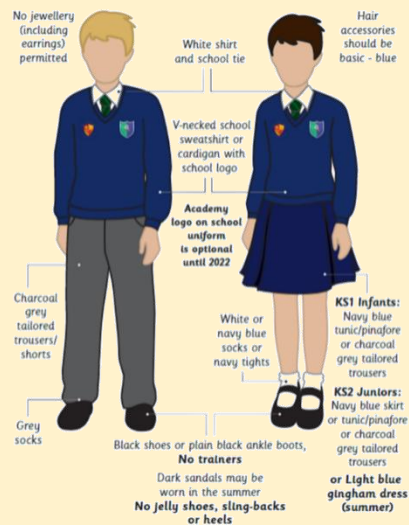
FAMILY HUB & CHILDREN'S CENTRE OFFER (APRIL-JULY 2026)



<https://familyinfodirectory.sthelens.gov.uk/kb5/sthelens/directory/startforlife.page?startforlifechannel=0>

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

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.

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:

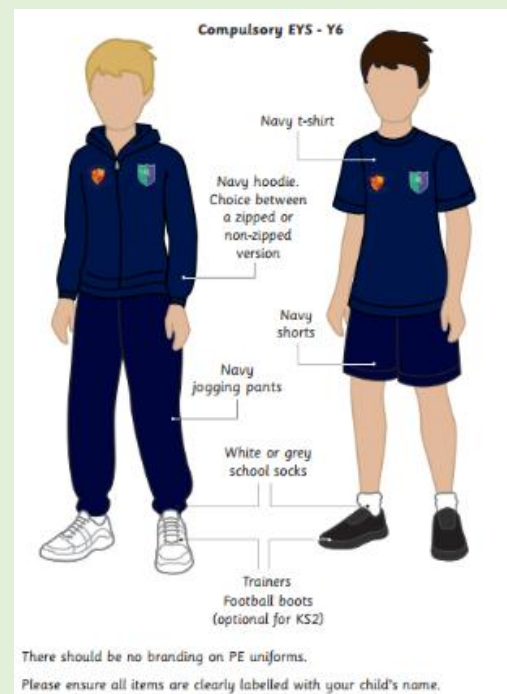
- Navy blue t-shirt
- Navy blue hoody
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue jogging bottoms
- Trainers

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.



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.*

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**

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026/2027

Term	*Open On:	*Close On:
Autumn term 2026	2 nd September 2026	23 rd October 2026
	4 th November 2026	18 th December 2026
Spring term 2027	5 th January 2027	12 th February 2027
	22 nd February 2027	25 th March 2027
Summer term 2027	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

ECCLESTON PARK TENNIS CLUB
OPEN DAY!
 SATURDAY 25TH APRIL • 11.15AM - 3PM
 PLAY. TRY. ENJOY! TENNIS FOR EVERYONE!

ALL WELCOME!
 FUN, FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP!

COME ALONG AND GIVE IT A GO!

SIGN UP HERE

JUNIOR SESSIONS:

- 🕒 12-1pm (age 4-7)
- 🕒 1-2pm (8-10)
- 🕒 2-3pm (11+)

ADULTS (12-3PM):

- 🕒 11.15-11.55am: Pilates taster
- 🎾 Cardio tennis, coaching & social play

ECCLESTON PARK PILATES

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ECCLESTON PARK TENNIS CLUB
MAY HALF-TERM TENNIS CAMP!
 26TH - 29TH MAY
 PLAY. IMPROVE. MAKE FRIENDS!

AGES 4 (RECEPTION) TO 14 YEARS

- Groups split by age & ability
- MONDAY 26TH - THURSDAY 29TH MAY
- £23 PER DAY
- £80 FOR 4 DAYS
- 10% OFF FOR CLUB MEMBERS!

SCAN HERE FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS!

SCAN HERE TO BOOK!

ECCLESTON PARK
 FOREST CLOSE, L34 2TT

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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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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

Do you want to improve your wellbeing?

Join our **FREE** workshops and short courses
to build confidence and enhance wellbeing
Ways to Wellbeing • Photography & Wellbeing • Journalling
Crafts for Wellbeing • Mental Health Awareness



"I came away feeling empowered and ready to take on what life throws at me"

- ✓ Boost self-confidence and self-esteem
- ✓ Help build a sense of purpose
- ✓ Start a new hobby
- ✓ Connect with others



Get in touch for details of these and more short courses starting soon!

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Do you want to work with children or young people?

*FREE workshops and courses!

Support your child's development or take your first step into a rewarding childcare career while gaining a recognised qualification!

- ✓ Understand how young children learn and develop through play
- ✓ Share positive learning experiences with children
- ✓ Support teaching and learning in schools

"The tutors have been very informative and approachable. I have enjoyed the course and have learnt a lot!"



*Fees may apply for Level 2 courses.

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Community training

Are you volunteering or part of a local charity or community group?

Join our FREE training programme to build skills and confidence in your role

- ✓ Emergency First Aid Training
- ✓ Mental Health Awareness
- ✓ Supporting Children & Young People's Groups:
 - Planning and Preparing Creative Activities
 - Creative Ideas on a Budget
 - Practical Health and Safety for Activities
- ✓ Getting Started with Volunteering



"Taught me how to help someone who might be injured and potentially save lives"



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