



# St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



## Y4 PGL



Our Year 4 children had a fantastic time on their residential trip to PGL, spending three exciting days away from home from Wednesday to Friday. For many, this was their first residential experience and they embraced every moment with enthusiasm and positivity.

During their stay, the children took part in a wide range of adventurous activities including canoeing, archery, micro scooters, Jacob's Ladder, climbing, a sensory trail and team problem-solving challenges. These activities not only pushed children out of their comfort zones but also helped to build confidence, resilience and teamwork skills. It was wonderful to see so many children encouraging one another and celebrating each other's successes.

The evenings were just as memorable. Children took part in a live Cluedo-style game, working together to follow clues and solve the mystery of who had stolen the cake – it turned out to be Larry the Lobster! This was followed by a campfire evening, where everyone enjoyed toasted marshmallows and joined in with lots of singing, creating a real sense of togetherness.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and represented the school exceptionally well throughout the trip. Their behaviour was exemplary and they were a real credit to the school.

We are incredibly proud of all they achieved and are already looking forward to returning to PGL with next year's Year 4 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>	96.21%
Whole school attendance week ending 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	96.66%
Class with best weekly attendance	RM – 100%

**#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**

**353**

**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](mailto:stannsce@three-saints.org.uk)

## A SPOTLIGHT ON: COMPUTING



At St Ann's, our Computing Curriculum is built around three key elements: computer science, digital citizenship and digital literacy. Our aim is to put children in control of the devices they use, enabling them to be active users of technology rather than passive consumers. We are committed to providing equal opportunities for all pupils, supporting them to develop their enthusiasm and confidence so they can become happy, safe and effective users of technology.

### **What does this look like?**

The Teach Computing programme, developed by the Raspberry Pi Foundation on behalf of the National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE), supports staff in delivering a progressive and engaging curriculum. Each unit builds towards a final project, allowing children to apply their knowledge and skills in meaningful ways. Learning is rooted in real-world examples of technology, ensuring all pupils—regardless of background—can access relevant and up-to-date experiences.

### **Computing this year**

Throughout the year, children have engaged with a range of units that revisit and build upon key concepts. For example, Year 2 have programmed Bee-Bots to follow instructions and explored early algorithms, while older pupils have used Pictoblox to design and code their own projects. Children continue to show great enthusiasm for Computing, supported by a wide range of digital devices across the school and opportunities such as our after-school Computing club.

This year, we have strengthened our approach to online safety by delivering a dedicated E-safety unit over an entire half term. This has allowed children to explore online safety in greater depth, developing a clearer understanding of how to stay safe, responsible and respectful online. Years 2–6 have also taken part in lessons focused on recognising and challenging harmful content, including how to stop the spread of hate online.

We have also worked closely with our school community to support parents. Following feedback from our Parent Forum, we were delighted to offer two workshops on Artificial Intelligence, led in partnership with Mr Maguire, a Computing and AI in Education Lecturer from Liverpool Hope University. These sessions helped parents to better understand AI and how it may impact their children's learning and online experiences. In addition, Year 4 led a fantastic family E-safety workshop, sharing their knowledge and advice with parents and carers. Our Digital Leaders and Super Leaders team also performed a powerful piece of drama in church, helping to highlight important online safety messages in a memorable way.

We are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes children show towards Computing and the responsible way they approach technology.

## SAFEGUARDING ALERT:



### Keeping your child safe

Talk PANTS helps children to understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

To help you start the conversation with your child we recommend watching the PANTS video.



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



What are the PANTS rules?

1. Privates are PRIVATE.
2. Always remember your body belongs to YOU.
3. No means NO.
4. Talk about secrets that upset you-REMEMBER there are good and BAD secrets.
5. Speak up, someone can help.

### YEAR 4 DIAMOND CRICKET

The Year 4 cricket team recently took part in an exciting tournament held on our school field and what a fantastic achievement it was! Despite many of the children being relatively new to the game, they showed incredible determination, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout. Match after match, their confidence grew, and their hard work paid off as they went on to win the entire competition, proudly securing the trophy for St Ann's. We are extremely proud of their effort, sportsmanship,



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### Y5 FOOTBALL COMPETITION



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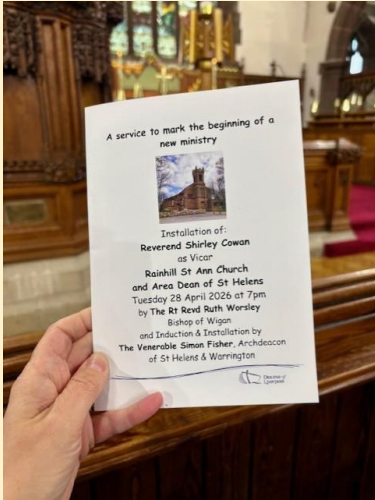


## FAMILY WORSHIP

Well done to 1S for a fabulous Family Worship all about Aspirations!

Our next Family Worship will be led by **1T** and take place on **Friday 8 May at 9am**. Please enter the hall via the back door.

*Everyone welcome*



## WELCOME REVEREND SHIRLEY

This week, Reverend Shirley was officially welcomed to St Ann's Church and the wider community by members of the Rainhill Community during a beautiful service held on the evening of Tuesday 28 April. Mrs Rynn was in attendance and extended a warm welcome on behalf of our school.

We are very much looking forward to working closely with Reverend Shirley over the coming years and to seeing the positive impact she will have on the spiritual lives of our children. We are excited about the opportunities this partnership will bring to further enrich our school community.



## MARTYN'S LAW UPDATE

In light of Martyn's Law, a statutory requirement under the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, all schools within the Trust have

introduced additional safety measures for school events with immediate effect. To help ensure the safety of everyone attending, **bags larger than A4 size will not be permitted on site; the only exception to this will be baby bags, which will be subject to inspection by a member of school staff. In addition, prams will not be allowed unless parents or carers consent to them being checked by a member of school staff.** We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we take these important steps to keep our school community safe.

## Y3 TAG RIGBY TOURNAMENT

A team of Year 3 children were also invited along to take part in a TAG Rugby Festival alongside other local schools. They were able to learn lots of new skills as well as represent our school in the competition. They all did us proud!

## Y2 SAINTS MINI SKILLS DAY



This week, Year 2 were lucky enough to be invited to take part in a Saints Mini Skills Day at Portico Vine ARLFC led by their community coaches. We had a great time getting involved with all of the skills and games sessions.



## Y6 FUN DAY



Our Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard this year and we are so proud of everything they have achieved. SATs week is an opportunity for the children to 'shine' and 'show off' everything they have learnt. At the end of the week, they have our **Year 6 Fun Day to look forward on Friday 15th May.**

On Fun Day, Y6 children can wear own clothes to school, and following St Ann's tradition, if they have a tent and wish to bring it, they can set up camp on the field (Children who bring tents must be able to erect and dismantle them and we would like parents to be aware that any loss or damage is not the responsibility of school). There will be snacks and games, and lots of free time. Fingers crossed for good weather!

## 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

## YOUNG MINDS & SOCIAL MEDIA

If you are worried about your child or teenager using the internet, this guide provides tips and advice for talking to your child about their use of social media and the internet.

[https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/social-media/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=molly-rose-eshot](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/social-media/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=molly-rose-eshot)

### HAVE YOU SPOTTED THE NEW ADDITION TO OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS?



A huge thank you to one of our wonderful parents, Mr Prescott, for crafting this beautiful wooden owl for the school grounds 🦉 🌿

It's such a special addition, and we're so grateful for the time and creativity that went into making it.

Next time you're on the school site... keep your eyes peeled 👁️ Can you spot where it's hiding?

Thank you again for this amazing contribution!

### HOMEWORK ACTIVITIES TO NURTURE YOUR CHILD'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH



#### Story and meaning — 10–15 mins

- EYFS: Read a short story; ask "Who was kind? What happened?"
- KS1: "What happened first and last? What would you do if you were them?"
- KS2: "What was the story's message? Which character changed and why?"

**Tip: Use familiar picture books for EYFS; older children can summarise.**

Don't forget, Monday 4 May is a Bank Holiday.  
School will be closed.

# Family of Faith



## A Reflection from Mrs Preston

This verse highlights a powerful truth: God's message was never meant for personal gain but for the good of others. The prophets and preachers served future generations, faithfully sharing what they themselves would not fully see fulfilled. Their example reflects the Christian value of service—giving not for recognition, but out of obedience and love.

Service, in this sense, is selfless and forward-looking. It means investing in others' faith, growth, and well-being, even when the results may not directly benefit us. Just as they spoke for our sake, Christians today are called to serve beyond themselves—sharing truth, offering support, and living out the gospel. In doing so, we participate in something so profound that even angels marvel at it.

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

### **SERVICE**

It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

**Peter 1:12**

## **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:**

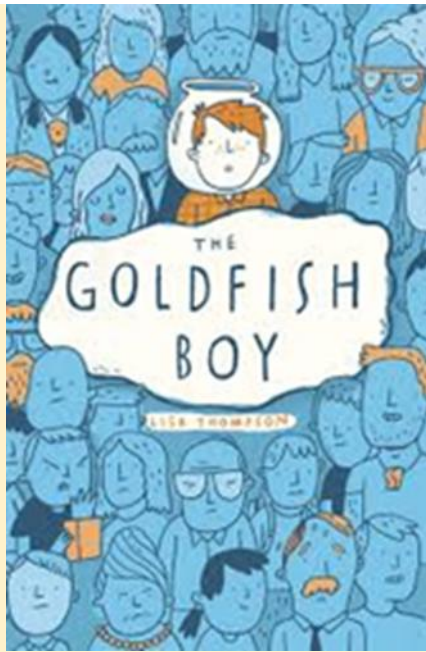
- 2nd Sunday: Common Worship Communion (lighter service)
- 3rd Sunday: Morning Prayer and Teaching
- 4th Sunday: Formal Eucharist

(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.

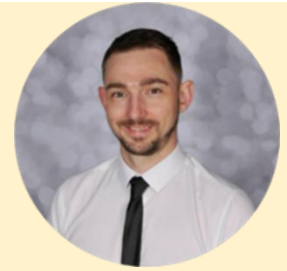
**Thursdays 9:30am:** Midweek Holy Communion in Church, followed by coffee in the Centre.





## RECOMMENDED READS

**The Goldfish Boy**  
By Lisa Thompson



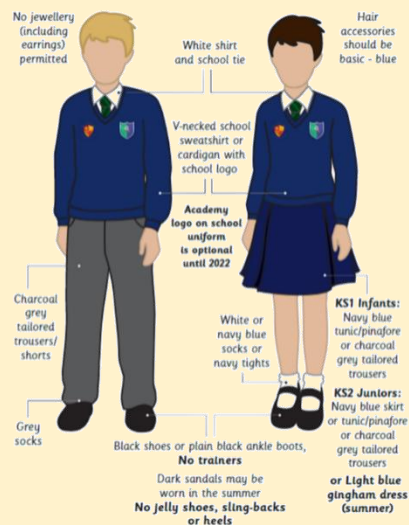
Recommended for 9-12 year olds

I would highly recommend The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson. This exciting and thoughtful mystery follows a boy named Matthew who spends his days watching his neighbours from his bedroom window - until something strange happens and he must face his fears to help solve a disappearance. It's full of suspense, friendship and bravery. The book also gently explores themes like anxiety and overcoming challenges. If you enjoy mysteries with heart and twists along the way, this is a fantastic book to read.

Happy reading! Mr Harrison 😊

## 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



## 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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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



There should be no branding on PE uniforms.  
Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

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](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.*

## 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.

### 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

# 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)**



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**3 May 2026 • 12 - 7pm**

**Rainhill Recreation Club**  
**FREE ENTRY**

**PAST PLAYERS TOURNAMENT**  
**£100 PRIZE!**

**BOUNCY CASTLE & OBSTACLE COURSE!**

**CROSSBAR CHALLENGE**  
**INTER-CLUB FRIENDLY MATCHES**

**PENALTY SHOOT OUT**

**DJ ALL DAY!**

**FOOD & DRINKS**

**RAFFLE**

**STOCKS**  
**MEMORABILIA**

**RAINHILL FOOTBALL ACADEMY • MINI SESSIONS**

## GRAND RAFFLE

**LOTS OF PRIZES TO WIN!**

[WWW.RAINHILLUNITED.CO.UK/50TH-ANNIVERSARY](http://WWW.RAINHILLUNITED.CO.UK/50TH-ANNIVERSARY)  
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**rugbees**  
RUGBY LEAGUE

20 Weeks - Monday Evenings

18:00 - 19:00

£2.50 Per Session

Girls Aged 7 to 11

Session On | Bank Holiday

**HARESFINCH HAWKS**

Monday 20th April, Monday 27th April, **Monday 4th May**,  
Monday 11th May, Monday 18th May, **Monday 25th May**

**HAYDOCK WARRIORS**

Monday 1st June, Monday 8th June, Monday 15th June,  
Monday 22nd June, Monday 29th June, Monday 6th July

**THATTO HEATH CRUSADERS**

Monday 13th July, Monday 20th July, Monday 27th July,  
Monday 3rd August, Monday 10th August, Monday 17th August

**PORTICO VINE**

Monday 24th August, **Monday 31st August**, Monday 7th September,  
Monday 14th September, Monday 21st September, Monday 28th September



**SAINTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**FOUNDATION**  
INSPIRING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SPORT

TO FIND OUT MORE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

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Adult £12  
Child £5  
Family of 4  
£29

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Saturday 4th July 2026

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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 Social Media & Livestreaming** - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of social media and livestreaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children.

**WEDNESDAY  
6TH MAY  
2026  
4PM – 4.45PM**



The link to access this session will be sent to you one week before the event