

Newsletter Issue 30: Friday 8 May 2026



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



WITH GRATITUDE FOR YOUR SUPPORT



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers for the many kind messages and expressions of love and support following the sad news of the passing of Miss Brophy, our much-loved Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor.

Your thoughtful words and gestures have meant a great deal to our staff during this difficult time. We are taking great comfort in knowing that we are in your thoughts and prayers, and it has been a source of strength for our whole school community.

Miss Brophy was a valued and cherished member of our school family, and she will be deeply missed by both children and colleagues alike.

Thank you once again for your kindness, compassion, and continued support.

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>	96.2%
Whole school attendance week ending 1 st May 2026	95.76%
Class with best weekly attendance	RM – 99.31%

#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

371

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

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• stannsce@three-saints.org.uk



GOOD LUCK YEAR 6

Good luck to all our Year 6 children as you take on your SATs next week! You've worked incredibly hard, and we are so proud of your effort and determination. Remember our school vision: *"Together, we aim high, with God's love, we can fly."* Believe in yourselves, stay calm, and try your best—that's all anyone can ask. Take each day one step at a time, and don't forget to rest and look after yourselves. You've got this! ✨

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!



SAFEGUARDING ALERT:

How to talk about grief

Children feel similar emotions to adults when they experience a loss, but they may not be able to express it in the same way.

Children may sometimes appear to accept the death, and later become distressed and upset. It is important they are given the time, space and support they need to manage this.

Barnardos Child Bereavement Service recommends that the cause of death (in simple terms) should be shared with children, so they are not at risk of blaming themselves. Being made aware that everyone eventually dies, but normally not until they are very old, can help address the worry that everyone else around them may also die soon. The words "death" or "dead" should be used, rather than phrases like "gone to sleep", "lost" or "gone". The honest and direct language reduces confusion, and gives the child or young person all the information that you have. It may feel uncomfortable, or like you're giving them more to worry about, but in reality, you're taking away all the things they could invent on their own when you tell them the truth.

For more information please visit

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/support-for-parents-and-carers/mental-health/grief-and-loss/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-grief#:~:text=Explaining%20death%20to%20children%20and%20young%20people&text=The%20words%20%E2%80%9Cdeath%E2%80%9D%20or%20%E2%80%9C,the%20information%20that%20you%20have.>



A SPOTLIGHT ON: ART & DESIGN



At St Ann's, our Art curriculum continues to inspire creativity, confidence and self-expression across the school. Using carefully planned units and high-quality resources from Access Art, children are encouraged to explore a wide range of artistic techniques, materials and ideas whilst developing their own unique artistic voice. Through drawing, painting and 'making' activities, pupils build upon prior learning and strengthen their artistic skills year after year.

Each unit begins with an inspirational artist focus, allowing children to study the work of both contemporary and traditional artists before applying new techniques within their own sketchbooks and final pieces. Our curriculum continues to promote creativity, experimentation and resilience, ensuring that every child feels proud of their artistic achievements.

This half term, children across the school have been exploring exciting new Art and Design projects:

- **Year 1 – Printing: Simple Printmaking**

Artist Focus: Andy Warhol

Children will be using colour, pattern and repeated imagery to create vibrant prints inspired by the Pop Art style of Andy Warhol.

- **Year 2 – Making: Be an Architect**

Artist Focus: Friedensreich Hundertwasser

Pupils will be using imaginative design ideas to explore architecture and create colourful structures inspired by Hundertwasser's unique artistic style.

- **Year 3 – Making: Telling Stories Through Making**

Artist Focus: Rosie Hurley

Children will be using sculpture and mixed media techniques to communicate stories, ideas and emotions through creative making.

- **Year 4 – Making: Art of Display**

Artist Focus: Thomas J Price

Pupils will be using a range of materials and display techniques to explore how artwork can communicate meaning and celebrate identity.

- **Year 5 – Making: Architecture – Dream Big or Small**

Artist Focus: George Clarke

Children will be using architectural ideas and creative design processes to investigate how buildings can be both functional and imaginative.

- **Year 6 – Making: Exploring Identity**

Artist Focus: Luba Lukova and Shepard Fairey

Pupils will be using graphic and illustrative techniques to explore identity, symbolism and visual messaging.

We are extremely proud of the creative opportunities our children continue to experience beyond the classroom. This year, our Year 3 children completed a special Art display for Liverpool Cathedral, showcasing their creativity within an inspiring public space. Children across the school will also be taking part in an upcoming Art competition for St Helens, giving them another exciting opportunity to share and celebrate their artistic talents.

Our school community continues to embrace the Arts through competitions, displays and enrichment opportunities. We firmly believe that every child is an artist and that creativity plays an important role in helping children express themselves, build confidence and develop a lifelong appreciation of Art and Design.

BASE SEPTEMBER 2026

From next academic year, there will be an increase to our BASE (Breakfast and After School) provision fees. The cost of the morning session will be £5.50, and the after school session will be £10.50. This change reflects the ongoing rise in the cost of living; increases in the price index and staff wages have significantly impacted the cost of running the provision. We remain committed to providing a safe, high-quality environment for all children and appreciate your understanding and continued support.

SCHOOL MEALS SEPTEMBER 2026

From next academic year, the cost of a school meal will be £3.00 per day. This increase has been carefully considered and reflects the ongoing rise in the cost of living. In particular, higher food prices linked to the price index, alongside increases in staff wages, have significantly raised the cost of providing meals. We remain committed to offering high-quality, nutritious lunches for all pupils and appreciate your understanding and continued support.

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.

ARRANGEMENTS

- Children should wear their PE kit to school on the day of their Sports Day.
- Parents will enter school via the pedestrian walk way at the side of school (next to blue Base door). The gate will be open for a 10 minute period and then will be locked. The gate will only re-open at the end of each sports day session.

HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

- Parents/ carers must remain behind the barrier rope at all times.
- Parents/ carers must not go over to their child or call their child over.
- Photographs/ videos are not permitted as some children cannot have their photo taken or uploaded onto social media.
- Parents/ carers not supporting our arrangements will be asked to leave the premises.
- Children should come to school wearing sun cream.
- Children should bring a sunhat and full bottle of water to school.

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

ANNUAL MARK BARROW RUN, PART OF HEALTHY LIVING WEEK

Weather permitting, we are excited to host this year's Mark Barrow Run at school on **Monday, 18 May**. This popular event will see all children participating in a run on the school field

What to Wear: All children should wear their PE kits and trainers on this day.

Sun Safety: To ensure your child's comfort and safety, please apply sun cream before they arrive at school and send them with a sun hat to wear during the event.

Please Note: This will be a non-spectator event.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a fantastic day celebrating the spirit of running!



School will close for half term on Thursday 21 May 2026.

School will re-open after half term on Monday 1 June 2026.

Y5/6 LONDON RESIDENTIAL PARENT MEETING



We will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 20th May at 3.30pm to share important information about the upcoming London residential. During the meeting, we will go through key details including departure and arrival times, what to pack, and the exciting activities your child can look forward to. We look forward to seeing you there!



Y4 MULTIPLICATION COMPETITION



As part of our preparation for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), we are launching an exciting TTRS Battle between the Year 4 classes! The competition will run throughout the Whit holiday, with a mystery prize awaiting the winning class on our return.

Success depends on teamwork—every contribution counts. It's not about a few children playing for hours, but a consistent effort from everyone.

There will also be individual rewards for pupils who reach set milestone minutes over the break. Please encourage your child to join in, support their class, and build their times table skills. Let the battle begin!

RSHE PARENT WORKSHOPS

A reminder that our RSHE Parent Workshops will take place this week at **5:00pm** for each year group. These sessions provide an opportunity for parents and carers to learn more about the RSHE curriculum, including age-appropriate teaching on safe and healthy relationships and bodily changes. Correct terminology is used to support learning and meet our safeguarding responsibilities.

Please note that these sessions are for adults only; children should not attend.

- Year 1 & 2 – Wednesday 20 May
- Year 3 & 4 – Tuesday 19 May
- Year 5 & 6 – Monday 18 May

Entrance will be via the front gate, where staff will be available to welcome you. We look forward to seeing you.



Parents can request to withdraw their child from some or all sex education within PSHE. However, this does not apply to statutory content, including Relationships Education, Health Education (such as puberty), and the science curriculum (including reproduction).

Before making a decision, we encourage parents to speak with the headteacher to discuss any concerns, understand the curriculum, and consider how withdrawal may affect their child.

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.

YOUNG MINDS

YOUNG MINDS & MENTAL HEALTH

Social media can have a positive impact on your mental health. But it can also make you feel anxious and overwhelmed. Our advice can help you stay in control of your feed and look after your mental health online.

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/social-media-and-mental-health/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=molly-rose-eshot

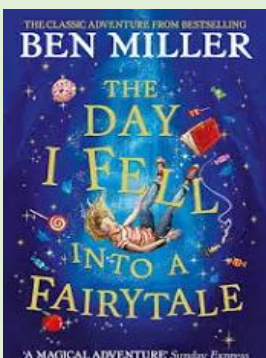
HOMEWORK ACTIVITIES TO NURTURE YOUR CHILD'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Favourite place memory — 5–10 mins

- EYFS: "Tell me about your favourite place. Who was there?" (Encourage drawing.)
- KS1: "What do you hear/smell there? How does it make you feel?"
- KS2: "Why is that place important to you? How does it shape who you are?"

Tip: Let younger children draw first then describe their picture.



RECOMMENDED READS

The Day I Fell Into a Fairytale By Ben Miller

Recommended for 8-12 year olds



I recommend *The Day I Fell into a Fairytale* by Ben Miller because it is a fun mix of modern-day mystery and traditional, well-known fairytales. The children (and adults) will enjoy spotting 'easter eggs' from traditional fairytales as the characters jump in and out of a fairytale world whilst working together to help the characters they meet and solve the mystery of how they got there and, more importantly, how they will get home again!

Happy reading! Mrs Green 😊

Family of Faith



A Reflection from Mrs Magee

1 Samuel 12:24 calls for a life shaped by reverence and wholehearted devotion: to “fear the LORD” is to recognize God’s authority and respond with trust, gratitude, and obedience. The verse ties this attitude directly to service—serving God faithfully flows from remembering “what great things he has done.” When we reflect on God’s goodness, service stops feeling like obligation and becomes a natural response of thankfulness.

The Christian value of Service is rooted in this posture. True service is not about recognition or duty alone, but about offering our time, energy, and compassion as an act of worship. Whether helping others, giving generously, or simply being present for someone in need, service becomes an expression of a grateful heart devoted to God.

Our Christian Value this half term is...

SERVICE

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you

Samuel 12:24

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)

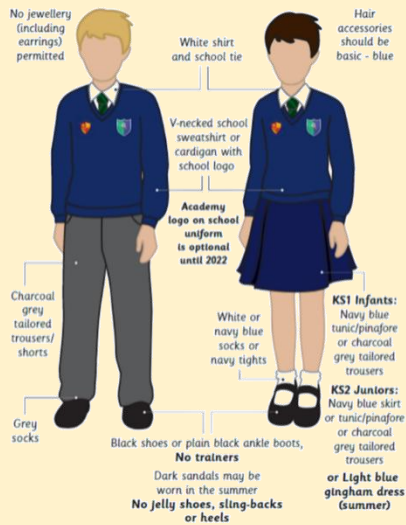
10:30am Weekly (except 1st Sunday): Platform 2 in Millennium Centre – informal, family-focused worship with group activities, crafts, and games. Coffee and refreshments provided.

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 2 (1st June - 17th July 2026) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £8.75 by 15th May. 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.

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

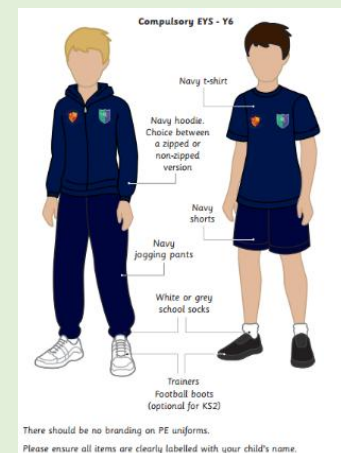
We kindly ask for your patience and support during a period of reduced capacity in our school office. Please note that the office will close at 3:30pm each day until further notice. During this time, responses to calls and emails may take a little longer than usual, and we appreciate your understanding 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

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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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service tutor.

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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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STEP FORWARD: ST HELENS DANCE FESTIVAL

A borough-wide festival that brings together children, young people, families, and local dance groups from across the community to participate in workshops and performances

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

SATURDAY
MAY 16TH

10-4
PM

ST HELENS
COLLEGE

WATER ST, ST HELENS,
WA10 1PP

Please visit **TicketSource** or scan the QR code to purchase tickets:
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JUNIOR HOCKEY

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STARTING SUNDAY 17TH MAY
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11AM - 12PM AGES 6+

- ✓ First 2 sessions FREE!
- ✓ Spare sticks available!
- ✓ All abilities welcome!

FUN, FRIENDS & HOCKEY!

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Adult £12
Child £5
Family of 4 £29

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Willowbrook

St Helens Colour Run

Saturday 4th July 2026
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