

Newsletter Issue 32: Thursday 21 May 2026



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



HEALTHY LIVING WEEK

Healthy Living Week at St Ann's has been a huge success, filled with energy, excitement and fantastic sporting achievements.

Pupils across the school have taken part in some brilliant races, including our annual Mark Barrow Run, where congratulations go to William J and Lucy B for being crowned our fastest boy and girl.

Sports Days have also taken place for every year group, apart from Reception, with children showing excellent determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. As part of the week, all pupils benefitted from important water and road safety assemblies, helping to promote healthy and safe lifestyles. Year 1 and Year 2 pupils also enjoyed exciting cricket sessions delivered by Rainhill Cricket Club, giving them the chance to develop new skills and have lots of fun along the way.





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>	96.29%
Whole school attendance week ending 15 th May 2026	96.91%
Class with best weekly attendance	6H – 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**

339

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

A SPOTLIGHT ON: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE



Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) plays an important role in broadening children's understanding of the world and developing curiosity about different cultures, languages and traditions. At our school, children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 learn French through engaging weekly lessons taught by Madame Woodroffe, our specialist French teacher.

Through a range of interactive speaking, listening, reading and writing activities, children develop confidence in communicating in another language whilst building key vocabulary, pronunciation and conversational skills. Lessons are carefully sequenced to ensure children revisit and build upon prior learning, enabling them to make steady progress over time. Children are encouraged to communicate for real purposes, ask and answer questions, express opinions and develop an appreciation of how language works.

Where possible, cross-curricular links are made to enrich learning and deepen understanding and children take part in themed activities such as European Day of Languages. Opportunities are also provided to explore French culture and traditions, helping children to develop respect, tolerance and an awareness of the wider world. Our aim is to inspire a lifelong love of language learning, foster confidence and curiosity, and provide children with strong foundations for future language study at secondary school and beyond.



10 BENEFITS OF LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE

1. Boosts brain power
2. Improves memory
3. Sharpens the mind
4. Enhances decision making
5. Your first language is improved
6. Improves academic performance
7. Increases networking skills
8. Provides better career choices
9. Enhances ability to multitask
10. Keeps the mind young and active

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

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

BIODIVERSITY WORKSHOPS FOR Y3

This week, our Year 3 Global Change Ambassadors enjoyed a special visit from Sustainable St Helens. The children learned all about biodiversity and discussed the important role we all play in protecting endangered species and caring for our environment. They particularly enjoyed taking part in a creative drawing activity, where they explored what wildlife habitats can look like before and after pollution, helping them to understand the impact pollution has on animals and nature. The children were inspired to make positive changes to help our planet.

LITTERING WORKSHOPS FOR Y2

Elisha and Jennifer from St Helens Council came to speak to Year 2 about the dangers of littering for our environment. We learnt that a packet of crisps would take 450 years to fully disappear from our environment and that dropping food also counts as littering as it is unsightly and can make animals very unwell. We spoke about ways that we can help our environment and, that by doing that, it will help our whole community.



CRICKET CLUB COMPETITION Y3/4/5



A huge congratulations to the children who represented St Ann's at the recent cricket competition held at Rainhill Cricket Club. The

team showed fantastic teamwork, determination and sporting spirit throughout the event and were delighted to be crowned overall winners. We are incredibly proud of their excellent achievement and the way they represented the school so positively. If you are interested in your child starting cricket, training sessions are 6pm on a Friday.



Y4 MULTIPLICATION COMPETITION

This is a reminder that the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) will take place between Monday 1st June and Friday 12th June. Please ensure your child is in school every day during this period so they can complete the check confidently and without unnecessary disruption. Over the half-term break, we would really appreciate your support in helping your child practise their times tables at home. Little and often works best; 5–10 minutes a day can make a huge difference to confidence and recall speed. Tonight, Year 4 children have brought home a Times Tables Rock Stars heat map. This shows your child's latest performance and highlights the tables they may need to focus on most. There are lots of simple games you can play at home without any resources, for example:

- Quick-fire questions while travelling in the car
- "Beat the Clock" — how many facts can they answer in 1 minute?
- Times table tennis — take turns answering multiplication facts
- Chanting tables while walking or getting ready
- "What's the missing number?" e.g. $6 \times \underline{\quad} = 42$

Please also remember our exciting Year 4 TTRS Battle running throughout the Whit holiday! Every contribution counts towards the class total and there will be prizes for both the winning class and individual milestone achievements.

Thank you for your continued support.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPH DAY

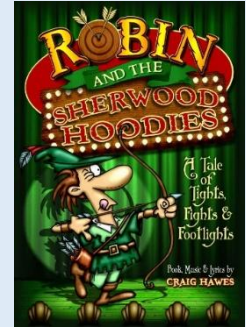


Friday 19 June is class photograph day.

Y6 SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The Year 6 Team are excited to reveal this year's Year 6 End of Year Production....'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies'.

The play is based in Nottingham forest. When the evil Sheriff of Nottingham and his gormless guards threaten the villagers of Sherwood, feisty Maid Marion hires a band of freedom fighters for protection. But when Robin and his Merry Men arrive, she soon discovers they're not exactly what she'd ordered! With no time to lose, she persuades these hapless heroes to take centre stage for the performance of their lives - if only they could stick to the script!



The date for the performance will be **Wednesday 8th July. There will be two performances: the first at 2:00pm and the second at 6:00pm.** Details on how to purchase tickets will follow in the next couple of weeks.

We looking forward to seeing you all there to discover if these famous outlaws manage to defeat the dastardly Sheriff of Nottingham!

MEET REVEREND SHIRLEY



We are delighted to welcome Reverend Shirley Cowen to St Ann's CE Primary School. Reverend Shirley will be leading our school community in worship, spiritual development and pastoral care, supporting staff and children as we live out our vision: "Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly."

REMEMBERING MISS BROPHY



We would like to let parents know that Miss Brophy's funeral will take place on Tuesday 26 May. The hearse will drive past the school at approximately 3.15pm. Parents and members of the school community are welcome to stand outside the school to say their goodbyes to Miss Brophy as the hearse passes. The family greatly appreciates the love and support shown during this difficult time.

Miss Brophy's family are also deeply grateful for the funds raised through the GoFundMe page and have been truly touched by the many kind words, messages and support from our St Ann's community.

All of the messages of remembrance have been carefully gathered into two special remembrance books for Miss Brophy's husband and children. These are incredibly meaningful keepsakes, and we are certain they will be treasured forever.

Today, a candle was lit in church in remembrance of Miss Brophy, and Reverend Shirley gave a blessing in her memory. In the future, we will also be holding a special remembrance service in honour of Miss Brophy, and a special award in her name will be presented at our end-of-year awards evening each year.



Y6 LEAVERS' SERVICE @ LIVERPOOL ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

Our Year 6 pupils will soon be attending the Year 6 Leavers' Service at the cathedral on Monday 15th June 2026. The service is a special opportunity for pupils to reflect on their time in primary school and look ahead to their transition to secondary school through music, prayer and Bible stories.

This year, schools are also invited to support The Bible Society, marking the 500th anniversary of William Tyndale's first English Bible translation. Families who wish to make a voluntary donation can do so via the following link: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise-for-us>. Please look out for a detailed letter coming home soon with further information and arrangements for the day.

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.

ProtectUK

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.

SAFEGUARDING ALERT:

Stay safe online

1. Don't share any personal information.
2. Only talk to people you know.
3. Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online.
4. Only accept friend requests from people you know.
5. Always think about what you post.
6. Use the privacy settings on social media accounts.
7. Remember not everyone online is who they say they are.
8. Report inappropriate content immediately.
9. Never share passwords.
10. Only share images with family and friends, make sure you're comfortable with the image.



Family of Faith



A Reflection from Mrs Kavanagh

This verse calls us to active, compassionate service: through steady, practical effort we support those who are vulnerable. Jesus' words — "It is more blessed to give than to receive" — remind us that true Christian service is generous, humble and often unseen. In school this means using our gifts to lift others, modelling kindness to children, and creating routines where pupils learn to serve: sharing time, skills and attention so every child feels valued and able to flourish. Service, lived daily, shapes character and deepens our faith.

Our Christian Value this half term is...

SERVICE

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

— Acts 20:35, NIV

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.



HOMWORK ACTIVITIES TO NURTURE YOUR CHILD'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH



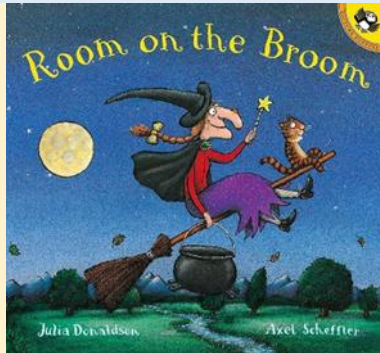
Helpful hands reflection — 5–10 mins

EYFS: "Tell me about a time you helped someone today."

KS1: "Who helped you this week? How did it feel?"

KS2: "Describe a time you helped or someone helped you. What did you learn?"

Tip: Encourage naming emotions (*proud, happy*) to build empathy language.



RECOMMENDED READS

Room on the Broom
By Julia Donaldson



Recommended for 3-7 year olds

I would recommend the book because it is a delightful, funny and heartwarming story that captures children's imaginations from the very first page. Room on the Broom, written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler, tells the charming tale of a kind witch and her cat who make room on their broom for several new animal friends. When a hungry dragon appears, the friends must work together to save the day, showing children the importance of kindness, teamwork and inclusion.

Happy reading! Miss Swift 😊

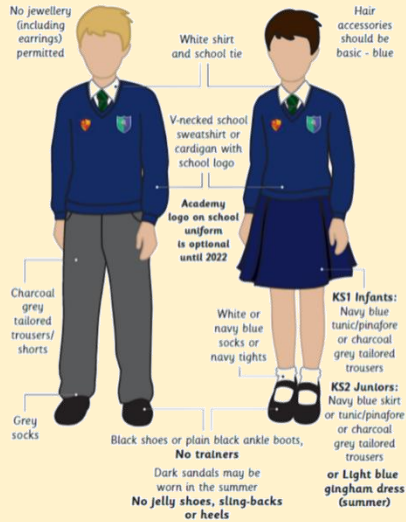
GENERAL INFORMATION/REMINDERS

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 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

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.

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 below for details of payments for the next academic year.

	Amount Due	Date Toast Account to be in credit by
Autumn 1	£9.50	14th July 2026
Autumn 2	£8.00	20th October 2026
Spring 1	£7.25	15th December 2026
Spring 2	£5.75	9th February 2027
Summer 1	£8.75	19th March 2027
Summer 2	£8.25	25th May 2027
Total for year £47.50		

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:

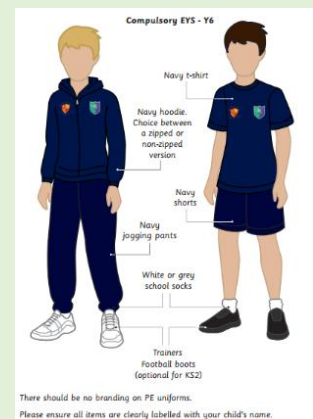
School Bag £10.00, Junior Tie £4.00, Elasticated Tie £3.50

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.

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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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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RAINHILL CRICKET CLUB

Victoria Terrace, Rainhill, Merseyside, L35 0LH

12.05.2026

Dear Headteacher/ School Office,

We are writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity for local children to get involved in cricket this summer through Rainhill Cricket Clubs All Stars programme.

Rainhill Cricket Club will be running an **All Stars** course for children **aged 5 to 8** which costs £50 starting on **Friday the 5th of June 2026** from **5:00pm to 6:00pm**. The course will run for **eight consecutive Fridays** and is designed to give young children a brilliant first experience of cricket. New participants receive a personalised T-Shirt, bag, plastic bat and softball.

The sessions are fun based and active, helping children learn cricket skills through games, movement and teamwork. Children will build confidence while developing catching, throwing, batting and running skills in a safe welcoming and energetic environment.

Our aim is to encourage children to enjoy being active, make new friends and develop a strong sense of teamwork while trying a new sport. We would be very grateful if you could share this information with parents and carers through your school newsletter or communication channels.

Thank you for your support in helping us promote this opportunity within local community. If you would like any further information please feel free to get in touch.

To book on use the following the link - [All Stars - Rainhill](#) alternatively use the QR code below -



Yours faithfully

Peter Mercer – Secretary
pmercer426@gmail.com



www.rainhillcc.com



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Does your child love making new friends?

*The award-winning makers of The Dog House are **casting** for a brand-new **BBC** series about **friendship**.*

We are looking for **children aged 5 to 8** from all over the UK who are sociable and enjoy making new friends.

If your child is interested (with no pressure to take part) please apply at:

makingfriends.tv



Healthy Families

Growing Up Programme



The 0-19+ team (NHS) is delighted to launch the **HENRY Programme** - a nationally recognised initiative. HENRY offers free, friendly support to help parents and carers feel more confident and build healthy, happy routines at home. The programme is designed to make family life easier, covering everything from fussy eating and managing behaviour to family routines, emotional wellbeing, and getting active together.

Upcoming sessions

Eating Well for Less - Thursday 21 May, 6.00pm - 7.00pm

This session helps the whole family to eat well for less, including:

- Tips for a cheaper, healthier shopping basket
- Meal planning to make the most of the food you buy
- Recipes for tasty, simple, low-cost meals

Understanding Children's Behaviour - Thursday 18 June, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

This session helps parents and carers to:

- Understand the feelings and needs behind children's behaviour
- Discover the importance of listening, and how it supports children's needs
- Explore responding with empathy, and how it can positively influence behaviour

Looking After Ourselves - Thursday 16 July, 4.00pm - 5.00pm

This session explores ways to look after yourself and stay calm, including:

- Understanding the benefits of recharging for emotional and physical health
- Sharing feelings and developing realistic expectations and coping strategies
- Overcoming feelings of guilt and failure
- Gaining practical strategies to reduce the stresses of family life

Feedback from parents and carers who have attended previous HENRY Programmes:

"This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum."

"This was so much better than I expected. I would encourage every parent to do it."

How to get involved

Don't miss out - places are free but limited!

Parents and carers can book their place via Eventbrite:

[Eating Well for Less \(Thurs 21 May, 6.00pm - 7.00pm\) - book your place](#)

[Understanding Children's Behaviour \(Thurs 18 June, 1.30pm - 2.30pm\) - book your place](#)

[Looking After Ourselves \(Thurs 16 July, 4.00pm - 5.00pm\) - book your place](#)

For more information visit [HENRY Programme - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

st helens heritage festival



Saturday 30th May 2026
10am – 3pm
St Helens Town Hall

Join St Helens Council's Archive Service for a **FREE** family-friendly celebration of our borough's rich history, featuring:

- Local heritage groups and organisations
- Classic cars
- Vintage bus
- Morris dancers
- Mobile museum
- Free local history talks and much more...

No booking required.

For more information about the event, exhibition and performances visit: sthelensheritagehub.org.uk/heritage-festival

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St Helens
Archive Service


ST HELENS HERITAGE HUB
Our People Our Place Our Heritage



Rainhill Swimming Club!



**Want to
become a
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**Looking for
swimmers age 7-15
£35 every quarter
Saturday 5pm-6pm**

**Volair Huyton Leisure Centre
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