



# St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



## BRINGING OUR CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS TO LIFE THROUGH ART

Since returning to school, a small group of children from each class have taken part in a special Art Project designed to celebrate and highlight our Christian distinctiveness. Our KS2 children have explored and creatively represented the eight core concepts from Understanding Christianity: God, Creation, Fall, People of God, Incarnation, Gospel, Salvation and Kingdom of God. Meanwhile, our KS1 children have created four beautiful canvases representing our approach to spirituality: looking up through the Telescope – at God; looking out through the Window and Door – at the world and others; and looking in through the Mirror – reflecting on ourselves. It has been wonderful to see the children applying and developing their artistic skills while exploring such important aspects of our Christian identity. We are looking forward to seeing all of the finished artwork proudly displayed along the Year 3 corridor. A huge thank you to Mrs Mulligan for her vision, creativity and dedication in working alongside the children and helping them bring their ideas to life! 🧠 ✨





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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Whole school attendance<br>year to date<br><i>Whole School target 96%</i> | 96.46%            |
| Whole school attendance<br>week ending 4 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2026  | 96.46%            |
| Class with best weekly<br>attendance                                      | RM & RP –<br>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 9.20am. 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

**389**

### 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.

## **CHILDREN'S IMAGES – AN IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING UPDATE**

As a school and Trust, we love celebrating the achievements, experiences and special moments of our children with our families and wider community. However, due to increasing concerns about the misuse of children's images online, including the use of AI technology to manipulate photographs, we are updating our approach to sharing photographs. Moving forward, identifiable images of children will no longer be published on the school website, newsletters or social media platforms. We will continue to celebrate school life through carefully selected images where children are not identifiable, such as photographs taken from a distance, photographs where faces are not visible or appropriately blurred images. Photographs displayed within school will continue to be permitted.

We appreciate that this may mean we share fewer photographs of individual children online, but we believe this is an important and proportionate step to help safeguard our pupils and reduce the potential risks associated with the online publication of children's images.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we put the safety and wellbeing of our children first.

## **CHILDREN WITH A SOCIAL WORKER: OFSTED CONSULTATION**

Ofsted are seeking views on how they conduct inspections and quite rightly want to hear from our children and young people with a social worker.

They want to hear what they think about some changes they want to make to the way Ofsted looks at children's social care.

They want to hear from everyone – whether you're a child or young person with experience of social care, a parent/carers, a family member, a social care professional, or just interested in how Ofsted checks that services are looking after children and doing everything they should.

There is a full consultation with detailed questions or a single question where you can tell us what you think in general. You'll be able to choose which is best for you.

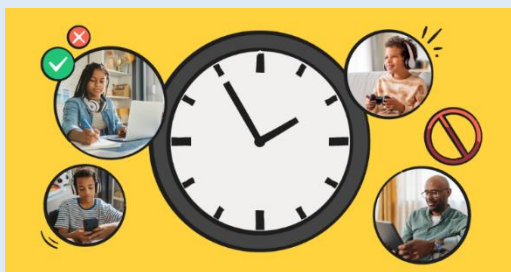
Closing date: This consultation closes at 11.59pm on 28 September 2026.

The consultation document and other supporting materials, including a short video, are available on the Ofsted website for you to refer to when completing the survey.

There is a short video which might help children and young people understand what is being asked, I have added the link here: <https://youtu.be/BKFqADSPbs>

**This is the link to the survey: [Improving the way Ofsted inspects children's social care - GOV.UK](#)**

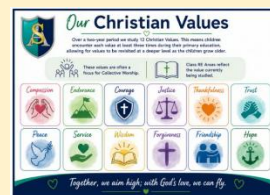
## ESTABLISHING FAMILY TECH RULES



Check out this useful video by clicking on the link below: <https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/09-2026-Back-to-school-and-AI-Sept-2026.mp4>

## ANGLICAN LIFE AT ST ANN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Want to find out more about our school's Christian distinctiveness and ethos?



Check out the Anglican Life section of our school website. Simply click on the link below: <https://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk/page/?title=Anglican+Life&pid=82>

## ☺️ MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

**Everyone is welcome!** Join us on **Friday 25 September at 9.30am** for our annual **Macmillan Coffee Morning** – a charity that is very close to our hearts at St Ann's.

We would be **extremely grateful for donations of cakes and sweet treats** to help us raise as much as possible for this wonderful charity. Donations can be **homemade or shop bought**, but please remember that **St Ann's is a nut-free school** and we have children with severe nut allergies, so **all donations must be completely nut-free**. If you are bringing a homemade cake, please provide a **full list of ingredients** so that these can be displayed at the Coffee Morning.

There will be lots to look forward to, including a **special performance from our school choir!** This year's **KS2 Rights Respecting Parliament members, Sports Leaders, Head Boy and Head Girl** will be helping to host the event.

So, bring your family and friends (and lots of loose change), enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake, and help us support a charity that makes such a difference to so many families. **We can't wait to see you there!**



## MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TUITION

If you are interested in your child having private tuition in a musical instrument,

why not come along to the Schools' Music Service Roadshow on **Monday 14 September at 3.30pm** in the school hall. Simply go to the hall door at the back of school to enter the roadshow.

## PARKING AT ST ANN CHURCH & MILLENNIUM CENTRE

Cameras are non-operable for school drop off and pick up between 8.15am to 9am and 3pm to 3.45pm

Outside of these times, parking for drop off & collection from BASE is for a maximum of 20 minutes.

**A SPOTLIGHT ON:  
UNDERSTANDING OUR BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM: THE ST ANN'S STANDARD**



At St Ann's CE, we believe that learning how to behave is just as important as any other part of the curriculum. That's why we have a dedicated behaviour curriculum, known as the St Ann's Standard. Just like academic skills, appropriate behaviour is something children need to be taught—it doesn't happen by chance.

Our St Ann's Standard sets unapologetically high expectations because we want the very best for every child. We know that children feel safe, secure, and happy when expectations are clear and consistent.

At the heart of our St Ann's Standard are the 3Cs: Courtesy, Care, and Concentration. These three values form a golden thread that guides behaviour in nearly every situation. Children are rewarded when they demonstrate the 3Cs, which are explicitly taught, regularly revisited, and proudly displayed throughout the school. Everyone—staff and children alike—know and lives by these principles.



We encourage you to ask your child about the St Ann's Standard and the 3Cs. You might even find it helpful to apply these values at home to support your child's learning and development.

*Thank you for partnering with us to create a positive and respectful school community.*

## SOAR AWARDS PROGRAMME

A reminder to parents and carers to keep logging your child's SOAR hours!



SOAR – St Ann's Outstanding Achievement Rewards is our whole-school enrichment programme, designed to recognise and celebrate the valuable learning and experiences children take part in beyond the classroom. Whether it's a sports club, music lesson, uniformed organisation, competition, volunteering or another enrichment activity, every experience helps our children develop new skills, discover their interests and grow in confidence.

Parents and carers can log their child's hours using the Microsoft Form, which can be found on our school website under About Us → SOAR. A new form is available for each half term, so please remember to regularly add any hours your child has accumulated.

Every hour contributes towards your child's SOAR journey and their next Bronze, Silver or Gold award.

Keep learning, keep achieving and keep SOARing!

A recruitment poster for St Ann's Church of England Primary School. The top half features a photograph of the school's entrance with a blue sign that reads 'St Ann's Church of England Primary School' and 'New Annex 2017'. The bottom half is a dark blue banner with white and teal text. The text includes the school's name, a motto 'Growing together in faith, love and learning', and a large 'WE ARE HIRING!' headline. Below this, it says 'Join our dedicated team and make a difference every day.' and 'WE ARE RECRUITING A Level 2 Teaching Assistant &amp; Midday Supervisor'. A heart icon separates this from the text 'Be part of a supportive team inspiring children to grow, learn and succeed.' At the bottom, there are icons for a grid of dots, a globe, a telephone, and a shield with a cross. Text next to these icons provides application information: 'APPLY TODAY Applications available at www.three-saints.org.uk', 'CONTACT US St Ann's CE Primary School 0151 426 5869', and 'Part of The Three Saints Academy Trust'.

## IS YOUR CHILD RESIDENTIAL READY?

### TIPS FOR BUILDING INDEPENDENCE AND CONFIDENCE



School residential trips help children develop resilience, perseverance, independence, confidence and self-esteem, while enjoying time outdoors and supporting their physical and mental wellbeing.

**St Ann's offers a residential holiday in Year 4 — the earlier you start preparing, the better!**



1



#### ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

- Falling asleep in their own bed
- Cleaning themselves after the toilet, including flushing and washing hands
- Dressing and undressing independently
- Brushing hair and teeth
- Using a knife and fork confidently



2



#### HAVE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS

- Talk about the residential positively
- Avoid sharing adult worries directly with children
- Discuss concerns away from them because children pick up on tone and body language



3



#### ADDRESS THEIR WORRIES

- Listen and acknowledge their feelings
- Work together on realistic solutions
- Examples include fear of sleeping in the dark and bedwetting, with reassurance that staff are there to help



4



#### KEEP THEM INFORMED

- Explain what to expect
- They may not share with their best friend
- Electronic devices will not be allowed
- Emphasise the growth and learning from the experience



5



#### INVOLVE THEM IN PACKING

- Pack together so they know what they have and where it is
- Builds confidence and responsibility



#### NEED MORE SUPPORT?

Please speak with your child's class teacher.  
We are here to help every step of the way!



# Family of Faith



## A Reflection from Mrs Hartley

Proverbs 4:6–7 reminds us that wisdom is something precious that we should actively seek and value. Wisdom is more than simply knowing facts; it is understanding how to make good choices and live in a way that reflects God's love. The verse tells us that wisdom will protect and guide us, helping us to choose what is right, even when making the right decision can be difficult. As Christians, we can ask God to give us wisdom and help us listen to the advice of others. Wisdom encourages us to think carefully, learn from our experiences and use our understanding to make choices that help ourselves and others.

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

### WISDOM

Do not forsake wisdom,  
and she will protect you;  
love her, and she will watch  
over you. Wisdom is  
supreme; therefore get  
wisdom. Though it cost all  
you have, get  
understanding.

Proverbs 4: 6-7

### 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.





RAINHILL  
HIGH SCHOOL

# OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER

Come and see what makes  
Rainhill High School special.

EVENT TIME

**5:00pm -  
7:00pm**

PRINCIPAL'S SPEECH

**5:45pm**  
by Mrs. Thorogood

## | In Pursuit of Excellence.

LEARN THINK CONTRIBUTE CARE





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# MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

*Let's do something amazing together*

EVERYONE  
WELCOME!



FRIDAY  
25 SEPTEMBER



9.30AM



BREW  
GOOD  
DO GOOD



CHOIR PERFORMANCE!

HOSTED BY

KS2 RIGHTS RESPECTING PARLIAMENT

HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

Y6 SPORTS LEADERS



WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT



## **WELCOME TO THE SCHOOLS MUSIC SERVICE**

The S.M.S provides quality music education and support in schools and in the community. Established in 1997, we provide tuition for over 1000 children in schools throughout the North West.

### **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

Group rate tuition fees are based on around 3 pupils sharing a half hour lesson. There are 10 lessons per term, totalling 30 lessons per academic year. The cost is £7.50 per lesson, £75.00 per term, a total of £225.00 a year. Parents may pay in advance or by 10 monthly instalments of £22.50.

### **VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS:**

[www.schoolsmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.schoolsmusicservice.co.uk)

Tel: 0151 426 9953

Email: [schoolsmusicservice@gmail.com](mailto:schoolsmusicservice@gmail.com)



# U5 (26/27) INTAKE

AVAILABLE FOR ALL  
BOYS AND GIRLS  
STARTING  
RECEPTION CLASS  
SEPT 26



★ **START YOUR JOURNEY WITH FFC** ★

-  Fundamental skill sessions
-  Fun football activities
-  Regular sessions run by FFC coaches
-  Building towards under 5s teams playing weekends

## CONTACT US:

-  07479953465
-  @footyfactorycoaching
-  Tuesday, 5-6pm
-  St Ann's Primary School & Rainhill High (Winter)

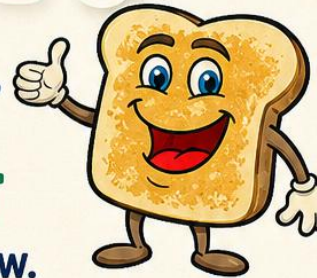
**£5 PER SESSION**

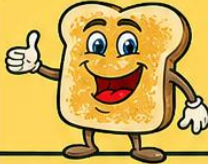


# ORDER YOUR TOAST!



To enjoy toast at breaktime,  
please ensure your child's  
**ARBOR ACCOUNT**  
is in credit by the dates below.



|  | 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 2                                                                          | £8.25      | 25th May 2027                         |

**TOTAL FOR THE YEAR £47.50**

PLEASE TOP UP YOUR  
CHILD'S **ARBOR ACCOUNT**  
IN GOOD TIME TO AVOID  
DISAPPOINTMENT.



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# SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS

At St Ann's, we take pride in our uniform.  
Wearing our uniform smartly shows respect for ourselves,  
our school and our community.

## OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

- ✓ Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- ✓ White shirt
- ✓ School tie  
*(Navy, green and white stripe)*
- ✓ Grey trousers or grey shorts
- ✓ Navy blue pinafore or skirt
- ✓ Blue and white checked summer dress
- ✓ Grey, navy or white socks  
or navy tights



\*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

Children must wear plain black school shoes. These should be sensible, safe and appropriate for school. Please no trainers, boots, shoes with logos or coloured soles.



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# 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:**  
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.



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# PURCHASING SCHOOL ITEMS



Arbor

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



School Bag

£10.00



Junior Tie

£4.00



Elasticated Tie

£3.50

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# 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.



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# ST ANN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## 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**



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## ≡ 2026/27 TERM DATES ≡

|                                                                                                        | Open On                    | Close On                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
|  <b>AUTUMN 2026</b> | Wednesday 2 September 2026 | Friday 23 October 2026  |
|                                                                                                        | Monday 4 November 2026     | Friday 18 December 2026 |
|  <b>SPRING 2027</b> | Tuesday 5 January 2027     | Friday 12 February 2027 |
|                                                                                                        | Monday 22 February 2027    | Thursday 25 March 2027  |
|  <b>SUMMER 2027</b> | Monday 12 April 2027       | Friday 28 May 2027      |
|                                                                                                        | Monday 7 June 2027         | Wednesday 21 July 2027  |



### EASTER BANK HOLIDAYS:

Good Friday: Friday 26 March 2027  
Easter Monday: 29 March 2027



### BANK HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME:

Monday 3 May 2027



### INSET DAYS:

- 1 September 2026
- 2 November 2026
- 3 November 2026
- 20 November 2026
- 4 January 2027

**Courtesy**

**Care**

**Concentration**



**St. Ann's Church of England Primary School**

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Instagram: [stanns](#) [ttsat](#)

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**



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# AUTUMN 2026 DAIRY DATES

*Important dates for your diary*



| DATE                                                                                                                                                                  | EVENT / ACTIVITY                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  Wednesday 2 September 2026                                                          | School opens for Y1-Y6                                                                                                                            |
|  Thursday 3 September 2026                                                           | School opens for EYs                                                                                                                              |
|  Tuesday 8 September                                                                 | Y5 & Y6 Meet the Teacher 5pm                                                                                                                      |
|  Wednesday 9 September                                                               | Y4 & Y5 Meet the Teacher 5pm<br>EYs start school full time                                                                                        |
|  Thursday 10 September                                                               | Y2 Meet the Teacher 5pm                                                                                                                           |
|  Monday 14 September                                                                 | Music Roadshow @ 3.30pm<br>For parents who are interested in their child learning to play a musical instrument                                    |
|  Friday 25 September                                                                 | Macmillan Coffee Morning @ 9.30am                                                                                                                 |
|  Friday 2 October                                                                    | Y4 Harvest Service @ Church, 2.15pm                                                                                                               |
|  Friday 9 October                                                                   | 6S Family Worship @ 9.00am                                                                                                                        |
|  w/c Monday 12 October                                                             | Parent Insight sessions (dates of class sessions TBC)                                                                                             |
|  Friday 16 October                                                                 | 6H Family Worship @ 9.00am<br>Wear Red to show Racism the Red Card                                                                                |
|  Friday 23 October                                                                 | Dedication of the New School Year Service @ church, 9.30am,<br>EYs parents/ carers invited<br>Individual/ sibling photograph day<br>School closes |
|  Wednesday 4 November                                                              | School opens                                                                                                                                      |
|  Wednesday 4 November - Friday 13 November                                         | 5B Swimming (daily except Monday 9 November)                                                                                                      |
|  Friday 13 November                                                                | 5B Family Worship @ 9.00am                                                                                                                        |
|  Tuesday 17 November - Friday 27 November                                          | 5H Swimming (daily except Friday 20 November & Tuesday 23 November)                                                                               |
|  Wednesday 18 November                                                             | Flu immunisations – EYs to Y6                                                                                                                     |
|  Thursday 19 November                                                              | September 2027 Open Day, 9.30am & 1.30pm                                                                                                          |
|  Friday 20 November                                                                | School closed to pupils<br>Staff Inset Day                                                                                                        |
|  Friday 27 November                                                                | 3R Family Worship @ 9.00am                                                                                                                        |
|  Friday 27 November – Thursday 3 December & Monday 7 December - Friday 11 December | Y5 Bikeability                                                                                                                                    |
|  Monday 30 November & Tuesday 1 December                                           | Parent Evening 3.30-6.00pm                                                                                                                        |
|  Friday 4 December                                                                 | 4M Family Worship @ 9.00am<br>Y5 Liverpool World Museum Trip<br>EYs & Y1 Christingle Workshops                                                    |
|  Wednesday 9 December, Thursday 10 December & Friday 11 December                   | Breakfast with Santa<br>8.00-8.40am                                                                                                               |
|  Friday 11 December                                                                | 4G Family Worship @ 9.00am<br>Christmas Jumper Day                                                                                                |
|  Monday 14 December                                                                | KS1 Nativity, 9.30am & 2.00pm<br>KS2 Choir to Liverpool Cathedral to take part in<br>The Diocese of Liverpool Primary Schools Carol Service (am)  |
|  Tuesday 15 December                                                               | KS1 Nativity, 9.30am & 2.00pm<br>Y5 Liverpool World Museum Trip                                                                                   |
|  Wednesday 16 December                                                             | EYs Nativity, 9.30am & 2.00pm<br>Y2 Christmas Party                                                                                               |
|  Thursday 17 December                                                              | EYs, Y1 & Y3 Christmas Party                                                                                                                      |
|  Friday 18 December                                                                | Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party<br>Y3 Christmas Service @ church, 2.15pm<br>School closes                                                                 |

⇒ A busy and exciting term ahead! ⇐ ♥

This term we will be focussing in school on the value WISDOM.  
We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

## TALK ABOUT WISDOM TOGETHER...

**Wisdom** is different from just being clever. Often wise people have lots of experience and can give good advice to help us make difficult decisions. Some people pray because they believe that God can help them to live their lives **wisely**.

Talk together about:

- Making **wise** choices
- The consequences of our words and actions
- Learning **wisdom** from others – including children from parents and parents from children
- Learning from our mistakes and becoming **wiser** through them



## READ TOGETHER...

### The wise and foolish builders

Jesus told a story about two men. The first man was **wise** and decided to build his house on a rock. This house was hard to build. He had to stand on the rock and dig foundations deep down into that hard rock to make his house strong. He worked for many, many days before his new house was finished. It was a long time before he and his family could move in.

The other man built his house on the sand. This house was easy to build. The sand was soft, easy to stand on, and easy to dig into. He built his house very quickly and soon his family was living happily in their new house.

But then, one day it started to rain. It didn't rain gently. It didn't rain for just a few minutes. It poured. The wind blew and blew. All round new streams began to flow, making their own tracks across the rock and sands. The rainwater washed around the house on the rock and ran down the roads. But the house stood firm, it didn't move, and everyone inside was safe.

The family in the house on the sand looked out at the raging storm. Their house was creaking, it was moving. The water gushed all around. And then crash! As the sands shifted the house tumbled to the ground.

Jesus said, "The man who built his house on rock is like someone who listens to my **wise** teaching and builds their life upon it. When storms and troubles come, they will stand firm."

Bible story based on Matthew 7:24-27

## THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"It's no good shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted."

*Anon*

This is a well-known proverb.  
Can you think of a time when you did the right thing but too late?



## QUIZ Wordsearch

Can you find the words from the story?

- |        |             |          |
|--------|-------------|----------|
| WISE   | HOUSE       | FOOLISH  |
| STORM  | RAIN        | BUILD    |
| STRONG | FIRM        | CRASH    |
| ROCK   | SOFT        | CREAKING |
| SAND   | FOUNDATIONS |          |

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## FAMILY FOCUS

### Building a Wall of Wisdom

Everyone has a favourite proverb or wise saying. Talk to family members about proverbs that they think give **wise** advice. Ask them to explain the meaning of the proverb and add it to a 'wall of **wisdom**'.

Build your wall by writing each proverb on a 'brick' cut out of paper. Blu-tack the bricks on to a wall.

You can find lots of proverbs on [www.phrases.org.uk](http://www.phrases.org.uk)



To start you off here three well-known proverbs:

"A chain is only as strong as the weakest link"

"Many hands make light work"

"Don't count your chickens before they hatch"



## FASCINATING FACTS

### Why are some teeth called wisdom teeth?

- Your first teeth are called milk teeth. Can your Mum tell you when you cut your first milk tooth?
- Milk teeth normally fall out while you are in primary school and are replaced by adult teeth, which have to last for the rest of your life! Can you remember when your first milk tooth came out?
- **Wisdom** teeth grow much later than adult teeth in most people and are bigger, flatter teeth. Can one of the adults in the family remember when they grew their first **wisdom** tooth?

Over the centuries and in different parts of the world '**wisdom** teeth' have been known by many names:

- In Ancient Greece they were *sophronisteres*, thoughtful teeth.
- Later in Roman times they were given the name *dentes sapientiae*, teeth of wisdom.
- The name **wisdom** teeth was adopted in Britain in Victorian times.
- In Arabic speaking countries, the teeth are called *Ders-al-a'qel*, or teeth of the mind.
- In Spain they are referred to as *muela de juicio*, or teeth of judgment, because they grow as young people leave school and become **wiser** and have more responsibility.



## HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

### A Brick for the Wall

Make a shoe box 'brick'. Cover the box with paper and write your favourite proverb on the brick. Then, either in a cartoon drawing or in words (hand written or typed on the computer and printed), tell a story using your proverb as the moral. Finish with the words:

So this proves the proverb, ".....".

(For example, So this proves the proverb "Don't count your chickens before they hatch".)

Decorate the brick so it looks fantastic and take it to school to help build a Wall of **Wisdom**.



## HALL OF FAME

### Confucius

Confucius was an ancient Chinese teacher. He lived more than 2500 years ago but such was his **wisdom** and understanding that his teaching is still remembered today.

Confucius wanted everyone to see the importance of making **wise** and thoughtful choices.

One of his sayings is...

"Everything in creation has a beauty of its own but not everyone is able to see it."

