



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



PARENT FORUM 2026–27

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who nominated themselves to become Parent Forum representatives for this academic year. We are delighted to introduce this year's representatives, who are listed below. Our first Parent Forum meeting will take place on Friday 9 October at 2pm, with a set agenda and an opportunity for any other business. If you would like anything to be brought to the attention of the School Leadership Team, please speak to your child's class representative. We look forward to working closely with our Parent Forum representatives as we work together for the benefit of all our children.



EYM	VACANCY	3R	Ashley Nickson parent of Mally
EYP	Nicole McGarry parent of Olivia	4G	VACANCY
1S	VACANCY	4M	VACANCY
1T	Zaid Al-Hamadani parent of Karam	5B	Emily Maguire parent of Hugh
2M	Amy Woods parent of Elsie	5H	Roslyn Gribben parent of Imogen
2O	Leanne Cahill parent of Liam	6H	VACANCY
3J	Benjamin parent of Isabella	6S	VACANCY

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>	97.74%
Whole school attendance week ending 11 th September 2026	98.45%
Class with best weekly attendance	3R – 100%

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.

#EveryMomentMatters



Number of pupils with 100% attendance this week

382

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.



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A YEAR OF SPORT AT ST ANN'S

Opportunities • Participation • Personal Development



We are excited to continue developing opportunities for our children to take part in PE, school sport, competitions and festivals throughout the coming school year.

At St Ann's, we believe that sport is about much more than winning. Through PE and school sport, children develop confidence, resilience, teamwork, determination, leadership and a positive attitude towards themselves and others. Our aim is to give as many children as possible the opportunity to experience competitive and non-competitive sport and, where appropriate, to represent our school.

Healthy
Children
Happier
Futures
♥



HOW DOES COMPETITION SELECTION WORK?

Every competition is different, so the children selected will vary from event to event.

When selecting children, we consider:



Sporting ability & skills

A child's current skills, fitness, understanding and suitability for the level of competition.



Effort & enthusiasm

A positive attitude, commitment to learning and a willingness to improve.



The St Ann's Standard

Children representing our school are expected to consistently demonstrate our 3Cs – Courtesy, Care and Concentration.



Opportunity & inclusion

We want a wide range of children to experience representing St Ann's. Selection will therefore take account of individual circumstances and opportunities a child may not otherwise experience.



Some events may involve trials or training, while others may be selected through PE lessons, clubs or teacher judgement.

Please remember...

Being selected for one competition does not guarantee selection for another.

We will actively seek to provide opportunities for different children, year groups and abilities throughout the year.

NOT EVERY COMPETITION IS THE SAME

Our sporting events have different purposes.



CELEBRATE

Fun, enjoyment and participation, helping children develop confidence and achieve their personal best.



INSPIRE

Developing sport-specific skills, motivation and social connections.



ASPIRE

More competitive opportunities which support children's sporting performance and character development.

This means that selection criteria may look different depending on the event.

Our approach reflects the school's commitment to providing inclusive opportunities for children to experience sport and, where appropriate, represent St Ann's.

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE CHILD

Sport provides children with opportunities to develop skills that reach far beyond the playing field.



CONFIDENCE



RESILIENCE



TEAMWORK



LEADERSHIP



DETERMINATION



SPORTSMANSHIP



INDEPENDENCE

We want our children to learn that success is not simply about winning. It is about effort, improvement, supporting others and being proud of what they can achieve.



WE NEED OUR PARENTS!

Throughout the year, some competitions and sporting events will require an adult volunteer to accompany and support our children.

We are therefore looking for proactive, enthusiastic and sports-loving parent/carers who would be happy to support St Ann's teams at events.



If you would be interested in becoming a St Ann's Sports Volunteer, please contact the school office or speak to the PE Lead.



IMPORTANTLY...

Your child does not necessarily need to be attending the competition for you to volunteer!

Your support could help us provide more opportunities for our children to take part in school sport.

REPRESENTING ST ANN'S



When children are selected for a competition, they are representing St Ann's and our whole school community.

We ask children to demonstrate our St Ann's 3Cs and to compete with a positive attitude, respect and good sportsmanship.

We want every child who represents St Ann's to feel proud, supported and valued – whether they win, lose or achieve a personal best.

★ Let's make it a year of sport! ★

MORE OPPORTUNITIES • MORE PARTICIPATION • MORE CONFIDENCE • MORE CHILDREN REPRESENTING ST ANN'S

HEIGHT & WEIGHT SCREENING

Our annual Height and Weight Screening Programme will take place on **Friday 2 October** for children from EYFS through to Year 6. The screening is carried out by the School Nursing Team as part of the national child health programme. Parents and carers will receive further information directly from the NHS.

FAMILY WORSHIP

We are delighted to invite parents and carers of 6S to join us for our Family Worship on **Friday 9 October at 9.00am**. This will be a special opportunity to come together as a school family, reflect and worship with the children. We look forward to welcoming our 6S families. Please line up outside the back hall door to enter school.

☕️ 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!**



DID YOU KNOW?

Mr Harrison is a Primary Maths Specialist! 🧮

But what does this mean? Mr Harrison has specialist knowledge and expertise in teaching mathematics in primary schools. He supports children to develop a strong understanding of mathematical concepts, while also helping teachers to develop their practice and confidence in teaching maths.



We are very lucky to have his expertise at St Ann's!

VISIT FROM RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL HEADTEACHER

On Tuesday 15 September, Year 6 were delighted to welcome Mrs Josie Thorogood, Headteacher of Rainhill High School, to St Ann's. Mrs Thorogood spoke to the children about the importance of working hard and making the most of their final year of primary school before moving on to secondary education next July. Her inspiring message encouraged our Year 6 pupils to aim high, embrace new opportunities and look forward with confidence to the exciting journey ahead.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY SPOTLIGHT



Every day counts!

★ OUR GOAL

To achieve at least

97%

overall attendance
for the school year.

DAILY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

100%
Excellent

Your child
is thriving
and making
the most of
every opportunity.

97%
Good

Well done!
Keep it up!

95%
Concerned

Attendance
is starting to
slip. Let's
work together
to improve.

90%
Serious
concern

Your child
may be missing
out on important
learning.



Be on time,
be ready,
be your best!

★ PUNCTUALITY

Arriving on time helps your child
feel calm, settled and ready to learn.

*Just 5 minutes late each day
adds up to 3 days lost a year!*



Good attendance
and punctuality
builds confidence,
friendships and
progress.



LET'S WORK TOGETHER
to make every school day count!

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Y4 HARVEST SERVICE

We are looking forward to celebrating our
Year 4 Harvest Service at St Ann's Church



**Friday 2 October
at 2.15pm.**

Y4 parents and carers are warmly invited to
join us for this special celebration and to share
in our thanksgiving for the Harvest.



We will be collecting food donations
(non-perishable items) until
Friday 2 October.



These will be donated to our local food bank
to support families in our community.

*Thank you for your generosity and
continued support.*



Family of Faith



A Reflection from Mrs Preston

Heavenly wisdom is more than simply being clever or knowing the right answer. James 3:17 reminds us that true wisdom is shown through the way we live and treat others. It is peace-loving, considerate, merciful and fair. When we seek God's wisdom, we are encouraged to listen carefully, think before we act and make choices that show kindness and compassion. Wisdom helps us to see situations from different perspectives and choose what is right, even when it may be difficult. As we grow in wisdom, may our words and actions bring peace, kindness and "good fruit" to those around us.

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

WISDOM

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial

James 3:17

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.





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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

Tel: 0151 426 9953

Email: schoolsmusicservice@gmail.com



St Ann Church will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival
between Friday 4 December and Sunday 6 December 2026

In preparation for this and to raise much needed funds for Church, we are
selling wooden Christmas Angels for £2 each.

We would be delighted if the children and their families could purchase and
decorate their angel or write a message on it, and either place it on their own
family tree or return it to Church during the Christmas Tree Festival and place
it on our Parish tree.

**Angels can be purchased from the Millennium Centre after school Tuesday
to Friday, or from Church or at the next Farmers Market on Saturday 3
October.**

Thank You



RAINHILL UNITED JFC

COMETS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

AGED 5 TO 11 YEARS OLD



COMETS FOOTBALL

We are a friendly community youth football club with an ambition to become more inclusive through our Comets sessions. The sessions are for disabled children and children with SEND aged 5-11. The sessions will be fun, friendly and focused on confidence, friendship and enjoyment. All abilities are welcome!

SESSIONS INCLUDE

- ✓ A very warm welcome.
- ✓ A SEND Friendly approach.
- ✓ Small sided football games.
- ✓ Simple adaptations so every child can take part in a way that works for them.



Sessions led by a coach with Level 3 Learning Support Assistant qualification and UEFA B. Just £5 per session.



**SESSIONS AT RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL
MUGA. MONDAYS 5-6PM**

To book or find out more visit our website

www.rainhillunited.co.uk/comets/

Questions welcome - please email welfare@rainhillunited.co.uk





RAINHILL UNITED JFC

FUTURE STARS FOR BOYS IN RECEPTION

TO YEAR 1



BOYS FOOTBALL

Our Future Stars program is designed specifically for boys in Reception and Year 1. This initiative aims to introduce young players to the fundamentals of football, in a fun and engaging environment. To help promote skill development and coordination in a friendly environment.

SESSIONS INCLUDE

- ✓ Fun Football training activities
- ✓ Football skill development
- ✓ Engaging sessions every week
- ✓ Friendly and supportive coaches

We help to build football skills, confidence, teamwork and a love for the game ! Just £5.00 per session.



MONDAYS 5 PM - 6 PM
RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL MUGA

To book or find out more visit our website
www.rainhillunited.co.uk/future-stars/





RAINHILL UNITED JFC

WILDCATS FOR GIRLS IN RECEPTION TO
YEAR 6.



GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our Wildcats initiative is for girls in reception up to year 6. Coaching is provided by Rainhill Football Academy, the Wildcats focus on building co-ordination skills, while fostering a fun and inclusive environment and the fundamentals of football.

SESSIONS INCLUDE



- ✓ Fun Football training activities
- ✓ Football skill development
- ✓ Engaging sessions every week
- ✓ Friendly and supportive coaches

We help to build football coordination, confidence, teamwork and a love for the game ! Just £5 per session.

**FRIDAYS 5 PM - 6 PM RAINHILL
HIGH SCHOOL MUGA**

To book or find out more visit our website
www.rainhillunited.co.uk/wildcats/

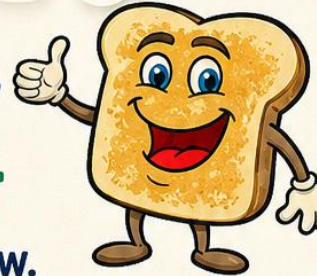


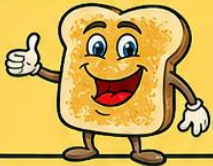


ORDER YOUR TOAST!



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.

THANK YOU
for your
continued
support!



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 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

Thank you for supporting our school.

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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
 AUTUMN 2026	Wednesday 2 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
	Monday 4 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
 SPRING 2027	Tuesday 5 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
 SUMMER 2027	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



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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



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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 EYs start school full time
 Thursday 10 September	Y2 Meet the Teacher 5pm
 Monday 14 September	Music Roadshow @ 3.30pm 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 Wear Red to show Racism the Red Card
 Friday 23 October	Dedication of the New School Year Service @ church, 9.30am, EYs parents/ carers invited Individual/ sibling photograph day 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 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 Y5 Liverpool World Museum Trip EYs & Y1 Christingle Workshops
 Wednesday 9 December, Thursday 10 December & Friday 11 December	Breakfast with Santa 8.00-8.40am
 Friday 11 December	4G Family Worship @ 9.00am Christmas Jumper Day
 Monday 14 December	KS1 Nativity, 9.30am & 2.00pm KS2 Choir to Liverpool Cathedral to take part in The Diocese of Liverpool Primary Schools Carol Service (am)
 Tuesday 15 December	KS1 Nativity, 9.30am & 2.00pm Y5 Liverpool World Museum Trip
 Wednesday 16 December	EYs Nativity, 9.30am & 2.00pm Y2 Christmas Party
 Thursday 17 December	EYs, Y1 & Y3 Christmas Party
 Friday 18 December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party Y3 Christmas Service @ church, 2.15pm 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 | |

F	U	E	T	W	K	T	F	W	M	L	S
S	O	S	D	W	I	O	W	R	V	A	V
F	B	U	W	L	O	S	O	G	N	P	E
C	X	O	N	L	I	T	E	D	C	T	Q
H	F	H	I	D	S	U	L	O	R	F	W
R	P	S	E	A	A	B	B	P	E	O	S
O	H	E	J	N	N	T	F	K	A	S	L
C	R	A	S	H	M	B	I	V	K	X	T
K	N	I	A	R	S	R	J	O	I	H	H
P	G	N	O	R	T	S	I	P	N	Y	L
X	L	G	Y	F	M	T	J	F	G	S	F
V	X	I	T	F	P	O	A	P	G	S	X



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



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."

