



# St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



Our Macmillan Coffee Morning was a wonderful success and a very special morning for our St Ann's family. Macmillan is a charity that is close to many of our hearts, and it was lovely to see our school community come together to support such an important cause. We were treated to a beautiful performance from our school choir, who sang wonderfully and helped to make the morning even more special. A huge well done to our KS2 Rights Respecting Parliament, Head Boy and Head Girl, and Sports Leaders, who did a fantastic job hosting and welcoming our families. We

are incredibly proud of the way our children demonstrated kindness, service and leadership. We are now looking forward to finding out how much money we have raised. As Christians, we are called to show love and compassion towards others and to use what we have to help those in need. Our Coffee Morning was a wonderful example of this Christian duty in action, showing that together, even small acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference.





|                                                                           |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Whole school attendance<br>year to date<br><i>Whole School target 96%</i> | 97.82%    |
| Whole school attendance<br>week ending 18 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2026 | 97.94%    |
| Class with best weekly<br>attendance                                      | 1T – 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

**384**

### 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.

## ✿ SEND UPDATE

This year, **Mrs Preston is our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCO)** at St Ann's. In this role, Mrs Preston works closely with children, families, class teachers and external professionals to ensure that children with additional needs receive the appropriate support to help them thrive.

If you have any questions, concerns or information relating to your child's **SEND needs or provision**, please direct all communication to:

✉ [rsa.inclusion@three-saints.org.uk](mailto:rsa.inclusion@three-saints.org.uk)

We also have a dedicated **SEND section on our school website**, which contains useful information for parents and carers, including information about how we identify and support SEND, our Local Offer, our graduated response and SEND-related policies.

[Visit our SEND Information page](#)

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to ensure that **every child can thrive and achieve their potential**.

### 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.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MORNING – ANGLICAN ETHOS AND CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS



But those who trust in  
the LORD will find  
new strength. They  
will soar high on wings  
like eagles.

– ISAIAH 40:31

This week, we held a School Committee morning which focused on the importance of our Anglican ethos and Christian distinctiveness as the foundation of St Ann's as a Church of England primary school. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what makes our school special and how our Christian vision, values and worship are woven through the life of our school and shape the experiences of our children. A huge thank you to our Governors for taking the time to attend and engage so positively with the morning. Governors had the opportunity to speak with Mrs Rynn about our Christian distinctiveness and then joined Rev Shirley for worship alongside children from Year 1 to Year 6 and our staff team. It was lovely to see our whole school community coming together in worship and reflection, celebrating the important role that our faith plays in who we are as #TeamStAnns.

## DID YOU KNOW?

At St Ann's, our commitment to education extends beyond our own pupils. Our staff also play an important role in supporting and training the next generation of teachers. We are proud to share our knowledge and experience with trainee teachers, helping them to develop the skills and understanding they need to become excellent educators. This week, Mrs Hartley led a training session focusing on spoken language and reading for pleasure, sharing practical strategies and ideas to support children's communication, confidence and love of reading. We are delighted that our staff can contribute to the development of future teachers and help strengthen teaching beyond our own school community. 📄 ✨

## 📅 IMPORTANT DIARY DATE CHANGES

Please note a few changes to the dates published in our Autumn Diary Dates. We apologise for the errors and any confusion this may have caused.

- **5H Family Worship** – now **Friday 13 November at 9.00am**
- **5B Family Worship** – now **Friday 27 November at 9.00am**
- **3R Family Worship** – now **Friday 22 January at 9.00am**
- **3J Family Worship** – now **Friday 5 February at 9.00am**

Please update your diaries accordingly. Thank you for your understanding.

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

## Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!

This session will explore all aspects of children's online lives including associated risks, the latest trends and data and practical guidance on how you can support them to stay safe and thrive online

Click on the link at the stated time to join the live session:  
<https://teams.microsoft.com/j/mta-join/19%3ameeting-NWU4NmMQMzktZjdjYS00NzhhlW3lNmltYWQwYmVYTAA3N2U0X40hread.v2/0?context=%2b%221d%22%3a%22dcd5fd59edcd762%22%2c%220ld%22%3a%225772fa8f.9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%7d>

**WEDNESDAY  
30TH SEPT  
2026  
4PM – 4.45PM**





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# Y1 - Y6 PARENT INSIGHT SESSIONS



Want to find out more about  
how your child is taught?

Then come along to our Parent Insight sessions!  
This time, the focus is on supporting your child  
to secure foundational knowledge at home.



Siblings who do not attend the school are not  
permitted to attend for health and safety reasons.



The session will begin with a **brief talk from  
your child's class teacher** about the session  
you will take part in.



Children whose parents/carers do not attend,  
will still take part in the lesson.



1 parent/carer is invited to join their child  
for one **demonstration lesson** which is designed  
to give you an insight into teaching and learning  
in the subject area. Dates and times can be seen  
below.



Lessons will take place in the **Studio** to ensure  
there is enough space. To enter, parents/carers  
should wait at the front of school by the blue Base  
door 5 minutes before the start of the session.



Mobile phone should be **switched off**  
before you enter the premises.

We look forward  
to welcoming you! 



| Class | Date                 | Time    |
|-------|----------------------|---------|
| 1S    | Wednesday 14 October | 10.00am |
| 1T    | Wednesday 14 October | 11.00am |
| 2M    | Wednesday 14 October | 1.15pm  |
| 2O    | Wednesday 14 October | 2.15pm  |
| 3J    | Thursday 15 October  | 1.15pm  |
| 3R    | Thursday 15 October  | 2.15pm  |
| 4G    | Thursday 15 October  | 10.00am |
| 4M    | Thursday 15 October  | 11.00am |
| 5B    | Tuesday 13 October   | 10.00am |
| 5H    | Tuesday 13 October   | 11.00am |
| 6H    | Tuesday 13 October   | 1.15pm  |
| 6S    | Tuesday 13 October   | 2.15pm  |



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LOOKING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE  
FOR YOUR CHILD FOR  
**SEPTEMBER 2027?**

COME AND VISIT ST ANN'S!

**OPEN DAY**



**19 NOVEMBER**



**9.30am**



**1.30pm**

Come and see our school,  
meet our staff and discover  
what makes St Ann's special.



Prospective Reception parents  
are warmly invited to attend.

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# A SPOTLIGHT ON: SCHOOL UNIFORM

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The wearing of correct school uniform is **compulsory** (all items).

*This is incorporated in the Home School Agreement.*



## RATIONALE

The main benefits for the wearing of school uniform include:

- ✓ It helps pupils **identify with the school** and creates a **sense of belonging** (#TeamStAnns 😊).
- ✓ It **ensures** all pupils **feel equal** and **contributes** to their **self-esteem** (pupils who do not wear correct school uniform can feel more or less special than everyone else).
- ✓ It **disguises social and economic differences** between pupils.



## BAGS

It is **compulsory** for children to bring the **navy school book bag** into school each day. Pupils are permitted to bring one pump bag into school for any after schools they may attend.



*Holdalls and rucksacks are **not** permitted because they fall off the children's pegs and create a trip hazard. This forms part of our fire safety risk assessment.*



## WINTER/ SUMMER UNIFORM

As the weather is so changeable nowadays in the UK, parents/carers can decide when they wish for their child to wear the winter or summer uniform.



## PE KIT

Pupils must wear the full and correct PE kit to school on the days they have PE; this is instead of their school uniform. They should wear trainers rather than pumps.

The PE kit can also be worn on swimming or club days, unless otherwise advised by school.



## FOOTWEAR

When wearing the school uniform, children should **wear black school shoes only**, and not black trainers.



## MAKE UP

The wearing of makeup (temporary or permanent) is **not permitted**. Pupils arriving at school wearing make up will be asked to wash it off.



## HAIR

If hair is long enough to be tied up, it should be (this applies to girls and boys). This prevents head lice spreading. Hairstyles should be appropriate to wearing a school uniform. Hair accessories must be kept to a minimum and in school colours only (e.g. no big bows).



## JEWELLERY (INC EARRINGS)

Children are **not permitted** to wear jewellery to school, this includes **earrings**. If children are getting their ears pierced, this should be done in the first week of the summer holidays to give them plenty of time to heal. Children may wear **backless plastic retainers**. Backless retainers mitigate health and safety issues.



## LOST PROPERTY

Any lost **uniform** may be found in **Lost Property**. Lost Property can be viewed at any time, but for convenience for parents/ carers is displayed in the front entrance every Friday afternoon.



## PRE LOVED UNIFORM

Please speak to the school office if you are interested in pre-loved school uniform.



## LOGOS

No items of the school uniform are required to have the school and trust logos on (other than the school book bag which is provided free of charge when your child joins the school), although parents/ carers may wish to purchase items with the logos on.



## SUPPLIERS OF ST ANN'S UNIFORM

The following retailers stock school items with logos, tie and school book bag.

**Hivis**

[www.hivis.co.uk/stanns.html](http://www.hivis.co.uk/stanns.html)

**Whittakers**

<https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/store/st-helens/>

**Rocket Embroidery**

<https://customuniforms.co.uk/collections/st-anns-c-of-e-rainhill>



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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 Crowther

Wisdom is more than simply knowing the right answer; it is having the understanding to make good choices and to know how to respond when life is difficult. In James 1:5, we are reminded that when we need wisdom, we can ask God. God does not judge us for asking or make us feel foolish for not knowing what to do. Instead, He gives generously and freely to all who seek His guidance. At St Ann's, we encourage our children to grow in wisdom by thinking carefully, listening to others, learning from our experiences and seeking guidance from God. This verse reminds us that we do not have to face challenges alone. Through prayer, reflection and trusting in God, we can ask for the wisdom we need to make kind, courageous and thoughtful choices.

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

### WISDOM

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

James 1:5

### 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.



# Neurodevelopment pathway drop ins

Come along to one of our drop in sessions in St Helens.

Our team will answer questions you have about the neurodevelopment pathway process.

You don't need to be using our service, you can drop in if you have any questions to ask about this.

We look forward to meeting you.

**Tuesdays at Parr Children's Centre and Central Link Family Hub**  
See details and times below

**14 July** at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

**8 September** at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

**10 November** at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

**28 July** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**22 September** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**24 November** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**11 August** at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

**13 October** at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

**8 December** at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

**25 August** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**27 October** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**22 December** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

We work with children and young people with complex neurodevelopmental difficulties, who need an assessment to gain a better understanding of their needs.

Parr Children's Centre, Ashtons Green Drive, St Helens, WA9 2AP

Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street, (off Peter Street), St Helens, WA10 1QF

If you need more information you can contact us on **01744 415 608** or email: [mcn-tr.sthelensneuropathway@nhs.net](mailto:mcn-tr.sthelensneuropathway@nhs.net)





## **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)



**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/](http://www.rainhillunited.co.uk/comets/)

Questions welcome - please email [welfare@rainhillunited.co.uk](mailto: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/](http://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/](http://www.rainhillunited.co.uk/wildcats/)

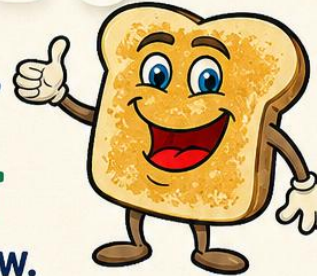


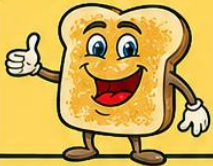


# ORDER YOUR TOAST!



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](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

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                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
|  <b>AUTUMN 2026</b> | Wednesday 2 September 2026 | Friday 23 October 2026  |
|                                                                                                        | Wednesday 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

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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 DIARY DATES



| 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                                                                | 5H 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                                                                | 5B 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?

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|--------|-------------|----------|
| 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."

