

Newsletter Issue 5: Friday 2 October 2026



# St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



## NATIONAL POETRY DAY



This week, St Ann's pupils celebrated National Poetry Day. The 2026 theme was 'Wonder' and 'Our Local Community'. Children explored poems such as 'Woodlice' by Simon Mole, 'The Great Big Clean Up' by Christian Foley and 'Six Ways of Looking at a Leaf' by Kate Wakeling. They had opportunities to read and listen to poems and discuss and reflect on the messages shared. Children then used these poems as stimuli to write their own wonder poems. Pupils discovered the hidden significance in everyday places, people and



moments, found their own poetic voices and enjoyed opportunities to perform their work to classmates — sharing creativity and developing a real pleasure in exploring language and poetic devices.





|                                                                           |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Whole school attendance<br>year to date<br><i>Whole School target 96%</i> | 97.7%                 |
| Whole school attendance<br>week ending 25 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2026 | 97.41%                |
| Class with best weekly<br>attendance                                      | RP, 1T &<br>2O – 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**

**366**

### 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.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are delighted to announce that together we raised a huge £711.15 for Macmillan following our coffee morning.

**WELL DONE TEAM ST ANN'S!**

### 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 NURSE DROP IN



**Tuesday 13 October,  
8.30-9.00am**

Come to the main entrance

### WEAR RED TO SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD



On **Friday 16 October** children are invited to wear red to show racism the red card.



### 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.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Mrs Preston, our School SENDCO, is also the SENDCO at another school within the Trust? We are incredibly proud that a member of our team has been selected for this important role, which is a real testament to the quality of our practice, expertise and commitment to inclusion. It is wonderful to see our knowledge and experience being shared across the Trust, enabling us to make a positive difference not only to the educational experiences of our children at St. Ann's, but also to children and families in another Trust school.

### A REMINDER ABOUT PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

We would like to remind all parents and carers to please **park safely, legally and considerately** when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Please do not park on **double yellow lines**, block residents' driveways or entrances, obstruct gates or prevent other vehicles from accessing roads and car parks. Inconsiderate parking can cause significant disruption for our local residents and other road users, as well as creating potential safety concerns. We are very fortunate to be part of a supportive local community and ask everyone to **show courtesy and care to our neighbours** by parking responsibly and helping to keep the roads around school clear.

Thank you for your continued support. 💖 💖



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# A SPOTLIGHT ON: FOOD & NUTRITION

AT ST. ANN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

At St. Ann's, we understand the vital role a healthy, balanced diet plays in children's development, wellbeing and learning.

Our approach to food and nutrition is rooted in the principles of the Eatwell Guide and national guidance for a healthy diet.

*Healthy  
children  
learn, grow  
and thrive!*



## OUR HEALTHY EATING PRINCIPLES

We encourage children to enjoy:

- ✓ Plenty of fruit and vegetables
- ✓ Plenty of unrefined starchy foods, such as wholemeal bread and brown rice
- ✓ Meat, fish, eggs, beans and other non-dairy sources of protein
- ✓ Milk and dairy products
- ✓ Only small amounts of foods and drinks high in fat, sugar and/or salt



*These principles are reflected in the food provided in school each day.*



## SCHOOL MEALS

School meals at St. Ann's are prepared on site by our dedicated kitchen team and meet school meals standards.

Our menus are designed around the five main food groups in the Eatwell Guide. We use low-fat cooking methods wherever possible and follow the Government's food-based standards and the School Food Plan. We work with regional and national suppliers to ensure the nutritional quality of our ingredients and meet target nutrient specifications.



## SPECIAL DIETS AND ALLERGIES

We recognise that some children require specialist diets or have food allergies. All relevant teaching and kitchen staff are informed of pupils' dietary requirements and allergies to help ensure their safety and wellbeing.



## PACKED LUNCHES

We ask families to support our Healthy Eating Policy by providing nutritious, balanced packed lunches. Suggested items include:

- ✓ Vegetable sticks such as carrot, cucumber and celery
- ✓ Breadsticks, crackers or rice cakes
- ✓ Fresh or dried fruit
- ✓ Cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais
- ✓ Sandwiches or wraps with ham, chicken, tuna or salad, preferably using wholemeal or brown bread
- ✓ Sugar-free jelly or a small portion of cereal



As fridge space is unavailable, we recommend using insulated lunch bags with freezer blocks to keep food fresh. Lunchboxes are stored on trolleys during the school day.



## SNACKS

At break time, children may have fruit, vegetables or toast as a snack.

Toast can be purchased through your Arbor account. For half termly costs, please refer to the school newsletter.

If a child brings a snack that does not meet our Healthy Eating Policy, they will be offered a piece of fruit instead. The original snack will be returned to parents at the end of the school day.

*Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 receive a free piece of fruit and a carton of milk each day.*



## DRINKS

Children may bring still, unflavoured water only in a transparent water bottle. Other drinks are not permitted as they do not align with our Healthy Schools Policy and may contribute to tooth decay.

If an alternative drink is brought into school, it will be replaced with water.

Water bottles are sent home each day for cleaning and refilling. For health and safety reasons, bottles are not taken outside during break or lunchtime.

Children are encouraged to drink at appropriate times throughout the day, but not during direct teaching time.



## SPECIAL EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

While we encourage healthy choices every day, we also recognise that some occasions call for celebration! Exceptions to our food policy apply during special events such as Christmas parties, religious celebrations (e.g. Communion services) and fundraising activities.

*Healthy habits  
for life!*



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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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# Y4 HARVEST SERVICE

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



**Friday 9 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 9 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 Miss Stone

**"A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control."**

This verse reminds us that wisdom is not just about what we know, but how we respond when we feel angry or frustrated. It takes strength and self-control to pause, think and choose our words and actions carefully. When we respond calmly, we show respect and make space for understanding and forgiveness. At St Ann's, we can demonstrate wisdom by stopping, taking a breath, listening to others and choosing a peaceful response. True wisdom helps us to be in control of our emotions rather than letting our emotions control us.

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

### WISDOM

*A fool gives full vent  
to his anger, but a wise  
man keeps himself  
under control*

**Proverbs 29:11**

### 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.





## **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/)



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PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL



# 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/)

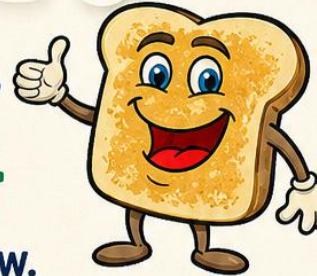


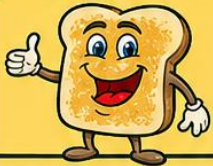


# ORDER YOUR TOAST!



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.



## 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



**Platform 2**  
**St Ann's Church**  
**Millennium Centre**  
**at 9.00am to 10.00am**



**A family service**

**Meeting weekly from Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> 2026**  
**(except the first Sunday of every month)**

**Come early for drinks and pastries**



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



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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 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."

