



# St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



## Y1-Y6 PARENT INSIGHT SESSIONS

We have been delighted with the success of our Y1–Y6 Parent Insight Sessions! It has been wonderful to welcome parents and carers into school to gain a greater understanding of how their children are taught and how they can support learning at home. Each session focused on securing foundational knowledge, giving families a valuable insight into classroom teaching and learning. We are grateful to everyone who took the time to attend and engage with their child's learning. Working in partnership with families is so important, and these sessions are a fantastic way to strengthen the link between home and school. Thank you for your continued support – together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly!



### Building Strong Foundations

#### How You Can Help Your Child Learn, Practise and Remember

Parent Insight

#### Examples of Foundational Knowledge

##### Reading

- Knowing letter-sound correspondences (phonics)
- Using phonics knowledge to decode words accurately
- Recognising common words quickly (e.g. I, was, the)
- Reading age appropriate books fluently with an understanding of what they have read

##### Writing

- Spelling common words
- Using phonics knowledge to encode
- Knowing spelling patterns
- Handwriting



#### Aims of the Session

##### By the end of the session, parents will:

- understand what we mean by foundational knowledge
- understand why fluency and automaticity matter
- know how everyday practice at home can support this
- have tried some simple activities with their child at home

KIDS GET THEIR SUPER POWERS BY  
**ATTENDING SCHOOL  
EVERY DAY** ⚡

BE AN ATTENDANCE  
**SUPERHERO!**

|                                                                           |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Whole school attendance<br>year to date<br><i>Whole School target 96%</i> | 97.12%              |
| Whole school attendance<br>week ending 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2026       | 95.72%              |
| Class with best weekly<br>attendance                                      | 2O & 4G –<br>99.17% |

**#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**

**377**

#### 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.

## DEDICATION OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR SERVICE



On **Friday 23 October at 9.30am**, we will be holding our **Dedication of the New School Service** at **St Ann's Church**. This special service is an opportunity for us to welcome all of our **new Early Years starters**, as well as all children who have joined St Ann's since this time last year. Parents and carers of our Early Years children and other new starters are warmly invited to join us as we give thanks for our new members of the St Ann's family and pray for their time with us.

## FAMILY WORSHIP

Well done to 6H on a wonderful family assembly all about Black History Month.

We are delighted to invite parents and carers of 5H to join us for our next Family Worship on **Friday 13 November at 9.00am**. This will be a special opportunity to come together as a school family, reflect and worship with the children. Please line up outside the back hall door to enter school.

## INDIVIDUAL/ SIBLING PHOTOGRAPH DAY



**Friday 23 October** is our **Individual and Sibling Photograph Day!** Please make sure children come to school wearing their **full and correct school uniform** and, of course, bring **their best smile!** 😊

## 📅 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.

School closes for half term  
on **Friday 23 October**.

School re-opens after half  
term on **Wednesday 4  
November**.

## PARENT FORUM

The first Parent Forum for class reps is on **Wednesday 21 October at 2pm**. If you would like to have anything raised at the Forum, please speak to your class rep.



## Y5/6 RUGBY & Y4 FOOTBALL

Our sporting competitions continued today at Ruskin Drive, with our Year 4 footballers and Year 5/6 rugby team representing St Ann's brilliantly! The Year 4 football team showed fantastic teamwork and determination throughout their games, with James making some incredible saves in goal, Alex scoring one of our top goals and showing excellent dribbling skills, and Harry D producing some

brilliant passes and scoring too. Sophia impressed with her communication and tackling, while Aaron made some excellent tackles and even stepped up in goal. Nya showed bravery, made great decisions and put herself in the right spaces to receive the ball, while Harry W never stopped running! Over on the rugby pitch, our Year 5/6 team demonstrated great teamwork and resilience, with highlights including a fantastic try from Frankie, brilliant tackling from Bobby, and excellent speed from our players. The team also showed great support for one another throughout their matches. We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part today; their effort, positive attitudes and sportsmanship continue to make our school proud!



### A VISIT FROM DAVID THORPE

We were delighted to welcome David Thorpe to St Ann's for a visit focusing on our Christian vision, aims and the foundations that underpin our work as a Church of England school. The visit celebrated the quality of our Religious Education and how we nurture children's spirituality across the curriculum and wider school provision, including our daily collective worship. Mr Thorpe was particularly impressed by how our Christian distinctiveness and ethos are communicated throughout the school environment, including our children's artwork. We are proud that our vision, *"Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly,"* truly shapes our school community.

### A REMINDER ABOUT ITEMS BEING BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL

We kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that children bring only the following items to school:

- Book bag, reading book and diary
  - Lunch box and water bottle
- Toast or a fruit/vegetable snack, for children who do not have school toast

Please ensure that children do not bring in toys, teddies, fidget toys, football cards or other personal items. These can easily become lost or damaged and can also be a distraction in the classroom, taking up valuable teaching and learning time.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping us maintain a focused learning environment where every child can thrive.

## ONLINE SAFETY: KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

At St Ann's, the safety and wellbeing of our children is always our priority. We would like to remind families of the importance of monitoring children's online activity and the content they may be exposed to through social media, online videos and gaming platforms.

We are increasingly concerned about dangerous online trends and so-called *games* that encourage children to copy risky behaviours. These can sometimes involve physical challenges, including actions that restrict breathing or put pressure on the neck. Children may see these behaviours presented as funny or harmless without understanding the potentially serious, even life-threatening, consequences. **Anything that restricts breathing or places pressure on the neck is extremely dangerous and must never be treated as a game.**

We ask parents and carers to talk regularly with their children about what they watch and share online, check their viewing history where appropriate, use parental controls and encourage children to tell a trusted adult if they see something worrying or are encouraged to try something unsafe. Please remind children that they should never copy online challenges simply because others are doing them.

It is also important to remember that **most major social media platforms have a minimum age requirement of 13**, including TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook. WhatsApp also has a minimum age of 13 in the UK. These age restrictions are there for a reason, and we encourage all families to check the age requirements and terms of use for the apps and games their children access.

Working together, we can help our children develop safe online habits, make sensible choices and understand that they should never feel pressured to take part in something that could harm themselves or others.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our St Ann's children safe, both online and offline.

## UNWANTED SOCKS



At this time of year the children's socks sometimes get wet at breaktime or lunchtime. To avoid us disturbing parents requesting clean socks we would like to maintain a stock of socks we can use when this happens.

We would therefore be grateful if you would pass any unwanted school socks in good condition into the School Office for us to use.

Many thanks for your help.



— St Ann's —

## A SPOTLIGHT ON: SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEND)



### WHAT IS SEND PROVISION?

SEND means Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. At St Ann's, every child is valued, whatever their needs or abilities. We celebrate each child's unique qualities and adapt teaching and pace so every pupil can thrive.



### OUR APPROACH

- Identify individual needs early
- Share information with relevant people
- Monitor the impact of support
- Adapt the curriculum for access
- Encourage acceptance and respect



### WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE IN PRACTICE?

Teachers and teaching assistants use varied teaching styles and resources. Some children benefit from additional support.

- Work with external specialists, including LASC training, Trauma-Informed Approach and Physical Intervention
- Tailored resources: coloured overlays, pencil grips and fidget toys
- Targeted programmes: IDL and Reading Plus
- Strong partnerships with parents and carers help shape the best support



### OUR SEND PROVISION INCLUDES

- Clear Access Strategies for subtle in-class adaptations
- Bespoke curriculum where a more individualised approach is needed
- In-class support from teachers and teaching assistants
- Personalised timetables focused on specific outcomes
- Small-group or 1:1 Teaching Assistant sessions
- Sensory Room and Rainbow Room for therapeutic support
- Individual movement breaks and Sensory Diets
- Termly reviews of each child's Individual Support Plan with their class teacher



### WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Questions or concerns about your child's learning?  
Contact our SENDCo, Mrs Preston:

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



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Church of England Primary School  
Rainhill

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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.



Courtesy • Care • Concentration

#TeamStAnns



# HENRY

## Programme

Free  
sessions  
for parents  
and carers!

### Support for families with children aged 0-5

The NHS 0-19+ team is delighted to launch the **HENRY Programme** in St Helens – a nationally recognised initiative offering free, friendly support to help parents and carers feel more confident and build healthy, happy family routines.

The programme explores everyday family life, with practical advice on fussy eating, managing behaviour, emotional wellbeing, establishing routines and getting active together.



### Upcoming sessions



#### Understanding Children's Behaviour

Explore the feelings and needs behind children's behaviour, the importance of listening and how responding with empathy can make a positive difference.



Thursday  
22 October  
1.30pm – 2.30pm



#### Looking After Ourselves

Discover practical ways to look after your own wellbeing, stay calm, manage stress and develop realistic coping strategies, while letting go of feelings of guilt or failure.



Thursday  
3 December  
11.00am – 12 noon



#### Eating Well for Less

Find out how to shop for healthier food on a budget, plan meals effectively and prepare simple, tasty, low-cost family meals.



Thursday  
4 February  
1.30pm – 2.30pm

### What do other parents think?



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

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



### How to book

Places are  
free but  
limited!

Book your place through Eventbrite using the links below:

- Understanding Children's Behaviour – 22 October
- Looking After Ourselves – 3 December
- Eating Well for Less – 4 February

Scan the QR code  
to view the links



For more information, visit the  
[HENRY Programme website.](#)



Follow the 0-19+ team on social media:  
Health Visiting Hub St Helens (Facebook)  
@0\_19\_sthelens (Instagram)

# Family of Faith



## A Reflection from Mrs Crawford

James 3:13 reminds us that true wisdom is shown through the way we live, not just through what we know or say. A wise person treats others with kindness, makes thoughtful choices and is willing to listen and learn. Humility means recognising that we do not always have all the answers and being open to the ideas of others. At St Ann's, we can demonstrate the Christian value of Wisdom by making good choices, helping others and showing respect in our words and actions. How can you show wisdom through your actions today?

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

### WISDOM

Who is wise and understanding amongst you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

James 3:13

### 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/)

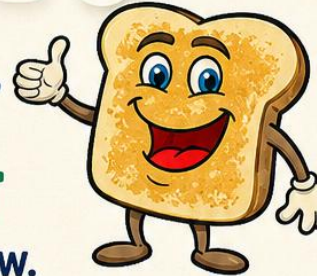


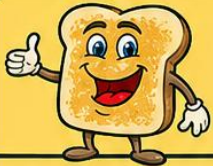


# ORDER YOUR TOAST!



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.

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



**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**



**Courtesy**

**Care**

**Concentration**

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



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Instagram: [stanns ttsat](#)

Headteacher: Mrs Laura Rynn

*‘But those who trust in the Lord, they will find new strength.*

*They will soar high on wings like eagles’ Isaiah 40:31*

**Parents' Suggestion/Comment Slip**



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# AUTUMN 2026 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."

