

Newsletter Issue 8: Friday 23 October 2026



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THE ST ANN'S FAMILY

We were delighted to celebrate our **Dedication of the New School Year Service** at St Ann's Church on Friday 23 October. This special occasion brought our school community together to give thanks for our newest members and welcome them into the St Ann's family.



It was wonderful to welcome our new Early Years children and pupils who have joined us throughout the past year. With parents and carers joining us, we shared a meaningful time of reflection, prayer and celebration, asking for God's blessing on each child as they begin or continue their journey with us.

At St Ann's, we believe every child is valued, loved and encouraged to flourish. Our service was a beautiful reminder that we are more than a school; we are a family, united by our Christian vision: **"Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly."**

We look forward to sharing a happy and successful year of learning, friendship and faith together!

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

BE AN ATTENDANCE
SUPERHERO!

Whole school attendance year to date <i>Whole School target 96%</i>	97.1%
Whole school attendance week ending 16 th October 2026	97.24%
Class with best weekly attendance	1S & 4M 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**

347

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.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



Congratulations to the following children who were invited to Hot Chocolate with Mrs Rynn as a reward. These children were selected for making such a positive start to the school year. I wonder who will be chosen next half term?

EYM	Hannah G	3R	Halima C
EYP	Ivy S	4G	Nya W
1S	Wynter H	4M	Emily R
1T	Florence B-P	5B	Ella P
2O	Paisley K	5H	George R
2M	Charles L	6H	Alana F
3J	Adam R	6S	Ellie C



ROAD TO RIAT SCIENCE EXPERIENCE FOR Y5

Year 5 took part in the Road to RIAT online workshop this week, where they designed, built and tested their own rockets. They used a scientific equation to calculate how fast their rockets travelled, then explored sustainability by designing a sustainable aircraft in small teams. Their designs have now be entered into the Sustainable Aircraft of the Future competition.



The children thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the day and we have discovered some talented engineers! Well Done Y5.

Y5/6 SPELLING BEE COMPETITION



Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children had the exciting opportunity to visit Rainhill High School and take part in a Spelling Bee. They worked brilliantly

together as a team, supporting and encouraging one another throughout the challenge.

We are incredibly proud of their teamwork, determination and fantastic achievement in winning the competition!

CONGRATULATIONS, HOLLY! ⚽

We are delighted to share that Holly in Year 6 has been selected to join the **St Helens Schools' Girls' Football Team**! This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of her. Well done, Holly! We wish you every success and lots of enjoyment representing St Helens on the football pitch, Holly.

OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE: COMPASSION



As we look ahead to next half term, every class has taken part in a special lesson exploring our Christian value of Compassion. Through stories, discussion and reflection, the children considered what it means to show kindness, care and understanding towards others. We explored how even small acts of compassion can make a big difference, helping everyone feel valued and included. As a school family, we will continue to look for opportunities to put compassion into action, following Jesus' example by showing love to those around us.

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.

SWIMMING: 5B



5B will commence 7 swimming lessons starting
Wednesday 4 November.

Please refer to separate lesson for important
additional information.

FAMILY WORSHIP

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.





A SPOTLIGHT ON: CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS



At St Ann's Church of England Primary School,
our Christian ethos is central to all we do.
It is shaped by our school vision:

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

Established in 2019 through community workshops and
consultation, our vision is rooted in the Bible verse Isaiah 40:31:
*"...But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.
They will soar high on wings like eagles..."*

This theologically grounded vision reflects our identity as a
Church of England school and guides how we live, learn, and
grow together.



Living Our Vision

As a Church school, we offer a wide range of experiences to support every pupil's spiritual journey:



Respect & Open Dialogue

We foster respectful conversations based on
Christian values, where all can share their beliefs
without fear or judgement.



Exploring Faith

All children are encouraged to explore questions
of faith, including doubt and certainty, in a safe
and supportive environment.



Supporting All Faiths

Pupils from Christian and other backgrounds are
supported to grow in their own beliefs and understanding.



Celebrating the Church Year

Pupils experience the Church's seasons and learn
their spiritual significance.



Visits to Places of Worship

Regular visits to our local parish church and cathedral
help pupils see the Church as a living community.



Welcoming Visitors

Members of our local parish and Christian community
visit to share their faith and life experiences.



Strong Parish Links

Our close relationship with the local parish enhances
worship and learning.



Inclusive Support

Every child is supported to flourish—spiritually,
emotionally, and academically.



Understanding Global Christianity

Pupils learn about Christianity as a worldwide faith
with diverse worship traditions.



Religious Literacy

Children grow in confidence using religious language
and understanding key Christian concepts.



Access to Bibles and Artefacts

Pupils explore age-appropriate Bibles, prayer books,
and Christian artefacts with respect and care.



Prayer & Reflection

Each classroom has a reflection area, with additional
prayer spaces indoors and outside for quiet reflection.



Worship Through Music

Children enjoy a rich variety of hymns and spiritual
songs, both traditional and contemporary.



Deepening Understanding

Pupils make strong progress in their knowledge and
understanding of Christianity.

*At St Ann's, we are proud to be a school
where faith, love and learning grow hand in hand.*

Thank you for being part of our community.



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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 Miss Buckley

The Bible reminds us that true wisdom comes from God. In Proverbs 2:6, we learn that God is the source of knowledge and understanding, guiding us to make wise choices. Wisdom is more than knowing the right answers; it is about using what we learn to make good decisions, treat others fairly and show kindness. When we face challenges or uncertainty, we can pray for God's guidance and take time to listen, reflect and learn. At St Ann's, we can demonstrate wisdom by thinking carefully, learning from our mistakes and choosing to do what is right.

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

WISDOM

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 2:6

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

Tel: 0151 426 9953

Email: schoolsmusicservice@gmail.com

ST HELENS COST OF LIVING

AND
Be Winter Prepared

Join the **Live Well Directory Team, Affordable Warmth & Welfare Team** and many local services for help with bills, staying warm and keeping well this winter. Pick up your **free Winter Advice Pack** and get your **free flu jab**.

Get help with:



Food and local support



Energy bills and saving money



Keeping well this winter



**Enjoy a Free Light Lunch and Hot Drink
While supplies last.**

St Helens Minster, Church Square, WA10 1AF

Thursday 5th November, 10.30am - 1pm



for **with you**

ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Early Years Workshops

Are you interested in a career early years?
Would you like to learn more about
how to support your own child?

**A series of 3 all-day
workshops:**

- ✓ Your First Steps into
Early Years – 4th Nov
- ✓ Supporting Children's
Well-being in EYs – 11th Nov
- ✓ Keeping Children Safe in an
Early Years Setting – 18th Nov

All classes running 9.15am – 2.45pm at
Park Road Centre, St Helens, WA9 1HE



FREE!

Course can
be stand
alone or you
can attend all
three!

Contact us to find out more:

Email: hollyconstantine@sthelens.gov.uk

OR

Call our Admin team: 07702 959814

Email: adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk



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CITY REGION**
COMBINED AUTHORITY





RAINHILL UNITED JFC

COMETS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

AGED 5 TO 11 YEARS OLD



COMETS FOOTBALL

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

SESSIONS INCLUDE

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



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



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

To book or find out more visit our website

www.rainhillunited.co.uk/comets/

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





RAINHILL UNITED JFC

FUTURE STARS FOR BOYS IN RECEPTION

TO YEAR 1



BOYS FOOTBALL

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

SESSIONS INCLUDE

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

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



MONDAYS 5 PM - 6 PM
RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL MUGA

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





RAINHILL UNITED JFC

WILDCATS FOR GIRLS IN RECEPTION TO
YEAR 6.



GIRLS FOOTBALL

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

SESSIONS INCLUDE



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

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

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

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

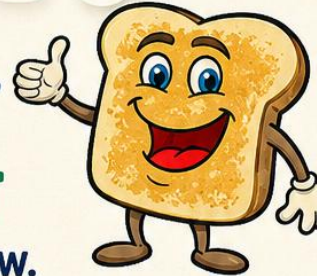


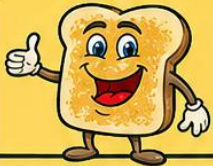


ORDER YOUR TOAST!



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



	AMOUNT DUE	DATE TOAST ACCOUNT TO BE IN CREDIT BY
Autumn 1	£9.50	14th July 2026
Autumn 2	£8.00	20th October 2026
Spring 1	£7.25	15th December 2026
Spring 2	£5.75	9th February 2027
Summer 2	£8.25	25th May 2027

TOTAL FOR THE YEAR £47.50

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



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SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS

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

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

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



*Please note, it is not compulsory to wear items of clothing with the school and Trust logos on. Children may wear plain navy-blue items of school uniform.

THANK YOU
for your
continued
support!



SCHOOL SHOES REMINDER

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



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PE KIT

EXPECTATIONS

At St Ann's, children wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE lessons. We view the PE kit as an **important extension of our school uniform**, and therefore, we expect the same high standards of dress to be maintained.

ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR:

- Navy blue t-shirt
- Navy blue hoody
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue jogging bottoms
- Trainers

These items can be plain or feature the school and Trust logo.



PLEASE NOTE:
Branded sportswear is not permitted.



Additionally, trainers should **only** be worn on PE days and are not acceptable as everyday footwear.



If a child arrives without the correct PE kit, the school will provide suitable clothing for them to wear during the day.



We appreciate your continued **cooperation and support** in helping us uphold these standards.



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PURCHASING SCHOOL ITEMS



Arbor

If you wish to purchase a school item this can now be done **through Arbor**.

If you make a purchase please email the school office at stannsce@three-saints.org.uk so that arrangements can be made to issue the item.

CURRENT PRICES ARE



School Bag

£10.00



Junior Tie

£4.00



Elasticated Tie

£3.50

Thank you for supporting our school.
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SCHOOL MEAL MENU



For a copy of the most up to date school meals menu, please check out our **website** by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk/page/?title=School+Dinner+Menu&pid=46>



Please note, the menu is subject to change where there is a shortage of supplies.



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ST ANN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLANS

- > If you have notified school that your child has a medical condition that requires an Individual Health Care Plan please ensure that if there are any changes to their condition a new form is completed.
- > If your child has a newly diagnosed condition that requires an Individual Health Care Plan please contact the school office to arrange for a form to be completed.



CONTACT DETAILS, CONSENT & PERMISSIONS

On a regular basis please check your contact details, consent and permissions on Arbor to make sure they are up to date for your child. **Thank you**



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≡ 2026/27 TERM DATES ≡

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



EASTER BANK HOLIDAYS:

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



BANK HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME:

Monday 3 May 2027



INSET DAYS:

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



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



A family service

Meeting weekly from Sunday October 11th 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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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 EYs start school full time
Thursday 10 September	Y2 Meet the Teacher 5pm
Monday 14 September	Music Roadshow @ 3.30pm For parents who are interested in their child learning to play a musical instrument
Friday 25 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning @ 9.30am
Friday 2 October	Y4 Harvest Service @ Church, 2.15pm
Friday 9 October	6S Family Worship @ 9.00am
w/c Monday 12 October	Parent Insight sessions (dates of class sessions TBC)
Friday 16 October	6H Family Worship @ 9.00am Wear Red to show Racism the Red Card
Friday 23 October	Dedication of the New School Year Service @ church, 9.30am, EYs parents/ carers invited Individual/ sibling photograph day School closes
Wednesday 4 November	School opens
Wednesday 4 November - Friday 13 November	5B Swimming (daily except Monday 9 November)
Friday 13 November	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 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 Y5 Liverpool World Museum Trip EYs & Y1 Christingle Workshops
Wednesday 9 December, Thursday 10 December & Friday 11 December	Breakfast with Santa 8.00-8.40am
Friday 11 December	4G Family Worship @ 9.00am Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14 December	KS1 Nativity, 9.30am & 2.00pm KS2 Choir to Liverpool Cathedral to take part in The Diocese of Liverpool Primary Schools Carol Service (am)
Tuesday 15 December	KS1 Nativity, 9.30am & 2.00pm Y5 Liverpool World Museum Trip
Wednesday 16 December	EYs Nativity, 9.30am & 2.00pm Y2 Christmas Party
Thursday 17 December	EYs, Y1 & Y3 Christmas Party
Friday 18 December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party Y3 Christmas Service @ church, 2.15pm School closes

⇒ A busy and exciting term ahead! ⇒

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

TALK ABOUT WISDOM TOGETHER...

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

Talk together about:

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



READ TOGETHER...

The wise and foolish builders

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

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

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

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

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

Bible story based on Matthew 7:24-27

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

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

Anon

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



QUIZ Wordsearch

Can you find the words from the story?

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

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



FAMILY FOCUS

Building a Wall of Wisdom

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

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

You can find lots of proverbs on www.phrases.org.uk



To start you off here three well-known proverbs:

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

"Many hands make light work"

"Don't count your chickens before they hatch"



FASCINATING FACTS

Why are some teeth called wisdom teeth?

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

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

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



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

A Brick for the Wall

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

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

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

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



HALL OF FAME

Confucius

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

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

One of his sayings is...

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

