Newsletter Issue 9: Friday 6 November 2026

St Ann's Church of England Primary School

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

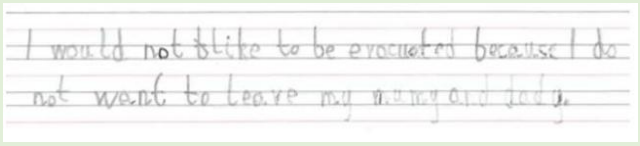


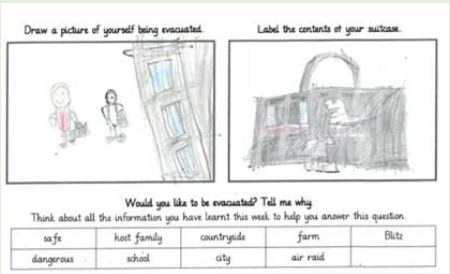
HISTORY WEEK



This week we have been celebrating History Week at St Ann's. The children across the school have taken part in reading, writing, history and PSHE lessons focused on historical events.

Some year groups have focused on local historical events including The Rainhill Trials, The Industrial Revolution and Liverpool's role on The Slave Trade. Other year groups have focused on events linked to World War 2, including Evacuees, The Windrush and The Holocaust. The children have worked really hard this week and enjoyed taking a deep dive into different historical events.





Please chat with your children this weekend about what they have learned - they will be pleased to tell you all about it!



Whole school attendance year to date *Whole School target 96%*	96.52%
Whole school attendance week ending 23rd October 2026	92.84%
Class with best weekly attendance	4G & 5B – 98.67%

#EveryMomentMatters



Sam from St Mathew's food pantry came to collect all the donations collected for our Harvest celebration. She was amazed at the quantity of donations and has expressed her thanks to all the families of St Ann's for their kindness and generosity.

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 we 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

383

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.

CHILDREN IN NEED



On Friday 13th November, we will be celebrating Children in Need.

Pupils can wear their own clothes for a £1 donation and visit Pudsey's Game Room for £1 entry, where 5B Charity Champions will host some fun games.

Children are welcome to take part in either or both activities.

Thank you for your support!



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.

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.



FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Reception - Y6

Wednesday 18 November 2026

REMINDER

School is closed to pupils on Friday 20 November due to a staff inset day

ASSESSMENT WEEK
WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Children in Years 1–5 will be completing Autumn assessments during the week commencing Monday 16 November. To help them feel happy, confident and ready to do their best, please ensure they get plenty of sleep, with a bedtime appropriate for their age, and switch off electronic devices at least one hour before bed. A healthy breakfast, plenty of water and arriving at school on time will also help them feel ready to learn. Most importantly, please reassure your child that assessments are simply an opportunity for us to see what they have learned and identify how best to support their next steps. A calm, positive attitude and lots of encouragement at home can make a real difference!

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Be Safe, Be Smart, Be Seen!

When you are playing outside, walking home, or spending time with friends:

☑ Stay with people you know and trust whenever possible.
☑ Tell a grown-up where you are going and when you will be back.
☑ If you feel worried, unsafe, or uncomfortable, move to a safe place and tell a trusted adult straight away.
☑ Never go anywhere with someone you do not know, even if they seem friendly.
☑ If you get lost, look for a safe adult who can help, such as a police officer, teacher, shop worker, or another parent with children.

Remember: If something doesn't feel right, trust your feelings and speak to a trusted adult. You are never in trouble for asking for help.

"Stop, Think, Stay Safe, Tell Someone."

WANTED PARENT/ CARER VOLUNTEERS



We are looking to organise a Breakfast with Santa school fund raiser for the children once this year.

Provisional dates are:
9 December
10 December
11 December

All Breakfasts with Santa will take place in our school hall 8.00-8.45am. However, Santa needs some parent/ carer helpers to manage his visit to St Ann's. If you would be interested in supporting school with this fund raiser, please contact us via the school email address by Friday 20 November:
stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

Thank you in advance for all offers of support!

PHOTOGRAPH MOP UP SESSION

There will be a photograph mop up session on 13th November for the children who were absent when the photographs were originally taken. As the children will be in their own clothes for Children in Need, please can they bring their uniform in a separate carrier bag. Many thanks

SOAR PROGRAMME

SOAR (St Ann's Outstanding Achievement Rewards) is our whole-school enrichment programme, designed to recognise and celebrate children's achievements and learning beyond the classroom. Whether it's attending sports clubs, music lessons, uniformed organisations or taking part in other enrichment activities, every experience helps children develop new skills, build confidence and discover their talents.

Don't forget to log your child's SOAR hours! Parents and carers can record any eligible out-of-school activities using our Microsoft Form.

Click the link to log your child's SOAR hours for Autumn 1

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=r9bU20O8dU-7UaJ_-VobDnku6JMScU9ErH3VEQM3K1VUMlU0V1MyN1RKSkVYV0U5MUJYUjZHUFY5Ti4u

Alternatively, the form can be found on our school website under **About Us → SOAR**.

Remember, every hour counts towards your child's next SOAR award!

Keep learning, keep achieving and keep SOARing!



PARENTS' EVENING

Working together for your child's success

Your child. Their journey. Our partnership.

We are delighted to announce that our Autumn Term Parents' Evening will take place on

Monday 30 November and **Tuesday 1 December,**

from 3:30–6:00pm.

EYs, Year 1 & Year 2

Sessions will take place in the **Studio.** Please enter via the **Blue Base door.**

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

Sessions will take place in the **Hall.** Please enter via the **back hall door.**

If you need to move between the Hall and the Studio, please use the pedestrian walkway at the side of the school building.

These conversations offer a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, achievements, conduct and wellbeing with their teacher. Appointments can be conveniently booked via the Arbor platform.

Arbor

We encourage all families to take part in this important opportunity to share insights, celebrate successes, and support each child's continued learning journey.

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COURTESY | CARE | CONCENTRATION

A SPOTLIGHT ON: OUR LUNAR CURRICULUM

The Lunar Curriculum has been designed by The Three Saint's Academy Trust. It has been designed to incorporate good practice observed from a range of schools and has been informed by research such as the EEF 'Teaching and Learning Toolkit'. Parents, children and staff have been consulted during the design of the curriculum so we can ensure that we have designed a curriculum fit for purpose, designed to stretch and challenge and meet the needs of our pupils.

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What is the Lunar Curriculum?

The Lunar Curriculum is a pedagogical approach to teaching all subjects that builds upon pupils' interests to inspire learning and make sure it is memorable over time. This curriculum is underpinned by a set of non-negotiables and teaches both key knowledge and skills progressively. Its focus is on pupils knowing and remembering more, building on prior learning so that they leave school ready for secondary education and beyond into their working life. Learning is active and authentic ensuring investment, not just engagement. Below you will find the aims and principles of the Lunar Curriculum.

Curriculum Aims

- **L** — Develop **Life-skills** which promote a love of learning
- **U** — Grow an **Understanding** of ourselves, each other and the world
- **N** — **Nurture** curiosity and creativity which feed the imagination and increase knowledge
- **A** — Cultivate **Aspiration** through motivation and self-belief
- **R** — Instil **Resilience**, independence and other personal attributes

Purpose

The purpose of the Lunar Curriculum is to equip pupils with the essential knowledge and skills needed to succeed in life. Each subject is carefully planned and sequenced so that new **knowledge** and skills build on what has been taught before, providing a broad and ambitious curriculum.



In addition to the subject specific skills, the Lunar Curriculum also develops pupils' personal, learning and thinking skills which they need for success in learning and life. The Lunar Curriculum will focus upon the skills below:

Skills for Life

- Independent enquirers
- Creative thinkers
- Reflective learners
- Team workers
- Self-managers
- Effective communicators

Learning today... ...building tomorrow

NHS
0–19+ Team
St Helens

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 Mr Harrison

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…

COMPASSION

He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

Psalm 147:3

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)
9.00am 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.





You've been selected to receive complimentary ticket(s) to an upcoming Wigan Athletic fixture at The Brick Community Stadium.

Follow the simple steps below to claim your tickets.

🖱️ **Step 1: Click Your Unique Link**

Click the unique link provided in your email. ⚠️ Important: This link is unique to your offer and cannot be used by anyone else.

👤 **Step 2: Sign In or Create an Account**

You'll be taken to our online ticketing platform.

- ✅ Already have a Wigan Athletic ticketing account? Simply sign in.
- 🆕 New to Wigan Athletic? Create a free account.

Please note: After creating your account, you may need to click your unique link again to return to your ticket offer.

🪑 **Step 3: Choose Your Seats**

You'll see an interactive map of The Brick Community Stadium.

- 🟦 Available seating areas will be highlighted in dark blue.

If no areas are highlighted, unfortunately all complimentary tickets may have already been claimed.

You can claim up to four tickets per account.

💙 Please only claim the number of tickets you need so that as many people as possible can enjoy the offer.

🎟️ **Step 4: Select Your Ticket Type**

Choose the appropriate ticket category shown for your offer, for example:

- 🏫 School, ⚽ Grassroots Team ❤️ Local Community 🤝 Business Community (or another category displayed)

Your complimentary tickets will show a price of £0.00.

Click Add to place them in your basket.

- ➕ If available, you can also purchase additional tickets during the same transaction.

🛒 **Step 5: Review Your Basket**

Click the basket icon to review your order.

- ✔️ Check your tickets, accept the Terms & Conditions, click Proceed to Checkout

💳 **Step 6: Complete Your Booking**

Even if your balance is £0.00, you will be asked to enter valid payment card details. **Don't worry – your card will not be charged where no payment is due.**

📲 **Step 7: Choose Your Ticket Delivery**

Select your preferred delivery method:

- 📱 Digital Ticket - sent straight to your email, 🖨️ Print at Home, 🏟️ Collect from the Ticket Office (where available) 📮 Postal Delivery (charges may apply)

✅ **Step 8: You're All Set!**

Review your order and click Complete Purchase. Your booking is complete! 📧 If you've chosen digital tickets, they should arrive by email within a few minutes.

ℹ️ **Important Information**

Please remember:

- Your unique offer link must not be shared unless authorised to do so.
- Unauthorised use of offer links may result in tickets being cancelled.
- You can claim up to four complimentary tickets per account (subject to availability).
- Additional tickets may be available to purchase during checkout.
- Tickets should only be claimed by someone who is attending the match.

❓ **Need Help?**

📺 Watch our support video.

📧 Email: ticketoffice@wigansportsgroup.com

💬 Or simply reply to the email that contained your complimentary ticket offer.

💙 **We can't wait to welcome you to The Brick Community Stadium. Enjoy the match and come on you Latics!**

Carnival of Reading

Help us and St Helens Arts in Libraries bring the **National Year of Reading 2026** to a close in style at the Carnival of Reading and celebrate the joy of books, stories and words with us!

Performances · Illustration Workshop · Author Talks · Q&As · Family-Friendly Crafts · Creative Writing · AND MORE!



feat. Desert Island Books with special guest Frank Cottrell-Boyce at 4pm



Stop Horrid Henry from causing trouble and have your photo taken!

7th Nov
10am – 5pm
St Helens Library



GO ALL IN.

Collect a booklet from any library for full details of the day's schedule or scan the QR code.

National Year of Reading 2026

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https://catalogue.sthelens.gov.uk

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WELCOME TO THE SCHOOLS MUSIC SERVICE

The S.M.S provides quality music education and support in schools and in the community. Established in 1997, we provide tuition for over 1000 children in schools throughout the North West.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Group rate tuition fees are based on around 3 pupils sharing a half hour lesson. There are 10 lessons per term, totalling 30 lessons per academic year. The cost is £7.50 per lesson, £75.00 per term, a total of £225.00 a year. Parents may pay in advance or by 10 monthly instalments of £22.50.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS:

www.schoolsmusicservice.co.uk
Tel: 0151 426 9953
Email: schoolsmusicservice@gmail.com



St Ann Church will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival
between Friday 4 December and Sunday 6 December 2026
In preparation for this and to raise much needed funds for Church, we are selling wooden Christmas Angels for £2 each.

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

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

Thank You

RAINHILL UNITED JFC

COMETS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

AGED 5 TO 11 YEARS OLD

COMETS FOOTBALL



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

SESSIONS INCLUDE

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

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



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

To book or find out more visit our website

www.rainhillunited.co.uk/comets/

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

RAINHILL UNITED JFC

FUTURE STARS FOR BOYS IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 1

BOYS FOOTBALL



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

SESSIONS INCLUDE

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

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



MONDAYS 5 PM - 6 PM
RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL MUGA

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

ACCREDITED CLUB ★ ★ ★

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

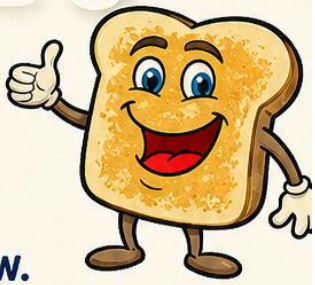
www.rainhillunited.co.uk/wildcats/

ACCREDITED CLUB ★★★

ORDER YOUR TOAST!

HEALTHY START, HAPPY DAY!

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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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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 and green stripes)
- 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

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

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



Courtesy

Care

Concentration

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Website: http://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk
Email: stannsce@three-saints.org.uk
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

St Ann's Church of England Primary School

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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!

COMPASSION

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK ABOUT COMPASSION TOGETHER...

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help



READ TOGETHER...

The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-37

THINK TOGETHER

Words of Wisdom

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop

QUIZ The Stranger on the road was kind....

Change one letter in the word to answer the next clue.

The traveller was attacked as he walked along the	ROAD
Watching from the rocks was a small creature like a frog	____
The Samaritan ____ the innkeeper to look after the man	____
The Samaritan acted with courage. He was ____	____
We sometimes talk about the ____ of friendship (rhymes with pond)	____
Wrap tightly with a bandage (rhymes with find)	____
The Samaritan in the story was	____

FAMILY FOCUS

Random Acts of Kindness

Kindness is often appreciated most when it is offered at unexpected times.

Choose one week this term for your family to have "a random acts of kindness" week, and do something kind for someone each day. Try to do it without telling people it was you!



www.randomactsofkindness.org

HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Helping hands

As well as being kind and showing **compassion** in what we say, it is often what we *do* that other people remember.

Draw and cut out the shape of each person's hand in your family. Decorate it with all the random acts of kindness that they have shown. Mount the hands of each member of your family on some paper so they look fantastic and ready to be displayed.

FASCINATING FACTS

What a difference **compassion** and kindness can make! Numerous charities help people who have been hurt, are ill or suffer through lack of resources. Below are just 3:

- **World Vision** encourages individuals and groups to 'Sponsor a Child' in an area of the world where food, health and education cannot be taken for granted. For just 75 pence a day the life of a child, in for example Uganda or Bolivia, can be transformed by providing help to grow food, source clean water, improve health services and pay for education.

www.worldvision.org.uk

- **Help for Heroes** was set up after many British soldiers returned from war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. By giving to this charity the public show their **compassion** for the soldiers and their families and recognise the service they gave on behalf of us all.

www.helpforheroes.org.uk

- **Help the Hospices.** Sometimes when people become very ill they go to a hospice which will provide them with care and **compassion**. Often hospices are maintained by donations from people who admire and value their service or who have had a relative who has been helped by the hospice.

www.helpthehospices.org.uk

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Help the Hospices

IN SUPPORT OF HELP for HEROES

HALL OF FAME

A famous bear with a spotty scarf



Pudsey Bear became a national mascot in 1985. He was designed by Joanna Ball and she named him after the small town in Yorkshire where she lived and went to school for many years, Pudsey.

When we see Pudsey Bear we immediately think of Children in Need. This charity has grown enormously since it began and raises millions of pounds every year. Thanks to people all over the country, children in the UK and across the world have come to know real kindness and **compassion**, made possible by generous donations to the charity. www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

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