Newsletter Issue 11: Friday 20 November 2026

St Ann's Church of England Primary School

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



NATIONAL ANTI BULLYING WEEK 2026

Anti-Bullying Week – Break the Silence 🖤
This week, we have been recognising **Anti-Bullying Week**, with this year's theme being *'Break the Silence'*. Throughout the week, children across the school have taken part in a range of activities to help them understand bullying, the importance of speaking out and how we can all play a part in creating a kind, safe and inclusive school community.

Each phase explored the theme in an age-appropriate way:
Reception enjoyed getting creative by designing their own colourful odd socks, celebrating the fact that we are all different and unique.
Key Stage 1 explored a range of different scenarios and thought carefully about the choices they could make and the possible consequences of those choices. Children were encouraged to consider different ways they could help someone who might be experiencing bullying. We reinforced the message that there isn't always one perfect answer, but taking positive action, showing kindness and offering support can make a real difference.
Key Stage 2 focused on the importance of having trusted adults to talk to. Children wrote or drew the names of trusted people on each finger of a hand, identifying adults they could approach if they were worried about bullying happening to themselves or someone else. We also reinforced the important message that if someone doesn't listen or help straight away, they should never give up. They should keep speaking to another trusted adult until they get the help and support they need.

On **Monday 23rd November**, we will also be celebrating **Odd Socks Day** as a whole school. Children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate our individuality and remind us that our differences make us special.



We are also looking forward to welcoming **Altru**, who will be performing for our Key Stage 2 children and delivering an engaging workshop for Year 6, further supporting our anti-bullying message.

Throughout Anti-Bullying Week and beyond, we want all our children to know that their voices matter, that they are never alone and that speaking out is a strength, not a weakness. **Together, we can break the silence, stand up to bullying and make kindness count!** 💚

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Anti-Bullying Week

Bullying is when someone repeatedly hurts, upsets, or scares another person on purpose.

💚 **Be Kind** - Treat others how you would like to be treated.

💚 **Speak Up** - If someone is being bullied, tell a trusted adult such as a parent, teacher, ,midday staff or family member.

💚 **Be a Good Friend** - Include others in games and activities. A small act of kindness can make a big difference.

💚 **Use Kind Words Online** - Never send unkind messages, comments, or pictures. If something online upsets you, tell an adult straight away.

💚 **Walk Away and Stay Safe** - If someone is being unkind, move to a safe place and seek support from an adult.

💚 **Don't Be a Bystander** - If you see bullying happening, don't join in or encourage it. Help by getting support from an adult.

💚 **Remember: It's Not Your Fault** - Nobody deserves to be bullied, and there are always adults who can help.

💚 💚 **Remember our 3 C's COURTESY, CARE AND CONCENTRATION.** 💚 💚



Whole school attendance year to date *Whole School target 96%*	96.5%
Whole school attendance week ending 13th November 2026	97.0%
Class with best weekly attendance	2O & 6H – 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 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

364

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.

FAMILY WORSHIP

We are delighted to invite parents and carers of 5B to join us for our next Family Worship on **Friday 27 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.



COST OF LIVING SUPPORT



If you or your family are finding the rising cost of living challenging, help and support is available. St Helens Council has brought together information about financial assistance, practical support and other resources available to local residents who may be struggling.

Please take a look at the **St Helens Together** website to find out more about the support available and how to access it.

St Helens Together – Help and Support

REMINDER

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

KS1 NATIVITY (Y1 & Y2)

Y1 & Y2 will perform their nativity on:
Monday 14 December @ 9.30am
Monday 14 December @ 2.00pm
Tuesday 15 December @ 9.30am
Tuesday 15 December @ 2.00pm

A total of 4 tickets per family can be purchased at a cost of £2.50 per ticket. A link has been sent out earlier today (also showing below) which we would be grateful if you complete to confirm your ticket preferences.

Once the link has been completed please access 'Key Stage 1 Nativity' on Arbor to make payment for your tickets. The deadline for payments is 30th November.

The nativity will take place in the school hall.

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=r9bU20O8dU-7UaJ_-VobDnku6JMScU9ErH3VEQM3K1VURUEwRFlWM0c2S1BRNk44MjZHSUhFVTlQUi4u

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5B - OUR CHARITY CHAMPIONS!

Pudsey's Game Room



Today, 5B brought our school together for **BBC Children in Need!**

We welcomed children from across the year groups to play games, have fun with friends and raise money for a brilliant cause.

Games included Connect 4, checkers and Uno!





THE 3Cs IN ACTION

COURTESY • CARE • CONCENTRATION

Showing the St Ann's 3Cs while making a difference!

"Best thing in Year 5 so far!" – Hugh

"It was so nice to spend time with other year groups." – Ellie Mc

"Worth £1 to raise money for charity and play with our friends." – Oliver

"Brilliant" – Mason

"It was so nice to see what other year groups liked." – Albie

"We had a happy children in need day, £1 I would have paid £" – Hugh

"Unique way to raise money." – Phoebe

One school. Lots of smiles. A big difference.

5B, you should be so proud!

Autumn Term Book Fair



We are happy to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the week beginning **Tuesday 24th November**. During this week children will be able to attend and purchase a book of their choice. Books range in price from £2 to £15.

Each class has been assigned a day and time to visit the book fair. If you would like your child to purchase a book please could they bring in their money on their assigned day. **Children should bring money for the event in a named envelope and pass this to their class teacher.**

In previous years, your generous purchases have not only provided children with new reading experiences at home but have generated significant funds for school to purchase additional books for our class libraries. We have really appreciated your support with this event in the past and hope with your help we can provide even more reading experiences for our pupils. **Happy Reading!**

Date	Class
Tuesday 24th November	Year 4
	Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 25th November	Year 5
Thursday 26th November	EYFS
	Year 6
Friday 27th November	Year 3





A SPOTLIGHT ON: CURRICULUM & CULTURAL OFFER

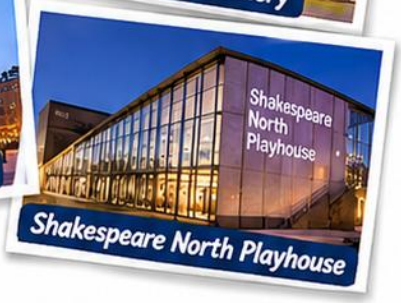
At St Ann's, we believe that helping our children to grow is about much more than academic achievement — it's about nurturing their personal development too.

Cultural awareness and experience are golden threads woven through everything we do — from day-to-day learning, to opportunities beyond the classroom, and events that connect families with the wider community.









As Darren Henley wrote in *Cultural Education: An Independent Review (2012)*:

"Cultural activities form a vital part of children's everyday lives — academically, physically and socially enriching, whether in or out of school."

A Broad Cultural Education for All

Schools play a vital role in developing children's cultural understanding, and at St Ann's this begins with our curriculum. Every subject includes a cultural focus — from exploring different countries in Geography, to studying global artwork in Art and Design, to discovering the customs of ancient civilisations in History. Even our English texts and Design & Technology projects celebrate cultural diversity.

We also make the most of the cultural opportunities on our doorstep. From musical theatre to residentials, from art galleries to museums, each child will take part in at least **fourteen** cultural visits or experiences during their time at St Ann's.

Our after-school clubs further support our vision by offering children a wide range of creative and cultural experiences.

"Children should expect to be given a rich menu of cultural experiences."

(The Importance of Teaching: The Schools White Paper, 2010)

Exploring. Learning. Belonging. ... at St Ann's

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CHRISTINGLE WORKSHOPS & SERVICE



We are looking forward to celebrating the magic and meaning of Christingle! On **Friday 4th December**, all children across school will take part in a Christingle workshop, learning about the symbolism of the Christingle and making their own ready for our special Christingle Service at St Ann's Church on **Sunday 6th December at 4.00pm.**

Our early Years and Year 1 children will also have the opportunity to share their learning in a special workshop with a family member. The family member should arrive at the main school entrance five minutes before the allocated time, ready to be welcomed into school.

Christingle Workshop Times – Friday 4th December

- **9.30am:** Year 1S
- **10.30am:** Year 1T
- **1.00pm:** Early Years EYM
- **2.00pm:** Early Years EYP

If family members are unable to attend the school worship, please don't worry – every child will still make their own Christingle to bring home.

Everyone is warmly invited to join us at St Ann's Church on **Sunday 6th December at 4.00pm** for our whole-school **Christingle Service**. We would love to see as many of our families as possible as we come together to celebrate the light of Christ this Christmas!



St Ann's Church Christmas Market

CRAFTS ✲ TOYS ✲ BOOKS,
DECORATIONS ETC.

Last Friday in November
2pm – 5pm

Right Care, Right Place

NHS
Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals
NHS Trust

Know where to go when your child's unwell

For all the latest updates, follow us on: @MWLNHS @merseywestlancsnhs

Scan here to find out more

GP Services

Your GP can help with common illnesses including:

- Persistent coughs
- Skin infections
- Eye infections
- Ear pain



Pharmacy Services

Your local pharmacy can treat minor illnesses with over-the-counter treatments, and most pharmacies can also offer **prescription medicine** for conditions, including:

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Sore throat (aged 5 years and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)

Urgent Treatment / Walk-in Centres

If your GP surgery is closed, UTCs have specialist nurses and doctors that can help. Common conditions that can be treated include:

- Cuts and scrapes
- Minor burns
- Minor breathing difficulties
- Suspected fractures
- Uncontrolled fever



Online Symptom Checker

Alder Hey Children's Hospital has an online symptom checker with advice on treating common symptoms in children. Visit the website:

www.alderhey.nhs.uk/symptom-checker



A&E

A&E is for people with life threatening illness or injury.

Conditions that require immediate attention include:

- Shortness of breath
- Seizures
- Severe bleeding or burns
- Head or eye injuries
- Allergic reactions
- Serious animal bites
- Uncontrolled pain



If your child is struggling to breathe or loses consciousness, **call 999**

Urgent Treatment / Walk-in Centres

All centres are open 7 days a week, including Bank Holidays

St Helens Urgent Treatment Centre
The Millennium Centre, Corporation St, St Helens WA10 1HJ
8am-8pm

Runcorn Urgent Treatment Centre
Nightingale Building, Hospital Way, Runcorn WA7 2DA
8am-9pm

Widnes Urgent Treatment Centre
Health Care Resource Centre, Caldwell Rd, Widnes WA8 7GD
8am-9pm

Huyton NHS Walk-in Centre
Nutgrove Villa, Westmorland Road, Huyton L36 6GA
8am-8pm

Kirkby Urgent Treatment Centre
St Chads Clinic, St Chads Drive, Kirkby L32 8RE
8am-8pm

Halewood NHS Walk-in Centre
The Halewood Centre, Roseheath Drive, Halewood L26
8am-8pm

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 Mrs Ince

This Bible verse reminds us that God is full of compassion and always offers comfort, love and understanding when we need it most. As followers of Jesus, we are encouraged to show the same compassion to others. Compassion means noticing when someone is struggling, taking time to listen, offering kindness and thinking about how we can help. Sometimes, the smallest acts of kindness can make the biggest difference. At St Ann's, let us remember to be compassionate every day, showing care, understanding and love to everyone we meet.

Our Christian Value this half term is…

COMPASSION

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the

Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

Corinthians 1:3

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.



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

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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

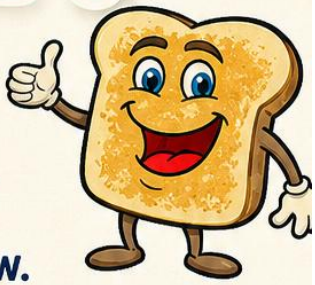
www.rainhillunited.co.uk/wildcats/

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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'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

AUTUMN 2026 DAIRY DATES

DATE	EVENT/ ACTIVITY
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 & Y4 Christmas Party
Friday 18 December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party Y3 Christmas Service @ church, 2.15pm School closes

We look forward to sharing these special events with you!

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Courtesy, Care and Concentration

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

World Vision
Building a better world for children

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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SPRING 2027 DAIRY DATES

DATE	EVENT/ ACTIVITY
Tuesday 5 January 2027	School Opens
Tuesday 5 January – Friday 15 January 2027 Except Monday 11 January 2027	4G Swimming Lessons
Wednesday 6 January 2027	Epiphany Service, St Ann's Church @ 2.15pm
Tuesday 19 January – Friday 29 January 2027 Except Monday 25 January 2027	4M Swimming Lessons
Friday 22 January 2027	3R Family Worship, school hall @ 9.00am
Monday 25 January 2027	Y5 Crucial Crew Visit
Monday 1 February 2027	Parent Insight sessions this week
Friday 5 February 2027	3J Family Worship, school hall @ 9.00am
Wednesday 10 February 2027	Ash Wednesday Service, St Ann's Church @ 2.15pm
Thursday 11 February 2027	Y3 to Communion Service, St Ann's Church @ 9.30am
Thursday 11 February 2027	Spring disco EYs & Y1: 3.15-4.15pm Y2 & Y3: .30-5.30pm Y4 – Y6: 5.45-6.45pm
Friday 12 February 2027	Super Leaders Church Service led by representatives from Y2-Y6, St Ann's Church @ 2.15pm
Friday 12 February 2027	School Closes
Monday 22 February 2027	School Opens
Monday 1 March 2027	Assessment Week
Wednesday 3 March 2027	Y2 to Anglican Cathedral
Friday 5 March 2027	2O Family Worship, school hall @ 9.00am
Friday 12 March 2027	2M Family Worship, school hall @ 9.00am
Monday 15 March 2027 Tuesday 16 March 2027	Parents' Evening, 3.30-6.00pm
Thursday 18 March 2027	Y4 to Communion Service, St Ann's Church @ 9.30am
Monday 22 March 2027	Talent Show, Village Hall, 6.00pm
Wednesday 24 March 2027	Easter Bingo 3.30-4.30pm 4.45-5.45pm
Thursday 25 March 2027	Y5 Easter Service, St Ann's Church @ 2.15pm
Thursday 25 March 2027	School Closes

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