



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Trust

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Friday 10 February 2023

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.
My heart leaps for joy and I give thanks to him in song.

Psalm 28:7

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CONGRATULATIONS MRS CROWTHER

We are delighted to announce that last weekend Mrs Crowther, our Family Support Worker, was awarded with a Rainhill Good Citizenship Award from the Parish Council. The quality of Mrs Crowther's work, in the areas of safeguarding, behaviour, wellbeing and attendance, is second to none! We are incredibly proud of Mrs Crowther, and feel this award is so very well deserved. We know that our children, families, School Committee and board of Directors will feel the same way too!

Well done, Mrs Crowther.

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>	96.5%
Whole school attendance week ending 3 rd February 2023	96.9%
Class with best weekly attendance	RP – 100%

**EVERY
DAY
MATTERS**

YOU + SCHOOL = SUCCESS

When you're in school you...



Have the best possible start in life!

Number of pupils
with 100% attendance
this week

383

Punctuality

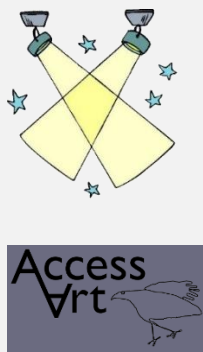
School starts at **8.50am**.
Lessons start at **8.50am**.

School gates open at 8.40am.

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.

Attendance Expectations

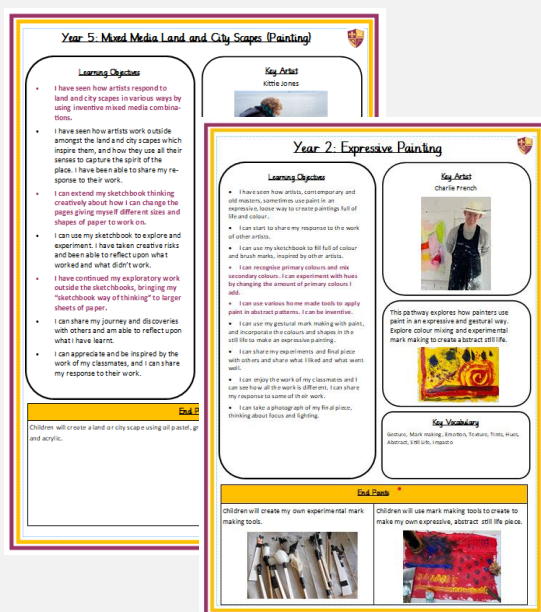
Children are expected to be in school **every day** unless they are unwell. All other reasons will be unauthorised. If your child is going to be absent, contact school and let us know before 9.20am. Children not in school may receive a phone call home or home visit. In line with our Attendance Policy, we are committed to supporting families in improving their child's attendance, before taking legal action.



A SPOTLIGHT ON: ART



At St Ann's, our Art curriculum has been carefully curated using resources from Access Art. Our Long Term Plans highlight clear progression, enabling our children to build upon their existing knowledge and develop their artistic skills. Each year, every child has exciting opportunities to enhance their drawing, painting and 'making' skills, which form the basis of our unit topics. Our teachers deliver each unit of work over three half terms throughout the school year. Each unit begins with an inspirational artist focus, where children explore the artwork of modern or traditional artists. Children then complete a series of sessions on skill development, which are evidenced in their sketch books. Finally, new skills are put into practise in the children's final pieces, which are evaluated and celebrated at the end of a unit. We strive to ensure that the children enjoy working creatively and feel inspired to work expressively in our Art lessons. We firmly believe that every child is an artist and that they should feel free to create and share part of themselves through their artwork.



We have been extremely fortunate to benefit from working with an expert consultant who is a specialist in her field of Art. Our teachers have received engaging and insightful CPD training sessions on how to use sketchbooks - which has allowed them to successfully model this to the children - and understand the key concepts that connect Art across each year group. Our key concepts include line, shape, form, space, colour, tone, texture and pattern. Children are taught how to use these key concepts within their artwork and they build upon this knowledge as they move into the next year group.

We have also been very lucky to have parent volunteers come into school to enhance our curriculum by working in classes or sharing their experiences of working in the Art industry during our Careers Fair.

We are a school of highly creative individuals, so whenever a competition arises we love to participate. This year, children across all key stages have entered the Rainhill Railway Heritage competition. We also have one year group entering this year's 'Dot Art' competition. Both competitions are wonderful opportunities for our children's artwork to be showcased on a larger scale with the wider community. We also operate a KS2 Art Club. If your child is interested in Art and would like to attend an extra-curricular club, please speak to your child's class teacher and they will be happy to supply more information.



STAR DAY

THANK YOU!

We have been overwhelmed by the many wonderful donations our children and families have sent into school in support of STAR Day. **Our school**

community has raised an incredible £5000 plus for the charities we have supported this year! We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to everyone who made donations and sponsored our children in different events throughout the day. Our Y6 children also hugely enjoyed the opportunity to speak to children at the Arise School in Tanzania, the charity which they had been advocates for. The children have fed back just what a fabulous day they had last Friday not only was enjoyment had by all, but awareness was raised for some very important charities! Your donations will now be used to make a difference all around the world!

	CHARITY	AMOUNT RAISED
EYFS	SAVE THE CHILDREN	£888.15
YEAR 1	WISH (DIABETES)	£1263.70
YEAR 2	WORLD WILDLIFE FUND	£910.70
YEAR 3	WILLOWBROOK HOSPICE	£1017.06
YEAR 4	OUR WARM WELCOME	£277.50
YEAR 5	YOUNG MINDS (MHWB)	£245.80
YEAR 6	ACE	£405.69

TIMETABLE ROCKSTARS



This week our children have been battling within their own classes to see who could win the most coins.

TTRS battle winners this week are:

3E	Dylan	3H	Scarlet Rose
4H	William	4F	Sophie
5O	Ellie	5D	Francesca
6A	Grace	6M	Euan

Well done to all these children. Remember to keep logging onto TTRS over half term and a new battle will be set up the first week back.

Remember, little and often is the best way to encourage your child to use TTRS. Children should play TTRS 5 times a week for just 3 – 4 minutes a day! This will make a real difference to their times table knowledge.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD



Many congratulations to the following children who were selected by their class teacher to have Hot Chocolate with Mrs Rynn this week. The children were chosen for being living role models of our distinct Christian vision:

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

EYR	Aaron H	3H	Zara M
EYP	Louie M	3E	Roman A
1A	Alva C & Ben C	4F	Harriet L & Thomas R
1T	Sofia C	4H	Jacob P
2H	Conor D	5D	Hugh T
2B	Charles A-H	5O	Blake H
		6A	Connor L
		6M	Jonas R



FAMILY WORSHIP

Our next Family Worship will be led by 2B, all about Fair Trade, on **Friday 3 March** at 9am in the school hall.



YEAR 4 COMMUNION

Y4 will be attending the community Communion service at 9am on **Thursday 23 February**.

Everybody welcome!

School closes on Friday 10 February at the usual time for half term.

School re-opens on Monday 20 February after half term.

INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ACTION UPDATE

The next day industrial strike action will affect our school in on **Tuesday 28 February 2023**. Parents/ carers will be updated about what this means for St Ann’s at the earliest opportunity. We appreciate the need for parents and carers to be notified at an early stage so that alternative arrangements can be made for pupils if they are unable to attend school. We realise that this may cause you disruption, for which we apologise. We wish to assure you that we will be taking all reasonable steps to minimise disruption to pupil learning. We are sure that all members of the Trust/school community will continue to treat each other with respect. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience during this time.

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICES

Please can all EYs and KS1 parents/ carers walk with their child to their classroom door to be sure they have safely arrived. Children are the responsibility of parents/ carers until they have arrived inside the classroom. This also ensures a calm and positive start to the school day.

Parents/ carers should use the pedestrian walk way, and pathways around school when dropping off and collecting children from school. It is not safe to use the drive way as vehicles are often arriving and leaving at this time.



SPRING PARENT INSIGHT SESSIONS Y1 -Y5

Next half term the second Parent Insight session of the academic year will take place.

1 parent/ carer is invited to join their child for one demonstration lesson which is designed to give you an insight into teaching and learning in that subject area. Dates and times can be seen below.

This term's Parent Insight session will focus on Maths.

Lessons will take place in the Studio to ensure there is enough space. To enter, parents/ carers should wait at the front of school by the blue Base door 5 minutes before the start of the session.

The session will be approximately 45 minutes in length.

Siblings who do not attend the school are not permitted to attend for health and safety reasons.

Mobile phone should be switched off before you enter the premises.

The session will begin with a brief talk from your child's class teacher about the session you will take part in.

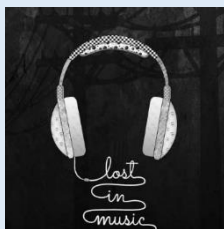
Children whose parents/ carers do not attend, will still take part in the lesson.

In order to maximise Y6's learning time during the Spring term, Y6 will not be running a Parent Insight session. EYs will be hosting Stay and Play instead.

DATE	TIME	CLASS
Monday 27 February 2023	9.45-10.30am	3H
Monday 27 February 2023	10.45-11.30am	3E
Monday 27 February 2023	1.15-2.00pm	4H
Monday 27 February 2023	2.15-3.00pm	4F
Tuesday 28 February 2023	9.45-10.30am	5D
Tuesday 28 February 2023	10.45-11.30am	5O
Tuesday 28 February 2023	1.15-2.00pm	1A
Tuesday 28 February 2023	2.15-3.00pm	1T
Wednesday 1 March 2023	1.15-2.00pm	2B
Wednesday 1 st March 2023	2.15-3.00pm	2H

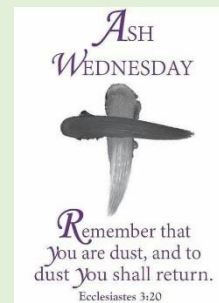
CHOIR: LOST IN MUSIC

We are delighted to announce that members of our school choir in Years 4-6 will be taking part in Lost In Music 3: Musicals and Movies this Spring. We will come together as a mass choir to perform in a concert at St Helens Town Hall on Friday 24th March 2023. Songs will include "When I grow up" from Matilda the Musical, "You've got a friend in me" from Toy Story and many more crowd-pleasing songs. The event forms part of the Borough of Culture programme for schools and we are delighted that we have been provided with the opportunity to take part. It will allow us to develop singing in our school and gives our children an unforgettable experience. They will work alongside other schools to perform with live orchestral accompaniment from the Youth Orchestra. What an exciting opportunity for our children! Look out for further details about this next half term.



ASH WEDNESDAY

On **Wednesday 22 February**, KS2 will attend an Ash Wednesday service at church at 2.15pm.



Everybody welcome!

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Due to unforeseen circumstances, passport hours for children's university have not been banked this week. Please bring in your passport on Monday 20th February for hours to be totalled that week.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...	
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Stapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qco.de/minifec>



HALF TERM CREEPY CRAWLIES CRAFT DAY

Wednesday 15th February 2023
10.30am - 2pm
Portico Vine ARLFC
Scholes Lane, St Helens, WA10 3PD

Make a bug hotel - Forest Visit - Crafts - Bug Hunt

£5 per child, lunch included

Adults soup & roll £3.50
Refreshments available to buy

Parents must stay for the session
Places limited, please book early to avoid disappointment
To book please email: pvarlfevents@gmail.com

Please wear old clothing, welly boots and bring a change of shoes

YEAR 4 GIRLS FOOTBALL



Last week our Year 4 Girls Football Team represented our School at Sutton Leisure Centre. It was a fantastic experience for our girls who showed great resilience and determination to get our first win of the year! The girls never let their heads drop to secure a 2-1 victory in the final against St Thomas of Canterbury in which the girls overturned a 1-0 score line to secure the gold medal. We really do have high hopes for these girls. We would like to congratulate all of the girls that represented St Ann's and share with you, their success.

Results:

St Ann's 3-0 Queens Park

St Bart's 0-2 St Ann's

St Ann's 3-1 St Peters

St Ann's 2-1 Wargrave

St Thomas of Canterbury 0-3 St Ann's

Final:

St Thomas of Canterbury 1-2 St Ann's

Goals: Perla M x2 (4F)



YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL

Yesterday, our Year 5/6 Boys Football team headed to Ruskin Drive to take part in a warm-up tournament in preparation for our first Echo Cup Fixture of the year. The boys represented the school really well and listened attentively to advice from Mr Ward after a slow start to finish runners up. Special mention to Jake W (5D) for a return of six goals in six games! Well done boys!



Results:

St Ann's 0-4 St Bart's

Newton 0-0 St Ann's

St Ann's 7-0 St Mary's

Goals:

Euan W (6M)

Kale F (5O)

Jake W (5D) x2

James T (6M)

Joe M (6A)

Lucas R (5D)

St Ann's 2-1 Bleak Hill

Goals:

Jake W (5D) x2

Allanson Street 0-2 St Ann's

Goals:

Jake W (5D)

Sam L (6A)

St Ann's 1-0 Queens Park

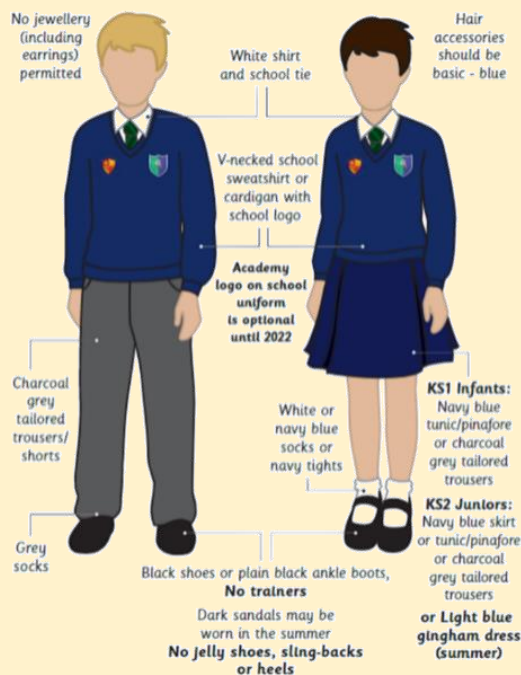
Goals:

Jake W (5D)



WEEKLY REMINDERS

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS



**Please note, it is no longer compulsory to wear items of clothing with the school and Trust logos on. Children may wear plain navy-blue items of school uniform.*

SCHOOL SHOES REMINDER



GENERAL INFORMATION

TOAST

The deadline for Toast (Years 1-6) for next half term (20th February – 31st March) has now passed. Please see the flyer attached to this Newsletter for details of the payments required for future half terms.

EARLY YEARS SNACK

Foundation stage children receive Snack on a daily basis. We would be most grateful if you would make payment on Arbor of the following amounts by the due dates:

Spring 1-£5.60 as soon as possible if not already paid

Spring 2 - £6.00 by 7th February 2023

Summer 1 - £5.80 by 28th March 2023

Summer 2 - £6.40 by 22nd May 2023

TERM DATES

Term	Open on	Close on
Autumn Term 2022	5 th September 2022	20 th October 2022
	31 st October 2022	21 st December 2022
Spring Term 2023	4 th January 2023	10 th February 2023
	20 th February 2023	31 st March 2023
Summer Term 2023	17 th April 2023	25 th May 2023
	6 th June 2023	19 th July 2023

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 as follows:

School Bag £9.00

Junior Tie £3.50

Elasticated Tie £3.00

Children's University Passport £3.00

Replacement Home School Diary £4.00

Courtesy

Care

Concentration



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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

TOAST

YEARS 1-6

If you would like your child to have Toast every half term please see below for the amount due each half term and the date the amount is required by. Payments should be made to your Arbor Toast account. Payments can be made in advance of these dates if you wish and the credit will be used once the due date arrives.

	Amount Due	Date Toast Account to be in credit by
Autumn 1	£6.80	13th July 2022
Autumn 2	£7.60	17th October 2022
Spring 1	£5.60	16th December 2022
Spring 2	£6.00	7th February 2023
Summer 1	£5.80	28th March 2023
Summer 2	£6.40	22nd May 2023

Total for year £38.20

DATES FOR DIARY

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Monday	20th February 2023	School Opens
Wednesday	22nd February 2023	Ash Wednesday Service 2.15pm Rev Alan to lead St Ann's Church
Thursday	23rd February 2023	Y4 Communion 9.00am St Ann's Church
Mon-Fri	27th Feb - 3rd Mar 2023	Parent Insight Sessions
Thursday	2nd March 2023	World Book Day
Friday	3rd March 2023	2B Family Worship 9.00am
Thursday	9th March 2023	Parent Forum for Class Reps

Friday	10th March 2023	2H Family Worship 9.00am
Friday	10th March 2023	Aspirations Day
Mon-Fri	13th -17th March 2023	Assessment Week
Tuesday	14th March 2023	World Maths Day
Wednesday	15 th March 2023	Y2 Easter Workshop – Liverpool Cathedral
Mon-Thur	20th– 23rd March 2023	Easter Bingos
Friday	24th March 2023	Children’s University Passport Bank
Monday	27th March 2023	St Ann’s Has Got Talent – Rainhill Village Hall
Tues - Thurs	28th-30th March 2023	Mentoring Conversations
Friday	31st March 2023	Y5 Easter Service 2.15pm St Ann’s Church
Friday	31st March 2023	School Closes

SUMMER TERM

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Monday	17 th April 2023	School Opens
Wed-Fri	19 th -21 st April 2023	Year 4 Kingswood Residential
Thursday	20 th April 2023	Y3 Communion @ St Ann’s Church, 9.00am
Friday	21 st April 2023	1T Family Worship, 9.00am (hall)
Tuesday	2 May 2023	KS1 SATs to commence this week and run throughout May
Monday	1 st May 2023	School Closed -May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday	2 nd May 2023	School Opens
Monday	8 th May 2023	School Closed - Coronation of the King
Tuesday	9 th May 2023	School Opens
Tue-Fri	9 th -12 th May 2023	KS2 SATS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 9 May 2023: Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 • Tuesday 9 May 2023: Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2 • Wednesday 10 May 2023: English Reading • Thursday 11 May 2023: Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) • Thursday 11 May 2023: Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) • Friday 12 May 2023: Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)
Friday	12 th May 2023	Year 6 Fun Day
Thursday	18 th May 2023	Ascension Service @ St Ann’s Church, 2.15pm
Friday	19 th May 202	Mark Barrow Run <i>Weather permitting</i>
Friday	19 th May 202	Children’s University Passport Bank
Monday	22 nd May 2023	KS1 Sports Day 9.15-11.30am EYFS Sports Day 1.30-3.00pm <i>Weather permitting</i>
Tuesday	23 rd May 2023	KS1 Reserve Sports Day 9.15-11.30am EYFS Reserve Sports Day 1.30-3.00pm <i>Weather permitting</i>
Wednesday	24 May 2023	LKS2 Sports Day 9.15-11.30am UKS2 Sports Day 1.15-3.00pm

		<i>Weather permitting</i>
Thursday	25 th May 2023	LKS2 Sports Reserve Day 9.15-11.30am UKS2 Reserve Sports Day 1.15-3.00pm <i>Weather permitting</i>
Thursday	25 th May 2023	School Closes
Tuesday	6 th June 2023	School Opens
Tuesday	6 th June 2023	Y4 Multiplication Timestable Check to take place over next 3 weeks
Thursday	8 th June 2023	Y6 Communion Service @ St Ann's Church, 9.00am
Mon-Fri	12 th -16 th June 2023	Y1 Phonics Screening Check to take place this week
Tuesday	13 th June 2023	Y6 Leavers Service @ Anglican Cathedral, pm
Friday	16 th June 2023	Class Photographs
Monday	19 th June 2023	Summer Assessment Week
Thursday	22 nd June 2023	Y1 Trip - Story Barn
Thursday	22 nd June 2023	Parent Forum 2.00-3.00pm <i>Reps only</i>
Thursday	29 th June 2023	Y6 Production @ St Helens Theatre Royal
Friday	30 th June 2023	Early Years Family Worship, 9.00am (hall)
Mon-Wed	3 rd -5 th July 2023	St Ann's Transition Days RHS Transition Days TBC