



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Forgiveness

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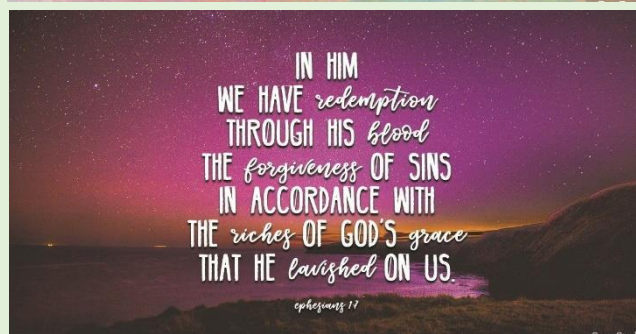
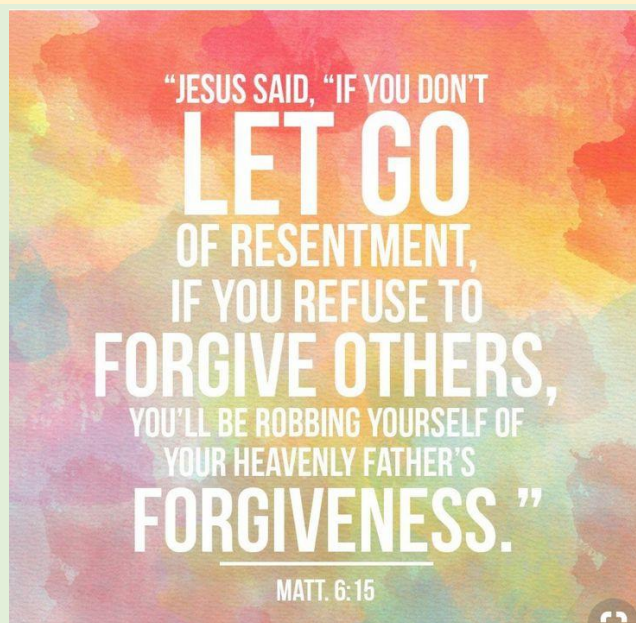
Friday 24 March 2023

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

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EASTER BINGO

Huge thanks to everyone who supported our first ever family Easter Bingo. We are delighted to announce that together we raised a massive £1492.29 for school fund.

There are many staff to thank for their contribution in the organisation of the event, but special thanks needs to go to Mrs Robinson who took the lead.

THANK YOU!

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>	96.56%
Whole school attendance week ending 17 th March 2023	96.06%
Class with best weekly attendance	1A – 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

378

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.

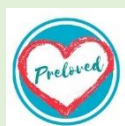
Attendance Expectations

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.

IMPORTANT: CHOIR UPDATE

On **Monday 27th March**, KS2 Choir will take place at the **Village Hall**. It will finish at the usual time of **4.15pm**. Children should be collected from the Village Hall, instead of school. This is rehearsal is for pupils supporting the Talent Show. Choir is closed to all other pupils on this occasion. Normal choir will resume for everyone after Easter.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM



Very shortly we intend to hold a pre-loved uniform sale once again. If you have any school uniform that is no longer required, please send it into school, washed and ironed. Thank you!

MENTORING CONVERSATION DATES

The dates of Mentoring Conversations can be seen below. See separate letter for further details.

Tuesday 28 March	EYR, 1A, 1T, 2B, 4H
Wednesday 29 March	2H, 4F, 5D, 5O
Thursday 30 March	3H, 3E, 6A, 6M

School closes for Easter
on Friday 31 March 2023.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Our next Family Worship will be led by 1T, all about Earth Day, on **Friday 21st April** at 9am in the school hall.



Y4 KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL UPDATE

Not long until our trip to Kingswood. Kingswood is the leading residential activity centre provider, welcoming over 130,000 children each year. Their centres provide a rewarding educational programme offering many National Curriculum linked modules combined with thrilling outdoor and indoor adventure activities with secure and controlled residential accommodation. The Kingswood activity centre have three core values ensuring that all children thrive during their time on site. The core values are listed below:

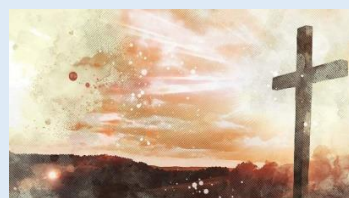
- Confidence: demonstrate self confidence in themselves and show trust and support for others
- Resilience: be able to demonstrate resilience through exposure to failures and overcoming
- Life skills: achieve goals, adapt positively to change and see setbacks as opportunities to learn.

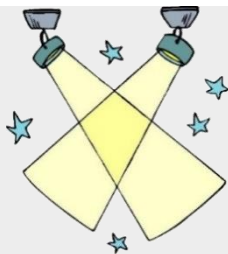
The countdown is on!

School re-opens on
Monday 17 April 2023.

Y5 EASTER SERVICE

Y5 will be leading an Easter Service on **Friday 31st March at 2.15pm** at St Ann's Church. Everybody welcome.





A SPOTLIGHT ON: SCHOOL APPS

We have three home-school learning apps designed to support children with learning at home. Login details for these apps can be found in each child's reading diary.

NumBots

NumBots equips each pupil with the set of core maths skills they require by building their knowledge from the ground up - starting at the very beginning with subitising. NumBots has several settings and games for your child to play, all aimed at developing pupils' ability to use efficient mental calculation strategies to add and subtract two-digit numbers. This knowledge is vital to ensure children can access many different areas of the mathematics curriculum fluently and confidently. When using NumBots, we recommend a 'little and often' approach; 3 minutes practice a day, 5 times a week, will make a real difference to your child's number and calculation knowledge.



Times Tables Rock Stars

Times Tables Rock Stars is a maths programme that has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division. Suitable for all KS2 learners, the question-based games automatically adapt to each child's unique learning needs, helping them to recall their times tables in record speed. Accessible on any device, via the app or browser, children can play anytime, anywhere. Times Table Rock Stars has several settings and games for your child to play, all aimed at developing their times-table knowledge. This knowledge is vital to ensure children can access many different areas of the mathematics curriculum fluently and confidently. Whilst playing, children can earn virtual coins to personalise their rock avatars and move up the rock leaderboard from 'New Artist' to 'Rock Hero'! Just like NumBots, we recommend a 'little and often' approach when using TTRS; 3 minutes practice a day, 5 times a week, will make a real difference to your child's times table knowledge.



Bug Club

Bug Club is an online reading programme children can use to access a wide range of ebooks at home. The online 'Bug Club' books are carefully aligned to the book banded system used in school and match children to books that cater to their reading level. Children can use the Bug Club website to access ebooks alongside the reading books they bring home. The 'Bug Club' ebook collection includes a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books that include well known characters. The ebooks can be accessed on a range of devices using your child's login details. Quizzes, which help children to practise their reading skills, are also available for children to complete at the end of each book. Children can use the books on Bug Club to develop their reading and comprehension skills, in the same way as the books sent home from school. Please indicate in their reading diary when children have read a 'Bug Club' book and completed a reading quiz.



Y6 PRODUCTION UPDATE



Rehearsals for the Y6 production are well underway with the fantastic staff of First Act. Poppy, our coach, has been working hard over the past term to develop the main chorus dances and songs with both classes and to introduce the main cast of characters in 'We Will Rock You'. From Britney Spears to Killer Queen, the children have acted out small scenes from the production to develop their characterisation and work out which roles they might like to audition for. Poppy has provided the children with audition materials to prepare for casting on the 21st April. Year 6 can't wait to rock you!

JOB VACANCY: THERAPEUTIC TEACHING ASSISTANT



We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, enthusiastic and talented teaching assistant to join our outstanding primary school, and who shares our vision for providing a first-class education and instilling all our children with a love of learning. *You will work alongside the Senior Leadership Team and Family Support Worker, supporting the work of the school in the areas of behaviour, safeguarding and attendance, and delivering therapeutic interventions to pupils across the school.*

For more information see

<http://www.three-saints.org.uk/index.php/vacancies/>

HARDSHIP FUND

Following a discussion at Parent Forum last week, and requests from parents who wish to help families in need, it was agreed that school would establish a Hardship Fund.

The Hardship Fund will be a discretionary fund available to provide some relief from immediate financial hardship for the families of St Ann's. It will seek to ease the financial hardship of those who have no recourse to other sources of financial assistance.

If parents/ carers would like to make a donation into the hardship, you can do this via the school office.



WANTED: MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

Are you interested in becoming a Midday Supervisor at St Ann's? We are looking to recruit a Midday Supervisor on a zero-hours contract to cover on an ad hoc basis. Please direct your expression of interest to our school office to find out more. We look forward to you joining our school team soon!





Y3 COMMUNION

Y3 will join the community communion service at St Ann's Church on **Thursday 20 April at 9am.**

Everybody is welcome!

TIMETABLE ROCKSTARS



Year group classes have been battling against each other all week. Winning classes this week are those that had the most children play on Times Tables Rock Stars over the last 7 days.

TTRS battle winners this week are:

3H	4H	5D	6M
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Well done to all the children in these classes. A new battle will be set up next week. Winners will be announced in next week's newsletter!

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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Exciting news! The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to school in the first week of our Summer term (wb 17th April). All classes will have the opportunity to visit the book fair during school hours and children can bring money to school in order to purchase any books, stationary and other miscellaneous items that they want.

The mobile bookcases that form the Fair are packed with over 200 of the newest and best books from over 60 publishers, including exclusive titles that you won't see in shops or at any other fairs. Amazing things happen when a child can choose their own book to read, and with amazing discounts and prices from just £2.99, this Book Fair helps our children access the right books for them.

You can visit the Scholastic website to see what books will be on offer by clicking on the following link: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/ro>

Children in KS1 and Early Years will visit the Book Fair on Wednesday 19th April.

Children in KS2 will visit the Book Fair on Thursday 20th April.



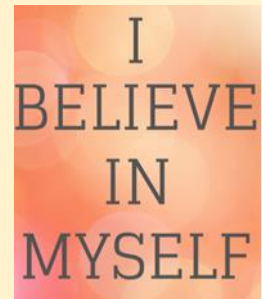
SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #5

Dealing with body confidence-CHILDLINE

The world is now more superficial than ever before – tiktok, Instagram, snapchat and others have changed what the world expects people to look like. For young people, the standard idea of beauty has always been an immense pressure for those transitioning between being a child and being a young person.

FIVE things to help you feel better

- Everyone's different so don't compare yourself to other people.
- Ignore any negative or mean comments from other people.
- Write down 3 things you like about yourself and read it every morning.
- Share your thoughts with your friends and ask them what they like.
- Focus on hobbies you enjoy or things you are good at - this can help build your confidence.



ChildLine has created a page with advice on these issues.:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/you-your-body/my-body/how-you-look/>

SPORT COMPETITIONS UPDATE

Monday 20th March 2023

Year 3 Football:

Huge well done to our Year 3 Boys who attended a the Y3 Large Schools Football Competition earlier this week at Sutton Academy. The boys gave a good showing, missing out on first marginally. Well done boys!

Results:

Queens Park 0-4 St Ann's

Isaac B x2

Dylan

Jack

St Ann's 2-1 Bleak Hill

Teddy x2

Leigh Vale 0-1 St Ann's

Dylan

St Mary's 0-1 St Ann's

Dylan

St Ann's 0-2 Wargrave

Joseph x2

St Ann's 0-0 Allinson Street

St Mary's Blackbrook 1-1 St Ann's

Dylan



Tuesday 21st March 2023

Year 5/6 Football

Well done to the Year 5/6 boys who attended a group of friendly matches this week at Sutton Academy. The boys showed real determination in only losing one of their games and keeping five clean sheets!!

Results:

Eccleston Lane Ends 0-1 St Ann's

Charlie W

Lymme 0-0 St Ann's

St Ann's 1-0 St Thomas

Harry S

Queens Park 1-1 St Ann's

Charlie W

Bleak Hill 0-0 St Ann's

St Aidans 0-0 St Ann's

St Ann's 1-0 Wargrave

Charlie W

St Barts 2-0 St Ann's



Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Y3/4 Multi-Skills

Well done to the Year 3/4 children who attended the Multi-Skills competition at Broadway Badminton Centre earlier this week. The children were a credit to the school and really enjoyed the experience.



DOMESTIC ABUSE CAMPAIGN: ACTION NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

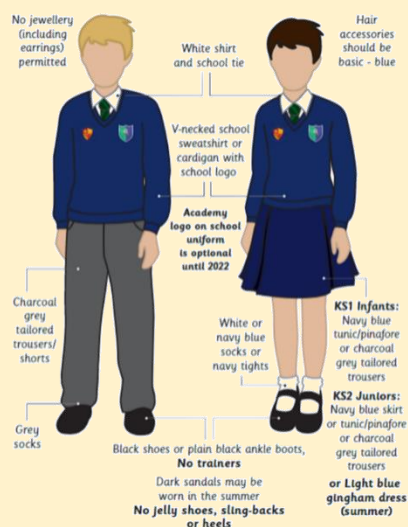
As part of the Ask for ANI campaign, the Home Office has created a [postcode checker](#) which allows victims of [domestic abuse](#) to find their nearest participating job centre or pharmacy.

Ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately) is a codeword scheme designed to help victims of domestic abuse access immediate help and support in a safe space.

Thousands of pharmacies and 18 job centres and benefits offices are now part of the Ask for ANI campaign and supply a safe and confidential room where those experiencing domestic abuse can reflect, access information about the support services available, and contact friends or family.

GENERAL INFORMATION/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.*

TOAST

If you would like your child to have Toast at breaktime for Summer 1 (17th April – 25th May) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £5.80 by 28th March. If your account is not in credit by at least this amount by this date we will issue a reminder by In-App message. If payment is still not received by the date stated in the reminder we will be unable to provide your child with toast for the ensuing half term. The current balance on your Toast account can be viewed by accessing your Arbor account.

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

SCHOOL SHOES REMINDER



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 2 - £6.00 as soon as possible if not already paid
 Summer 1 - £5.80 by 28th March 2023
 Summer 2 - £6.40 by 22nd May 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 £10.00

Junior Tie £4.00

Elasticated Tie £3.50

Children's University Passport £3.00

Replacement Home School Diary £4.00

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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	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
Wednesday	7 th June 2023	Y3 trip to Liverpool Empire – “Annie”
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
Thursday	6 th July 2023	Y6 Communion Service @ St Ann’s Church, 9.00am
Friday	7 th July 2023	End of Year School Reports sent home
Mon-Wed	10 th -12 th July 2023	Y5 & Y6 Lakeside Residential
Friday	14 th July 2023	Altru Eyes Open Performance for Y6
Friday	14 th July 2023	Children’s University Passport Bank
Tuesday	18 th July 2023	Awards Evening – Details TBC Y6 Leavers Disco – Time TBC
Wednesday	19 th July 2023	Y6 Leavers Service 9.30am Church
Wednesday	19 th July 2023	School Closes