



St Ann's Church of England

Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Friendship

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A true friend is closer than your own family.

Proverbs 18:24

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Y4 KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL

The Year 4 team are delighted to share with you the wonderful experience that the children had on their recent school trip to Kingswood. The children had a fantastic time and were able to develop their resilience while participating in a variety of exciting activities, including the zip line, rock climbing, and fire making.

The memories created on this trip will last a lifetime, and I am proud to report that the staff at Kingswood commended our students for their exceptional behaviour and manners throughout the duration of the trip. I would like to congratulate Year 4 on representing our school so well, and for demonstrating such positive attitudes and excellent behaviour.

Thank you to all the staff who helped make this trip possible, and for creating a safe and enjoyable environment for our students to learn and grow.

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>	96.62%
Whole school attendance week ending 21 st April 2023	98.07%
Class with best weekly attendance	4H – 100%

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.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

TIPS FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS

Don't give in!
Follow through.

Be organised! Get everything ready from the night before. Have their coats and bags at the door, their lunch made and their clothes on the banisters.

Treat it like a military operation in the morning!

Don't give them a choice to stay at home.

Give yourself 15 minutes before the kids get up.

No TV, iPad or phones allowed in the morning.

Keep talking about the importance of school.

Early to bed the night before school, especially after holidays.

Come back to school after doctor/ dentist appointments.

Know how many days your child has missed in school.



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.

CHOIR

We've got a second booking for our choir – singing at the Anglican Cathedral on 13 June at the Y6 Leavers Service! What an amazing opportunity and honour!

If your child is interested in joining, or re-joining our school choir, please contact the school office. Rehearsals take place Monday 3.20-4.15pm with Mrs Devany. It's absolutely FREE! Our next performance will be at our Kings Coronation Picnic event. A great way to develop your child's speaking, listening and emotional literacy skills!



YEAR 3 TRIP

As part of our Cultural & Curriculum Offer, on Tuesday 16th May, Year 3 will be visiting the Manchester Science & Industry Museum. The children will explore the museum, look at science exhibitions based around some of our Year 3 Science units and take part in different workshops.

See separate letter for further details.



INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ACTION UPDATE

The next day industrial strike action will affect our school in on **Tuesday 2nd May**.

Many thanks for your patience while we having been working with the staff, Trust and unions to find out what the impact will be for us at St Ann's. On Tuesday 2nd May school will be closed to the following classes EYP, EYR, 3E, 3H & 4F.

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.

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!



A SPOTLIGHT ON:



OUR CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS AS A CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our Anglican ethos is characterised by our school vision. The distinctly Christian vision for St Ann's Church of England Primary School is *'Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly.'* This vision was agreed in 2019 following a series of workshops and gathering the voice of all stakeholders. *'...But those who trust in the Lord, they will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles...'* (Isaiah 40:31) was the inspiration for the vision. Our theologically rooted vision is contextually appropriate for the community we serve and ensures the school lives up to its foundation as a Church school.

As an Anglican church school we provide the following experiences for our pupils:



- encouragement of mutual respect based on Christian values, where pupils and teachers are able to talk openly and freely about their own personal beliefs and practice without fear of ridicule.
- pupils of all backgrounds to have a safe place to explore the place of doubt and certainty in a maturing faith
- pupils from Christian families to talk openly about their beliefs and values in lessons and to grow in their faith.
- pupils from other faith backgrounds to understand and be encouraged in their faith.
- opportunities to explore the experience of the Church's year.
- visits to places of worship, especially the local parish Church and the Anglican Cathedral, to develop the understanding of the Church as a living community.
- welcoming visitors from the local parish and the community to share their experience of Christian belief and life.
- liaise with the local parish to enable these visits and links to occur
- support for all pupils
- develop a deeper understanding of Christianity of a world wide faith with a range of denominations to extend children's appreciation and understanding of Worship in all its rich variety.
- confident use of religious language.
- a well-used set of Bibles in language that can be understood by the learners and examples of Bibles and prayer books from a variety of contexts.

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- access to Christian artefacts that are used with care, respect and confidence.
- a reflection area in each classroom and several prayer spaces inside and outside school that can be used as a focus for prayer and silent reflection.
- the facility to listen to contemporary and traditional hymns and spiritual songs.
- pupils to make excellent and appropriate progress in their knowledge and understanding of Christianity.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

A CHRISTIAN PRESENCE IN EVERY COMMUNITY

Y6 SATs WEEK

This year, Y6 SATs week will commence on **Tuesday 9th May** (following the bank holiday). The timetable below shows the statutory tests that all children will undertake. It is essential that your child is well rested before this week so that they have the greatest chance of achieving their potential. During the week please itself, ensure your child goes to bed at an age appropriate time and is off devices at least 1 hour before bedtime. Children must be in school each day and on time as the tests start first thing each day. Please make sure your child eats breakfast before leaving the house. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.

KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates - May 2023

Date	Test
Tuesday 9th May 2023	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Weds 10th May 2023	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Thurs 11th May 2023	Mathematics Arithmetics (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Friday 12th May 2023	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes

Parents will be given their child's scaled score and whether they have reached the expected standard set by the Department for Education ('NS' means that the expected standard was not achieved and 'AS' means the expected standard was achieved). The range of scaled scores available for each KS2 test is:

- 80 (the lowest scaled score that can be awarded)
- 120 (the highest scaled score)

The expected standard for each test is a scaled score of 100 or more. If a child is awarded a scaled score of 99 or less they won't have achieved the expected standard in the test. The Department for Education expects at least 65 per cent of children to reach the expected standard.

Y2 SATs

Week commencing **Monday 15th May**, Y2 will commence their statutory assessments. Tests will be completed by the time we break up for half term. Unlike KS2 SATs, KS1 SATs don't have to be administered according to a nationally-set timetable in a specific week. Schools are free to manage the timetable and will aim to administer the tests in the classroom in a low-stress, low-key way; some children won't even be aware they've taken them!

Children will complete the following tests:

KS1 reading

The reading test for Y2 is made up of two separate papers: Paper 1 is a selection of texts totalling 400 to 700 words, with questions interspersed. Paper 2 is a reading booklet with a selection of passages totalling 800 to 1100 words. Children write their answers in a separate booklet. Each paper should take around 30 minutes, but children are not strictly timed, as the tests are not intended to assess children's ability to work at speed. The texts in the reading papers cover a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, and get progressively more difficult towards the end of the test. Teachers have the option to stop the test at any point that they feel is appropriate for a particular child.

KS1 maths

The Y2 maths test is made up of two papers: Paper 1 (arithmetic, worth 25 marks and taking around 15 minutes) and Paper 2 (problem-solving and reasoning, worth 35 marks and taking 35 minutes, with a break if necessary). Question types include multiple choice.

In order for children to achieve their potential it is important that children are having an age appropriate amount of sleep and are off devices at least 1 hour before bedtime. Please also ensure that your child eats breakfast before school each day.



Coronation Bake Off

Friday 19th May

Submit your entries to your child's class teacher with the allergy form.

Cakes will be sold at our Coronation Picnic

- Allergy form is attached to this Newsletter

School is closed on Monday 1st May due to the Bank Holiday.

FAMILY WORSHIP



Our next Family Worship will be led by 1A, all about Healthy Living, on **Friday 23 June** at 9am in the school hall.

MILLENIUM CENTRE

Please note that the Millenium Centre car park will be unavailable for parking at the end of the school day on 5th May.

TIMESTABLE ROCKSTARS



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

Children who have earned the most coins this week are:

3E	Thea	3H	Scarlet-Rose
4H	Stevie	4F	Elsa
5O	Isla B	5D	Francesca
6A	Harry D	6M	Isabella L

Next week children will be battling in year groups – class against class! Please encourage your child to participate in this battle and help their class win. Winning classes will be announced in the newsletter next week.

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.

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #7

Out alone

As your child gets older, it's likely they'll want a bit more independence. Going out without you is a natural step for them to take - when the time is right!

It can be hard to decide whether your child is ready. There's a lot to think about and a lot you might be worried about.

Things to know before they go out alone:

Where do they want to go?

What do they want to do?

Who will they be with?

How far will they travel? There's a big difference between walking to the corner shop and going into town.

What time will they be out?

Consider if it's safe for them to be out late, or after dark.

There are a few basic things your child should know before they go out alone.

Their full name, address, two trusted adults' phone numbers (include the home number, if you have one), how to cross roads safely and about being aware of other children and adults when out.

Talk to your child about what ifs

Talk to your child early on about scenarios they might face and how to stay safe. Ask them what they'd do and how they feel about them. Doing this will give you both peace of mind.

Discuss the following what ifs with your child

A stranger tries to talk to them, or take them somewhere?

Someone they know tries to take them somewhere, without asking you?

Someone bullies them?

Someone offers them alcohol or drugs?

Someone asks them to do something they're not comfortable with?

They're stopped by the police?

Their phone battery dies? (if they have one)

They get hurt?

Ensure you have rules and boundaries

Setting clear boundaries will help you and your child know how they should behave when you're not around. It's a good idea to agree on some rules that suit their maturity before you leave them alone.

You could even write up an agreed list.

For e.g

How far from home can they go?

How long can they stay out?

Who can they go out with or meet?

When is their agreed home time?

What activities are ok for them to do?

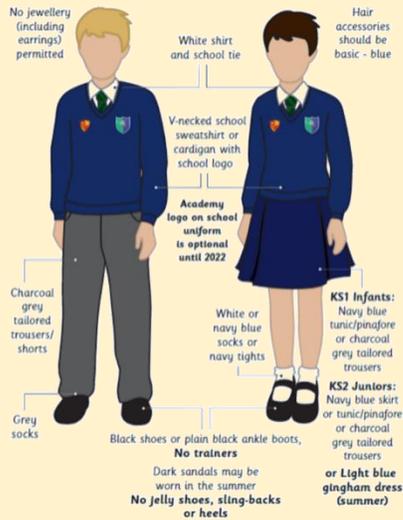
Remember

Give your child a chance to build their independence by building your trust.

If you or your child feel uncomfortable about going out alone, why not try a group or sport club to give your child the opportunity to build their independence and be alone.

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.*

SCHOOL SHOES REMINDER



TOAST

The deadline for Toast (Years 1-6) for this half term (17th April -25th May) has now passed. Please see the flyer attached to this Newsletter for details of the payments required for the final half term.

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:

Summer 1 - £5.80 as soon as possible if not already paid

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 £10.00

Junior Tie £4.00

Elasticated Tie £3.50

Children's University Passport £3.00

Replacement Home School Diary £4.00

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

DATES FOR DIARY

SUMMER TERM

DAY	DATE	EVENT
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)
Monday	15 th May 2023	Year 6 Fun Day
Tuesday	16 th May 2023	Y3 trip Manchester Science and Industry Museum
Thursday	18 th May 2023	Ascension Service @ St Ann's Church, 2.15pm
Friday	19 th May 2023	Mark Barrow Run <i>Weather permitting</i>
Friday	19 th May 2023	Children's University Passport Bank
Friday	19 th May 2023	Celebration of King Charles III Coronation
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 -4 th July 2023	St Ann’s Transition Days RHS Transition Days
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
Monday	17 th July 2023	Y4 trip to Shakespeare North Playhouse
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

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



*A great big THANK YOU to all the children of
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for raising £405.69 for
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