

St Ann's Church of England

Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

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Hope

For | know the plans | have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

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RIGHTS RESPECTING PARLIAMENT VISIT TO ST MICHAELS COMMUNION SERVICE



This week our KS2 Rights Respecting Parliament and Head Boy and Girl went to one of other Trust schools, St Michael's with St Thomas, to take part in their Communion Service. #MakingNewFriends

KIDS GET THEIR SUPER POWERS BY ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERY DAY

Whole school attendance year to date Whole School target 96%	96.5%
Whole school attendance week ending 25 th May 2023	92.3%
Class with best weekly attendance	RP – 100%

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS TIPS FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS

No TV, iPad or

Don't give in! Follow through.

> Treat it like a military operation in the morning!

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.

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

Give yourself 15 minutes before the kids get up.

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

Three Sol

Keep talking about the importance of school.

Come back to school after doctor/ dentist appointments.

Know how many days your child has missed in school.

Attendance Expectations

BE AN ATTENDANCE

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

370

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.

YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK

Immediately following our half term holiday, all Y4 pupils will take part in the statutory times table check. The Multiplication Tables Check will be administered over a two week period starting on w/c Monday 12 June 2023.

Children will be tested using an on-screen check (on a computer or a tablet), where they will have to answer multiplication questions against the clock.

The test will last no longer than 5 minutes. Answers will be marked instantly. Children will have 6 seconds to answer each question in a series of 25. Each question will be worth one mark and be presented to the child in this format: $n1 \times n2 =$ ____

Questions will be selected from the 121 number facts that make up the multiplication tables from 2 to 12, with a particular focus on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables as they are considered to be the most challenging. Each question will only appear once in any 25-question series, and children won't be asked to answer reversals of a question as part of the check (so if they've already answered 3 x 4 they won't be asked about 4 x 3).

Once the child has inputted their answer on the computer / device they are using, there will be a three-second pause before the next question appears. Children will be given the opportunity to practise answering questions in this format before the official check begins.

The six-second time limit per question has been decided on by the DfE because it should allow children enough time to demonstrate their recall of times tables without giving them the time to work out the answers to each question.

Helping your child to prepare is easy! Simply ensure they access TTRockstars daily – we would recommend children play 3 games each day. Watch as their score rapidly improves.

YEAR 1 PHONICS CHECK

School will administer the Phonics Screening Check the week beginning Monday 12 June 2023 to all Y1 pupils and to Y2 pupils who failed the check in December.

The Phonics Screening Check shows how well your child can use the phonics skills they've learned, and to identify children who need extra phonics help.

The checks consist of **40 words and nonwords** that your child will be asked to read oneon-one with a teacher. Non-words (or nonsense words, or pseudo words) are a collection of letters that will follow phonics rules your child has been taught, but don't mean anything – your child will need to read these with the correct sounds to show that they understand the phonics rules behind them.

You can download the Department for Education's official <u>Year 1 Phonics screening check past paper</u> from 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2022 to get an idea of what your child will be asked to do.

Your child will be scored against a national standard, and the main result will be whether or not they fall below, within or above this standard.

You can help your child prepare for their Phonics Screening Check by going over the phonics they've learned in Reception and Year 1. Read new books and stories with them where they will be introduced to new words that they'll have to sound out, and <u>review the phonics sounds and</u> <u>rules</u>.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the check, simply speak to your child's class teacher.

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!



Y5/6 LAKE DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL PARENT MEETING

On **Monday 19th June @ 5pm** we are holding a meeting for parents/ carers of children participating in the Lake District Residential. The meeting will be held in the school hall. Please wait by the side gate next to the blue Base door to enter the premises.

NEW INTAKE PARENT/ CARER WORKSHOP



On Tuesday 13th June at 5pm we are holding an intake meeting for parents/ carers of children who are joining Reception in September. This is an introduction to our school. The meeting will also talk

parents through the Early Years curriculum.

Wait by the front side gate (near the blue Base door) to enter the premises.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPH DAY



It is whole class photograph day on Friday 16th June. All children should wear full and correct winter school uniform with black shoes. Y6 school wear normal jumper/ cardy (not Leavers' Hoodie).

Year 4 are on their trip to Formby beach on this day therefore please can the children come to school in uniform with their PE Kit in a bag to change into (please note this differs from the original letter sent out). Please also ensure that your child has a sun hat, bottle of water and sun screen.

FAMILY WORSHIP



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

CURRICULUM & CULTURAL VISITS

This week our Y3 children enjoyed a trip to Liverpool Empire to watch the stage show 'Annie'. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.

Next week Y2 will visit the Liverpool Philharmonic, EYs will take part in Song Fest at St Helens Town Hall and Y4 will go to Formby Beach. Please refer to separate letters for further information.

A SPOTLIGHT ON: PARENT FORUM

At St Ann's we have a Parent Forum. The purpose of the Parent Forum is to provide another channel of communication between home and school.

The group meet to celebrate the work of our school and to offer a parental perspective on agenda items. Minutes of the meeting are posted on the school website. At the end of the academic year an impact report is produced. This is also uploaded onto our website. The forum meets once a term and they are supported by the school's senior leadership team. *Individual matters are not addressed at Parent Forum as this is a public forum that only meets once a term.*

Parents nominate themselves to be their child's Class Rep. If more than one parent/ carer applies to be the representative for a particular class, a parent/ carer who has previously not held the role will be randomly selected (names drawn from a hat). Parents/ carers who have previously held the position can be able to be a representative again as long as there is no other interest.

Agenda items have included;

- Review of school aims
- Parent Insight Sessions
- Homework and school APPs
- School's promotion of online safety
- Analysis of parent and pupil surveys
- Pupil mental health and wellbeing
- School Hardship Fund
- Cultural & Curriculum visits
- Remote Education



Our next Parent Forum session for our Reps will take place on **22 June at 2pm**. Please speak to your child's Class Parent Rep should wish for anything to be raised at the meeting. We look forward to seeing our Reps then.

TRANSITION VISITS

Over the next few weeks, as part of our transition, our EYs teachers will be visiting next year's Reception intake in their pre-school settings.

YEAR 4 TIMETABLE COMPETITION

Not long to go now!! Keep up the good work Year 4. We will publish the results in next week's Newsletter.





TIMESTABLE ROCKSTARS



Welcome back to our final term everyone! The TTRS battles will begin again next week.

Children will be battling for the title of 'Times Tables Rock Stars Champion'. In the newsletter we will announce the names of the children in each class who have earned the most coins over the next 7 days.

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.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' SERVICE AND SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

On **Tuesday 13 June** our Y6 children will attend the Leavers' Service at the Anglican Cathedral. Our school choir will also be performing at the event.



The service is a celebration of life at primary school and about looking forward to moving on to secondary school. This year the content of the service is based on the account of the Israelites entering the promised land and the walls of Jericho collapsing, and will be led by 'In Another Place'

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

All children will leave school by coach in the morning to take part in workshops and possibly a tour of the cathedral. The service will commence at 1pm. The service will last approximately 1 hour. Children will return to school via coach. Traffic permitting, we will return to school in time for the end of the school day. If timings change, we will communicate this to parents at the earliest opportunity.

PARENTS/ CARERS OF Y6 & CHOIR CHILDREN

The cathedral is open to the public at the same time and therefore it is possible for parents/ carers to attend this service. Parents/ carers are seated separately from all schools who will attend this special service. Parents must make their own way to the cathedral. Parents/ carers will not be able to collect their child from the service

WHAT TO WEAR

Children should wear full school uniform with black school shoes (not PE kit or Leavers' Hoodie). This is to both look smart, and also for health and safety reasons.



DONATIONS



This year the Diocese are supporting World Vision Charity and especially their work in supporting children and families in Ukraine. This link illustrates some of the work

that they are doing Donate to help children in Ukraine | World Vision UK

To help with this there will be an opportunity during the service for children to bring donations forward (as in previous years). If you would like your child to make a donation, please send this into school with them in a labelled envelope.

Please note, there may be official photographs taken at the service for use in diocesan publicity.



SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #11

Teach your children the importance of being safe around water



Help keep your family safe in, on and around water

Watch RLSS UK's animation to learn more about water safety



SPORT COMPETITION UPDATE

Keystage 2 Swimming Gala



During the last week of last half term, we entered our first Primary School Swimming Gala. Both Boys and Girls who represented ST Ann's did so impeccably. We are very lucky to have a good group of very strong swimmers who managed to finish in third place overall after winning many of their heats. Special mention to the girls who swim outside of school for their encouragement and sportsmanship when cheering on competitors, who were experiencing a competitive Swimming Gala for the first time.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART COMPETITION

This year's Black history month Art competition is **"BLACK AND PROUD**." The competition has been organised jointly by Merseyside Police and partners spanning the 5 boroughs of Merseyside (St Helens, Wirral, Sefton, Liverpool, Knowsley) and is supported by the International Slavery Museum Liverpool. Primary school pupils from across Merseyside are invited to design a poster to celebrate Black History.



What is Black history month? October is Black History Month in the UK, an event that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years, to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations. Now, Black History Month has expanded to include the history of not just African and Caribbean people but Black people in general. We have created a poster that will give your students some inspiration, we have selected figures who made positive difference.

These include.

Frank Arthur Bailey: Frank was a Guyanese-British firefighter and social worker who is known as being one of the first black firefighters in the United Kingdom. In 1953, he moved to London and came across a <u>Fire Brigades Union</u> (FBU) delegate who told him that black people were not employed by the fire service because they were "not educated or strong enough", though he challenged this by applying as a firefighter. In 1955, he was accepted and became one of the first black firefighters in the UK.

Mary Prince: Mary was the first Black woman to publish an autobiography in Britain. Back in 1831 her life story, The History of Mary Prince, A West Indian Slave, revealed the horrifying truths of the slave trade and helped the movement to end slavery.

Dr Oliver Lyseight: Oliver migrated to England from Jamaica in 1951, was the founder of one of Britain's largest black majority churches, and was a spiritual leader to the "<u>Windrush generation</u>", the first Caribbeans to emigrate in significant numbers to post-war Britain, notably in 1948 on the <u>HMT Empire Windrush</u>

Lilian Bader: Lilian Bader one of the first Black women to join the armed forces. Throughout her life, Lilian was vocal about racism and prejudice in Britain and strived to ensure that the contribution of Black military personnel was acknowledged in British history. Referring to her family's involvement in the British military and the lack of recognition they received, she noted: *"Father served in the First World War, his three children served in the Second World War. I married a coloured man who was in the Second World War, as was his brother who was decorated for bravery in Burma. Their father also served in the First World War. Our son was a helicopter pilot, he served in Northern Ireland. So all in all, I think we've given back more to this country than we've received."*

Why get involved? Great opportunity for primary school pupils across Merseyside to get involved and work in partnership with Merseyside Police, the councils, museums to celebrate the influence and achievements of Black people who have contributed and influenced shaping the UK.

What will your school get out of it? The wining school from each borough will have the artwork branded on Police vehicles across Merseyside and a tour of the International Slavery Museum with the winning artworks been displayed at the museum. There will also be an opportunity for all the winners to attend Merseyside Police Headquarters for a tour, introductions with the command team and opportunity to be interviewed by our media team. Competition is open to all primary schools across Merseyside, maximum of 3 entries per school, winning school for each area will be announced in 1st half of the autumn term.

Please do not to include politically divisive content so we do not have to censor the artwork.

Format of your school's artwork. We would like you to submit your entry via email, therefore we would need to provide a digital copy, either a good quality photograph or a scanned version of the artwork either A4 or A3, landscape or portrait. Please keep file size to a maximum of 5mb. Please ensure that any images of family or friends that your students may decide to use have their permissions and don't breach copyright laws.

Send entries to Crimebeat@merseyside.police.uk

The following link can be used as resources for students preparation <u>Legacies of transatlantic slavery | National Museums</u> <u>Liverpool (liverpoolmuseums.org.uk)</u>

Please state your school's name and which area the school is from when submitting your artwork.

CHARLIE WALLER FREE WEBINARS

We run live webinars for anyone who looks after children and young people - parents, carers, educators - as well as young people themselves and anyone interested in psychology or mental health. All of our webinars are presented by our mental health trainers, speakers and guest speakers who come from a wide range of professions, including education, psychology, social work, youth work, public health, psychotherapy and nursing. Past topics have included: the teen brain, sleep, supporting a highly sensitive child, and perfectionism. The webinars explore practical, evidence-based strategies for maintaining positive mental health, whether that's paying attention to our own wellbeing, or how to support those around us. If you have any questions about our webinars, please email: webinars@charliewaller.org



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Supporting young people: Highly sensitive young people Sarah Ashworth

In this webinar, Sarah will explore why some children and young people (and adults, too!) are more sensitive than others and what we can do to help them develop resilience in the face of life's many challenges. Why is it that some children and young people seem to be more affected by and sensitive to the things that happen to them than others? In this webinar, Sarah will discuss:

Some of the evidence suggesting that although some individuals are more sensitive to the negative things that happen to them in their environment, they are also more likely to benefit from positive changes in their lives than their peers Strategies for supporting sensitive children to develop resilience and fulfil their innate potential.

Thursday 8 June, 12:00 - 1:30pm Click here to sign up

Supporting young people: Self-esteem

Andy Caress

In this webinar we will discuss:

The concept of self-esteem and how children and young people are affected.

Internal and external stressors

The role of parents, carers and family members in helping to nurture healthy levels of self-esteem.

Practical strategies for offering support, challenging negative self-talk, and helping young people celebrate their efforts and achievements whilst not expecting perfection.

Tuesday 13 June, 6:00 - 7:30pmClick here to sign upThursday 29 June, 6:00 - 7:30pmClick here to sign up

Perfectionism

Professor Roz Shafran

This webinar is designed to support participants' understanding of unhealthy perfectionism and give some ideas for how to begin the process of change. We will explore:

The difference between unhealthy perfectionism and healthy striving for excellence

The negative impact of perfectionism in a variety of areas, including mental health

The research showing the approach that has been found to be helpful

Strategies to help reduce unhealthy perfectionism

Tuesday 27 June, 6:00 -7:30pm Click here to sign up

From surviving to thriving: Supporting the wellbeing of autistic children and young people Jo Billington

Many autistic children and young people have difficult school experiences and poor mental health. Using a combination of research evidence and the lived experiences of autistic people across the lifespan, this talk considers how supporting adults (e.g. parents, carers and school staff) can be effective allies and make a positive difference in the everyday lives of autistic children.

This webinar will cover:

How we can use neurodiversity-affirming approaches to validate autistic children's experiences How small environmental changes can have a significant impact on wellbeing.

Thursday 6 July, 6:00 - 7:30pm	Click here to sign up
Wednesday 26 July, 12:00 - 1:30pm	Click here to sign up

Free 8 week course...

supporting parents and carers to give their child the best start in life!





Henry; Healthy Start, Bright Future

Supporting parents and carers to give their child the best start in life.

The free 8-week course covers:

- Emotional wellbeing
- Healthy weight
- Parenting skills
- Oral health
- Nurturing relationships
- Physical activity
- Sleep
- Activity ideas

Starting Wednesday 7 June, 10.00am - 12 noon (for 8 weeks)

Location: Newton Children Centre, Patterson Street, Newton-le-Willows, St Helens WA12 9PZ

Booking a free place is easy - please call or text: 07341739698 or 07721499392

AUTISM / SEN CLASSES

Stay and Play

Sunday mornings The Shining Lights Centre, Sutton Manor 10.00a.m-11.30a.m £15 per session Ages 4-10 years Themes based around children's books Social interaction and communication opportunities

Sensory Toddler

Saturday mornings The Nest, Eccleston £12.50 per session 10.00a.m - 11.00a.m Ages 18months - 4 years Structured sensory opportunities and messy play. Perfect for stimulating cognitive growth and language development

Let's Build

Saturday afternoons The Nest, Eccleston £10 per session 1.00p.m - 2.00p.m Ages Y1 - Y6 Building opportunities with a range of materials and resources. Focus on developing problem solving, logical reasoning and thinking skills

Sensory Scientist

Bubble Workshop



Saturday 24th June The Nest, Eccleston £12.50 Ages 4 - 10 years Structured session focusing on science related activities that capture both the mind and the senses and foster a love of bubbles

Navigating The World

Tuesday evenings 6.30p.m - 8.00p.m The Shining Lights Centre, Sutton Manor Ages 10-14 years Structured adult-led activities that focus on developing confidence, self-esteem and resilience. Also a focus on developing important and vital life skills





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UK Health Security Agency

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

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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

Until

No

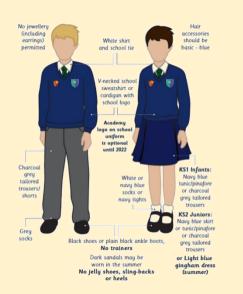
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

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



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://grco.de/minfec.



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

The deadline for Toast (Years 1-6) for this half term (6th June -19th July) has now passed. Details of the payments required for the next academic year are shown later in this Newsletter.

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:

Summer 2 - £6.40 as soon as possible if not already paid.

TERM DATES 2023-24

Term	Open on	Close on
Autumn	5 th September 2023	26 th October 2023
Term 2022	6 th November 2023	22 nd December 2023
Spring	9 th January 2024	9 th February 2024
Term 2023	19 th February 2024	28 th March 2024
Summer	15 th April 2024	22 nd May 2024
Term 2023	3 rd June 2024	23 rd July 2024

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 <u>stannsce@three-</u> <u>saints.org.uk</u> 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

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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
Mon-Fri	12 th -16 th June 2023	Y1 Phonics Screening Check to take place this week
Tuesday	13 th June 2023	Y2 Trip to Liverpool Philharmonic
Tuesday	13 th June 2023	Y6 Leavers Service @ Anglican Cathedral, pm School Choir singing at this event
Thursday	15 th June 2023	EYFS Trip to Songfest
Friday	16 th June 2023	Class Photographs
Friday	16 th June 2023	Y4 Trip to Formby Beach
Monday	19 th June 2023	Summer Assessment Week
Monday	19 th June 2023	Y5/6 Lake District residential Parent meeting – 5pm
Thursday	22 nd June 2023	Y1 Trip - Story Barn
Thursday	22 nd June 2023	Parent Forum 2.00-3.00pm Reps only
Thursday	29 th June 2023	Y6 Production @ St Helens Theatre Royal
Friday	30 th June 2023	EYFS trip to Knowsley Safari Park
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, 9.30am
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	£9.50	13th July 2023
Autumn 2	£8.75	18th October 2023
Spring 1	£6.00	19th December 2023
Spring 2	£7.25	31st January 2024
Summer 1	£7.00	20th March 2024
Summer 2	£9.25	15th May 2024

Total for year £47.75