



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Hope

Newsletter Issue 36

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'And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.'

Psalm 39:7

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WE WILL ROCK YOU Y6 PRODUCTION

This week saw the final performance of the Year 6 production 'We Will Rock You'. Over the last few months, Year 6 have worked incredibly hard to rehearse all of the songs, dances and scenes. They were delighted to share this with their

friends, carers and extended family at the Theatre Royal. From 'Radio Ga Ga' to 'We Are The Champions', all of the performances were outstanding. A very special thank you must go to Poppy and the staff of First Act who have worked tirelessly with our children since January. Thank you for all of the warm applause and cheering at the venue and for your support throughout the production.

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>	96.54%
Whole school attendance week ending 23 rd June 2023	95.91%
Class with best weekly attendance	4F – 99.33%

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

369

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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT WITH SAFEGUARDING PROJECT



The Police say that children possessing and sharing indecent images is a growing problem that they have to deal with. However, when the police become involved in a situation in which children are sharing images the impact on a family can be traumatic. This is not the impact that the police are trying to achieve and they have asked Ariel Trust to speak to parents about different ways to tackle this issue.

Paul Ainsworth, from Ariel Trust, would like to meet with parents to discuss some ideas. He will have some ideas for a film that he would like to test out but he would also like to listen to parents' experiences. The whole process will be confidential and anyone taking part will have the chance to influence the way resources for primary schools are delivered across Merseyside.

This session is being held on Tuesday 4 July @ 2pm at school.

If you would like to attend to share your views, contact the school office to let them know. You can do this by phone on 0151 426 5869 or by email on stanns@three-saints.org.uk

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!



FRIENDS DISCO

On **Thursday 6 July** the Friends are holding an after-school disco to raise money for school fund.



EYs & Y1 Disco: 3.15-4.15pm
Y2 & Y3 Disco: 4.30-5.30pm
Y4 – Y6 Disco: 5.45-6.45pm

Cost: £3 Per child
Refreshments included

EYs & Y1 children attending the disco should bring their disco clothes to school in a named carrier bag.

Y2-Y6 children should be dropped off at the Y1 classroom door and collected from the hall door at the back of school.

School closes for summer on
Wednesday 19th July 2023.

School re-opens after the summer
on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAYS

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th July are Transition days for Y6 pupils going to Rainhill High School next academic year. All other pupils should attend St Ann's as normal.



YEAR 6 COMMUNION



On **Thursday 6th July**, service starts at **9.30am**, Y6 will join the community Communion Service led by Reverend David. The service is being held in church.

Everybody welcome!

CHOIR EVENT



On the evening of Monday 3rd July our wonderful choir will perform at the 'Celebration of Schools Concert' event at St Helens Town Hall. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school to showcase the amazing young musicians that we have here at St Ann's. It will also give our children a chance to hear other schools perform too. We hope that our choir members can join us for this exciting evening!

INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ACTION UPDATE

The next days for industrial strike action which will affect our school are **Wednesday 5th & Friday 7th July 2023.**

The following classes will be open:
1A, 1T, 2B, 4H, 5O, 5D, 6A, 6M

The following classes will be closed:
EYP, EYR, 2H, 3E, 3H, 4F

There will be no PECO clubs on Wednesday 5th July.

Thank you for your patience while we have been working with the staff, Trust and unions to find out what the impact will be for us, here at St Ann's.



A SPOTLIGHT ON: CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR



CURRENT CLASS	NEXT YEAR'S CLASS	CLASS TEACHER
	EYP	Mrs Preston
	EYR	Mrs Robinson
EYP	Either 1T or 1M See separate letter	Miss Thomson or Mrs McGee
EYR		
1A	2O	Miss O'Shea
1T	2H	Miss Hull
2B	3E	Mr Evans
2H	3H	Mr Harrison
3E	4C	Mr Crane
3H	4H	Mr Holcroft
4F	5B	Miss Buckley
4H	5D	Miss Dean
5D	6A	Mr Albrecht
5O	6M	Miss Marland
		*Miss Foster will also teach across Y6

TRANSITION DAYS: 3 & 4 JULY 2023

On Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 July all children will take part in our transition focus days. This will take place while the majority of our Y6 pupils attend transition days at their secondary school (all Y6 pupils not on secondary school transition days should attend St Ann's as normal). Our new Early Years intake will also be on site! 😊

During the transition focus days, the children will meet their new class teacher, be taught in their new classroom and even start and end the day by entering and leaving via their new classroom. This will give the children a real flavour of what is to come!

Start of day procedures and end of day collection arrangements for 3 & 4 July 2023

Class from September 2023	Entrance	Collection point
EYP	Early Years playground at the back of school. Morning session 9.30-11am – Afternoon 1.30-3pm	
EYR		
1M	Year 1 door on main yard	
1T		
2H	2H classroom door on main yard	
2O	Current 2B classroom door, back of school near back hall door	
3E	3E classroom door inside Early Years playground at back of school	
3H	3H classroom door inside Early Years playground at back of school	
4C	Current 4F classroom door, front of school	Main entrance
4H	Current 4H classroom door, front of school	Main entrance
5B	Y5 door, front of school, next to Memorial Garden	
5D		
6A	Y6 door, front of school, back of Memorial Garden	
6M		

School finishes at 3.15pm for EYs, Y1 & Y2
School finishes at 3.20pm for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

AMPARO AND LISTENING EAR DIAMOND AND BUTTERFLIES SERVICE

Please find below promotional materials for Amparo and Listening Ear DiAmond and Butterflies service.

Amparo is support for **ANYONE** affected by a suicide. More details here: <https://amparo.org.uk/>

Butterflies offers one to one counselling for children and young people affected by bereavement, anxiety or other forms of loss. More info here: <https://listening-ear.co.uk/butterflies/>

DiAmond is a dedicated therapeutic pathway for children and young people affected by domestic abuse in the home. More info here: <https://listening-ear.co.uk/diamond/>

OPEN EVENING TO VIEW PUPIL BOOKS

On **Thursday 13 July at 3.30-4.30pm**, we are providing parents with an opportunity to view their child's books. Teachers will be available should parents wish to speak with them about their child's end of year report or transition.

Pupil books will be sent home from 14 July 2023

WATER SAFETY WORKSHOPS

Following the recent tragic event that took place at Carr Mill Dam, we have arranged a safety talk about open water swimming for our Y5 and Y6 children. This is due to take place on Tuesday 18 July, and will be led by St Helens Community Safety Team.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY CEREMONY



Our Children's University Graduation Ceremony will take place at St Ann's Church on 13th July 2023 at 11am.

Parents of children who are eligible to graduate will receive an email at the beginning of next week.

THANK YOU RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL



As the year begins to draw to a close we would like to thank our friends at Rainhill High School for supporting us with our transport to various events. The mini-bus is the ideal size for many of our outings with the children, and helps us to keep transport costs to a minimum.

THANK YOU

Y5/6 LAKE DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL



This week we have had a parent meeting regarding the Lake District residential that is taking place from Monday 10th July - Wednesday 12th July. It was lovely to see so many parents attending this meeting and the information discussed has been emailed to you all. The children are now very excited as the trip is only 3 weeks away. We have had a provisional itinerary through which shows activities like abseiling, raft building, orienteering, canoeing, climbing and more! Please make sure that you are following the school on Twitter to keep up-to-date with all the fun we will be having whilst we are away!

CURRICULUM & CULTURAL VISITS

This week our EYs children enjoyed a trip to Knowsley Safari Park. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.

On **Monday 17th July** our Y4 children will go to Shakespeare North to watch Midsummer Mechanicals. Please refer to separate letter for details.



EYES OPEN DRAMA PRODUCTION



On **Friday 7 July**, Y6 will watch a production about alcohol and drug misuse. This will be followed up with workshops. Here the children will explore the issues and actions, thoughts and feelings of characters. The production and workshops will be led by our friends at Altru drama.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORT BANK



The final Children's University Passport Bank of the academic year will take place on **Friday 14th July**.

If your child needs a new passport, these can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £3.00 (we have now received new stock).

YEAR 6 LEAVERS SERVICES & SHIRT SIGNING



On **Wednesday 19th July** Year 6 will hold their Leavers Service. This will take place at **St Ann's Church at 9.30am**.

Children will be permitted to have their shirt signed back at school following the service. Parents may choose to send in a clean shirt rather than the one they are wearing that day. If you do not wish for your child to have their shirt signed, please make them aware of this.

Everybody welcome.

AWARDS EVENING & Y6 DISCO

On **Tuesday 18th July** we are holding our Awards Evenings.



6.00pm: Year 6 Awards Evening.

Everyone invited.

(followed by disco, to finish approximately 8.00pm)

7.00pm: EYs-Y5 Awards Evening

Invitation only

Children should wear full and correct uniform including black school shoes (summer or winter). Year 6 children should bring their disco clothes to school in the morning, in a named carrier bag. After the Awards Evening children will get changed into their disco clothes, back at school. Y6 children should be collected from school at 8.00pm from the back hall door.

EAR PIERCING POLICY

Please remember children are not permitted to wear earrings to school. If your child is having their ears pierced shortly, this must be done within the **first couple of days of the summer holidays** so that the earrings can be removed on our return to school in September.

Thank you for your support with this health & safety matter.

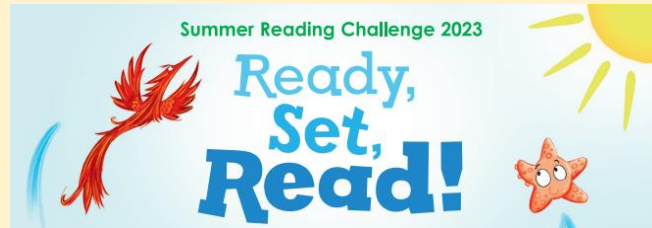
THANK YOU TO PARENT FORUM

Many thanks to all parents/ carers who were members of our Parent Forum this year. We appreciated you giving up your time to help St Ann's give the best possible experience to our pupils. The minutes of last week's meeting have been posted on the website and we will publish our impact report shortly.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2023

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is all about sports, games, and play – keeping children's minds and bodies active over the holidays!




To take part, you can sign up online or visit Rainhill Library to find out more information!

How it works


Welcome to the Summer Reading Challenge! Take part online or at your local library.

[Online](#)[At your library](#)




1. Sign up

Visit your local library and ask to sign up – a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your Challenge.



2. Read books

Set a reading goal and read anything you like.



3. Earn rewards

Each time you finish a book, visit the library. You will collect special stickers and rewards for reading books!*

*Please check with your local library service which rewards they will be offering.



SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #14

Helping your child to make friends

Work together to grow their friendship skills

Talk to your child about what makes a good friend, and practice friendship skills such as listening, sharing, compromising, and negotiating. Sit together and explore examples in everyday life and from TV and books. This will help your child think about what makes a good friend and feel less worried about friendship issues.

Help them to gain confidence

If your child is shy, this can make it feel more difficult to make and keep friends. Give your child lots of opportunities to connect and communicate with you in whatever ways you feel comfortable for them. Practising with you will give them more confidence to connect with others.

Model positive and healthy relationships

Happy relationships between parents and significant adults lead to better mental and physical health for all involved. Children thrive emotionally when they see and are involved in warm and caring relationships where they are respected and valued.

Reassure them that it's natural for friends to fall out sometimes

Children's friendships often change and can look different depending on your child's age and stage of development. While having friends at school is important, it is perfectly ordinary for your child to have difficulties with their friendships. Let your child know that being friends doesn't always mean agreeing or getting along with others all the time.

Talk the talk

Sometimes children can find it difficult to know how what they can say when talking with their peers. You can help your child by practicing what they can say to introduce themselves to someone new or to make a new friend. Help children to think of questions they can use to make connections with friends, such as:

Would you like to play football or something else during break?

Can I sit next to you in class?

Do you want to play catch?

SPORT COMPETITIONS UPDATE

Last week we took our Year 4/5 Girls and Boys football teams to Rainhill High School for our first annual St Helens Schools Football Competition. Both teams represented St Ann's impeccably and were a credit to our School. The Boys were narrowly defeated in the Semi Final of the competition by the eventual winners St Bart's. Whilst the Girl's team managed to beat some tough competition which involved some Boys Teams to become Champions with a goal from Harriet L (4F) assisted by Ava O (5D). Well done to all of the children involved! We really do have a talented bunch!



COME AND BUY LOCAL PRODUCE - FRUIT, VEG, FISH, EGGS, CAKES, PRESERVES, BEDDING PLANTS, HANGING BASKETS ETC.

RAINHILL FARMERS' MARKET 2023

09:00 - 13:00

Saturday 1st April

Saturday 13th May

Saturday 3rd June

Saturday 1st July

Saturday 5th August

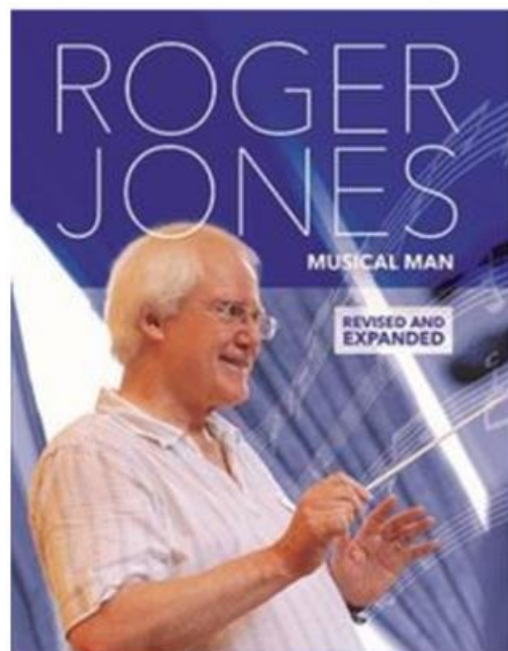
Saturday 2nd September

MILLENNIUM CENTRE CAR PARK, VIEW ROAD, RAINHILL, L350LE

*Refreshments available in the Millennium Centre



Join us for a moving concert featuring an interview-style telling of composer Roger Jones' story, illustrated by songs from his musicals. Free entry. Roger has been setting Bible characters and stories in musicals since the 1980s. These are performed in many churches in the UK and overseas. He received the Thomas Cranmer award for worship from Archbishop Justin Welby in 2019



Musical Man Evening

St Ann's Church, Rainhill

Saturday 15th July

7pm

Warrington Road, Rainhill L35 0NS



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	Slapped cheek



 **SCAN ME**

Advice and guidance

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



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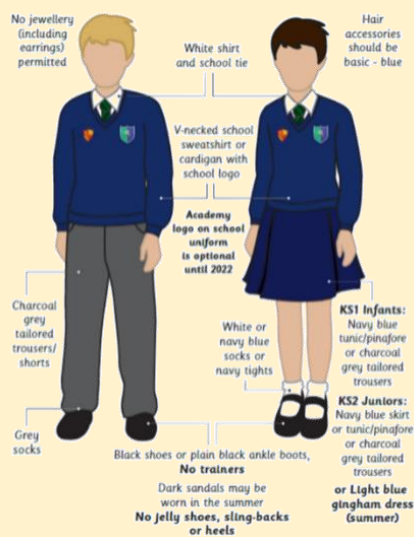
**Led by qualified performers
and teachers;**

**Rated 5* on social media and
by our membership.**

**MESSAGE US ON WHATSAPP OR EMAIL
TO BOOK IN A TRIAL SESSION!**

GENERAL INFORMATION/REMINDERS

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS



SCHOOL SHOES REMINDER



TOAST YEARS 1-6

If you would like your child to have Toast at breaktime for Autumn 1 (5th September – 26th October) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £9.50 by 12th July. 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.

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

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

DATES FOR DIARY - SUMMER TERM

DAY	DATE	EVENT
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
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 – 6pm Y6 Leavers Disco – follows on from Awards Evening
Wednesday	19 th July 2023	Y6 Leavers Service 9.30am Church