



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

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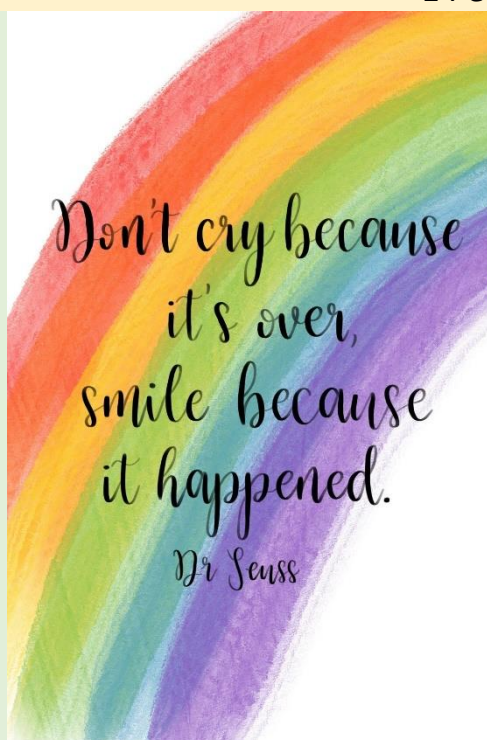
Friday 14 July 2023

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

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HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

Well done to the following children who will enjoy Hot Chocolate with Mrs Rynn next week. Your teachers chose you because of your excellent behavior and attitude. You are role models for your peers!

EYR	Ivy J	3E	Rosie D-L
EYP	Millie D	3H	Lucy B
1A	Amelia W	4F	Isla W
1T	Harrison C	4H	Olivia S
2B	Ellie H	5D	Martha L
2H	Alana F	5O	Freya R
		6A	Josie H
		6M	Joseph T

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER (Nearly!)



As this is the final newsletter of the academic year, it is a good opportunity to reflect on the fabulous year we have had! What a busy one it has been – all thanks to our committed and hard-working staff and supportive families. Here at St Ann's, not only are we proud of the quality of our curriculum, but also the additionality that our extra-curricular activities and other enrichment opportunities offer our children; developing them into well-rounded and talented individuals.

As the year draws to a close not only are we saying goodbye to our fabulous Year 6s, but also to some of our well-loved staff - **Mrs Ambage, Mrs Terry & Mrs Allison**. They have made an outstanding contribution to our school and cared for hundreds of children over the years between them. I know parents/ carers would like to join our school staff and pupils in wishing them well in their new ventures. They will be hugely missed. We look forward to **Mrs Magee** joining #TeamStAnn's next year.

Finally, I would like to wish **Year 6** lots and lots of luck as they leave St Ann's for pastures new. They are more than ready, and will do everyone proud, I'm sure. Their outstanding SATs results, despite two years of their key stage 2 education being disrupted, and excellent attitude to learning, proves just that! We hope they all keep in touch so that we can continue to follow them during the next stage of their learning journey.



I hope that everyone has a restful and safe summer, after a busy and successful year. I look forward to seeing you all again when we reopen on Tuesday 5 September 2023!

Best wishes

Mrs Rynn

PS: Don't forget to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge!
I wonder how many St Ann's Superstars will take part this year.

School closes for summer
on Wednesday 19 July
2023.

School re-opens after the
summer on Tuesday 5
September 2023.
(Early Years will start school on
Wednesday 6 September)

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>	96.53%
Whole school attendance week ending 7 th July 2023	96.6%
Class with best weekly attendance	3E & 3H – 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

365

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.

JOB VACANCIES AT ST ANN'S

Level 2 Teaching Assistant
Level 3 Teaching Assistant
Therapeutic Teaching Assistant
Midday Supervisor

Visits to the school are encouraged and warmly welcomed. Please telephone to arrange an appointment (0151 426 5869).

Application Process:

The Three Saints Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and expects all those working within the trust to share this commitment. All offers of employment are subject to an Enhanced DBS check, and where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check will be completed for all applicants.

The application pack is available on <http://www.three-saints.org.uk/index.php/vacancies/>. CVs will not be accepted.

Closing Date & Short-listing: 4th August 2023

Interviews: 10th August 2023

We are seeking to appoint some highly motivated, enthusiastic and talented people 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.

We are looking for people who:

- Like working with children
- Are passionate and enthusiastic for learning
- Can establish good working relationships with children, staff and parents
- Can take direction and work on own initiative
- Can work as part of a team
- Promote positive behaviour
- Are hard working and conscientious
- Are excellent communicators
- Are organised and efficient
- Are friendly and flexible
- Are professional and positive
- Understand confidentiality



St Ann's is an over-subscribed, two form entry Church of England primary school, with a strong track record of achievement and an outstanding judgement from Ofsted and excellent from SIAMs. We nurture and care for our children in a Christian ethos, placing our children and their family at the centre of our work. Our children are encouraged to be independent, creative and reflective learners who can self-manage, work within a team and effectively participate and communicate.

What we can offer you:

We can offer you:

- fantastic children with a positive attitude towards learning and excellent behaviour;
- the support of a dedicated, committed and creative staff team;
- the opportunity to be part of an outstanding school;
- a school already established in developing practitioners and nurturing its staff because of its unrivalled opportunities for professional development through the Northwest Learning Partnership and NW3 Maths Hub which are within our MAT;
- an engaging, bespoke curriculum;
- supportive School Committee, Directors and parents

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

Well done to this year's Children's University Graduates. It is wonderful to see so many of our pupils engaged in extra-curricular activities. The benefits of pursuing hobbies and interests cannot be underestimated. It is no wonder we have so many well-rounded children who attend our school!



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.

AWARDS EVENING & Y6 DISCO



On **Tuesday 18 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.

CURRICULUM & CULTURAL VISITS

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



Secondary school pupils - After School Drop-in
Every Friday 3pm - 4.30pm



Hot chocolate,
tea, squash
and toast FREE
Just come in to
chat or chill out

St Ann's Millennium Centre
View Road, Rainhill L35 0LE

Any questions? Ask Geoff Pearson
07809618384

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.

PUPIL SELF CARE OVER THE SUMMER (SEE ATTACHEMENT TO NEWSLETTER)

My self-care plan



Just as we look after our physical health, it's important to look after our mental health.

Self-care is all about what you can do to help yourself feel better or to keep yourself feeling good. It's a way that we can look after our own mental health and wellbeing. It can help your body and mind to relax, drift away, or be more energised.

This self-care plan walks primary-aged children through a series of steps, helping them create a simple self-care plan that works for them. It helps children identify activities that they can use to support their mental health.

Some of the suggested self-care activities include: music and dance, mindfulness and art.

The resource was co-written by Anna Freud Centre experts and young people, who shared ideas on self-care strategies that work for them.

MEET THE TEACHER



During the first couple of weeks back after the summer holidays our annual Meet the Teacher workshops will take place. It is really important parents/ carers attend these sessions so that you can become familiar with what the year ahead will look like for your child in their new class. At the workshops, the teachers will talk about **routines, procedures and expectations**.

Workshops will take place in classrooms. Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents/ carers should wait by the gate at the front of school. EYs & Y3 parents should wait by the side gate near the blue BASE door.

YEAR GROUP	DATE
EYS	7 th September
Year 1	14 th September
Year 2	14 th September
Year 3	13 th September
Year 4	13 th September
Year 5	12 th September
Year 6	12 th September

PE DAYS FOR NEXT YEAR

Next year children will continue to have one of their PE lessons taught each week by a PE specialist from PECO. PECO provide high quality PE School Sport across Merseyside PECO will also be delivering an array of before and after school sports clubs, which you will be aware of from recent communication sent from school. Children should wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE.

	PECO	Class Teacher
EYP	N/A	Friday
EYR	N/A	Wednesday
1M	Tuesday	Friday
1T	Tuesday	Friday
2H	Wednesday	Monday
2O	Wednesday	Monday
3E	Thursday	Monday
3H	Thursday	Monday
4C	Wednesday	Friday
4H	Wednesday	Friday
5B	Tuesday	Friday
5D	Tuesday	Friday
6A	Thursday	Monday
6M	Thursday	Monday

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#). Sign up at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.¹

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

OR

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

Throughout the **summer holidays**. Check with your local library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.
Head to your local library this summer and sign up!

Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, competitions and videos.
- Keep up-to-date! [Follow @SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).

What do families think?

*"I never liked reading before because of this challenge I got the **courage** to read more books and I have more interest in books. This has been the **greatest experience** ever in my life to read more books than before thanks." Girl, aged 12+*

*"The challenge encouraged my child to **read more often**, and in turn encouraged **myself** as well." Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy*

*"Enabled us to have some fun **cheap days out** and reading together has **brought us closer** than before." Parent/carer of 8-9 year-old girl*

*"We've joined the reading challenge for the past 4 years and every year it has inspired and encouraged a deeper **joy** for reading. For a young dyslexic boy the challenge helps make reading **fun**." Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy*

*"My child lacks confidence. Going to the library and meeting the friendly staff has definitely made him **more confident in himself** and encouraged him to read more being able to pick his own books to read from their huge collection." Parent/carer of 10-11 year-old boy*



SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #16

Virtual Reality

What is virtual reality VR?

VR is a relatively new technology that allows users to fully immerse themselves in a virtual, computer generated world. Users can use headsets to transport themselves to different settings, ranging from realistic cities or locations, to spaceships or a favourite game or movie.

VR headsets are becoming more widely available, and there is even new equipment out there that allows users to touch and feel things in VR too.

Does VR have an age restriction?

Many VR headsets have a minimum age restriction of 13 years old – this is due to a range of physical and legal restrictions around using this technology.

VR headsets need to take in and process information about us, like where we move and what we look at, for them to work. They also collect data on how long we look at things, ideas about our height and how much our pupils dilate when looking at different things.

It is illegal for companies to collect this data from under 13s in the UK without parental consent, which is why the minimum age to use most VR headset is 13 years old.

For further information visit the Childnet website-<https://www.childnet.com>

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



wonder In the Street

Free Festival for Families

Big Gay
Disco Bike



The Most Dangerous
Cup of Tea in the World



Family Catwalk
Extravaganza



The Giant
Balloon Show



Acrobatic
Workshops



Pride Themed
Crafts



Saturday 15th July

10am - 4pm

Church Square, St Helens

All absolutely free and all absolutely wonderful



ST HELENS
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UK Health
Security
Agency



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



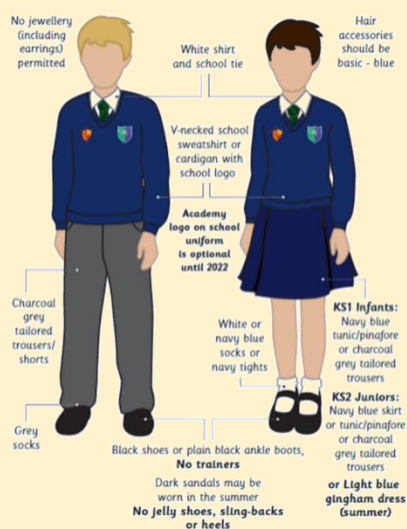
SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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

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 next half term (5th September – 26th October) has now passed. Details of the payments required for the next academic year are shown later in this Newsletter.

TERM DATES 2023-24

Term	Open on	Close on
Autumn Term 2022	5 th September 2023	26 th October 2023
	6 th November 2023	22 nd December 2023
Spring Term 2023	9 th January 2024	9 th February 2024
	19 th February 2024	28 th March 2024
Summer Term 2023	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 £5.00
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