



# St Ann's Church of England

## Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

*Thankfulness*

Newsletter Issue 3

Friday 22 September 2023

Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name;  
make known His deeds among the people!

1 Chronicles 16:8

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### PARENT FORUM

Many thanks to all those parents who have volunteered to be a Parent Rep this year.

Each class rep can be seen below. The first meeting for our Parent Forum Reps is on **Wednesday 18 October @ 2pm**. At the meeting there will be an opportunity for rep to contribute to and gain a better understanding of the work of the school. If you would like your class rep to bring something the attention of the school's leadership team, please speak to them prior to the meeting. If you would like to apply for one of our class vacancies please email the School Office.

EYR	VACANCY	3E	Miss E Hogan
EYP	Miss A Nickson	3H	Mr A Crabb
1M	Mrs G Darracott	4C	VACANCY
1T	Miss A Fairclough	4H	Mrs N Ward
2H	Mrs L Cahill	5B	VACANCY
2O	Mrs J Chilton	5D	VACANCY
Welcome to #TeamStAnn's.		6A	VACANCY
		6M	VACANCY

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>	98.24%
Whole school attendance week ending 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	98.16%
Class with best weekly attendance	1T – 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.

**Number of pupils  
with 100% attendance  
this week**

**377**

### Punctuality

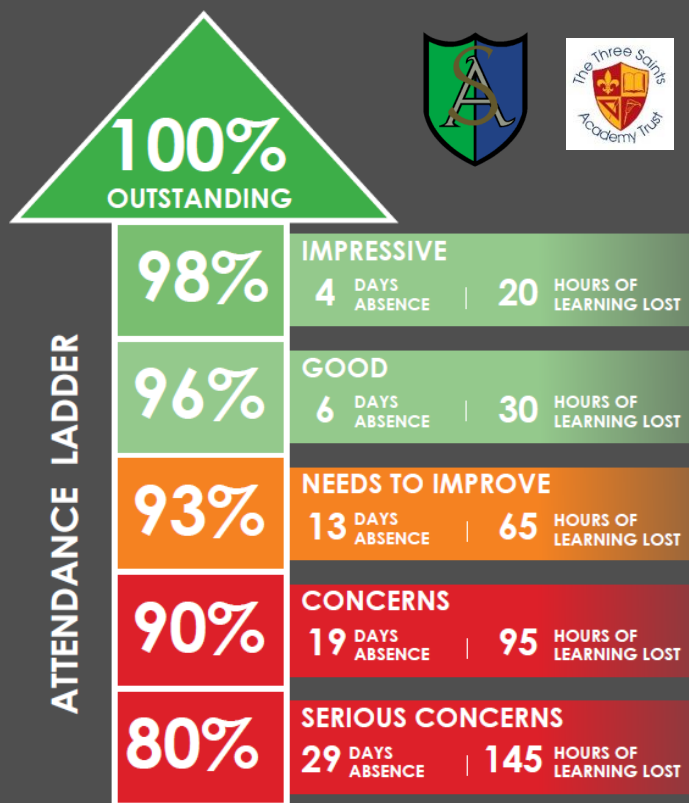
School starts at **8.50am**.  
Lessons start at **8.50am**.

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.

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

School and **future success** starts with good attendance!



Remember - your education is important - **don't miss out!**

## JOB VACANCIES AT ST ANN'S

### Level 2 Teaching Assistant Level 3 Teaching Assistant Therapeutic Teaching Assistant

*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.*

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

#### Application Process:

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

**Closing Date & Short-listing:** Monday 2 October 2023

**Interviews:** See individual adverts

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

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



On **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**, St Ann's will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning. This will take place at 9.30am in the school hall. **Y6 children and KS2 choir will support this event.** All children (EY-Y6) are welcome to bring a cake or biscuit (nut free) into school to enjoy at playtime along with a small donation to Macmillan. Should you wish to make a donation of either shop bought or home-made cakes that can be sold at the coffee morning, these should be sent into school

with your child on Friday 29th. These will be greatly appreciated! Tupperware should be clearly labelled so that it can be returned to the correct owners. This year marks our 10th anniversary of hosting Macmillan Coffee Mornings. So far, we have raised £14,758.22 and we are certain that, this year, we can raise enough money to take us over £15,000! Many thanks for your support with this.



### SWIMMING 2023-24

**6M** will swim at Halewood Volair on the following dates: **17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25 & 26 October 2023.**

Separate letter to follow.

6A will swim in January 2024.

### FAMILY WORSHIP

On Friday 6 October at 9am, 6A will lead the first Family Worship of the academic year in the hall. Please wait at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.



### SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #3

#### Parental Conflict

Disagreements are normal between parents who are together, or separated, but when they happen too often, arguments can increase and it can be difficult to find a resolution - having an impact on children.

St Helens council offer a Families in Harmony - Reducing Parental Conflict Programme. The programme offers resources and groups to support parents and help improve family life.

St Helens offer a number of programmes and toolkits to help families.

Please visit

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/7263/Information-for-families>  
for further information or contact Mrs Crowther on 0151 426 5869



**Watch this space**

## **St Ann's Friends Association**

**coming soon...**

Do you have  
any time to  
spare to  
help run an  
event?

Could your  
workplace  
donate a raffle  
prize or sponsor  
an event?

Does your  
workplace  
have a match  
giving scheme  
for employees?

Do you have  
any skills or  
talents to  
share with our  
school?

**Come and find out more on  
Friday 29 September 2023, 2pm at St Ann's**

## DENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR RECEPTION & YEAR 1 CHILDREN

The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) and St Helens Local Authority are undertaking a dental survey of 5 year olds children in schools across England. The survey provides information on the oral health of children and aims to support actions to improve oral health, reduce health inequalities and improve the provision of treatment services.

The dental survey is commissioned by St Helens local authority and involves a dental examination of selected reception and year 1 children. The survey will take place at St Ann's on **Tuesday 7 November 2023**.

Having a healthy mouth is important to overall health and wellbeing. Children who have tooth decay may have pain, infections, difficulties with eating, sleeping and socialising and may require time off school for dental treatment.

Oral health is therefore an important aspect of a child's overall health status and of their school readiness. Oral health is seen as a marker of wider health and social care issues including poor nutrition and obesity. Interventions that reduce sugar intake have the potential to impact tooth decay and obesity because high intakes of free-sugars are known risk factors for both.

Click on the link below to find out what happens during the examination:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzrjK8HRpD8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzrjK8HRpD8)

### VISIT FROM RAINHILL HIGH HEADTEACHER

This week Mrs Thorogood, the Headteacher at Rainhill High School, along with some pupils, visited our Y6 children to conduct a question and answer session all about life at secondary school.



### DEDICATION OF THE YEAR SERVICE FOR EARLY YEARS & OTHER NEW STARTERS



On **Thursday 26 October 2023 @ 2pm**, our Dedication of the School Year Service will take place at St Ann's Church. This is the service where we officially welcome our Reception children and all other children new to our school since this time last year.

Parents/ carers of all our new starters are encouraged to join us for this special service.

## A MESSAGE FROM RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL

### RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

Come along to our exciting Year 6 Open Evening at Rainhill High.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 is a fantastic opportunity for you and your child to experience life at Rainhill High School.

As we are a popular school, to help you plan, here's a guide: If your surname falls between A-M, consider attending on Wednesday; if it's N-Z, consider attending on Thursday. But remember, these are just recommendations to help the event run effectively.

The car park opens at 5:45pm and the event starts at 6:15pm.

Don't miss this chance to explore our school's dynamic learning environment and discover the incredible opportunities we can offer your child.

We look forward to seeing you there!



MEET THE STUDENTS, MEET THE STAFF, SEE THE FACILITIES

**RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL**

**OPEN EVENINGS**

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE WWW.RAINHILLHIGHSCHOOL.ORG.UK

**WEDNESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER**  
SURNAMES A-M  
5:45pm GATES OPEN  
6:15pm EVENT STARTS

**THURSDAY 28th SEPTEMBER**  
SURNAMES N-Z



### School Admissions Calendar: 2024-2025 School Year Intakes

	Closing Dates for Applications	Letter/Email to Parents
Secondary (portal opened 4th September 2023 closes 31st October 2023)	31 October 2023	1 March 2024
Primary (portal opens 18th September 2023 closes 15th January 2024)	15 January 2024	16 April 2024
Nursery Autumn 2024 Intake (portal was open 12 June 2023 -21 July 2023)	21 July 2023	22 September 2023
Nursery Spring 2025 Intake	19 July 2024	20 September 2024
Nursery Summer 2025 Intake	19 July 2024	20 September 2024

For further information please contact the School Admissions Section on 01744 671035 (Nursery and Primary Allocations), 01744 671030 (Secondary Allocation) and 01744 671027 (In Year Transfers).



**\*\*Please note that St Helens Council are currently experiencing problems with the portal, we will keep parents updated once we receive further information.**

## A SPOTLIGHT ON OUR LUNAR CURRICULUM



The Lunar Curriculum has been designed by The Three Saint's Academy Trust. It has been designed to incorporate good practice observed from a range of schools and has been informed by research such as the EEF 'Teaching and Learning Toolkit'. Parents, children and staff have been consulted during the design of the curriculum so we can ensure that we have designed a curriculum fit for purpose, designed to stretch and challenge and meet the needs of our pupils.

### What is the Lunar Curriculum?

The Lunar Curriculum is a pedagogical approach to teaching all subjects that builds upon pupils' interests to inspire learning and make sure it is memorable over time. This curriculum is underpinned by a set of non-negotiables and teaches both key knowledge and skills progressively. Its focus is on pupils knowing and remembering more, building on prior learning so that they leave school ready for secondary education and beyond into their working life. Learning is active and authentic ensuring investment, not just engagement. Below you will find the aims and principles of the Lunar Curriculum.

### Curriculum Aims

- Develop **L**ife-skills which promote a love of learning
- Grow an **U**nderstanding of ourselves, each other and the world
- **N**urture curiosity and creativity which feed the imagination and increase knowledge
- Cultivate **A**spiration through motivation and self-belief
- Instil **R**esilience, independence and other personal attributes

### Purpose

The purpose of the Lunar Curriculum is to equip pupils with the essential knowledge and skills needed to succeed in life. Each subject is carefully planned and sequenced so that new knowledge and skills build on what has been taught before, providing a broad and ambitious curriculum.

In addition to the subject specific skills, the Lunar Curriculum also develops pupils' personal, learning and thinking skills which they need for success in learning and life. The Lunar Curriculum will focus upon the skills below:

- Independent enquirers
- Creative thinkers
- Reflective learners
- Team workers
- Self-managers
- Effective communicators



# 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/minfnc>.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE NHS

### Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-specific-infectious-diseases). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

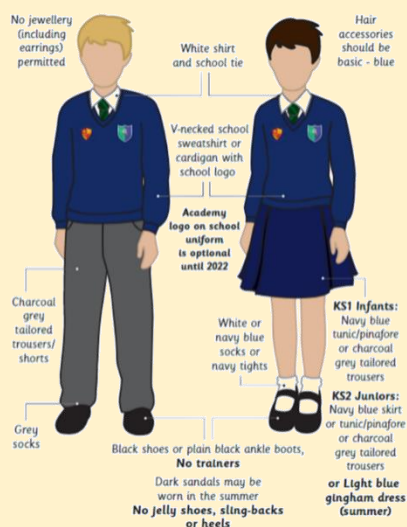
## THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS' 5 PRINCIPLES TO PROMOTE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

1. Be alert to when it is better to encourage a child to attend school rather than take time off. Consistently promote school attendance, emphasising the importance of attendance for every child's long-term outcome, while continuing to support the child and their family.
2. Reassure and have sensitive conversations with pupils and parents about anxiety, particularly at the start of new school terms, recognising the importance of minimising time missed during the first week of school.
3. Remind ourselves that some schools have mental health support teams, and most have a range of self-help resources and organisations to which we can signpost.
4. Encourage parents and carers to speak to school staff about any worries their child may have, enabling them to work together to support their child and improve attendance.
5. Make it practice policy to try and schedule routine appointments to minimise time taken off school. Although broader in scope than just GP appointments, in 2020/2021 there were 4.6 million school sessions interrupted due to medical appointments.

Click on the link to find out more: <https://bjgplife.com/the-role-of-the-gp-in-maximising-school-attendance/>

## 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 YEARS 1-6

The deadline for Toast (Years 1-6) for this half term has now passed. Please see the flyer attached to this Newsletter for details of the payments required for future half terms.

### TERM DATES

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

### 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:

Autumn 1 - £11.40 at your earliest convenience (if not already paid)

Autumn 2 - £10.50 by 18th October 2023

Spring 1 - £7.20 by 19th December 2023

Spring 2 - £8.70 by 31st January 2024

Summer 1 - £8.40 by 20th March 2024

Summer 2 - £11.10 by 15th May 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](mailto:stannsce@three-saints.org.uk) so that arrangements can be made to issue the item. Current prices are as follows:

<b>School Bag</b>	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>Children's University Passport</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>Junior Tie</b>	<b>£4.00</b>	<b>Replacement Home</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>Elasticated Tie</b>	<b>£3.50</b>	<b>School Diary</b>	

**Courtesy**  
**Care**  
**Concentration**



**St. Ann's Church of England Primary School**

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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 SEPTEMBER 2023

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	School Opens
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	EY's Meet the Teacher
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023	Y4 Trip to the World Museum Liverpool
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00-11.00am
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	6A Family Worship 9.00-9.30am
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Y4 Lead Harvest Service 2.15-3.15pm @ Church
Tuesday-Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	6M Swimming
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Parent Forum 2.00-3.00pm
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	6M Family Worship 9.00- 9.30am
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	School Photograph Day
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Dedication Service @ Church for Ey's & new starters
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	School Closes
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	School Opens
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Open Day for New Intake Session 1. 9.30-10.30am Session 2. 1.30-2.30pm
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	5B Family Worship
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Children in Need 9.00am – 3.00pm
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	5D Family Worship 9.00-9.30am
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	4H Family Worship 9.00-9.30am
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Y1 Pantomime @ The Theatre Royal
Monday & Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> / 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Nativity Performances
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Y2 Christmas Party
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	EY's & Y1 Christmas Party Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Children's University Passport Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party Y3 Lead Christmas Service @ Church 2.15pm
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	School Closes
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School Open