



# 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 6

Friday 13 October 2023

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

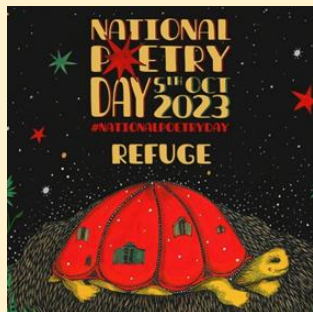
Luke 17:15 & 16

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### NATIONAL POETRY DAY



Our children have enjoyed exploring a range of poems based on this year's National Poetry Day theme: Refuge. Every class was given a poem to read, study and learn by heart to celebrate the power of poetry and to experience the joy reading poetry can bring. The theme this year was a particularly important one and children discussed what refuge means to them and others through the poems they read.

We are delighted to inform you that all classes will be performing their class poems during their 'Parent Insight' sessions. We hope you can all attend and listen to our poetry performances – they are wonderful!

KIDS GET THEIR SUPER POWERS BY  
**ATTENDING SCHOOL  
EVERY DAY** ⚡

BE AN ATTENDANCE  
SUPERHERO!

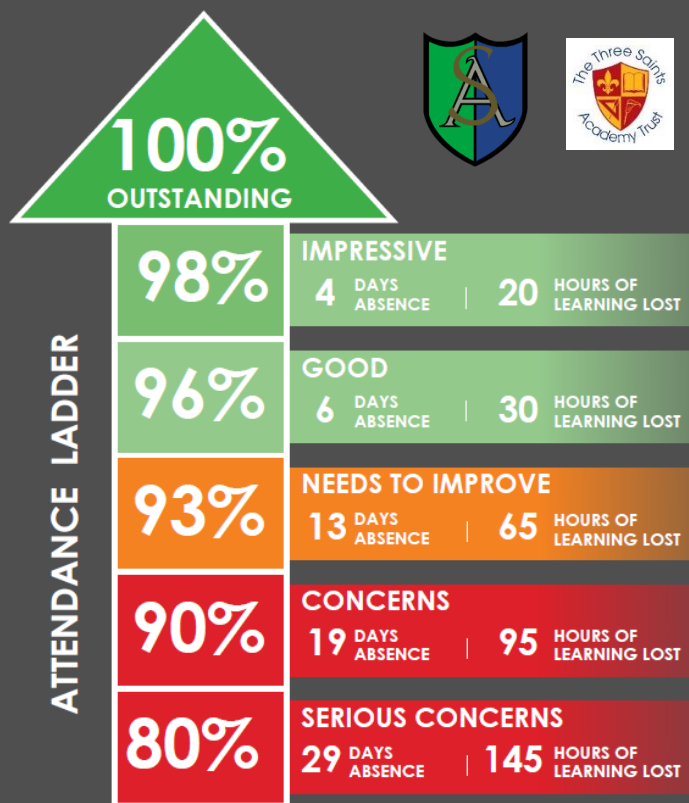
Whole school attendance year to date <i>Whole School target 96%</i>	96.95%
Whole school attendance week ending 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	96.26%
Class with best weekly attendance	RP – 100%

### 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 DAY COUNTS!

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



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

### 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.

## 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.

### 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 20 October at 9am**, **6M** will lead their Family Worship in the hall all about UK Parliament Week. Please wait at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.



### YEAR 5 DEBATE ACADEMY

This term, Year 5 were fortunate enough to have a workshop delivered by the Debate Academy Team. Following this, a group of children were selected to take part in the Debate Academy Competition, which is taking place on Monday 16th October. The children will have the opportunity to debate various questions with children from other schools. To help them prepare for Monday, they have completed two workshops this week where they have developed their skills to debate effectively. This has involved the children exploring the question 'should school uniform be banned?' The Debate Academy Team praised all of Year 5 for their effort in the workshops and complimented the children's ability to respect their peer's views. Well done Year 5 and good luck on Monday!



### DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know The Three Saints Academy Trust had a training company? It is called **North West Learning Partnership (NWLP)**.

As well our staff benefitting from the exceptional professional development NWLP offers, our teachers also provide some of the training for teachers and student teachers across the Northwest. This is what we are delivering this academic year:

*Miss Foster: Equality in Education*

*Mrs Hartley: Educational Disadvantage, Oracy & Dialogic Teaching, Phonics*

*Miss O'Shea: Outdoor Learning*

*Miss Buckley: Special Educational Needs*

*Ms Smith: Children's Well being*

*Mr Albrecht: Sustainability & Climate Education*

*Mrs Rynn: Applying for Teaching Jobs*





## **PRAYERS FOR HARVEST SEASON**

### **Thank You, God, for Everything**

Thank you for the world so sweet.

Thank you for the food we eat.

Thank you for the birds that sing.

Thank you, God, for everything.

Amen

### **We Fold Our Hands**

We fold our hands.

We bow our heads.

We thank you, God,

For this daily bread.

Amen

### **The Yummy Prayer**

For all food yummy

That fills my tummy,

Thank you, God!

Amen!

### **Come Lord Jesus**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,

And let this food to us be blessed.

## 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 old 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)



### 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).



## A SPOTLIGHT ON PHONICS



At St Ann's, we believe that every child deserves to have a strong start to reading, learning the skills required to decode and understand texts. To support children in developing these early reading skills, we teach phonics using 'Read Write Inc', a Department for Education approved synthetic phonics programme. Read Write Inc teaches children sounds in English, the letters that represent them, and how to form the letters when writing.



### What is Read Write Inc. Phonics?

RWI is an early phonics and reading programme that provides a structured and systematic approach to teaching phonics and early literacy. It follows an interactive approach which includes a number of short tasks so that children are involved and engaged throughout the whole session. It is designed to create fluent, independent readers, confident speakers, independent spellers and willing writers. The National Curriculum states that all children should be taught phonics systematically. Read Write Inc, ensures that our phonics teaching follows a systematic progression that allows our children to develop a secure knowledge of the sounds each letter or combination of letters makes. This sound knowledge can they be used by children to read new words and to spell new words when writing.

RWI links phonics with reading and writing. During a typical RWI session, children will learn a new letter sound and practise reading words containing that sound. They will learn the formation of the letters and write words using the new taught sound with an emphasis on spelling. Following this, children are introduced to their book for the session which is linked to the new letter sounds learnt.

### Phonics Reading Books

Children read books that are carefully matched to their phonics knowledge and the sounds they have learnt in their phonics session. The children will not read books that contain spellings of sounds that they do not know. This means they build confidence quickly and become independent readers. They are taught reading strategies that they can employ in their reading of the text and work with their reading partner to read through the books.

Children practise reading their phonics books until they can read them fluently and then they bring the book home to read to you. They learn to form letters correctly and develop a strong handwriting style. Read Write Inc. ensures that your child learns to read and write successfully.

### Helping at Home

Reading great stories aloud is the best thing you can do to support your child. Having a daily story time, reading your school book and enjoying books together will support your child in making progress in phonics.

Parents can find more information on phonics and making story times engaging on the Read Write Inc. website [www.ruthmiskin.com](http://www.ruthmiskin.com) and clicking on the parent tab at the top of the page.





## WELL DONE LUCY



We are delighted to share with you Lucy's charity work. On World Cerebral Palsy Day, Lucy in Y4 spent the afternoon raising awareness about this disability, and also raising funds for the children's ward at Whiston Hospital. So far Lucy and her cousins have raised £1050. If you would like to make donation, you can do so by clicking on the link below. #Proud #StAnnsSuperStar #ChristianValues

<https://wshospitals.enthuse.com/pf/fearnesbigfundraiser>



### [Fearne's Cerebral Palsy Big Fundraiser](#)

Fearne, aged 8, has Cerebral Palsy and she wants to spread awareness of this condition for World Cerebral Palsy day on Friday 6th October. Fearne has spent a lot of time in Whiston Hospital over the

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[wshospitals.enthuse.com](https://wshospitals.enthuse.com)

## PARENT INSIGHT SESSIONS



Want to find out more about how your child is taught? Then come along to our Parent Insight sessions! This time, the focus is on Maths.

1 parent/ carer is invited to join their child for one demonstration lesson which is designed to give you an insight into teaching and learning in that subject area. Dates and times can be seen below.

Lessons will take place in the Studio to ensure there is enough space. To enter, parents/ carers should wait at the front of school by the blue Base door 5 minutes before the start of the session.

Siblings who do not attend the school are not permitted to attend for health and safety reasons. Mobile phone should be switched off before you enter the premises.

The session will begin with a brief talk from your child's class teacher about the session you will take part in.

Children whose parents/ carers do not attend, will still take part in the lesson.

Class	Date	Time
EYP	Please see below	
EYR	Please see below	
1M	Tuesday 17 October	1.15pm
1T	Tuesday 17 October	2.15pm
2H	Monday 16 October	1.15pm
2O	Monday 16 October	2.15pm
3E	Thursday 19 October	9.15am
3H	Thursday 19 October	10.15am
4C	Monday 16 October	9.30am
4H	Monday 16 October	10.30am
5B	Tuesday 17 October	9.15am
5D	Tuesday 17 October	10.15am
6A	Wednesday 18 October	9.15am
6M	Wednesday 18 October	10.15am

### EY PARENT INSIGHT

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding our first EYFS Parent Insight Session. This session will be focused on Phonics and Early Reading. During the session parents will be introduced to our Phonics scheme Read Write Inc. Parents will be given the opportunity to explore how Phonics is taught in the Early Years and how parents can support the teaching of Phonics at home.

At the end of the session parents will be invited into the EYFS setting to take part in story time with their child. **EYFS Parent Insight will take place at 2.15pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.** We kindly ask that only one parent or carer per child attends the session. Unfortunately, due to health and safety siblings are unable to attend these sessions.

All parents will enter school via the Blue BASE door at the front of school. We look forward to seeing you!



## PARENT FORUM

Our first Parent Forum session of the new school year is taking place on **Wednesday 18 October @ 2pm**. Please speak to your class parent rep, if you have something to raise during the meeting.



## PARENT FORUM

We have Parent Forum Rep vacancies in the following classes and keen to fill them.

**EYR, 5B, 5D, 6A & 6M**

If you are interested in being a Parent Rep, please contact school on [stannsce@three-saints.org.uk](mailto:stannsce@three-saints.org.uk)

## SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #6

### Neglect

Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs and is the most common form of child abuse.

A child may be left hungry or dirty, without adequate clothing, shelter, supervision, medical or health care.

A child may be put in danger or not protected from physical or emotional harm.

They may not get the love, care and attention they need from their parents.

A child who's neglected will often suffer from other abuse as well. Neglect is dangerous and can cause serious, long-term damage - even death.

Research shows that 1 in 10 children have experienced neglect across the UK. Neglect was identified as a factor in 82,950 assessments completed by social workers in 2021/22. 24,430 children across England were on a child protection plan because of neglect in 2021/22.

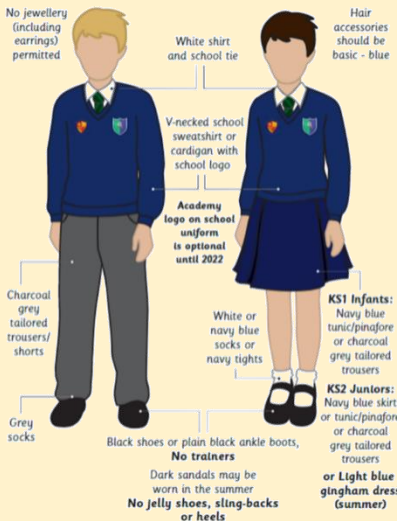
If you're worried or want to raise a concern you can contact NSPCC on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000). If you feel a child is in immediate danger contact 999.

If you wish to discuss any concerns with a member of staff please contact Mrs Crowther on 0151 426 5869.



## 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



## LOST PROPERTY

Unnamed lost property will be available for inspection and collection outside the School Office every Friday between 2pm and 3.30pm

## PARKING

We have received a number of complaints this week regarding parking. Concern has been expressed by parents that children's safety is being placed at risk by inconsiderate and illegal parking. May we once again ask that consideration is given when parking near to school premises.

# TOAST

If you would like your child to have Toast at breaktime for Autumn 2 (6<sup>th</sup> November – 22nd December) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £8.75 by 18th October. 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. The current balance on your Toast account can be viewed by accessing your Arbor account.

## 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 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



## SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSION

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 8.30-10am.

If you can wait near the BASE door a member of staff will greet you.

Thank you

### 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

### 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:

**School Bag £10.00**

**Junior Tie £4.00**

**Elasticated Tie £3.50**

**Children's University Passport £5.00**

**Replacement Home School Diary £5.00**

**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 AUTUMN 2023

DAY	DATE	EVENT
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 Early Years & 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 Bank Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party Y3 Lead Christmas Service @ Church 9.30am
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	School Closes
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School Open