



# St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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Value of the Half Term

*Thankfulness*

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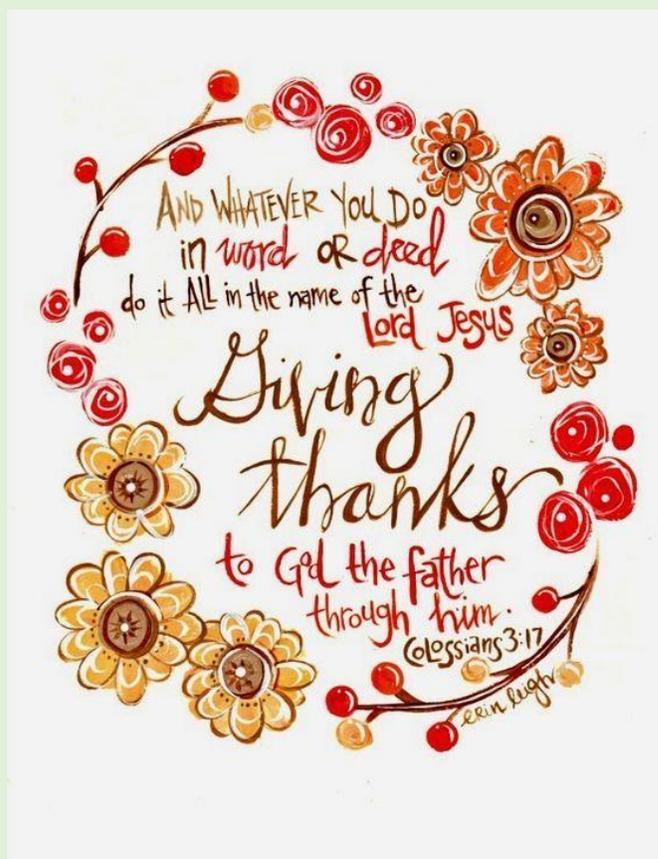
Friday 20 October 2023

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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## WELL DONE TO OUR YEAR 5 DEBATE ACADEMY PUPILS



On Monday, 12 children from Y5 were invited to attend the Debate Academy Programme at Mansion House in Calderstones Park. The children worked with students from the other schools in our trust debating important topics. This involved planning their argument, finding evidence and presenting their ideas on the stage. Our children certainly did us proud winning the majority of the debates. The children's behaviour was exemplary, and they put everything they'd learnt in the workshops into practise. Well done Team 5!

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

BE AN ATTENDANCE  
 SUPERHERO!

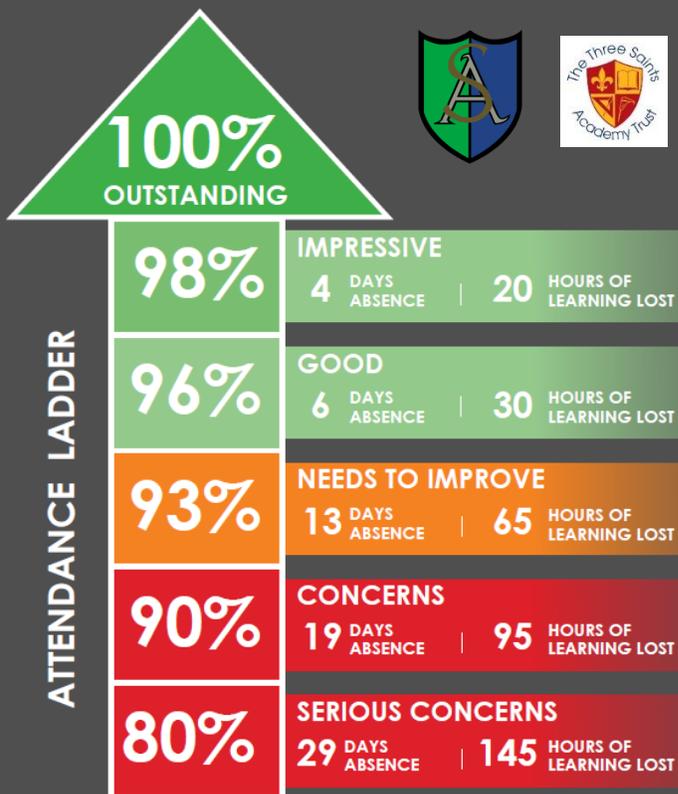
Whole school attendance year to date <i>Whole School target 96%</i>	97.03%
Whole school attendance week ending 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	97.43%
Class with best weekly attendance	4H – 100%

### 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**

**374**

### 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.

## GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

At the end of this half term Mrs Roberts will be leaving us for pastures new. After working at St Ann's for over 33 years, Mrs Roberts is taking up an exciting position within the NHS. If you or your child has ever come into contact with Mrs Roberts, you will know what an asset she will be to their team. Whilst we wish Mrs Roberts all the luck in the world, it is with a heavy heart, as she will be greatly missed by everyone at St Ann's. Good luck and goodbye Mrs Roberts. Please keep in touch!



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



On **Thursday 26th 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

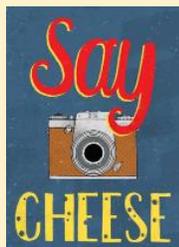


**6M** will swim at Halewood Volair on the following dates: **24th, 25th & 26th October 2023.**

**6A** will swim in January 2024.

## FAMILY WORSHIP

On **Friday 20th 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.



## PHOTOGRAPH DAY

Don't forget it is school photograph day on **Monday 23rd October.**

## LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

As well as having regular fire drills at St Ann's, we also practice what to do in the event of a lockdown. The difference between the two however, is that we give the children some notice about the lockdown practice to mitigate any worries they may have in relation to this.

All being well, our lockdown practice will take place next week. Prior to the lockdown, teachers will talk to their class in an age-appropriate way about what a lockdown is and what we do when a lockdown is announced to keep safe. You may like to talk to your child about this at home, and ask them about what happens in their class when this is announced.

## FOODBANK

Special thanks to everyone who made a donation to our Foodbank collection this Harvest time.  
#TogetherWeCanMakeADifference



## 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 7th 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).



### STEM AMBASSADOR: MRS BONNEY

Mrs Bonney came in to speak to the children about her job and how a Scientist has to think when they are working. Mrs Bonney also brought in some fantastic resources linked to our current topic, The Digestive System, where the children got to create a model of their own digestive system.



## 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>.

# A SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS



## What is SEND Provision?

SEND is an acronym for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. As a school, we cater for all children no matter their need or individual disability. Here at St Ann's, we include all children as part of our school family and celebrate differences of all kinds. Our aims for children with SEND are the same as for all the other children in our care, but we recognise that we may have to adapt the methods of teaching and the pace of learning for these children to take account of their needs. To do this we:

- identify the child's needs
- inform all interested parties
- record and monitor the effectiveness of any action taken
- ensure that the curriculum can be adapted for meeting the needs of all children
- develop an atmosphere of encouragement, acceptance and respect for all learners



## What does this look like?

We understand that children learn and develop in different ways. Teachers and teaching assistants recognise this and use different teaching styles, resources and plan different levels of work in the classroom, to cater for the various ways that children learn. However, many children, at some time in their school life need extra help. For pupils identified with additional needs we look closely at what additional support will help them achieve their full potential as part of a fully inclusive learning environment. Here are some ways we do this:

- working with outside agencies to provide effective strategies for example: LASC training, Trauma Informed Approach Training and Physical Intervention.
- purchase equipment that supports children with additional needs for example: coloured over lays, pencil grips or fidget toys
- intervention programmes such as IDL and Reading Plus

Our aim is to work with parents/carers and pupils to listen to what is needed so we can offer a fully inclusive learning environment. We welcome ideas and input from home. A close working partnership helps us provide the best support for our SEND pupils.

## What does our Provision consist of?

The main methods of provision made by St Ann's are:

- all teachers providing clear 'Access Strategies' for those learners who need subtle adaptations - implementing a 'bespoke curriculum' for certain learners
- full time education in classes, with additional help and support by class teacher/teaching assistant
- individual timetables that address individual needs and outcomes
- small group/individual work with a Teaching Assistant
- access to our Sensory Room
- Therapeutic intervention and access to the Rainbow Room
- movement breaks or implementation of Sensory Diets
- - termly conversations with class teacher to discuss child's Support Snapshot/Plan

***If you would like to find out more about our provision for pupils with SEND, or if you believe your child may have additional learning needs, make an appointment to speak to our SENDCO; Miss Buckley.***

***You can do this via [rsa.inclusion@three-saints.org.uk](mailto:rsa.inclusion@three-saints.org.uk)***

## **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORT BANK**

If your child has a Children's University Passport, send their passport into school on Thursday 26 October so that their hours can be banked. If you wish to purchase a passport for your child, you can do so via the school office. To find out more about Children's University, please see Mr Harrison.

## **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)

School closes on  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
October 2023

School re-opens on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
November 2023

### **SAFGUARDING TOP TIP #7**



#### Screen Time

Did you know as an adult in the UK we check our phones on average 6 to 7 times an hour and spend over 2 hours on our phones, one way or another, every day?

#### Helpful pointers for our children:

1. Agree a clear set of rules and times with your child on screen time in the home. For example, dinner time, homework time and bedtime should be screen-free times.
2. Do as you say. Modelling behaviour is THE most powerful way you can influence your child's behaviour.
3. Restrict the use of computers/devices in the bedroom. Depending on the age of your child you may want to set a curfew or ban devices from the bedroom completely.
4. Try not to rely on screens too much to keep the kids amused. It can be easy to encourage kids to pick up the tablet or play a game on the computer to keep them occupied. This only confuses rules on screen time.
5. Chat to your child about what they do online and encourage them to use their screen time for learning and education.
6. Pick one evening a week where you do a family activity together, whether it's movie night, games night. Doing activities together as a family will help implement screen time guidelines and offer fun alternatives.
7. Finally, why not join in? Set some time aside to play your child's favourite computer game and discover the online world together.



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**Wednesday 8 November 2023**

**9.30am & 1.30pm**

Please phone/ email the school office to book onto  
your preferred time - 0151 426 5869  
stannsce@three-saints.org.uk



## Open Day

*For parents/ carers of children who will start Reception September 2024*



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

**View Road**

**Rainhill**

**Merseyside**

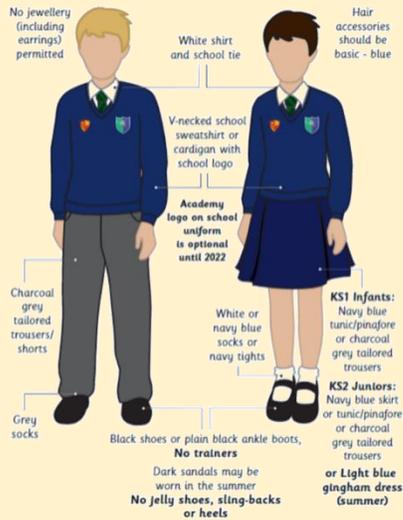
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*St Ann's is an exceptional Christian school.  
(SIAMS July 2019)*



## 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.

### 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

### 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

## LOST PROPERTY

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

## SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSION

Monday 23rd October 8.30-10am

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

Thank you

**Courtesy**

**Care**

**Concentration**



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

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Email: [stannsce@three-saints.org.uk](mailto:stannsce@three-saints.org.uk)

Twitter: [@RainhillStAnns](https://twitter.com/RainhillStAnns)

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
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