



# 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 8

Thursday 26 October 2023

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalm 100:4

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*Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in everything by prayer and  
supplication with thanksgiving let your  
requests be made known to God.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:6



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

Well done to the following children who were nominated to enjoy Hot Chocolate with Mrs Rynn this week. Your teachers chose you because of how beautifully you have settled into your new class. I wonder who will be chosen next half term?

EYR	Penelope R	3E	Sonny O
EYP	Toby D	3H	Elliot W
1M	Rose W	4C	Maeve H
1T	Harry W	4H	Amber D
2H	Paige M	5B	Anastasia L
2O	Lewis K	5D	Talia A
		6A	Thomas W
		6M	Eddie B

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

BE AN ATTENDANCE  
SUPERHERO!

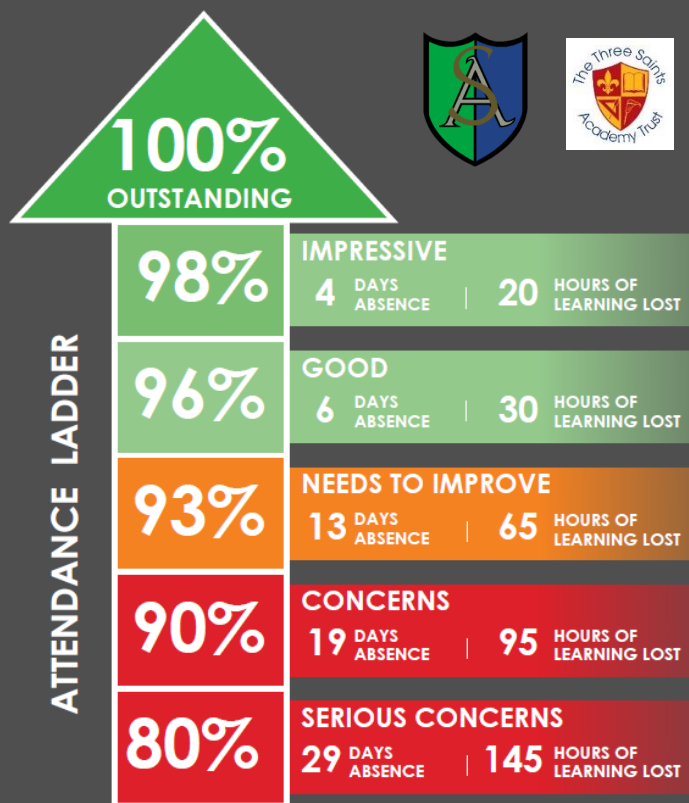
Whole school attendance year to date <i>Whole School target 96%</i>	96.88%
Whole school attendance week ending 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	96.02%
Class with best weekly attendance	3H – 99.66%

### 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

**361**

### 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.



## A SPOTLIGHT ON St Ann's School Uniform

The wearing of correct school uniform is **compulsory (all items)**.  
This is incorporated in the Home School Agreement.

### RATIONALE

The main benefits for the wearing of school uniform include:

- it helps pupils identify with the school and creates a sense of belonging (#TeamStAnns 😊)
- it ensures all pupils feel equal and contributes to their self-esteem (pupils who do not wear correct school uniform can feel more or less special than everyone else)
- it disguises social and economic differences between pupils

### WINTER/SUMMER UNIFORM

As the weather is so changeable nowadays in the UK, parents/carers can decide when they wish for their child to wear the winter or summer uniform

### FOOTWEAR

When wearing the school uniform, children should **wear black school shoes only**, and not black trainers

### HAIR

If hair is long enough to be tied up, it should be. This prevents head lice spreading. Hairstyles should be appropriate to wearing a school uniform. Hair accessories must be kept to a minimum and in school colours only (e.g. no big bows).

### LOST PROPERTY

Any lost uniform may be found in **Lost Property**. Lost Property can be viewed at any time, but for convenience for parents/ carers is displayed in the front entrance every Friday afternoon.

### LOGOS

No items of the school uniform are required to have the school and trust logos on (other than the school book bag which is provided free of charge when your child joins the school), although parents/ carers may wish to purchase items with the logos on.

### BAGS

It is compulsory for children to bring the navy **school book bag** into school each day. **New starters** in the Early Years will be provided with a school bag funded by the Friends association. Pupils are permitted to bring one pump bag into school for any after schools they may attend. Holdalls and rucksacks are not permitted because they fall off the children's pegs and create a trip hazard. This forms part of our fire safety risk assessment.

### PE KIT

Pupils must wear the full and correct **PE kit** to school on the days they have PE; this is instead of their school uniform. They should wear trainers rather than pumps.

The PE kit can also be worn on swimming or club days, unless otherwise advised by the school.

### LABELLING

All children's clothing and footwear should be **labelled** with your child's name.

### JEWELLERY (INC EARRINGS)

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery to school, this includes earrings. If children are getting their ears pierced, this should be done in the first week of the summer holidays to give them plenty of time to heal. Children may wear **backless plastic retainers**. Backless retainers mitigate health and safety issues.

### PRE LOVED UNIFORM

Please speak to the school office if you are interested in pre-loved school uniform.

### SUPPLIERS OF ST ANN'S UNIFORM

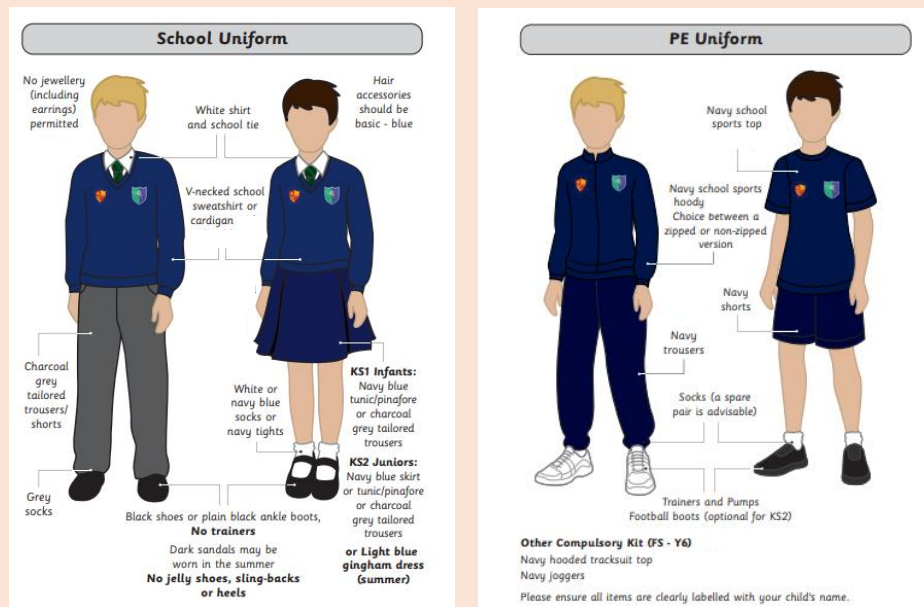
The following retailers stock school items with logos, tie and school book bag.

Hivis [www.hivis.co.uk/stanns.html](http://www.hivis.co.uk/stanns.html)

Whittakers <https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/store/st-helens/>

Rocket

Embroidery <https://customuniforms.co.uk/collections/st-anns-c-of-e-rainhill>



*If you have any questions about our school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

## 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 closes on  
Thursday 26th October  
2023

School re-opens on  
Monday 6th November  
2023



## 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).



Keeping  
children safe  
is everyone's  
responsibility



### SAFGUARDING TOP TIP #8

#### Worrying about the holidays

The holidays are different for everyone. You might be excited about a holiday or having time off, or you could be thinking about what might happen or how you'll cope.

- You might be worried about:
  - [feeling lonely](#) or not going out
  - not seeing people who normally support you
  - problems at home or having to [care for your family](#)
    - coping without a routine
    - being [hurt or abused](#)

Childline is there all through the holidays to support you, whether that's having someone to talk to, giving you ideas of things to do or helping you to get support when you need it.

You can keep yourself occupied over the holidays by playing games, completing a journal or writing down your mood and feelings on a chart.

Childline 0800 1111



## FAMILY WORSHIP

On **Friday 10 November at 9am**, SO will lead their Family Worship in the hall all about Remembrance Day. Please wait at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.



## 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)

## FLU VACCINATION

Flu vaccinations for EYs to Y6 will take place on Friday 17th November.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

On **Friday 17th November** we are supporting Children in Need. In exchange for a donation to this very important charity, children may wear own clothes and Children in Need accessories to school. If you wish to donate please send cash into school in an envelope. Many thanks.



UK Health Security Agency

NHS

### 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://qcrc.de/minfoc>

A cartoon illustration of a young girl with blonde hair in pigtails, wearing a green and white checkered dress, jumping joyfully with her arms raised.

## THE VOICES 2024 CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION



Coram Voice are pleased to announce, that their Annual Creative Writing Competition opened on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 for **Care Experienced Children and Care Leavers aged 4-25 years**.

It is an opportunity to express creativity, celebrate imagination, be heard and tell their stories!

Competition went live on the 19<sup>th</sup> Oct until the 17<sup>th</sup> Dec and the 24 shortlisted finalists will get invited to an Awards Ceremony in London, due to take place in February 2024.

Entries can be anything from poetry, short stories, music, rap, spoken word and more, in line with this year's theme "what makes me different?"

[www.coramvoice.org.uk/get-involved/voices-writing-competition/](http://www.coramvoice.org.uk/get-involved/voices-writing-competition/)

# A Month in Sport at St Ann's (Sept-Oct)

This term at St Ann's the children have experienced a range of sporting activities and competitions both inside school and throughout St Helens with the School Games Programme. From Year 1 having the fantastic opportunity of visiting Liverpool's first team Academy in Kirkby to our Key Stage 2 children attending competitions in dodgeball, rugby and football. It really has been a busy half term of Sport.

**Year 1 LFC Academy Experience**



**Year 5/6 Dodgeball**



**Year 5 Rugby**



Well done to our newly elected Sports Committee who will be working alongside Mr Ward and Mr Evans this year to improve feedback on competitions that pupils have attended and suggest Improvements for the future.



**Year 3 Boys Football**

**Date: 17.10.2023**

Huge well done to our Year 3 boys who won their Football tournament at Sutton Leisure last week.  
Well done boys!

## **Results:**

St Ann's 0-0 St Bart's

St Ann's 0-1 Leigh Vale

St Ann's 4-0 Rainford

Eccleston Mere 0-5 St Ann's

Allanson Street 1-2 St Ann's

St Ann's 1-1 St Mary's

Bleak Hill 0-2 St Ann's

## JOB VACANCIES AT ST ANN'S

**Level 2 Teaching Assistant  
Level 3 Teaching Assistant  
Base Manager**

*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 & 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





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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](mailto: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**

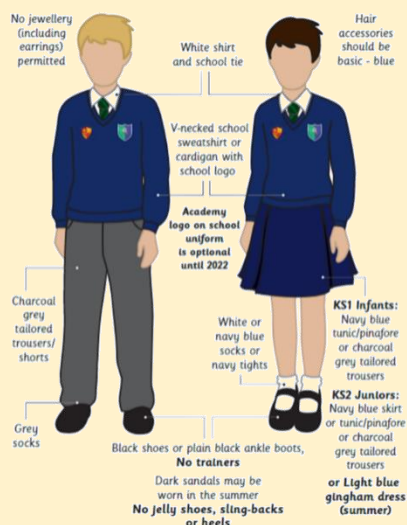
**L35 0LQ**

*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 as soon as possible if not already done so

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.

### **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.

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



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

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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
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 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