



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Trust

Newsletter Issue 9

Friday 10th November 2023

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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- PROVERBS 3:5

HISTORY WEEK

What a fantastic week we have had in school learning about History! During History Week, Years 1, 3 and 5 have been learning about local history.

Y1 have been looking at the Rainhill Trials and revolutionary Stephenson's Rocket (see photo). Y3 have been learning about the Industrial Revolution and its impact in our local area and Y5 have been looking at Liverpool's role in the slave trade. Whilst these year groups have been looking at local history, Years 2, 4 and 6 have been learning about WW2. Year 2 have been looking at evacuees during the war, Year 4 have been learning about the role of women and Year 6 have been learning about Kindertransport.

We have had an amazing week with lots of fun and enlightening activities. There are definitely some budding historians here at St. Ann's! Please ask your child about their learning this week.



PIC•COLLAGE

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>	96.6%
Whole school attendance week ending 26 th October 2023	93.98%
Class with best weekly attendance	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.

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

366

Punctuality

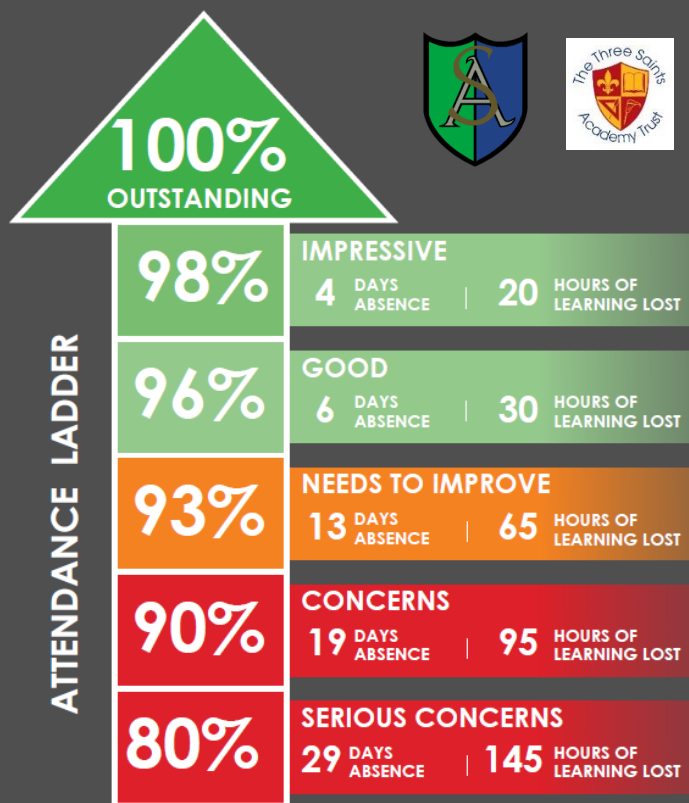
School starts at **8.50am**.
Lessons start at **8.50am**.

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!**

A SPOTLIGHT ON FOOD & NUTRITION

At St. Ann's Church of England Primary School we recognise a child's healthy, balanced diet should consist of:

1. Plenty of fruit and vegetables.
2. Plenty of unrefined starchy foods.
3. Some meat, fish, eggs, beans and other non-dairy sources of protein.
4. Some milk and dairy foods.
5. A small amount of food and drink high in fat, sugar and/or salt.



This knowledge is reflected in the food provision in school.

Currently, school dinners are provided by Mellors. Mellors' menus are developed using the five main food groups demonstrated by the Eatwell Plate and they endeavour to use low fat cooking methods wherever possible. Mellors fully support the government led food based standards and the school food plan. They work closely with regional and national suppliers to improve the nutritional content of their branded products, ensuring that they are actively meeting the target nutrient specifications set by the Food Standards Agency.

Special Diets and allergies

The school recognises that some children require specialist diets, or have food allergies. Teachers will be aware of any pupils within their class who this may apply to. Kitchen staff are made aware of any allergies within the school.

Packed Lunches

Parents are asked to support the school's healthy eating policy by providing healthy, balanced packed lunches for their children. If further guidance is required, the following food is suggested: Vegetable sticks (e.g. carrots, celery and cucumber), Bread sticks, fruit, dried fruit, cheese, crackers, wraps, ham, chicken, tuna, salad, brown bread/rolls, handful of cereal, yoghurts, fromage frais, rice cakes, sugar free jelly. As fridge space is not available in school, pupils are advised to bring packed lunches in insulated bags with freezer blocks where possible to stop the food going off. Packed lunch boxes are stored on trolleys.

Snack

Only fruit, vegetable or toast snacks are to be brought into school for consumption at break time. Toast is available from school for the cost of £1.25 per week (strict deadlines apply, please refer to the school newsletter). If children bring in a snack which is not permitted, they will be offered fruit instead, and the snack will be returned to the parent at the end of the day. Children in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 receive a free piece of fruit daily. Additionally, children in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 receive a carton of milk daily.

Drinks Provision

Children are only permitted to bring a bottle of still, flavourless water into school with them each day. Other drinks brought into school are not permitted as they do not meet the healthy school's standard or cause tooth decay. Pupils will be offered water instead if they bring in an alternative drink to water. Children are taught about the importance of staying hydrated. Water should be brought into school in a transparent water bottle. The bottle will be sent home at the end of each day for cleaning and refilling. Water bottles are not taken outside at playtime and lunchtime for health and safety reasons. Children are taught the appropriate time to drink from their water bottle so that they are not distracted unnecessarily from their learning e.g. it is not appropriate to drink from their water bottle during teaching and learning inputs from the teacher. Acceptable times include registration, before and after worship, before and after playtime and lunchtime, transition points throughout the school day.

Special Events / Religious Celebrations / Fundraising Activities

Chocolates, sweets and cakes brought to celebrate children's birthdays are not permitted. Special events such as Christmas parties and fundraising events are exceptions from the standards. Religious celebrations such as the celebration following a year group's communion service are also exceptions.

CHILDREN IN NEED



On **Friday 17 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. Donations can be made via ARBOR.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Well done to 5B on their Family Worship all about Remembrance Day.

On **Friday 24 November at 9am**, 5D will lead their Family Worship in the hall all about Anti-Bullying Day. Please wait at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.



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).



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

FLU VACCINATION

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

SMARTWATCHES

Smartwatches are not permitted in school because some connect to the internet and they have a video and camera feature which poses a safeguarding risk.

Smartwatches that are worn to school will be confiscated and returned to the parent/ carer at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your support with this policy.

VALUES AMBASSADORS COMMUNION VISIT

Next week 10 Values Ambassadors will take part in Communion at one of our other Trust schools; St Michael with St Thomas.



Separate letter to follow.

WINNING DESIGNS

Congratulations to Olivia L in 2H who has won first prize for her Teardrops Christmas Toy and Hamper Appeal poster. Olivia is the youngest person to win this competition and we are so proud! Olivia's poster will be used in numerous businesses around St Helens and on Christmas cards so please keep an eye out for it on your travels on the lead up to Christmas!

Congratulations also to Harrison J in 2H who has won the runner up prize for his poster design!

Well done to our St Ann's Superstars!



JOB VACANCY AT ST ANN'S

Attendance Officer & 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 & Interviews: See advert

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

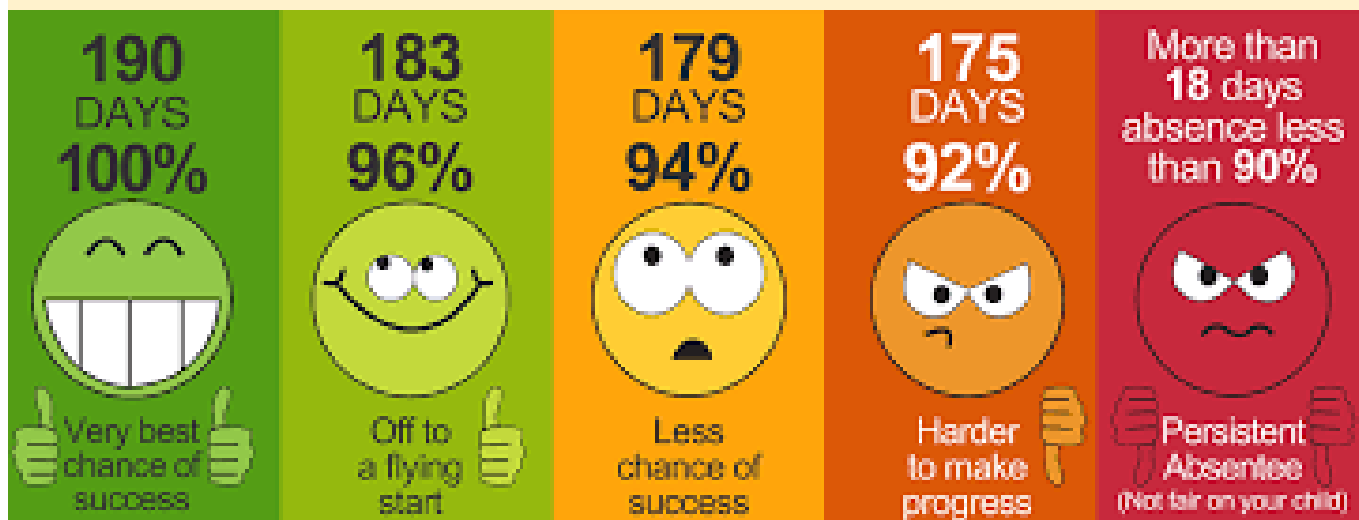


ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

At St Ann's we are relentless in our focus on attendance because we want the best for our pupils. The research speaks for itself, children with strong levels of attendance, fulfil their full potential and develop the skills and personal qualities required for a happy and fulfilled life.

Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

All children with **96%+ attendance**, and who have not taken a holiday during term time, by Friday 22 December will be entered into our first ever Attendance Raffle. **GOOD LUCK** 😊





SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #9

Childhood trauma, the brain and social world

For many of us, the COVID-19 pandemic confirmed what we already intuitively knew: social relationships are key to our mental health and wellbeing.

This is true for everyone, not just people who have had experiences of complex trauma in childhood, such as abuse. However, these experiences and their impact on the brain make it more likely that a child will grow up in a more stressful and lonelier social world.

Children who have experienced abuse and neglect have already experienced significant social stress in childhood. However, these children continue to have more stressful social experiences than their peers, even into adulthood. For example:

In childhood and adolescence, they are more likely to be victimised or bullied by their classmates. In adulthood, they are more likely to experience conflict and violence in their friendships or romantic relationships.

Research suggests that individuals with a history of maltreatment have differences in the quality and quantity of relationships in their social network. For example:

- In childhood, they have fewer social contacts and fewer friends their age
 - Adults with a history of maltreatment report less social support from family and friends
 - Adults with a history of maltreatment are more likely to experience loneliness and social isolation.
- In other words, the potential network of social relationships diminishes over time.

For further information please visit

<https://uktraumacouncil.link/documents/ChildhoodTraumathBrainSocialWorldv1.0.pdf>

MESSAGE FROM ST HELENS MUSIC SERVICE

If your child has just started learning a musical instrument through St Helens Music Service come and join our FREE Wider Opportunities Band. Sessions will take place on Wednesday's at St Helens Town Hall from 4-5pm. The group is aimed at students who play any instrument and have just started out on their musical journey. The ensemble will run on Wednesdays during in term time and have the opportunity to perform in concerts and events across the year. To join and start tomorrow, simply complete the consent form using the link below -

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/musicconsent>



UNWANTED SOCKS

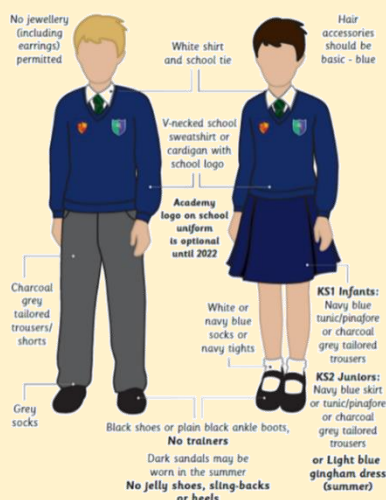
At this time of year the children's socks sometimes get wet at breaktime or lunchtime. To avoid us disturbing parents requesting clean socks we would like to maintain a stock of socks we can use when this happens.

We would therefore be grateful if you would pass any unwanted school socks in good condition into the School Office for us to use.

Many thanks for your help.

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 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



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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
Friday	17 th November 2023	Children in Need 9.00am – 3.00pm
Friday	24 th November 2023	5D Family Worship 9.00-9.30am
Friday	1 st December 2023	4H Family Worship 9.00-9.30am
Thursday	14 th December 2023	Y1 Pantomime @ The Theatre Royal
Monday & Tuesday	18 th / 19 th December 2023	KS1 Nativity Performances
Wednesday	20 th December 2023	Y2 Christmas Party
Thursday	21 st December 2023	EY's & Y1 Christmas Party Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
Friday	22 nd December 2023	Children's University Passport Bank Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party Y3 Lead Christmas Service @ Church 9.30am
Friday	22 nd December 2023	School Closes