



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Endurance

Newsletter Issue 17

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No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Corinthians 10:13

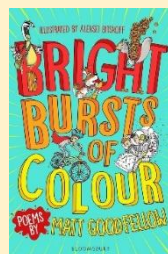
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AUTHOR VISIT: MATT GOODFELLOW

This week we were lucky to have popular children's poet Matt Goodfellow visit our school. Our KS2 children enjoyed a poetry performance from Matt where he performed many poems from his books that children have read in their classes. Children were so excited to hear Matt perform the poems they knew and the newer ones he shared with them.



For the rest of the day, Matt worked with our Year 5 and 6 children. The children learnt about how to play with language when writing poetry. Matt explained how children can 'talk with their pens' and use poetry as a way of having their voices heard. A wonderful message about the power of poetry!

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>	96.04%
Whole school attendance week ending 12 th January 2024	95.8%
Class with best weekly attendance	5B – 99.57%

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**

363

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.



**Miss
School
Miss
Out**

If you're not going to school
you will miss out on...





Learning
new skills



Your
friends



Support
and help



School
activities



Having
fun

Being in school and on time is good for you.
90% attendance may look impressive but it means missing 19 days of education in a year.
Don't be one of the few to miss school and miss out!
If you need help with school attendance,
please talk to your school for advice




A SPOTLIGHT ON: FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

Our school reflects British values in all that we do. We aim to nurture our children on their journey through life so they can grow into safe, caring, democratic, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive difference to British society and to the world. We encourage our children to be creative, unique, open-minded and independent individuals, respectful of themselves and of others in our school, our local community and the wider world. British values are fully embedded into our curriculum and teachers have thought carefully about how they can be woven into the lessons that we deliver at St Ann's.



Democracy - Making Decisions

At St Ann's, we teach our children that their opinions and views matter. We encourage all of our children to have a voice and to speak up and speak out about issues that matter to them. We help children to understand that sometimes the power to choose decisions is granted to an individual or to a group. We show democracy by having a Rights Respecting Parliament elected on Democracy Day, by encouraging volunteerism and activism and by studying the beginnings of democracy in History topics such as Ancient Greece.



Individual Liberty - Freedom for all



In line with our teaching of democracy, we also help children to understand that the choices they make not only have an impact on themselves and their learning, but also on others in our school. Staff support children to make good choices that will create a successful learning environment in which everyone can thrive. We want our children to feel valued as individuals and staff work hard to nurture and encourage every child's unique abilities on a daily basis. Through our Christian values and PSHE lessons, children learn about personal responsibility, choices, ambition and aspiration. Aspirations Day promotes the wide range of choices available to children when they are older and these are echoed throughout the year with links to careers wherever possible.

Rule of Law - Understanding that rules matter

We provide children with a happy, safe and stimulating environment that is fit for the purpose of learning. We reward children for exhibiting good behaviour that is in line with their Class Charter, which is set up and agreed to by every child at the beginning of the year. By establishing a 'rule of law' that is consistent in all of our classes, children are aware of the high expectations we uphold at our school as well as the behaviour we encourage. Children are taught how to earn trust and respect through school assemblies and PSHE and are developing their sense of morality.



Mutual Respect & Tolerance - Treat others as you want to be treated

We pride ourselves on being inclusive, supportive and able to build good relationships with others. We are part of a wider community in which we show respect to everyone. This behaviour is expected and highly praised at our school. Across our curriculum we find opportunities to share the value of other cultures, faiths and abilities with our children. This is evidenced, for example, through the focus authors and texts we select to enhance our subjects, the world faiths children learn about in R.E and the challenging of stereotypes in PSHE, to name a few. We teach children to respect others' choices and opinions even if we do not share them.

PARENT FORUM

We have Parent Forum Rep vacancies in the following classes and keen to fill them.
EYR, 5B, 5D & 6A.

If you are interested in being a Parent Rep, please contact school on stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

FAMILY WORSHIP

Well done to 3E for a fascinating Family Worship all about World Religion Day.

On **Friday 2 February at 9am**, 3H will lead their Family Worship in the hall all about E-Safety. Please wait at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.



YOUNG CARERS

This week St Helens Young Carers Centre came into school and spoke to the children about support for children who are Young Carers.

If you believe your child may be a Young Carer, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Crowther to find out what support is available.



YEAR 3 COMMUNION



Year 3 will participate in the community communion service on Thursday 1 February @ 9.30am. Everybody welcome.

HEADTEACHERS VISIT ST ANN'S

This week we had the pleasure of showcasing our school to 7 primary school Headteachers from Liverpool. They enjoyed seeing our school in action and were extremely complimentary about our pupils. They praised the children's behaviour and work ethic and enjoyed hearing all about our curriculum



ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT SHOW

We are delighted with the number of entries we have received for this year's Talent Show. As previously indicated auditions will take place in school on 26th January. If your child has entered please can you ensure that they have any props and costumes in school on this date. If a backing track is required please send this into school prior to the 26th to ensure that your child has this available for their audition.

The auditions for the role of Host will take place on 9th February, please ensure that if your child has applied they have prepared as detailed in the application form.



FRIENDS DISCO

On Thursday 8 February, the Friends are holding an after school disco to raise money for school fund.



EYs & Y1 Disco: 3.15-4.15pm

Y2 & Y3 Disco: 4.30-5.30pm

Y4-Y6 Disco: 5.45-6.45pm

Cost: £3 per child

(children will receive a drink and snack to take home).

EYs & Y1 children attending the disco should wear their disco clothes to school.

Y2-Y6 children should be dropped off at the Y1 classroom door on the yard.

YEAR GROUP	COLLECTION POINT
EYs, Y1, Y2 & Y3	Own classroom
Y4	Year 1 door on yard
Y5	Back hall door
Y6	Hall door on EYs playground



SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #16

Separation and divorce

How to help children deal with divorce or separation?

Separation may involve bad feelings between the parents and their families. Children can pick up on this, which may make them confused or unhappy – or even blame themselves for a break-up.

To support children during a separation and help them with their worries, you should:

- remind them that they're loved by both parents
- be honest when talking about it but keep in mind the child's age and understanding
- avoid blame and don't share any negative feelings the adults have about each other
- keep up routines such as going to school and specific meal times and try and work together as parents to ensure routine is consistent for the child/children.
- let them know they can talk about their feelings with you – explain that it's okay to be sad, confused or angry and remind them of trusted adults in school they can talk to.

Please contact Mrs Crowther at school should you wish to seek further support and guidance.

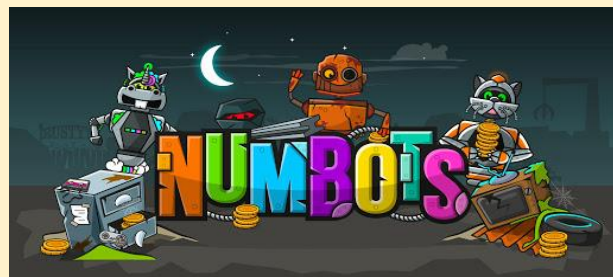
NUMBOTS & TIMESTABLE ROCKSTARS

Daily use of Numbots and TTRockstars has been proved to boost number and times table recall speed significantly, impacting positively on children's Mathematical Development. Just as the expectation at St Ann's is to read for 5 out of every 7 days each week, the expectation to access either Numbots (EYs-Y2) or TTRockstars (Y2-Y6) is the same

The table below shows the number of children who have accessed the programmes in the last 7 days. You can show that your child has accessed either of the programmes by simply ticking the logo off in their home school diary. Let's do this!

1M	1T	2H	2O	3E	3H	4C	4S	5B	5D	6A	6M
4	2	7	2	7	4	28	27	1	4	4	3

Most Improved



Year 1: Sophia H and Sienna W

Year 2: Amber M & Alva C

Year 3: Evalynn D & Fletcher E

Year 4: Mia A & Lucas T

Year 5: Scarlett T & Fearne M

Year 6: Huw H-S & Chloe C

TERM TIME DATES FOR 2024-25

Term	*Open On:	*Close On:
Autumn term 2024	4 th September 2024	25 th October 2024
	4 th November 2024	20 th December 2024
Spring term 2025	6 th January 2025	14 th February 2025
	24 th February 2025	4 th April 2025
Summer term 2025	22 nd April 2025	23 rd May 2025
	4 th June 2025	22 nd July 2025

Easter Bank Holidays:

Good Friday: 18th April 2025

Easter Monday: 21st April 2025

Bank Holidays during term time:

May Day: Monday 5th May 2025

STAR DAY

We are once again very excited to be celebrating STAR Day on Friday 9th February. On the day we will be raising money for a number of different charities. Children will be able to wear their own clothes and take part in a money raising activity. Please see the below for the charity your child will be raising money for and the activity they will complete.

Key Stage	Charity	Activity
EYFS and KS1 (year 1 and 2)	Young Carers	Penalty Shoot Out
LKS2 (year 3 and 4)	ACE Charity	Welly Wanging
UKS2 (year 5 and 6)	Facial Palsy UK	Team Quiz

To support these charities on STAR Day we kindly ask that £2 is donated via ARBOR.

In addition to the charities each Key Stage will be raising money this year our whole school will be raising money for RDA Riding School. RDA provides life changing experiences for disabled children and we are thrilled to be supporting them this year. On STAR Day RDA will be bringing ponies to school to meet the children and tell us more about the Riding School.

If you would like your child to take part in the pony meet and groom session we ask that you donate a further £2 via ARBOR.



ST ANN'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
PART OF THE THREE SAINTS ACADEMY TRUST



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 2 February 2024, 2pm at St Ann's

JOB VACANCIES AT ST ANN'S

Level 2 Teaching Assistant Level 3 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 22 January 2024

Interviews: Monday 29 January 2024

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

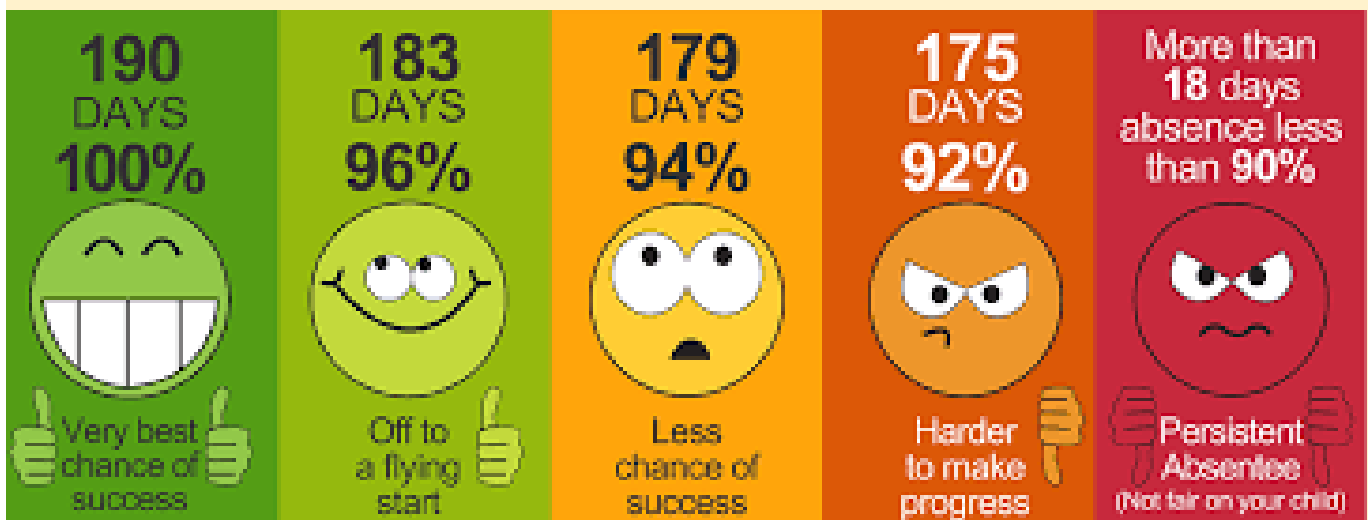


ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

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 **Thursday 28 March** will be entered into the next Attendance Raffle. **GOOD LUCK** 😊





SLOW COOKER - COOKING ON A BUDGET!



**With winter setting in, learn how to budget for a family using a slow cooker.
Claim your free slow cooker at the end!**

Places are limited so please call 01744 673420 or email childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk to book your place.

**Enrol on one of our two-week courses which run from
12.00pm - 2.00pm on:**

Wednesday 31st January and 7th February 2024

Wednesday 21st and 28th February 2024

Wednesday 6th and 13th March 2024

Wednesday 20th and 27th March 2024

**Sutton Family Hub
Ellamsbridge Road, St Helens WA9 3PY**

BSL Interpreters and Creche are available on request.

To get in touch with us please contact:

Email: childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk

Telephone: 01744 673420 Text: 07761045427



Family Hub



St Helens College



**Knowsley
Community
College**



Free 8-week programme!
Supporting parents and carers to give their children the best start in life.

The programme covers:

Emotional wellbeing

Healthy weight

Parenting skills

Oral health

Nurturing relationships

Physical activity

Sleep

Activity ideas

From Wednesday 10th January 2024
10.00am - 12.00pm

Thatto Heath Children's Centre

From Monday 15th January 2024

10.00am - 12.00pm

Sutton Family Hub

From Tuesday 6th February 2024

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Central Link Family Hub

From Tuesday 13th February 2024

1.00pm - 3.00pm

Moss Bank Children's Centre

BSL Interpreters are available on request.
To get in touch with us please contact:
Email: childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk
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**Fun and interactive sessions for
preschool children, parents & carers to
learn basic**

British sign language (BSL)

**At Sutton Family Hub
Ellamsbridge Road, Sutton, St Helens,
WA9 3PY**

9.30am – 10.15am

**Starting
Monday 8th January 2024
for 5 weeks**

For more information please contact:

E: ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org

T: 01744 23887

Deafness Resource Centre, 32-40 Dentons Green Lane, St Helens, WA10 2QB





Tots Talking is now available at St Helens Family Hub and Children's Centres!

For parents/carers of children aged 18 months onwards

- Discover ideas to encourage your child's speech and language development
- Explore the Tots Talking App to help support your child's learning in the home
- Parent/carer only sessions
- Creche available - booking is required

Weekly one-hour sessions at:

Sutton Family Hub
Monday 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Newton Family Hub
Thursday 1.00pm - 2.30pm

Referral only

Places are limited book now!

BSL Interpreters are available on request.
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Telephone: 01744 673420 Text: 07761045427



ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is Tots Talking for?

Parents/carers of children 18 month onward

- Parents/carers looking for strategies to support language development
- Families wanting to increase verbal communication and interaction

How will it help?

Ideas to promote your child's language skills

- Things to do at home and in everyday activities
- professional support
- Understanding the important role parents play in their child's learning and development
- Talk to other parents

Who can refer?

Referrals from professionals, health visitors, family support workers, nurseries and parents.

How do I refer?

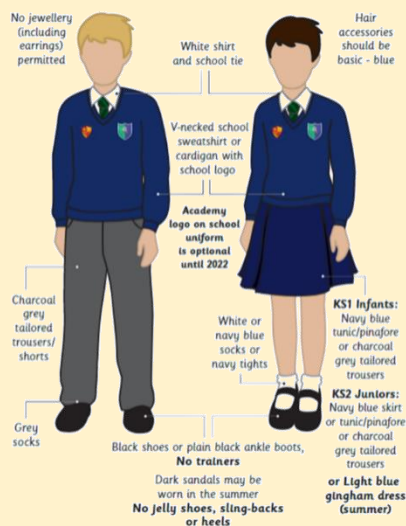
Referral forms are located within the forms section of the ICS (internal social care system), EHAT system. Paper versions can be completed and sent to childrenscentreservicerequests@sthelens.gov.uk



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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

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:

Spring 1 - £7.20 as soon as possible if not already done
so
Spring 2 - £8.70 by 31st January 2024
Summer 1 - £8.40 by 20th March 2024
Summer 2 - £11.10 by 15th May 2024

PARKING

Concern has been expressed by parents that children's safety is being placed at risk by inconsiderate and/or illegal parking and driving. May we once again ask that consideration is given when parking or driving near to school premises.

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

Courtesy
Care
Concentration



St. Ann's Church of England Primary School

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Website: <http://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk>

Email: 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

DATES FOR DIARY SPRING 2024

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Friday	26 th January 2024	Talent Show Auditions
Friday	26 th January 2024	Friends Association Meeting 2-3.00pm @ school. Everyone welcome.
Thursday	1 st February 2024	Y3 Communion 9.30am @ Church Everyone welcome
Friday	2 nd February 2024	3H Family Worship 9.00am, school hall
Monday-Friday	5 th -9 th February	Parent Insight Sessions – all classes (RE & Christian Distinctiveness)
Wednesday	7 th February 2024	Parent Forum 2.00-3.00pm
Thursday	8 th February 2024	Children's University Passport Bank
Thursday	8 th February 2024	Friends Disco (TBC)
Friday	9 th February 2024	Star Day Charity Fundraising Day Auditions for Host for Talent Show EYs & KS1 Church Service, 2.15pm Everyone welcome
Friday	9 th February 2024	School Closes
Monday	19 th February 2024	School Opens
Monday	19 th February 2024	Ash Wednesday Service @ Church, 2.15pm. Led by Clergy (not all classes will attend). Everyone welcome
Friday	23 rd February 2024	Friends Association Meeting 2.00-3.00pm @ school. Everyone welcome.
Monday	4 th March 2024	Y5 trip to the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall
Tuesday - Friday	5 th -8 th March 2024	5D Swimming
Thursday	7 th March 2024	Open House Book Look 3.30-4.30pm, all classes
Friday	8 th March 2024	Y4 & Y5 to work with Mersey Forest. Wear PE kits
Friday	8 th March 2024	2H Family Worship 9.00am, school hall
Monday	11 th March 2024	Assessment Week
Tuesday - Friday	12 th -15 th March 2024	5D Swimming
Thursday	14 th March 2024	Kingswood Residential Y4 Parent Meeting
Friday	15 th March 2024	2O Family Worship 9.00am, school hall
Thursday	21 st March 2024	Y4 Communion 9.30am @ Church Everyone welcome
Thursday	21 st March 2024	Easter Bingo
Friday	22 nd March 2024	1M Family Worship 9.00am, school hall
Monday-Thursday	25 th –28 th March 2024	Mentoring Conversations, all classes, days TBC
Monday	25 th March 2024	St Ann's Has Got Talent Show @ Rainhill Village Hall, rehearsals and show (Times TBC)
Thursday	28 th March 2024	Children's University Passport Bank

Thursday	28 th March 2024	Y5 Easter Service @ Church, 2.15pm. Everyone welcome
Thursday	28 th March 2024	School Closes

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