



# 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 18**

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May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.

Romans 15: 4-5

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**PARENT INSIGHT**

Week commencing Monday 5 February our next Parent Insight sessions will take place. This series of Parent Insight sessions will focus on our foundation as a church school. You will hear all about our Christian distinctiveness and ethos and have the opportunity to do some craft based on our Christian values with your child. The sessions promise to be an opportunity for you to spend some special time with your child. Dates and times on the Insight sessions can be seen below. We hope you can make it!

<b>EYP</b>	Thursday 8 February @ 1.30am	<b>3E</b>	Wednesday 7 February @ 9.30am
<b>EYR</b>	Thursday 8 February @ 2.30am	<b>3H</b>	Wednesday 7 February @ 10.30am
<b>1M</b>	Monday 5 February @ 9.30am	<b>4C</b>	Thursday 8 February @ 9.30am
<b>1T</b>	Monday 5 February @ 10.30am	<b>4S</b>	Thursday 8 February @ 10.30am
<b>2H</b>	Tuesday 6 February @ 9.30am	<b>5B</b>	Monday 5 February @ 1.30am
<b>2O</b>	Tuesday 6 February @ 10.30am	<b>5D</b>	Monday 5 February @ 2.30am
<b>To enter school wait at the blue Base door.</b>		<b>6A</b>	Tuesday 6 February @ 1.30am
		<b>6M</b>	Tuesday 6 February @ 2.30am

# 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>	96.00%
Whole school attendance week ending 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	95.45%
Class with best weekly attendance	1M – 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.



**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.




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

**364**

## 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: SCHOOL APPS



We have three home-school learning apps designed to support children with learning at home. Login details for these apps can be found in each child's reading diary.

### NumBots

NumBots equips each pupil with the set of core maths skills they require by building their knowledge from the ground up - starting at the very beginning with subitising. NumBots has several settings and games for your child to play, all aimed at developing pupils' ability to use efficient mental calculation strategies to add and subtract two-digit numbers. This knowledge is vital to ensure children can access many different areas of the mathematics curriculum fluently and confidently. When using NumBots, we recommend a 'little and often' approach; 3 minutes practice a day, 5 times a week, will make a real difference to your child's number and calculation knowledge.



### Times Tables Rock Stars

Times Tables Rock Stars is a maths programme that has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division. Suitable for all KS2 learners, the question-based games automatically adapt



to each child's unique learning needs, helping them to recall their times tables in record speed. Accessible on any device, via the app or browser, children can play anytime, anywhere. Times Table Rock Stars has several settings and games for your child to play, all aimed at developing their times-table knowledge. This knowledge is vital to ensure children can access many different areas of the mathematics curriculum fluently and confidently. Whilst playing, children can earn virtual coins to personalise their rock avatars and move up the rock leaderboard from 'New Artist' to 'Rock Hero'! Just like NumBots, we recommend a 'little and often' approach when using TTRS; 3 minutes practice a day, 5

times a week, will make a real difference to your child's times table knowledge.

### Bug Club

Bug Club is an online reading programme children can use to access a wide range of ebooks at home. The online 'Bug Club' books are carefully aligned to the book banded system used in school and match children to books that cater to their reading level. Children can use the Bug Club website to access ebooks alongside the reading books they bring home. The 'Bug Club' ebook collection includes a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books that include well known characters. The ebooks can be accessed on a range of devices using your child's login details. Quizzes, which help children to practise their reading skills, are also available for children to complete at the end of each book. Children can use the books on Bug Club to develop their reading and comprehension skills, in the same way as the books sent home from school. Please indicate in their reading diary when children have read a 'Bug Club' book and completed a reading quiz.





## 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.

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

### FAMILY WORSHIP



On **Friday 2nd 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.

### MUSIC MARK

We are delighted to share that St Ann's has been awarded with the Music Mark once again! Special well done to Miss Thomson who leads on our Music provision.



### YEAR 3 COMMUNION



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

## CHURCH SERVICE

At the end of this half term our church service will showcase our Super Leaders initiative. It will be led by a small number of children from **Year 2-6**. EYs and Y1 will not be going to church as they will be taking part in their STAR Day activities at this time.

The service will take place on **Friday 9th February at 2.15pm**.

Due to limited space in church, parents/ carers of children featuring in the service are welcome to attend.

## ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT SHOW

Many thanks to all the children who auditioned this week for the Talent Show, the standard was extremely high. We will let the children know the outcome of the auditions as soon as possible.

We are now looking forward to carrying out the auditions for the role of Host on 8<sup>th</sup> February, please note this is a correction to the date contained in last week's Newsletter.



## PARENT FORUM



Our next Parent Forum session for clas reps is taking place on **Tuesday 6th February at 2pm**.

Please note this is a change of date due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologise if this has caused inconvenience.

## 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

# Attendance: the top facts to know & share

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, **just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards**, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And **36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs**, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.<sup>1</sup>

## And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

- **More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs**, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.<sup>2</sup>

## But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

- Regular school attendance can facilitate **positive peer relationships**, which is a **protective factor for mental health and wellbeing**.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>: [The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4, Academic year 2018/19 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/explore-education-statistics)

<sup>2</sup>: [Missing Children, Missing Grades | Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

<sup>3</sup>: [Mental Health and Attendance at School \(Chapter 1\) - Mental Health and Attendance at School \(cambridge.org\)](https://www.cambridge.org/core)

**“THIS MORNING,  
HE WAS WORRIED  
ABOUT SCHOOL...  
BUT LOOK AT HIM  
NOW!”**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

  
HM Government  
Search the Education Hub to find out more



## HARDSHIP FUND

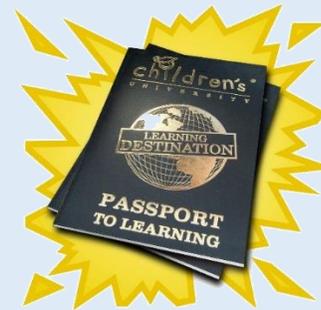
Following a discussion at Parent Forum last year, and requests from parents who wish to help families in need, it was agreed that school would establish a Hardship Fund.

The Hardship Fund is a discretionary fund available to provide some relief from immediate financial hardship for the families of St Ann's. It will seek to ease the financial hardship of those who have no recourse to other sources of financial assistance.

If parents/ carers would like to make a donation into the hardship, you can do this via the school office.



## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORT BANK



The next Children's University Passport Bank is taking place on **w/c Monday 5 February**.

If your child logs club hours in a Children's University Passport, make sure they bring it to school w/c 5 February.

If you would like to find out more about Children's University, please contact Mr Harrison via the school office.

## SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #17



### Dealing with body confidence-CHILDLINE

The world is now more superficial than ever before – tiktok, Instagram, snapchat and others have changed what the world expects people to look like. For young people, the standard idea of beauty has always been an immense pressure for those transitioning between being a child and being a young person.

#### FIVE things to help you feel better

- Everyone's different so don't compare yourself to other people.
- Ignore any negative or mean comments from other people.
- Write down 3 things you like about yourself and read it every morning.
- Share your thoughts with your friends and ask them what they like.
- Focus on hobbies you enjoy or things you are good at - this can help build your confidence.

ChildLine has created a page with advice on these issues.:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/you-your-body/my-body/how-you-look/>

## 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
5	5	6	3	4	5	29	17	0	4	6	4

### Most Improved



Year 1: Leila B & Seren M

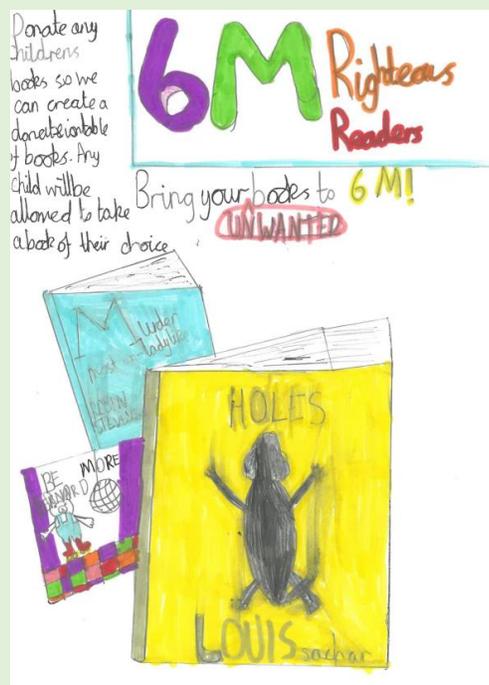
Year 2: Grace K & Ben C

Year 3: Jude H-C & Effie M

Year 4: Henry S & Chloe B

Year 5: Darcie U

Year 6: Isla M & Isla B



### OLD BOOKS WANTED!

As the 'Righteous Readers', 6M are working hard to make sure that reading is practised as a right, rather than a privilege. To ensure that everybody in our school has access to their own book, we will be hosting a "book drive" this term.

We would be very grateful for any donations of children's books that are in good condition and have served their owners well. Please ensure that the books are appropriate for 11 years or younger. Donations can be passed to class teachers who will send them to 6M to be sorted and classified. We ask that any donations are handed into school by Friday 15th March.

Once the donations have been collected, 6M students will set up a stall which every student in school can access during the school day. More details on this to follow.

Have a spring clean and help us out!

## TERM TIME DATES FOR 2024-25

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

### Easter Bank Holidays:

Good Friday: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Easter Monday: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

### Bank Holidays during term time:

May Day: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

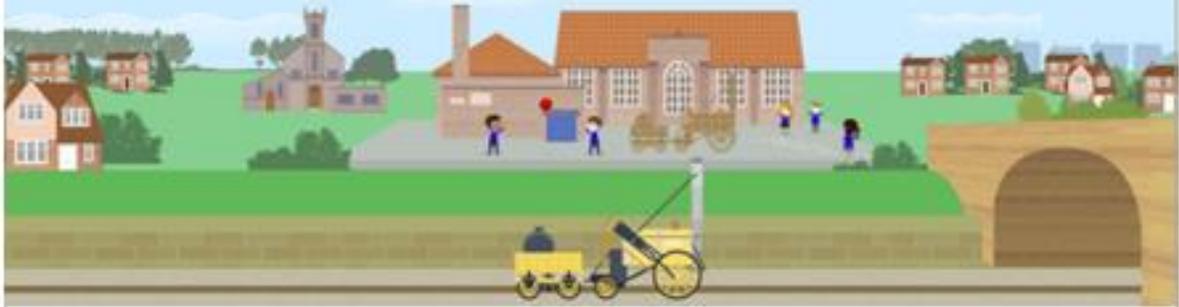
## CRUCIAL CREW

This week, Year 5 were fortunate enough to take part in Crucial Crew which is a multi-agency initiative involving the local authority, emergency services and other main service providers to promote personal safety issues, crime prevention and citizenship. Children took part in various safety scenarios, which taught different important safety messages. Well done Year 5!





**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...



Come and find out more on  
**Friday 2 February 2024, 2pm at St Ann's**

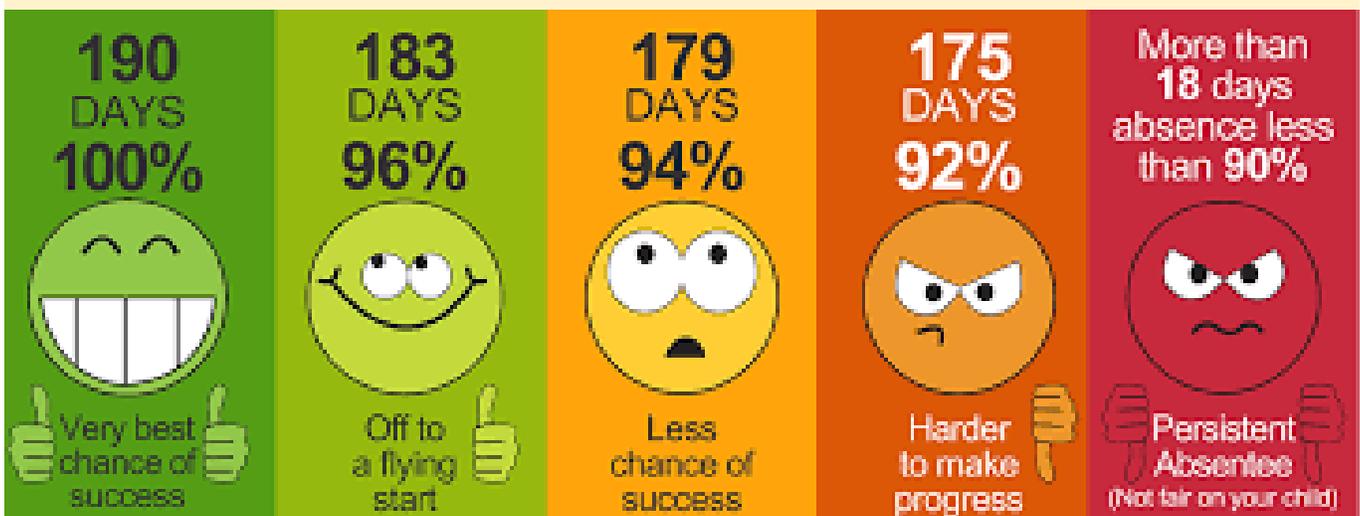


# ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

*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.*

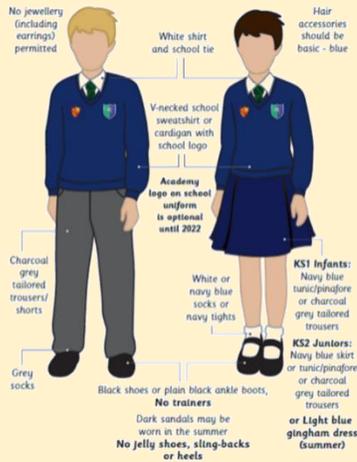
## Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

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** 😊



## 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

If you would like your child to have Toast at breaktime for Spring 2 (19<sup>th</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> March) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £7.25 by 31<sup>st</sup> January. 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:

- 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

### 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 SPRING 2024

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