



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

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Friday 9 February 2024

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1: 2-4

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HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

Well done to the following children who enjoyed Hot Chocolate with Mrs Rynn this week. Your teachers chose you because you have made a strong start to 2024!. I wonder who will be chosen next half term?

EYR	Teddy M	3E	Isabelle H
EYP	Emma R	3H	Effie M
1M	Seren S	4C	Eva C
1T	Seren M	4S	Jack P
2H	Martha S	5B	Nicole C
2O	Phoebe T	5D	Zach H
		6A	Lucy B
		6M	Archy B-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>	95.96%
Whole school attendance week ending 2 nd February 2024	95.61%
Class with best weekly attendance	RP – 97.78%

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**

355

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.

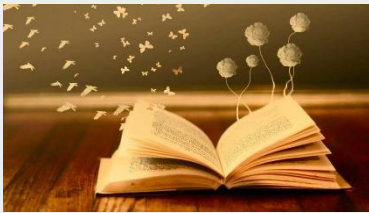
The Three Spires Academy Trust

A SPOTLIGHT ON: READING FOR PLEASURE



Overview:

Welcome to Reading at St Ann's, where we are dedicated to fostering a love for reading and empowering our students with essential literacy skills. Our Reading curriculum is designed to engage students through a mix of whole-class, small group, and individual teaching sessions using age-appropriate fiction and non-fiction texts. Starting from Reception, we prioritise key skills such as blending, segmenting, decoding, and sight recognition to enhance word-reading fluency. The integration of comprehension skills with fluency ensures that students not only read with confidence but also understand and enjoy the content. We believe in developing both



fluency and comprehension concurrently to create confident readers who find joy in learning through reading. Throughout their journey at St Ann's, students explore a variety of authors and poets, allowing them to develop personal preferences and a deep appreciation for books. Diverse texts are incorporated each year, providing a rich literary experience and exposure to new vocabulary and text structures.

Phonics:

Our phonics programme plays a vital role in early reading skill acquisition and comprehension abilities. We use the well-regarded Read Write Inc. phonics scheme, which teaches English sounds, corresponding letters, and letter formation for writing. This approach, coupled with reading books aligned with the sounds learned, ensures that children gain confidence and success in their reading endeavours.

After Read, Write, Inc.:

Upon completing the Read Write Inc. scheme, children at St Ann's further refine their comprehension skills using book-banded books. We regularly assess reading levels using the PM Benchmark, focusing on various aspects such as instructional reading level, ability to read for meaning, and integration of meaning with structural and visual cues.



Whole Class Reading:

Our whole-class reading lessons are a daily highlight, where teachers read challenging texts, fostering in-depth discussions and questioning. These activities aim to enhance vocabulary and comprehension skills, with teachers selecting high-quality literature linked to relevant topics.

Bedtime Stories:

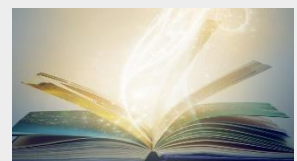
Bedtime stories hold a special place in our approach, recognising their significance in a child's growth. These stories not only build a love for reading but also provide a unique bonding time and a calming routine before sleep. We encourage every child to have access to a book read by a parent or carer to cultivate this wonderful habit.

Reading Rewards:

To promote and celebrate the habit of daily reading, we have a rewarding scheme that our students cherish. With Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards, children are encouraged to read regularly, fostering a strong reading culture in our school. We monitor home/school diaries daily to ensure consistent reading habits.

What books should I receive?

- Read, Write, Inc. Books (if your child accesses the scheme)
- Book banded book based on PM Benchmarking (if your child has not yet reached the free reader band)
- A bedtime story book (chosen by your child from our class/school library)



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

On **Friday 8 March at 9am**, 2H will lead their Family Worship in the hall all about International Women's Day. Please wait at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.



STAR DAY



So much fun was had by all during this year's STAR Day. The children enjoyed learning about and raising money for the 5 chosen charities.

RDA Riding School

Facial Palsy

Young Carers

Africa's Children in Education

Tear Drops Food Bank

We look forward to sharing the grand total raised, to be shared amongst the charities, in a future newsletter. As always, special thanks to everyone who made a contribution.

#TogetherWeCanMakeADifference

ASH WEDNESDAY



We will be going to church for an Ash Wednesday service on **Monday 19 February at 2.15pm**. This service will be led by Reverend Alan or David. Everyone welcome.

ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT SHOW

If your child is one of the Acts for the Talent Show, you should be in receipt of an email sent out today. If you have any queries please contact the Office.



A VISIT FROM DAVID THORPE



This week David Thorpe, Deputy Director of Education from Liverpool Diocese, visited our school. He was extremely complimentary about both our children and staff. He was very keen to hear about STAR Day and our Super Leader church service. What a lovely way to end a busy half term.

School closes on
Friday 9
February 2024

School re-opens on
Monday 19
February 2024

VALENTIN'S DAY

As part of STAR Day this year, we would like to support Teardrops. They have supported a number of our families over the years, so would be good to give back. You can get involved by donating any of the following. Simply send your donation into school with your child, and we will do the rest!

THANK YOU TEAM ST ANN'S!



INVITATION FROM ST ANN'S CHURCH

"Everyone is welcome to join St Ann's School on Monday 19th February, 2.15pm for the traditional Ash Wednesday service to mark the start of Lent. You are invited to receive an ash cross as a sign of God's love and forgiveness".

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH DAY



This week, Y2-Y6 took part in an online assembly celebrating Children's Mental Health Week, organised by The School of Kindness. The assembly covered:

- What Children's Mental Health Week is and why we celebrate it
- What mental health is
- How everyone struggles with their thoughts and feelings sometimes – it's perfectly normal.
- Ways we can look after our mental health (including things such as talking to a trusted person, exercise, nutrition, spending time in nature, friendships and kindness).
- The [science of kindness](#) and the role kindness / self-kindness can play in improving our mental health.
- The theme of Children's Mental Health Week 'Your Voice Matters' (linked to article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child).

CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP

Last week we received £300 worth of the most beautiful books, free of charge, from the Christian Bookshop. The books are all inspired by the Christian faith and are suitable for all age groups. There is so much to learn from the people we meet in the Bible.

One book was even borrowed, before they were all finished being displayed!

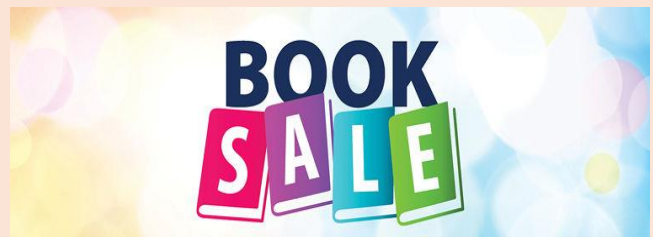


ST HELENS MUSIC EDUCATION HUB NEWS

We are delighted to inform you that some of our talented Year 6 children have been nominated to have a place on this year's St Helens Music Education Hub Musician Programme. The Hub Musician Programme is a bespoke programme to support nominated young musicians throughout the academic year by providing a series of activities at the Town Hall. The programme is designed extend the musical potential and achievement to date of each musician on the programme.

A huge well done to our Year 6 superstars Isla M, Grace B, Blake H and Hugh T who have been nominated for this fantastic opportunity! We can't wait to hear all about your experiences 😊

CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE AT ST ANN'S CHURCH



On **Saturday 2 March** a children's books sale will be taking place in St Ann's church. If you have any books that you wish to donate, these can be left at the Millennium Centre. Equally, you might like to go along to make some purchases. In the absence of having a local library, we think this is a marvelous idea!

SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #18

DO YOU SOMETIMES WORRY ABOUT HOW YOU ARE FEELING?

If so, read on!



Here are some brilliant tips from children just like you*. These children have also had ups and downs with their mental health and want to pass on some ideas that have helped them:

- Ask for help – from a teacher, parent, brother, sister, or other family member. Keep telling until someone listens to you.
- Remember you are not alone – everyone goes through tough times. Be kind to yourself – everyone is perfect in their own way.
- Stay calm – take some breaths or find somewhere to sit quietly for 2 minutes.
- Go outside and get some exercise to make yourself feel stronger.
- Spend time with your family and friends (or pets).
- It's okay to not always be okay.
- Think of your favourite thing and write it down.
- Keep a diary to track all your emotions.
- Stay positive and focus on things that make you happy. If you can't think of anything, maybe a friend can help you.
- Remember you are enough, and you are the only you.
- If you are being bullied, maybe the bully is being bullied or has something going on at home and they're taking it out on someone else. Tell an adult or trusted friend.



DO YOU SOMETIMES FEEL A BIT WORRIED ABOUT HOW SOMEONE ELSE IS FEELING?

If so, read on!

Things you can say to help support someone else:



*With thanks to the pupils at Seascap Primary School and Ark Globe Primary School.

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BEANO

PROCESSION'S
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK



Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 6th February 2024, it will be celebrated with the theme:

Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.

How can I get involved?

UK Safer Internet Centre Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, help and advice and a short film to help you start a conversation with your child. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

My child keeps asking to play a game, or download an app that I don't know about, what can I do?

The UKSIC answer this question and provide links to useful websites to help you decide what is suitable for your child:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/my-child-keeps-asking-to-play-a-game>

Who influences your child?

An influencer is somebody prominent on social media such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account. The NSPCC have created an article detailing what you need to know about online influencers here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-05-16-the-influence-of-influencers/>

Digital futures

As Safer internet Day is all about change, Internet Matters have published advice on new and emerging technologies:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/tech-and-kids-digital-futures/>

Making a difference: being kind online

The BBC have curated a host of videos and articles incorporating ideas and advice to help make the online world a kinder place:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/corrections/being-kind-online>

Apple online event: Thurs 8th Feb 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Apple will be hosting an online event to celebrate Safer Internet Day. They will be joined by Will Gardner (from Childnet and UKSIC) who will provide an overview of the importance of Safer Internet Day and then Apple will provide a demonstration of their controls. Find out more here:

https://events.apple.com/content/events/pst/gb/en/default.html?token=xww6uj7woR0X9A3f9q4OQk9VdH60MurN7MAvJSY75sHQxWqaTEhMjEmalXqC7MMJuZhb5cjK2_RsJEnGDWirXhcGlvVfbcOSca2wjYDoLAT3GkRLh-DcTmEHQI72rxQfFw&a=1&Locale=en_GB&l=e

UPDATE INFORMATION FROM ST HELENS COUNCIL ON CONTAINMENT OF MEASLES

NHS England are now running a catch up campaign for all children who have not been fully vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR).

All children up to the age of 11 years old who have not been fully vaccinated will be invited for a vaccination against MMR,

For children up to 5 years parents will receive a text message or letter from their GP; for children from 6 - 11 year old NHS England will contact parents direct via text or letter.

There are now 50 children in the West Midlands who have been hospitalised with measles and NHS England are aiming to limit the spread of measles across the country.

Thank you again for supporting this vital campaign and helping protect children against these highly infectious diseases.

'TELL US' CAMPAIGN



Merseyside Police have asked us to help them by asking you to report anything suspicious to their website which is the quickest way to report any information with them:

www.merseyside.police.uk

or through social media channels of:

Facebook - direct message Merseyside Police CC
X (formerly Twitter) - direct message @MerPolCC

Please help to keep everyone safe by reporting relevant information at the earliest opportunity.

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

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	9	4	6	5	29	15	3	6	9	8

Most Improved



Year 1:Aria F & Eloise M

Year 2:Amelia C & Onia F-R



Year 3:Evie C & Sophia J

Year 4:William C & Ava G

Year 5:Skyla K & Sofia P

Year 6:Jacob L & Blake H

SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

Do you have any empty 2 litre plastic bottles? If so, we would be very grateful if you would bring them into school so that we

can use them during British Science Week (11th - 15th March).

Please give them a rinse first and leave them with your child's class teacher.

Many thanks if you can help!



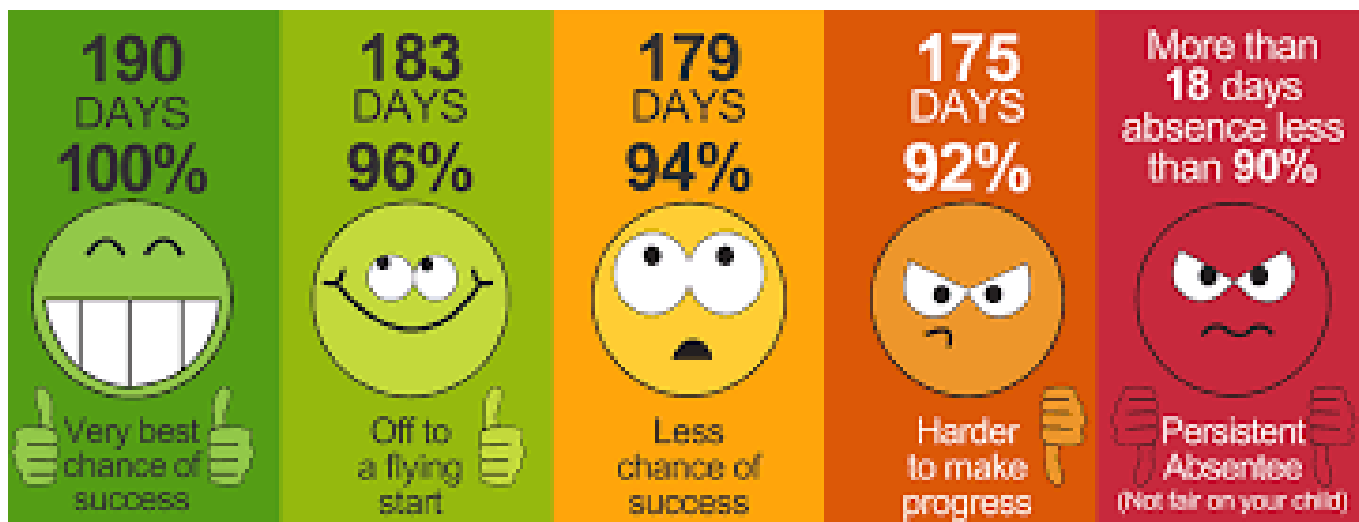


ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

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.

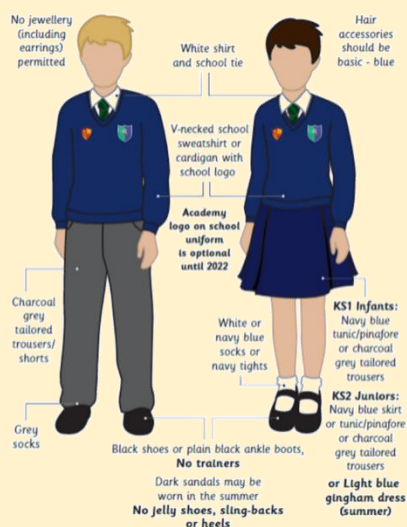
Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

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

The deadline for Toast (Years 1-6) for next 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 paid
 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

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‘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
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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE!



I beg you, bear with
one another in love

Ecumenical Service - March 1
St. Bart's, Rainhill: 7.00pm
International World Day of
Prayer

Rainhill Churches Together
(St. Bart's St. Ann's St. James's)

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