



# St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

## Value of the Half Term

*Justice*

## Newsletter Issue 21

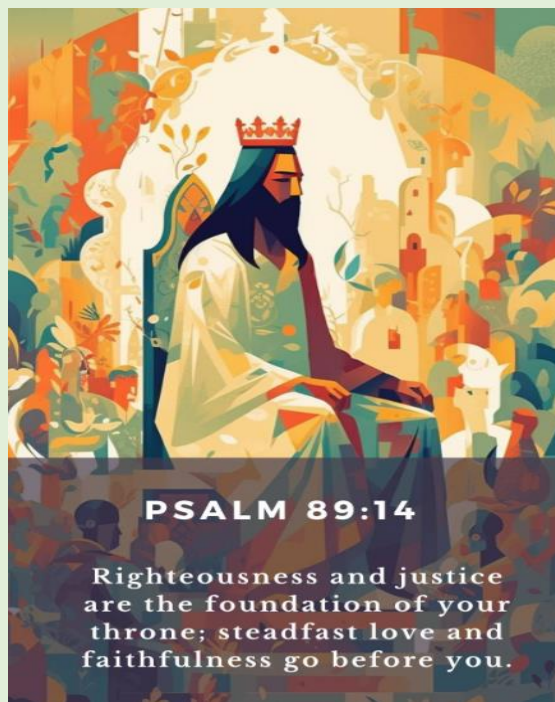
Friday 23 February 2024

*He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

Micah 6:8

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## CONGRATULATIONS MRS TAYLOR



We are delighted to share with you that our very own Mrs Taylor has been awarded with a Rainhill Good Citizenship Award from Rainhill Parish Council. We're sure you will agree that Mrs Taylor is a very worthy winner.

**St Ann's says THANK YOU Mrs Taylor!**

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>	95.94%
Whole school attendance week ending 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	95.63%
Class with best weekly attendance	5B – 98.97%

### 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**

**384**

### 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: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



### What is Personal Development?

A school's curriculum extends beyond the academic. Schools support pupils to develop in many diverse aspects of life. They are crucial in preparing pupils for their adult lives, teaching them to understand how to engage with society and providing them with plentiful opportunities to do so.

### How does St Ann's support children's personal development?

At St Ann's, provision to nurture pupils' personal development is plentiful, high quality and extends beyond the academic.

It begins with the Lunar Curriculum which promotes six 'Personal Learning and Thinking Skills'.

***Independent enquirers***

***Creative thinkers***

***Reflective learners***

***Team workers***

***Self-managers***

***Effective communicators***

The Lunar Curriculum is also enhanced to nurture children's personal development e.g.

- Focus days/ weeks e.g. Anti-Bullying Day, Safer Internet Day, Stand Up Speak Up Week, Aspirations Days, British Science Week, World Book Day, Healthy Living Week
- Visits and visitors e.g. Bikability, Crucial Crew, visitors from other faiths
- Curriculum and Cultural Offer which involves children taking part in 14 curriculum/ cultural experiences during their primary career e.g. museums, art galleries, West End show
- Opportunity to go on 3 residentials in KS2
- Blue Sky Experiences – 50 experiences children are guaranteed to have at St Ann's
- Sporting and dramatic performances which develop children's talents and interests e.g. Talent Show, Y6 Production, numerous sporting competitions
- Extra-curricular provision

Children's personal development, **talents and interests** are also nurtured through our extensive **wider curriculum offer**. Typically, in any given week there will be at least 12 clubs available for pupils to access, a minimum of 50% of which are sports based, as per our commitment to promoting positive physical health and well-being. Pupils and parents say that our extra-curricular provision is engaging and meets the interests of our children. Identified pupils are often sign-posted to clubs to support and enhance their academic, personal or social development. Clubs are available for every group.

Pupils personal develop is also nurtured through the following:

- Our spiritual, moral, social and cultural education
- Our pastoral support
- Our provision that promotes physical and mental health
- Our PSHE & RSHE curriculums
- Developing children's knowledge and understanding of fundamental British Values, equality and diversity and protected characteristics
- Providing opportunities to debate

*The above is discussed in detail in previous newsletter spotlights.*

## 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 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 UPDATE

We are delighted to share that we raised £1300.30 for the charities we supported this STAR day. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.



***RDA Riding School  
Facial Palsy  
Young Carers  
Africa's Children in Education  
Tear Drops Food Bank***

**#TogetherWeCanMakeADifference**

## 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!

## PARKING REMINDER

Please can we remind parents who are attending school for any purpose, that St Ann's Millennium Centre car park is a private car park. If you are using the car park please ensure you are parked within a marked bay, not in a staff parking bay or causing any obstruction for other vehicles.

There have been a number of incidents recently of cars being parked across two bays. This has meant that there is a reduced number of spaces available for users of the Centre and Church leading to complaints.

We would greatly appreciate parents support in this matter.

## POLITE REQUEST

We have received a number of complaints from people who live locally concerning the speed of cars approaching school. We would therefore politely request, for the safety of everyone, that parents/carers observe the speed limits in the area.



## ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT

Arrangements for the Talent show are well underway. Please can parents/carers of children who are taking part in the show note the following:

1. **If you have not already done so**, please provide a little background information about your child's act eg. how long have they been dancing/singing etc., do they belong to a club/organisation that relates to their talent, do they have any aspirations to follow a career using their talent or any other information they might like the audience and judges to know. Please keep this relatively short ie. no more than 2 sentences.
2. Please could you email a photograph of your child in costume so that this can be included in the programme. Please use email address [stannsce@three-saints.org.uk](mailto:stannsce@three-saints.org.uk).
3. Please see previous communications regarding tickets for those taking part, including the Choir.

### STAFFING UPDATE: MRS HARTLEY

Mrs Hartley, our Deputy Headteacher, is currently absent from school for health reasons. In her absence, Mr Albrecht will lead on some of Mrs Hartley's responsibilities as Acting Assistant Headteacher. We know that parents/ carers wish Mrs Hartley a full and speedy recovery and hold her in their thoughts and prayers at this time. We look forward to Mrs Hartley returning.

### SWIMMING

5D will commence swimming lessons from **Tuesday 5th March**. Please refer to separate letter for further details.



### OWN CLOTHES DAY

Children may wear their own clothes to school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Donations of £1 towards school fund would be greatly appreciated.

### MAD SCIENCE WATER ASSEMBLY

With British Science Week only a few weeks away, St Ann's is getting in the science spirit with an assembly all about water! On Friday, Mad Science visited school to host two assemblies for KS1 children and KS2 children. The theme was 'What do you know about H<sub>2</sub>O?'. Scientific Sarah explained where water comes from, how the water cycle works and delved into how we can use water for a variety of everyday activities. There were live experiments, plenty of questions and many interesting facts – ask your child all about it!



## COMING UP... Y5 VISIT TO LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC



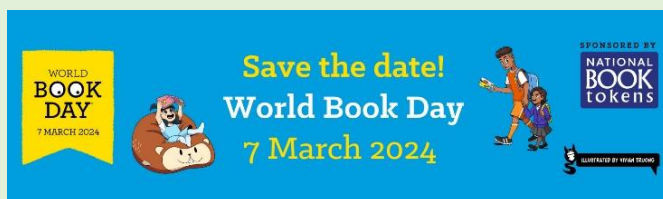
**Monday 4th March**  
See separate letter for details.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE AFTERNOON

On Monday 4 March, School Committee members will be visit school for presentations from somw of our subject leaders.



## WORLD BOOK DAY: THURSDAY 7 MARCH



World Book Day 2024 will take place on Thursday 7th March. As a school, we are passionate about reading and are looking forward to celebrating all of our favourite authors and texts across the school. Children can look forward to a range of activities where they will share stories with their peers, take part in a 'story raid', listen to a Saints rugby player explain what their favourite book is and explore new additions to our class libraries. As with previous World Book Days, we will not be asking children to dress up or provide an outfit for World Book Day. We recognise that there are increased financial burdens on our families and that the money spent on a costume could be spent on a range amazing books for your children. Look out for pictures celebrating the day on Twitter.

## Y5 TREE PLANTING

Weather permitting on **Friday 8 March** Y4 & Y5 will plant a sappling on the school field as part of our development of the school grounds in co-operation with Mersey Forest.

**Children should come to school wearing their PE kits and warm waterproof coat and bring into school a pair of suitable outdoor footwear e.g. wellies/ walking boots.**



## EYS PARENT INSIGHT

Please see below the dates for the re-scheduled EYs Parent Insight sessions. We hope you can make it!

EYR	20 <sup>th</sup> March @ 1.30pm
EYP	20 <sup>th</sup> March @ 2.15pm



## SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #19

### How to talk about grief

Children feel similar emotions to adults when they experience a loss, but they may not be able to express it in the same way.

Children may sometimes appear to accept the death, and later become distressed and upset. It is important they are given the time, space and support they need to manage this.

Barnardos Child Bereavement Service recommends that the cause of death (in simple terms) should be shared with children, so they are not at risk of blaming themselves. Being made aware that everyone eventually dies, but normally not until they are very old, can help address the worry that everyone else around them may also die soon. The words “death” or “dead” should be used, rather than phrases like “gone to sleep”, “lost” or “gone”. The honest and direct language reduces confusion, and gives the child or young person all the information that you have. It may feel uncomfortable, or like you’re giving them more to worry about, but in reality, you’re taking away all the things they could invent on their own when you tell them the truth.

For more information please visit

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/support-for-parents-and-carers/mental-health/grief-and-loss/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-grief#:~:text=Explaining%20death%20to%20children%20and%20young%20people&text=The%20words%20%E2%80%9Cdeath%E2%80%9D%20or%20%E2%80%9C,the%20information%20that%20you%20have>

## 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	7	10	1	6	6	21	25	1	3	7	2

### Most Improved



Year 1: Poppy L & Lilly F-T

Year 2: Eli B & Samskrithi S

Year 3: Holly P & Isla C

Year 4: Jaden C & Phoebe R

Year 5: Scarlett M & Anastasia L

Year 6: Lucy B & Alexander R

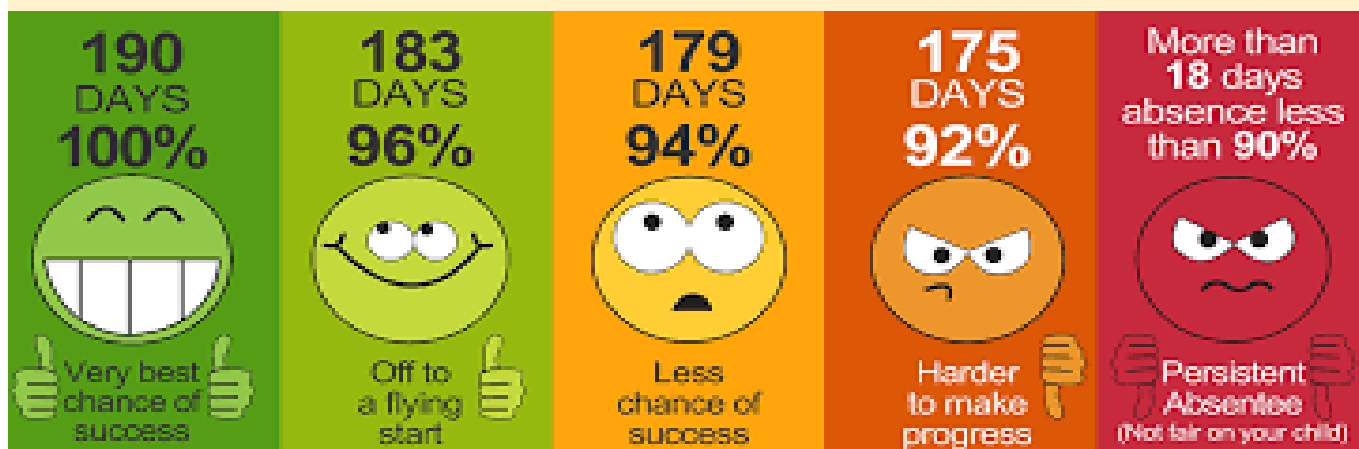


# ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

*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

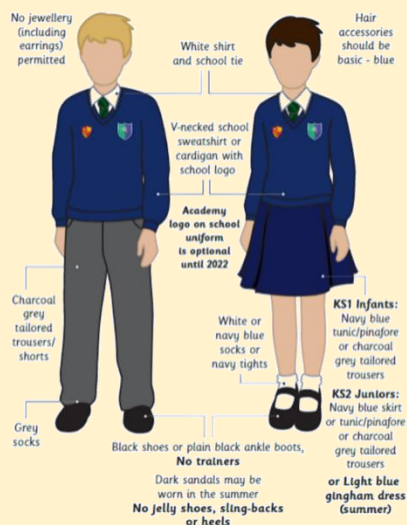
All children with **96%+ attendance**, and who have not taken a holiday during term time, by **Thursday 28 March** will be entered into the next Attendance Raffle. **GOOD LUCK** 😊





## 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 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 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**

## CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE

St Ann's Church, Rainhill. View Road.

9am-1pm Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Good second hand books at bargain prices. We are conscious that Rainhill Library has closed and so we want to give our children an opportunity to go on the many adventures available through reading books.

Early books in range from Enid Blyton to Dr Seuss, from Little Encyclopedia of Science to Horrid Henry's Homework.

Please if you have books to donate then either deliver them to the St Ann's Millenium Centre or ring Geoff Pearson for collection on 07809618385.

This sale takes place alongside the first Rainhill Farmers' Market of 2024.





# RAINHILL FARMERS MARKET

2024

**ST ANNS MILLENIUM CENTRE**  
Rainhill, St Helens L35 0LE

The first  
**SATURDAY**  
of each month from March 2024

2nd March - 6th April - 4th May - 1st June

6th July - 3rd August - 7th September

5th October - 2nd November - 7th December

**9:00** am

until

**1:00** pm



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Rainhill Farmers Market Facebook page

# **DATES FOR DIARY SPRING 2024**

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Own Clothes Day
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	Children's University Passport Bank
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	Y5 Easter Service @ Church, 2.15pm. Everyone welcome
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> 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