



# 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 22

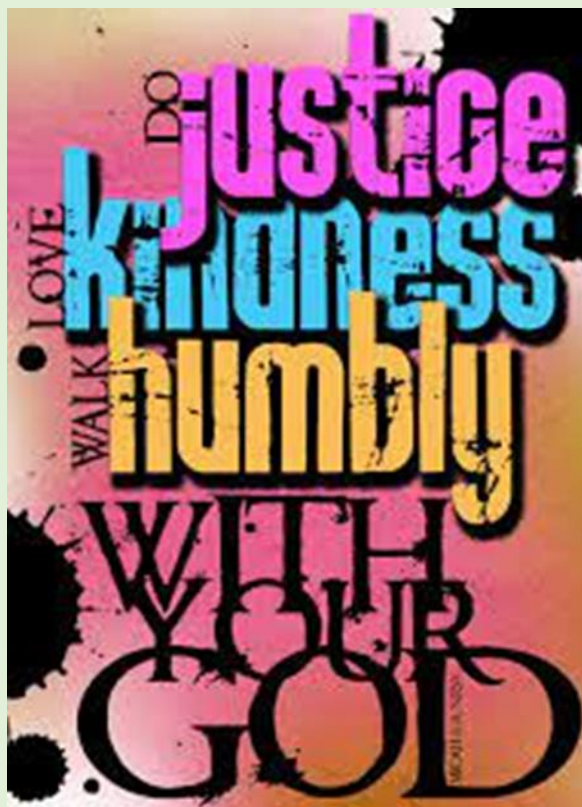
Friday 8 March 2024

Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favouritism to the great, but judge your neighbour fairly.

Leviticus 19:15

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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>	96.07%
Whole school attendance week ending 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	96.38%
Class with best weekly attendance	RP – 99.63%

### 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**

**381**

### 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: PARENT FORUM



At St Ann's we have a Parent Forum. The purpose of the Parent Forum is to provide another channel of communication between home and school.

The group meet to celebrate the work of our school and to offer a parental perspective on agenda items. Minutes of the meeting are posted on the school website. At the end of the academic year an impact report is produced. This is also uploaded onto our website. The forum meets once a term and they are supported by the school's senior leadership team. *Individual matters are not addressed at Parent Forum as this is a public forum that only meets once a term.*

Parents nominate themselves to be their child's Class Rep. If more than one parent/ carer applies to be the representative for a particular class, a parent/ carer who has previously not held the role will be randomly selected (names drawn from a hat). Parents/ carers who have previously held the position can be able to be a representative again as long as there is no other interest.

Agenda items have included;

- Review of school aims
- Parent Insight Sessions
- Homework and school APPs
- School's promotion of online safety
- Analysis of parent and pupil surveys
- Pupil mental health and wellbeing
- School Hardship Fund
- Cultural & Curriculum visits
- School Policies



*Our next Parent Forum session for our Reps will take place on **Wednesday 15 May at 2pm**. Please speak to your child's Class Parent Rep should wish for anything to be raised at the meeting. We look forward to seeing our Reps then.*

## UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Now is the time to donate any unwanted Christmas presents to school for our tombola which will take place at our Easter Bingo. Simply send your NEW unwanted Christmas presents into school with your child or hand in at the school office. Thank you in advance for all the donations we receive.

## FAMILY WORSHIP

Well done to 2H on their wonderful Family Worship promoting International Women's Day.



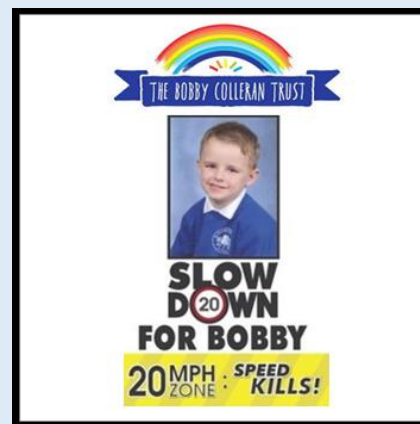
On **Friday 15 March at 9am, 20** will lead their Family Worship in the

hall all about British Science Week. Please wait at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.

## WEAR BLUE FOR BOBBY: 13 MARCH

Bobby Collieran was tragically killed outside his primary school, Blackmoor Infants, which is one of the schools within our Trust.

It would have been Bobby's birthday on **13 March**. He would have been 16. So this year, to remember Bobby, and to raise awareness around road safety, especially outside schools, we shall be wearing blue for Bobby.



## SWIMMING

5D will continue swimming lessons from **Tuesday 12 March**. Please refer to separate letter for further details.

## 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

## PARENT FORUM

We have Parent Forum Rep vacancies in the following classes and keen to fill them.

**EYR, 5B & 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)

## KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL MEETING FOR PARENTS/ CARERS



If your child is in Y4 and participating in the Kingswood Residential, there will be a meeting half at **3.30pm on**

**Thursday 14 March** in 4S Classroom.



## HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME



The Easter Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) will be running from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 for all eligible children, young people, and families.

We will be holding a provider event on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 between 11.00am to 2.00pm at Central Link Family Hub, Peter Street, St Helens, WA10 2EB. We would like to invite parents/carers and children/young people to drop in and meet with HAF providers to have a better idea of what activities are on offer and an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have. Refreshments will be available.

Those who wish to attend must be eligible to access the HAF programme. The programme is open to children aged 4-18 years who are eligible for and receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM), and their families. Children who are in receipt of a support plan via Early Help, Child in Need or Children We Look After, EHCP, or if your child receives additional hours at school.

If you require any further information, please call Central Link Family Hub 01744 673445.

[#HAF2024](#) funded by the Department for Education

### ASSESSMENT WEEK

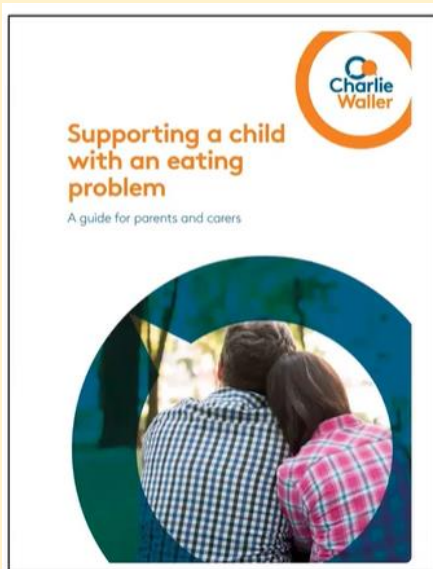
W/c 11 March is Assessment Week. It is important that children get plenty of rest the weekend before, and each evening are in bed at an age-appropriate time and are off devices at least an hour before bedtime. The outcome of assessment week will be shared with parents/ carers at Mentoring Conversations later in the half term.

### CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORT BANK

The next passport bank will be the final one before this year's Children's University Graduation ceremony. The passport bank will take place on **Thursday 21 March**. The hours in passports handed in after this date will unfortunately not count towards this year's awards as they will have missed the cut off date.



## EATING DISORDER WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



NHS England Workforce, Training and Education Division has funded the Charlie Waller Trust to deliver New Maudsley Carers Skills workshops direct to parents and carers. For dates and other resources please go to [New Maudsley Training Course Dates \(charliewaller.org\)](http://charliewaller.org)

There is no cost to parents or carers, and each course consists of 5 workshops covering.

- Psychoeducation and empathy
- Cycle of change and motivational language
- Reflecting on caring responses.
- What to try when things feel stuck
- Coaching your loved one to make their own changes.
- Relapse contingency planning.

There is also a vimeo of Jenny Langley, one of the team who created the New Maudsley approach with Professor Janet Treasure which provides helpful information for families and services <https://vimeo.com/913667551?share=copy>

Please share this information with all Parents and Carers in your setting who can access these free resources.

## EASTER BINGO



On **Thursday 21 March** we are holding our family Easter Bingo sessions to raise money for school fund! This was a hugely successful event last year and we are looking forward

to running it again this year. The event is ticketed due to space restrictions in our hall. Tickets can be purchased from Arbor. The 3 sessions will be held at 3.30pm, 4.45pm, 6.00pm. Each session will last no longer than 1 hour. Bring plenty of spare change along as there will be refreshments, a raffle and tombola and you may wish to purchase extra bingo cards. Please refer to separate letter for finer details.

## COMING UP: ASPIRATIONS DAY

On Aspirations day, the whole school will be learning about lots of exciting things such as:  
what we aspire to be when we are older;  
studying different careers that we may choose to take; looking at protected characteristics and the Equality Act of 2010.

EY+KS1 are invited to come to dressed up as something that they aspire to be! Police man, fire fighter, teacher, vet, doctor, librarian, author, scientist...! The list is endless. Please talk to your child about what they would like to be when they are older and we look forward to guessing their chosen career path from their outfit.

## HEALTHY CHILD PROGRAMME

As part of The Healthy Child Programme in St Helens, which includes health visiting and school nurses, there is also an 'Enhancing Families' team (formerly Family Nurse Partnership). The Enhancing Families Team have reviewed their offer and eligibility criteria for referral into the service. The team includes three specialist nurses who will support families requiring additional support in the antenatal period and up until the child is 2 years old.

### Eligibility criteria:

In pregnancy:

First time mums-to-be, or pregnant women with other children under school age who meet **any** of the following criteria:

- Teenage parent 18 and under.
- Mums-to-be with additional educational/social communication needs (including ASD)
- Young people Looked After or who are Care Leavers.
- Mums who have lost a child/ had child removed.
- Parental drug and/or alcohol misuse
- Domestic Abuse (either known police reports or self-reported)
- Family having a pre-birth assessment or involved in CP and pre-proceedings
- Refugees

For more information please email:

[wchc.enhancingfamieliesteam@nhs.net](mailto:wchc.enhancingfamieliesteam@nhs.net)



**Enhancing Families  
Programme**

### MATHS VISIT

This week Claire Martin (Primary Teaching for Mastery Lead-North West 3 Maths Hub) visited our school to check out our Mastering Number Sessions in Y4 & Y5. She was extremely complimentary about our practice and impressed by the children's engagement and behaviour.  
#ProudHeadteacher

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE VISIT

This week our School Committee visited school to hear all about our Art & Design, PE & Music curriculums. If you would like to hear more about these curriculum areas, check out our school website.

### A VISIT FROM SAINTS FOR KS2

On Tuesday, to begin our World Book Day celebrations, we were delighted to welcome Saints Rugby League player Konrad Hurrell to school to share his reading experiences with KS2. Konrad spoke about his own reading journey, learning to read and write English in his teenage years, after moving to New Zealand to continue his rugby career. He spoke about how despite being a physical game, reading was important, when understanding team tactics and understanding your opponent.

### Y4 COMMUNION



On Thursday 21 March, Year 4 will take part in the community Communion service at St Ann's Church @ 9.30am.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #21

### Staff safe online

1. Don't share any personal information.
2. Only talk to people you know.
3. Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online.
4. Only accept friend requests from people you know.
5. Always think about what you post.
6. Use the privacy settings on social media accounts.
7. Remember not everyone online is who they say they are.
8. Report inappropriate content immediately.
9. Never share passwords.
10. Only share images with family and friends, make sure you're comfortable with the image.



## 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	3	7	2	8	8	30	24	1	3	8	7

### Most Improved



Year 1: Francesca K & J Jenkins

Year 2: Amber M & Alva C

Year 3: Ellie H & Sophia B

Year 4: Emily X & William J

Year 5: Max D & Betsy G

Year 6: Taylor F & Amy P



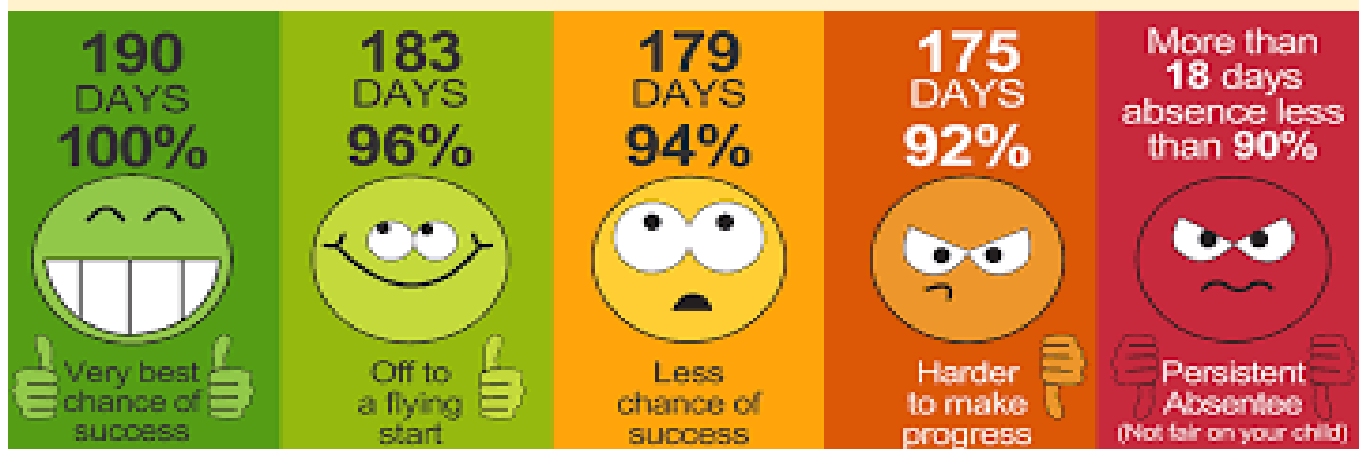


# ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

*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.*

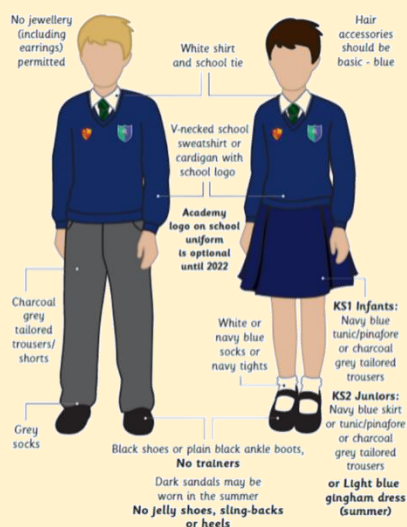
## Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

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 Summer 1 (15<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> May) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £7.00 by 20<sup>th</sup> March. 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.

### 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

### 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 as soon as possible if not already paid  
 Summer 1 - £8.40 by 20th March 2024  
 Summer 2 - £11.10 by 15th May 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

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

# COMPETITION



*Time*



In celebration of British Science Week, we will be holding a school wide competition based on this year's theme of 'time'.

There will be prizes for winning entries in every year group so let's get creative!

In order to enter, you will have to make a device that can measure 'time'. Some suggestions include:

- a sand timer
- a water timer
- a sundial
- a marble run...

or anything else you can think of!



**When you have made your device, share a photo or video of your entry with us on 'X/Twitter' (@StAnnsRainhill)**

Entries are welcome from today onwards with the closing date being Friday 15th March.

Winners will be announced via the newsletter the following week.



Good luck!



@StAnnsRainhill