



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

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Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.

Isaiah 1:17

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SCHOOL TREE PLANTING

This week our Y4 children enjoyed planting saplings with The Mersey Forest on our school field. The benefit of these trees includes increasing biodiversity, reducing noise from our grounds, increasing privacy to properties surrounding our field and potentially reducing surface water retention once the roots develop. We look forward to watching our saplings grow over the coming years.





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>	96.18%
Whole school attendance week ending 15 th March 2024	96.87%
Class with best weekly attendance	RP – 100%

#EveryMomentMatters



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

371

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: MATHS

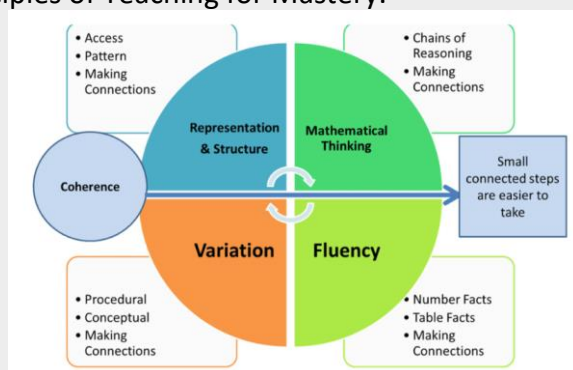


Our Maths provision at St Ann's aims to build a curriculum which coherently develops and deepens learning; resulting in all pupils knowing more, remembering more and understanding more.

When teaching Maths, we use a variety of teaching methods and resources that allow all pupils to experience Maths success, regardless of prior starting points and previous knowledge. Over time, children will become more resilient learners who are able to understand that to make mistakes, or become stuck, is a necessary step in any learning. All children will be appropriately challenged and supported in their Maths lessons through varied fluency, reasoning and problem solving – The 3 Aims of the Maths National Curriculum.

Irrespective of personal starting points, children will explore Maths in depth, and use a range of Mathematical vocabulary to reason and explain their own thinking. We strongly encourage the use of correct, subject specific terminology and children using this key vocabulary in full sentences to articulate what they are doing, and most importantly, **why** they are doing it. We do not want children to simply be able to recall procedures by rote, as this suggests limited understanding of why they are doing what they are doing.

Visual representations, concrete manipulatives and pictorial images are used in all Maths lessons to support children's developing Mathematical understanding in a variety of ways. These include, but are not limited to, numicon, base 10, place value counters, bead strings, number lines, digit cards and hundred squares. This is inline with the CPA approach to learning – Concrete Manipulatives, Pictorial Images and Abstract Concepts. Embedded throughout Maths lessons are the 5 Principles of Teaching for Mastery.



We encourage all children from EYFS through to Y6 to regularly access and use Numbots and TTRS. These platforms aim to reinforce and consolidate learning as well as increase fluency, speed and accuracy, ultimately improving children's confidence with basic skills. In addition to daily Maths lessons, EYFS use the NCETM Numberblocks program which introduces the concept of number to young children gently through engaging storylines and characters.

Children take part in daily Maths lessons and aside from the daily Maths lesson, a number of additional programmes are used at St Ann's to support children's learning. These include; Mastering Number (a nationwide programme accredited by the NCETM) in EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y4 + Y5; Maths Meetings in Y3 + Y6 and discrete micro teaching of Times Tables in Y3 + Y4.



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 are a role model for our St Ann's Standard!. I wonder who will be chosen next half term?

EYR	Rosie B	3E	Zac H
EYP	Isabella G	3H	Amelia K
1M	Tyler M	4C	William C
1T	Sienna W	4S	Jasmine M
2H	Imogen G	5B	Noah F
2O	Phoebe T	5D	Olivia C
		6A	Faye C
		6M	Aya A



FAMILY WORSHIP

Well done to 1M on their wonderful Family Worship celebrating Careers & Aspirations.

On **Friday 26 April at 9am**, 1T will lead their Family Worship in the hall all about Earth Day. Please wait

at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.

ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT SHOW

We are really looking forward to the Talent Show on Monday 25th. Information regarding arrangements has been sent out to all parents/carers of those participating in the show. If you have any last minute queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office.



MENTORING CONVERSATIONS

Week commencing Monday 25 March, Spring Mentoring Conversations will take place. Zoom links for the sessions have been sent out by email this week. This is valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, attainment and wellbeing.



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORT BANK

Thank you to everyone for sending in passports for the final one before this year's Children's University Graduation ceremony. Details of this year's ceremony will follow at a later date.



Y5 EASTER SERVICE

Y5 will lead their Easter Service in St Ann's Church on Thursday 28 March @ 2.15pm.



Everyone welcome!

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME



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

We will be holding a provider event on Friday 8th 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

COMPETITION

Results



Well done to all of the children who entered our competition for British Science Week. We are so impressed by your scientific thinking and your creativity!

All children who entered the competition have been given 10 dojos and all of our winners received a lovely science-themed book.

Our competition winners are:

Louis and William C, Leila B, Martha S, Elliot W,
Evan and Huw H-S and Lucy B.



British Science Week

After a wonderful week celebrating British Science Week EYFS have created a display to showcase all of the fantastic learning that has taken place.
#OurPlanet #ThreeSaintsEYFS



Rainhill St Ann's @StAnnsRainhill · Mar 14
This morning Year 2 took part in a live science lesson called Science Farm LIVE as part of #BritishScienceWeek. We really enjoyed it and even got to see a live cow birth. How amazing! @NPUEducation @the3saints @NW_LP



Rainhill St Ann's @StAnnsRainhill · Mar 15
We are looking forward to 20's Family Worship this morning all about British Science Week. #BritishScienceWeek #STEM @the3saints @NW_LP

There was a lot going on during our Science Week this year! From awe inspiring experiments and exciting competitions to amazing live lessons and a Family Worship...we all had a great time!

Rainhill St Ann's @StAnnsRainhill · Feb 26
Make sure to read our newsletter this week for news about our school-wide competition for British Science Week. There are prizes for entries in every year group so let's get creative! #ScienceWeek #ScienceRocks @the3saints @NW_LP



Rainhill St Ann's @StAnnsRainhill · Feb 23
We made an early start to our Science Week celebrations with a visit from Scientific Sarah from @twinkl. There were exciting experiments and fascinating facts and we learned so much about water and how important it is to save it! #ScienceRocks @the3saints @NW_LP



Katrina Jones, Science · Mar 16
Martha Woodall with a super duper sand timer @StAnnsRainhill



Craig Wood @craigwood · Mar 10
@the3saints did have a bit of a challenge to measure a minute. The first year video shows some of the development work but went into it. Then we've got the final outcome of 'the minute marble'!



Kevin Bonney @kbonney · Mar 15
Lucy Bonney made a candle clock. Lucy worked out how far the candle burns after 30 minutes and marked it. The pins drop and make a noise to work as an alarm.



SILVER READING AWARDS UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that we have struck up a wonderful partnership with Café & Co in Rainhill Village. For the foreseeable future, every child who achieves their silver reading certificate, will also be awarded with an ice cream voucher from Caffé & Co. ☺ #SupportingLocalBusiness #CommunityCohesion

ASPIRATIONS FOCUS DAY

What a wonderful day everyone has had at St Ann's taking part in Aspirations Day! EYs and KS1 thoroughly enjoyed coming to school dressed up as something that they aspire to be! We saw a wide range of different outfits and had great fun in guessing the chosen jobs and professions of the children.

All children enjoyed learning about what they aspire to be when they are older, studying different careers that they may choose to take, as well as looking at protected characteristics and the Equality Act of 2010.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

We have noticed a deterioration in the children's uniform on PE days. A number of children are wearing black bottoms and branded clothing. It is important that all children wear correct school uniform items so that standards in other areas, such a behaviour, do not slip. We have high expectations for our children, and this starts with pride in our uniform. We would really appreciate all parents/ carers support with this. If anyone is struggling to organise correct school uniform for their child, please speak to your child's class teacher, the office or Mrs Crowther and we will do our very best to help.

Thank you.

School closes on
Thursday 28 March.

School re-opens on
Monday 15 April.

CLASS TEACHER VACANCY

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, enthusiastic and talented class teacher to join our outstanding primary school from September 2024, and who shares our vision for providing a first-class education and instilling all our children with a love of learning. Please click on the following link for further information
<http://www.three-saints.org.uk/pages/vacancies/vacancies.htm>

5B SWIMMING



W/C 15 April 5B will go swimming Tuesday-Friday afternoon for a fortnight. Please see separate letter for further information.

EASTER BINGO

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Bingo this year. Lots of fun was had by all, we will confirm the amount raised for school fund next week



EASTER JOURNEY DURING HOLY WEEK

Our children in Key Stage Two have the fantastic opportunity to take part in a very special Easter Trail being held in and around St Ann's Church. Organised by Rev'd Alan and members of the Church Community the Easter Trail will allow children to interact with the Easter story in a new and exciting way. Over the course of Holy Week, Key Stage Two children will visit the Church in their classes and be guided through the trail by a member of the Church community. Please see below for the dates each class will visit the Easter Trail.

Monday 25th March - Year 3

Tuesday 26th March - Year 4 and Year 6

Wednesday 27th March - Year 5

At the end of the trail each child will be presented with a small chocolate egg gifted by the Church. The Easter Trail will also be available for our school community to visit outside of school hours. The trail will be open for families to visit from 3.30pm on Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March 2024.

EASTER
JOURNEY WITH JESUS

PARENT FORUM

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

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



SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #23

Neglect

Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs and is [the most common form of child abuse](#).

A child may be left hungry or dirty, without adequate clothing, shelter, supervision, medical or health care.

A child may be put in danger or not protected from physical or emotional harm.

They may not get the love, care and attention they need from their parents.

A child who's neglected will often suffer from other [abuse](#) as well. Neglect is dangerous and can cause serious, long-term damage - even death.

NSPCC reported in December 2023,

106% increase in child cruelty and neglect offences in England in the past 5 years

Data shows that offences of adults neglecting, mistreating or assaulting children have doubled over the last 5 years. Child protection systems face significant pressures and the NSPCC are reaching out to the government for a system that responds effectively to reports of cruelty and neglect.

Child protection rates have increased following the pandemic.

If you're worried or want to raise a concern you can contact NSPCC on [0800 800 5000](tel:08008005000). If you feel a child is in immediate danger contact 999.

If you wish to discuss any concerns with a member of staff please contact Mrs Crowther on 0151 426 5869.

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
2	5	6	3	5	8	28	26	1	5	14	27

Most Improved	
Year 1: Emilie R & Ralph P	Year 3: Holly P & Zach C
Year 2: Dolcie F & Oliver M	Year 4: Jessica M & Jack P
	Year 5: Sara H & Anya C
	Year 6: Zak E & Myla R

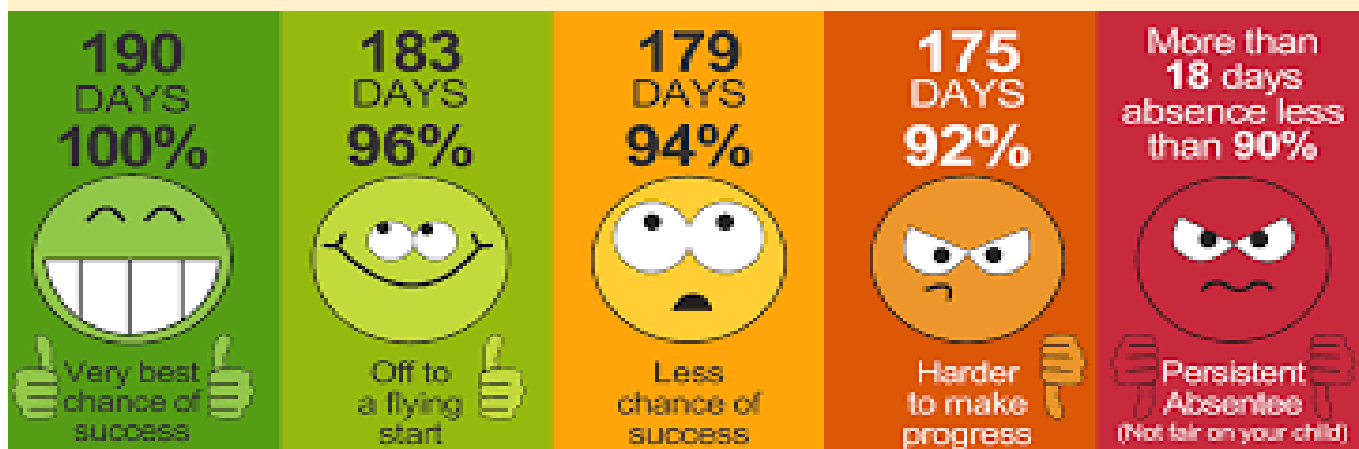


ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

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.

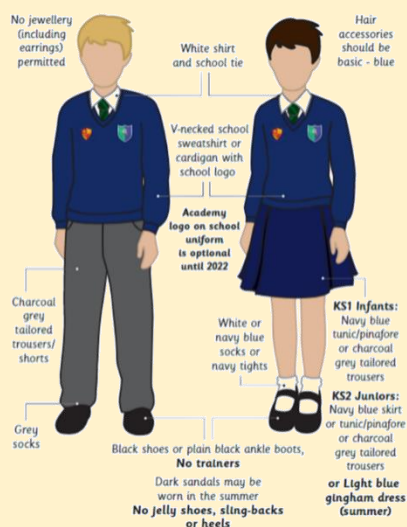
Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

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 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 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

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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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 APRIL -July

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Monday	15 th April 2024	School Opens
Tue- Fri	16 th – 19 th April 2024	5B Swimming
Wed-Fri	17 th -19 th April 2024	Y4 Kingswood Residential
Friday	19 th April 2024	Friend's Association Meeting 2.00-3.00pm
Tuesday	23 rd April 2024	St George's Day <i>Children can wear club uniforms.</i>
Tue- Fri	23 rd – 26 th April 2024	5B Swimming
Friday	26 th April 2024	1T Family Worship 9.00-9.30am
Tue-Fri	7 th -10 th May 2024	Y5 Bikeability
Thursday	9 th May 2024	Ascension Service @ Church 2.15-3.00pm
Mon-Thurs	13 th -16 th May 2024	Y6 SATS Week

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Mon-Wed	13 th -15 th May 2024	Y5 Bikeability										
Tuesday	14 th May 2024	Y2 Buddhist Temple Visit										
Wednesday	15 th May 2024	Parent Forum for Class Reps										
Thursday	16 th May 2024	Y5 Communion @ Church 9.30-11.00am										
Friday	17 th May 2024	Y6 Fun Day										
Monday	20 th May 2024	Mark Barrow Run (am) No spectators										
Monday	20 th May 2024	EYFS Sports Day 1.30-3.00pm										
Tuesday	21 st May 2024	EYFS Safari Park Trip										
Tuesday	21 st May 2024	KS1 Sports Day 9.15-11.30am										
Tuesday	21 st May 2024	Y5 & Y6 London Residential Parent Meeting 5.00-6.00pm, Hall										
Wednesday	22 nd May 2024	Children’s University Passport Bank										
Wednesday	22 nd May 2024	Y3 & Y4 Sports Day 9.15-11.30am Y5 & Y6 Sports Day 1.00-3.00pm										
Wednesday	22 nd May 2024	School Closes										
Monday	3 rd June 2024	School Opens										
Tuesday	4 th June 2024	Y1 & Y2 RSHE Parent Workshop 5.00-5.30pm										
Wednesday	5 th June 2024	Y3 & Y4 RSHE Parent Workshop 5.00-5.30pm										
Thursday	6 th June 2024	Y5 & Y6 RSHE Parent Workshop 5.00-5.30pm										
Friday	7 th June 2024	Friends Association Meeting 2.00-3.00pm										
Mon-Fri	10 th – 14 th June 2024	Year 1 & Year 2 Resists Phonics Screening Check Week										
Mon-Fri	10 th – 14 th June 2024	Year 4 Multiplication Timetable Check										
Wednesday	12 th June 2024	Y6 Leavers Service Anglican Cathedral 12.00 -3.00pm Parents/ carers welcome										
Thursday	13 th June 2024	Y2 Trip to The Liverpool Empire: Awful Auntie (am)										
Friday	14 th June 2024	EYs Song Fest Visit										
Mon-Fri	17 th – 21 st June 2024	Whole school assessment week (except Y6)										
Monday	24 th June 2024	Y1 Trip to The Story Barn, Calderstones Park										
Wed-Fri	26th-28th June 2024	Y5 & Y6 London Residential										
Friday	28 th June 2023	EY’s Family Worship 9-9.30am										
Mon-Tue	1 st -2 nd July 2024	Rainhill High School Y6 Transition Days										
Mon-Tue	1 st -2 nd July 2024	Transition Days (all classes)										
Wednesday	3 rd July	Choir Event: Lost in Music Details TBC										
Thursday	4 th July 2024	Friends Disco										

Monday	8 th July 2024	Year 6 Production @ Rainhill Village Hall
Wednesday	10 th July 2024	Year 6 Production @ Rainhill Village Hall
Friday	12 th July	Eyes Open Performance for Y6 (Drugs and alcohol awareness)
Thursday	18 th July 2024	Y6 Communion, Church @ 9.30-11.00am
Friday	19 th July 2024	Children's University Graduation St Ann's Church 11.00am-12.00pm
Monday	22 nd July 2024	Y6 Awards Evening 6pm @ Church Y6 Leavers Disco 7pm @ School
Monday	22 nd July 2024	Y1-Y5 Awards Evening 7pm @ Church
Tuesday	23 rd July 2024	Y6 Leavers Service @ Church 9.30am
Tuesday	23 rd July 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



Easter at St Ann's



HOLY WEEK



Sunday 24th March
8:30am BCP Communion
10:30am Communion



Service for Palm Sunday with Platform 2
meeting in St Anns Centre



Tuesday 26th 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 27th 7.30pm Bible Course

We conclude the course with a final session and communion.

Thursday 28th 9.30am Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion with foot washing

Good Friday 29th March

9:30am Gather in church for hotcross buns

10am Walk of Witness to St Barts Church

10.30am Ecumenical Service at St Barts

2pm Last Hour at the Cross at St Anns



31st March 10:30am Easter Day

6am Sunrise Service at the Dream

8:30am BCP Communion



10:30am Easter Day Celebration Service