



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Service

Newsletter Issue 27

Friday 19 April 2024

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him
as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Hebrews 6:10

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**COULD YOU
CHANGE THE
LIFE OF A CHILD?**

**If you have a spare bedroom,
and are over 21 years old, you
could foster for St Helens.**

Get in touch, to find out more
• sthelens.gov.uk/fostering
or call 01744 671146



FOSTERING
St Helens Borough

ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL



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>	96.23%
Whole school attendance week ending 28 th March 2024	96.47%
Class with best weekly attendance	EYR – 98.66%

#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

362

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:



Y6 SATs WEEK

This year, Y6 SATs week will commence on Monday 13 May. The timetable below shows the statutory tests that all children will undertake. It is essential that your child is well rested before this week so that they have the greatest chance of achieving their potential. During the week please ensure your child goes to bed at an appropriate time and is off devices at least 1 hour before bedtime. Children must be in school each day and on time as the tests start first thing each day. Please make sure your child eats breakfast before leaving the house. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.

KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates - May 2024

Date	Test
Monday 13th May 2024	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Tuesday 14th May 2024	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Wednesday 15th May 2024	Mathematics Arithmetics (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Thursday 16th May 2024	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes

Parents will be given their child's scaled score and whether they have reached the expected standard set by the Department for Education ('NS' means that the expected standard was not achieved and 'AS' means the expected standard was achieved). The range of scaled scores available for each KS2 test is:

- 80 (the lowest scaled score that can be awarded)
- 120 (the highest scaled score)

The expected standard for each test is a scaled score of 100 or more. If a child is awarded a scaled score of 99 or less they won't have achieved the expected standard in the test. The Department for Education expects at least 65 per cent of children to reach the expected standard.

Y2 SATS

This year Y2 SATs have become non-statutory for the first time. As a result of this, our Y2 cohort will complete them during our whole school assessment week in June, as opposed to the during the month of May, when they historically were untaken. Schools are free to manage the timetable and administration so that they are completed in a low-stress, low-key, age appropriate way; some children won't even be aware they've taken them!

Children will complete the following tests:

KS1 reading

The reading test for Y2 is made up of two separate papers: Paper 1 is a selection of texts totalling 400 to 700 words, with questions interspersed. Paper 2 is a reading booklet with a selection of passages totalling 800 to 1100 words. Children write their answers in a separate booklet. Each paper should take around 30 minutes, but children are not strictly timed, as the tests are not intended to assess children's ability to work at speed. The texts in the reading papers cover a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, and get progressively more difficult towards the end of the test. Teachers have the option to stop the test at any point that they feel is appropriate for a particular child.

KS1 maths

The Y2 maths test is made up of two papers: Paper 1 (arithmetic, worth 25 marks and taking around 15 minutes) and Paper 2 (problem-solving and reasoning, worth 35 marks and taking 35 minutes, with a break if necessary). Question types include multiple choice.

In order for children to achieve their potential it is important that children are having an age appropriate amount of sleep and are off devices at least 1 hour before bedtime. Please also ensure that your child eats breakfast before school each day.

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

FAMILY WORSHIP



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.

LETTERS OF THANKS



St Helens Carers Centre

Private & Confidential
Rainhill St Ann's CE Primary School
c/o Laura Crowther
View Road
Rainhill
Merseyside
L35 0LQ

Via Email

28 March 2024

Dear Laura

Re: Donation from Rainhill St Ann's CE Primary School

Please accept our sincere thanks on behalf of the staff, management and trustees of St Helens Carers Centre for your donation of £207.33.

This is a very kind gesture and much appreciated, the donation will be used to provide additional services for young carers, services which would not be possible without gestures such as yours.

Once again, thank you for thinking of us.

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Harrison
Finance Manager
St Helens Carers Centre

St Helens Carers Centre, 31-35 Baldwin Street, St Helens, WA10 2RS Tel: 01744 675 615

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We are delighted to share with you communication we have received from Young Carers and Africa's Children in Education, two of the charities St Ann's supported this STAR Day. We are proud to hear about the difference #TeamStAnn's has made, and look forward to supporting these charities again. Thank you to everyone who made a donation back in February.

From: Frank Mpagu
Sent: 27 March 2024 09:56
Subject: Appreciation from Arise School

Dear Laura and Emma,

I hope this email finds you in high spirits and flourishing with positivity. As I sit here at Arise, I am filled with a great sense of enthusiasm and gratitude. I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for the exceptional dedication and unwavering support you have consistently shown towards our mission at Arise Community School. Your contributions have played a pivotal role in propelling our school towards self-sustainability, and for that, we are immensely grateful.

Allow me to extend my sincerest thanks for the recent donation you graciously made. Your generosity will undoubtedly have a profound impact on our ongoing endeavor to establish a fully equipped kitchen and a dedicated dining room. The donation you have made will be instrumental in bringing our long-cherished dream to fruition. Currently, our students partake in their meals within the confines of their classrooms, which disrupts the overall daily schedule. With your support, we can now work towards creating an environment that fosters not only nourishment but also a sense of community and togetherness.

I want to emphasize just how much your involvement means to us. Your benevolence has not only touched the lives of our students but has also uplifted the spirits of our entire Arise community. Your selflessness and commitment to our cause have left an indelible mark on our hearts.

To provide you with a glimpse of the progress we have made, I have taken the liberty of attaching some captivating photos showcasing the development of the kitchen and dining room project. We hope that these images serve as a testament to the incredible impact of your support and further strengthen the bond we share.

Once again, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for embracing us with open arms and empowering us with your generosity. Your kindness continues to inspire us, and we are immensely grateful for your belief in our mission.

With profound gratitude and warm regards,

Frank Mpagu
Arise, School Manager,

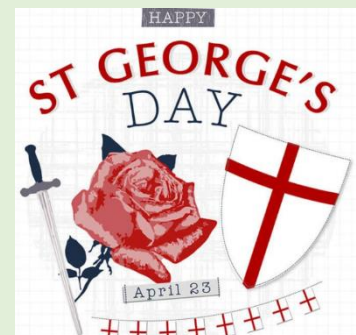
5B SWIMMING



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

ST GEORGE'S DAY

Children who attend a uniformed club, may wear this to school on St George's Day instead of their school uniform – **Tuesday 23 April 2024.**



TEST STRESS



Whilst we do everything we can to minimise the pressure of statutory assessment tests, we are aware that some children can still become overly worried. If you feel you need advice in order to support your child during test season, you may wish to take a look at the following link:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/>

TALENT SHOW

We are delighted to announce that as well being a thoroughly enjoyable opportunity for the children, this year's talent show raised £520.60

towards school fund.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



RELATIONSHIPS, HEALTH & SEX EDUCATION

PARENT WORKSHOPS (Y1-Y6)

Week commencing 3 June 2024 we will be holding our annual RHSE workshops for parents/ carers about the summer term content of this curriculum. These workshops are for adults only. **Children are not permitted to attend these sessions due to the content being discussed and shared.** During the workshop you will learn more about our RSHE Policy, the taught content, watch the videos that will be shared with the children and have the opportunity to ask questions. These sessions are especially useful if you are considering withdrawing your child from the non-statutory part of this curriculum. A further letter will follow for all year groups about the RHSE content to be taught in the summer term and the dates of the year group workshops.

CHOIR

If your child is interested in joining, or re-joining our school choir, please contact the school office. Rehearsals take place Monday 3.20-4.15pm with Mrs Devaney. It's absolutely FREE! Our next performance will be at St Helens Town Hall. A great way to develop your child's speaking, listening and emotional literacy skills!



SPORTS DAYS

Please find detailed below the dates and time for this year's Sports Days (weather permitting). If sports days need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, we will send out a message as soon as possible.

YEAR GROUP	DATE	TIME	RESERVE DAY
EYs	Monday 20 May	1.30-3.00pm	Thursday 5 June
Y1	Tuesday 21 May	9.15-10.15am	Thursday 5 June
Y2	Tuesday 21 May	10.30-11.30am	Thursday 5 June
Y3	Wednesday 22 May	9.15-10.15am	Tuesday 3 June
Y4	Wednesday 22 May	10.30-11.30am	Tuesday 3 June
Y5	Wednesday 22 May	1.00-2.00pm	Wednesday 4 June
Y6	Wednesday 22 May	2.00-3.00pm	Wednesday 4 June

YEAR 6 FUN DAY



Y6 have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs and are doing school and themselves proud! Whilst there is still plenty of hard work ahead, they can look forward to Fun Day on **Friday 17 May**. On Fun Day Y6 children can wear own clothes to school, and following St Ann's tradition, if they have a tent and wish to bring it, they can set up camp on the field. There will be snacks and games, and lots of free time. Fingers crossed for good weather.

*Children who bring tents must be able to erect and dismantle them. Loss or damage is not the responsibility of school.

Y5 BIKEABILITY

Y5 can look forward to taking part in Bikeability training this term (7-15 May). Children will be divided into groups and will be given a number of days when they should bring their bike into school.

On their bikeability day, children should wear their PE kit to school, and bring in a waterproof coat and bicycle helmet.

Watch out for a separate letter with full details.



The
Bikeability
Trust



SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #25

Keeping your child safe in sport

Sport and exercise are great ways for children and young people to learn new skills, keep fit and make friends.

Whether it's a martial arts club, football, dancing or swimming sports can be an important part of growing up and learning to be more independent. Wherever children and young people are, it's important they're safe and happy.

What to look for in a sports club, group or activity?

It's important to look for a sports club, group or activity that takes the safety and wellbeing of your child seriously. Always check if the club or organisation is accredited or affiliated to a body (e.g. a sports governing body), as this should mean they have the right safeguarding policies and procedures in place. Even if they're accredited, we detail some key things to look for below to ensure they take children's and young people's safety seriously.

- A safe environment(Tab content hidden)
- A welfare or child protection officer
- Effective consent and emergency processes
 - Procedures and processes
 - Safe recruitment processes

- Safeguarding training
- Suitable supervision
- Written standards of good practice

Remember, it's never wrong to ask for more information when it comes to children's and young people's safety, wellbeing and safeguarding.

**Be their
biggest
supporter**

NSPCC- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/sports-clubs/>

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	4	7	2	4	5	25	7	0	19	3	9

Most Improved



Year 1: Alex B & Cora B

Year 2: Alex W & Hugh M



Year 3: Charles A-H & Lucia S

Year 4: Aoife-Mai C & Joseph A

Year 5: Matthew P

Year 6: Jonas I & Chloe C



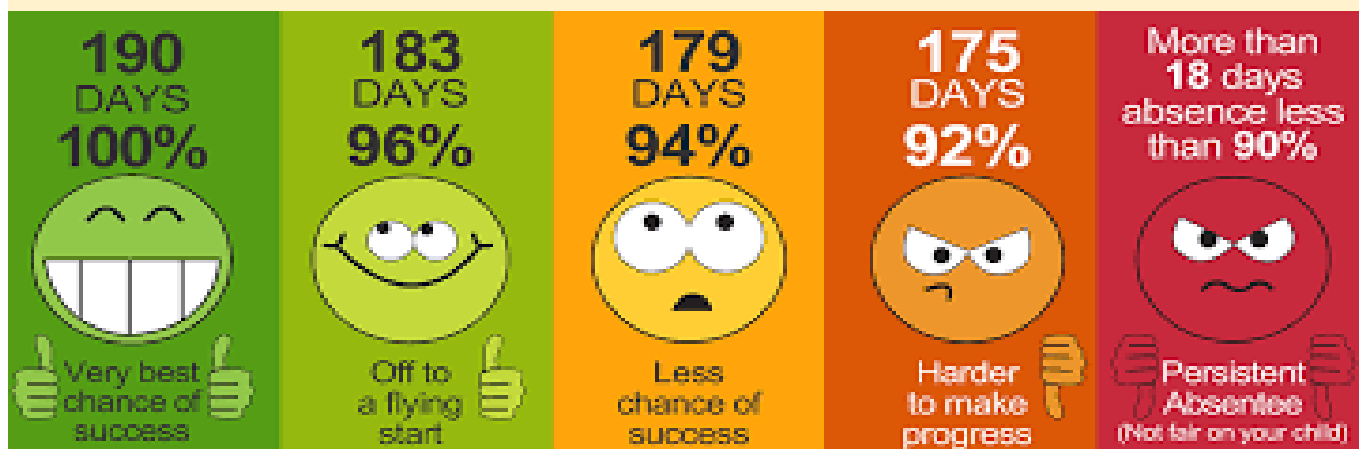
ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

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

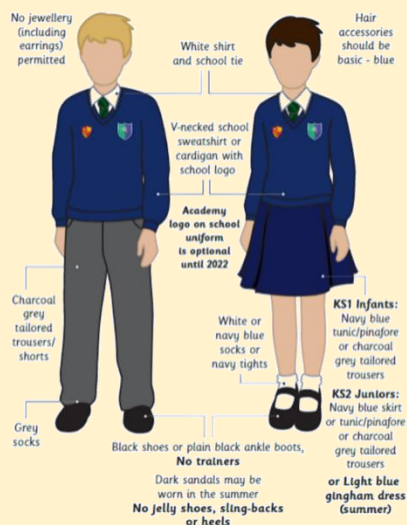
All children with **96%+ attendance**, and who have not taken a holiday during term time, by **Friday 19 July** will be entered into the next Attendance Raffle.

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:

Summer 1 - £8.40 as soon as possible if not already done so
 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

Courtesy

Care

Concentration



St. Ann's Church of England Primary School

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Twitter: [@RainhillStAnns](https://twitter.com/RainhillStAnns)

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



Watch this space

St Ann's Friends Association

coming soon...

Do you have
any time to
spare to
help run an
event?

Could your
workplace
donate a raffle
prize or sponsor
an event?

Does your
workplace
have a match
giving scheme
for employees?

Do you have
any skills or
talents to
share with our
school?

**Come and find out more on
Friday 26 April, 2pm at St Ann's**



YOU ARE INVITED TO RAINHILL HALL'S

200TH BIRTHDAY

Party

SUNDAY

5
MAY

12PM-4PM

**Live
Music**

Stalls

**Food
Available**

**Kids
Games**

**Visit from RDA
Pony**

**Bouncy
Castle**

FREE ENTRY

Rainhill Hall Hotel, 800 Warrington Road, L35 6NZ

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO PARKING
AVAILABLE ON SITE.



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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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										
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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 EYs Song Fest Visit
Thursday	13 th June 2024	Y2 Trip to The Liverpool Empire: Awful Auntie (am)
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	26 th -28 th June 2024	Y5 & Y6 London Residential
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
Friday	5 th July 2024	EY's Family Worship 9-9.30am
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