



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Peace

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But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

Ephesians 2:13-14

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HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

Well done to the following children who enjoyed Hot Chocolate with Mrs Rynn last week. Your teachers chose you because of your excellent attendance and positive attitude. I wonder who will be chosen next half term?

EYR	Henry A	3E	Matilda W
EYP	Lyla C	3H	Effie M
1M	Liberty B	4C	Sansa C
1T	Benjamin J	4S	Lucy B
2H	Eli B	5B	Maisie B
2O	Hugh M	5D	Sofia P
		6A	Huw H-S
		6M	Chloe C



**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>	96.22%
Whole school attendance week ending 7 th June 2024	96.14%
Class with best weekly attendance	RR – 99.64%

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.

#EveryMomentMatters



**Number of pupils
with 100% attendance
this week**

378

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: GEOGRAPHY



Geography at St Ann's

At St Ann's, we have a genuine love for the world around us and this is reflected in everything we do, especially Geography. Geography is more than just studying places and spaces; it's about understanding people, how we interact with our environment, and most importantly, how we can protect and sustain it for future generations. Guided by the Geographical Association's principles, our curriculum focuses on three key areas: place, space, and scale. By grasping these concepts, our students can see how their local area connects to the wider world and how issues in Rainhill resonate globally.

What Does This Entail?

Our Geography curriculum has been buzzing with exciting changes over the past year and we're not stopping there! With guidance from the Geographical Association, input from our partner schools, and insights from other reputable networks, we've crafted a curriculum that grows with your child from reception to year 6. In the early years and KS1, children dive into their local environment, learning about its use, historical changes in Rainhill and key facts about the UK. As they move into the lower junior years, we broaden their horizons, comparing and contrasting the UK with various global locations. By the time they reach the upper juniors, they're more aware of their global impact, studying biomes, the challenges they face, and our role in natural disasters.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

We believe in getting out and about! Our students regularly participate in fieldwork, both on the school grounds and further afield. Exciting trips include exploring the River Mersey, venturing into the temperate forests of Delamere, and using our school environment to tackle global issues. We can't wait to share these adventures with you through our social media channels.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



The 2024 Challenge starts on **22 June** online and in Scotland, and on **6 July** in England and Wales.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part.

Children can read anything they like (really - anything!) and collect free rewards for their reading.

This year's Challenge theme, **Marvellous Makers**, is all about creativity. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone! Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favourite creative arts, and access free activities at the library.

Children can take part for FREE, either at the library OR online:

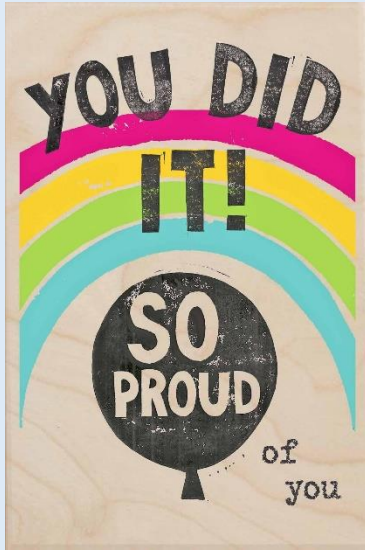
- You can sign up **at your local library** and take part in person. A librarian will give you a special collector folder and help you find books to read. You'll collect special stickers and rewards for your reading.
OR
- You can take part **online** by signing up **here**, on the official Challenge website. You'll set up a profile with a reading goal and log your books. When you reach your goal, you will unlock a virtual badge and certificate.

Please note, the in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives like medals are only available via the library, for those taking part in the in-person Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is developed by **The Reading Agency**, delivered in partnership with public libraries, and funded by Arts Council England. Each year, the Challenge motivates around 700,000 children to keep reading over the summer holidays.

WELL DONE TO Y1 & Y4

A big well done this week has to go to Y1 and Y4 who have been undertaking the phonics screening and multiplication timetable checks. The children appeared completely at ease when it was their turn to have a go. I am so proud of how confident and resilient our children are.



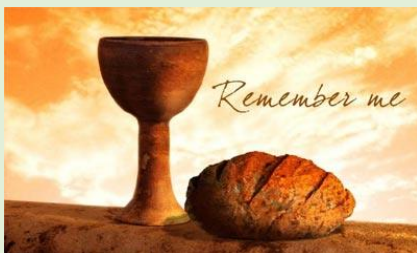
Y6 PRODUCTION: WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Year 6 parents have been sent an email this week with ticket details. Please ensure that if you would like to purchase tickets that you have completed the following link <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=r9bU20O8dU-7UaJ-VobDnku6JMScU9ErH3VEQM3K1VUM1pKUTFET1EzOE0yNjhCSUFLSUFJMTIVMS4u> and made payment on Arbor by 25th June 2024.



Y4 VALUES AMBASSADORS TO COMMUNION AT ST MICHAEL WITH ST THOMAS

This week some of our Y4 Values Ambassadors participated in Communion at St Michael with St Thomas, one of the other schools within our Trust. They were the perfect hosts!



CLASS PHOTOGRAPH DAY



It is whole class photograph day on **Friday 21 June**. All children should wear **full and correct winter school uniform with black shoes**. Y6 should wear normal jumper/ cardigan (not Leavers' Hoodie). If your child normally has PE on a Friday please can they bring their kit into school in a separate bag. Thankyou

COMING UP BIKEABILITY FOR EYS & Y1

An exciting opportunity for the EYFS + Y1 children to take part in a 'Balance Bike' workshop with Bikeability has been booked.

This will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 25th June – EYP **Wednesday 26th June - EYR**
Thursday 27th June - 1T **Friday 28th June - 1M**

There will be 3 sessions per day, with 10 pupils in each session, and each session will last 1 hour. Bikes and helmets are provided by Bikeability and the sessions will take place on the playground or in the school hall should there be any adverse weather conditions.

Please use the correct link below to see the relevant information and to sign your child up for this free experience. You will need to register with an account to do so which is also free. If your child does not have a completed consent form (using the link below), your child will be unable to take part.

Early Years link - <https://bikeright.co.uk/events/7afa7a25-7a4d-4eaf-8162-9cd257a6f8c2/>

Year 1 link - <https://bikeright.co.uk/events/5a228509-9c60-4006-a92b-df6caf19f5c6/>

Children should wear their PE kit to school on the day of their allocated session.

If you have any questions, please see your child's class teacher or Miss Foster



WELCOME!

This week we had the pleasure of meeting our new families whose children will start in the Early Years in September. Another 7 year journey is about to commence!



CONGRATULATIONS! TIMETABLE COMPETITION

Congratulations to Lucy B who won this year's Y4 Timestable Competition, with the prize being a family cinema voucher!

ASSESSMENT WEEK

Week commencing **17 June** is Assessment Week for years 1 to 5. In order for children to show their true potential, it is advisable for children to get a good night's sleep and to be off their devices at least an hour before bedtime. The children's end of year attainment and progress will be reported to parents in their end of year school report.

Y3/4 SPORTS DAY

Weather permitting, revised Sports days will be:

Tuesday 18 June.

1.00pm: Year 3

2.15pm: Year 4

Wednesday 3 July

9.15am: Year 5

10.30am: Year 6

Thank you for your patience and support with the re-scheduling!

SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #28

Railway safety

As the weather becomes warmer and the nights stay lighter, children will be playing out for longer. With that in mind it's important to ensure your child has an awareness of the dangers associated with the railway.

Railway safety is everyone's responsibility including pedestrians, drivers and cyclists. We all have a role to play in keeping safe at railway stations and near the tracks.

Remember

- Always expect a train.
- Stay alert around train stations.
- NEVER take a short cut across the tracks or play on the tracks.
 - Tracks are for TRAINS, not for games.
- If at a railway crossing, wait for barrier to raise before crossing.

Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility



Since 2016 Tesco grants have supported over 50,000 community groups with more than £100 million in grants



On your next visit to Tesco, please use your blue token to vote for St Ann's Church of England Primary School.

Stronger Starts.



We would love to win £1500 to develop our Early Years Outdoor Learning Environment.

You can vote for St Ann's in the following stores:

2084 Huyton Hillside Express - L36 8BJ
3065 Prescot Extra - L34 5NQ
5791 Tarbock Woodlands Exp - L35 1QY
6442 Whiston Win Ar Rd Exp - L35 3PA

Stronger Starts.



Y5/6 LONDON RESIDENTIAL

We look forward to taking Year 5 and 6 on their London Residential. Here is a quick reminder of arrival and departure procedures:

26th June

- Arrive at school for 7.30am
- Bring your suitcase to stow in the hold
- Bring a separate backpack for the coach that has your packed lunch for that day inside, a water bottle, a waterproof coat, camera. etc
- Medication handed in to Mrs Quiggan (Y5)/Mrs Crawford (Y6) in a named bag with clear instructions
- Money (£20 max) in a named envelope to be given to group leader
- Encourage children to get on the coach as soon as possible

28th June

- ETA back at school 5.00pm. May be earlier, may be later. All communication via in app messaging so ensure details are up-to-date
- Please refer to the parent presentation sent to all parents and carers for packaging instructions and a detailed itinerary.

SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

Before we head into a brand new school year, we would like to draw our parents' attention to some of our policies that we would like support with. By ensuring you and your child follow our school policies, it means our school is a happy and safe place for everyone, and our staff can spend time focused on the children's education, rather than getting distracted by other matters.

BRANDED CLOTHING

Branded clothing is not permitted. All uniform items, including PE kit, must be plain navy.

EAR PIERCING POLICY

Please remember children are not permitted to wear earrings to school. If your child is having their ears pierced shortly, this must be done within the **first couple of days of the summer holidays** so that the earrings can be removed on our return to school in September. Thank you for your support with this health & safety matter.

SNACKS

The only snacks permitted at playtime are:

- Toast
- Fruit
- Vegetables

Children who continue to bring other food items in to school will be asked to have these snacks for lunch or put in their bag to take home. Children will be offered an alternative snack of fruit or vegetables.

SCHOOL BAGS

Please ensure your children bring their school book bag to school each day. This should not be a ruck sack, as we do not have the space in our cloakroom. Rucksacks tend to fall off the children's pegs and cause a trip hazard for our pupils and staff.

Parent Forum suggested we include a photo of the issue we have with our cloakrooms to exemplify the situation as without a visual, it isn't clear. We hope you find this helpful.



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	2	6	3	3	6	22	26	4	7	1	2

Most Improved



Year 1: Dylan L & Juliet M

Year 2: Olivia V & Niamh M

Year 3: Bilal C & Mila W

Year 4: Mia A & William J

Year 5: Perla M & Lucas S

Year 6: Francesca R & Chloe C

TEA 'N' TOAST INVITATION FOR YEAR 6 PUPILS

TNT (or tea ‘n’ toast) provides a safe space for secondary school pupils to drop in after school each Friday afternoon in term time from 3 – 4.30 p.m. in the Millennium Centre and staffed by volunteers from St Ann’s Church.

Year 6 pupils are invited to come for a ‘taster’ session on Friday July 5th. Hot chocolate is the preferred drink with toast and biscuits provided free of charge. Come and enjoy the tabletop games, puzzles and crafts.





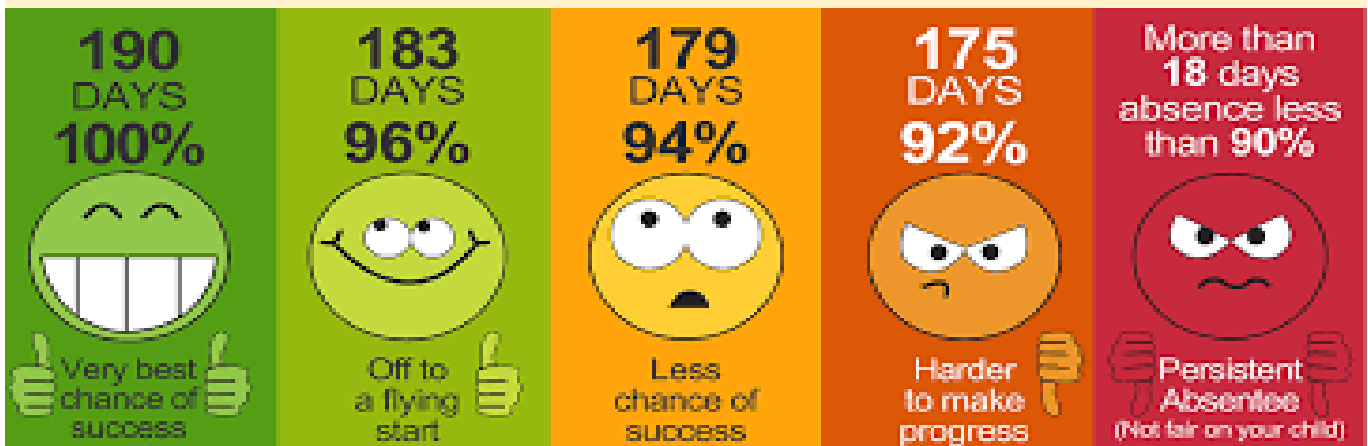
ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

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

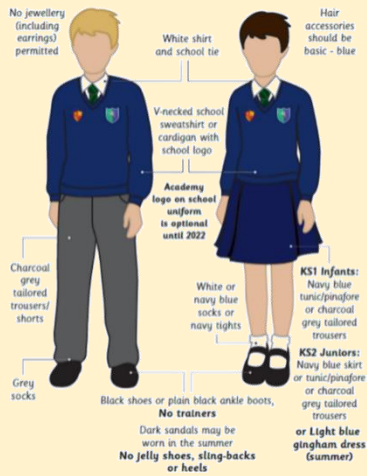
All children with **96%+ attendance**, and who have not taken a holiday during term time, by **Friday 19 July** will be entered into the next Attendance Raffle.

GOOD LUCK 😊



GENERAL INFORMATION/WEEKLY 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 the next academic year.

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 2 - £11.10 (as soon as possible if not already paid)

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

Mon-Fri	17 th – 21 st June 2024	Whole school assessment week (except Y6)
Wednesday	26 th June 2024	Y1 Trip to The Story Barn, Calderstones Park
Wed-Fri	26 th -28 th 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
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

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	16th July 2024
Autumn 2	£8.50	15th October 2024
Spring 1	£7.50	17th December 2024
Spring 2	£7.50	7th February 2025
Summer 1	£6.00	26th March 2025
Summer 2	£8.75	20th May 2025

Total for year £47.75

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child Penalty Notice

Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines

5 consecutive days of term time leave Penalty Notice

Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave. 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



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 5 July 2024, 2pm at St Ann's