



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Wisdom

Newsletter Issue 5

Friday 4 October 2024

A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control

Proverbs 29:11

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NATIONAL POETRY DAY

Our School Joins Guinness World Record Attempt!



We recently took part in the world's largest poetry lesson, joining children from across the country to submit and select ideas for the event. It was a fantastic experience, and we'd like to thank all the children who participated and the staff for their support. We're excited to see if we officially broke the Guinness World Record very soon!



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> | 97.22% |
| Whole school attendance week ending 27 th September 2024 | 96.35% |
| Class with best weekly attendance | RP, 1S & 2M – 100% |

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**

368

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.

SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #5:

Why it's good to talk

We've all been on the receiving end of a difficult conversation. But that doesn't make it any easier when you have to have one with your child.

It's important every child has someone they trust to look to for help.

We all want children to grow up in a safe and loving environment and to become happy, confident adults. To get there there'll be times they need to talk to someone, for advice or for support. There will also be times when you need to explain something that might upset them.

As their parent or carer, it's up to you to talk to them when you think they might need a nudge in the right direction, or to share news or information that's going to affect their lives.

Before starting a difficult chat

Whatever it is you want to discuss, it's important to think about where and how to talk so children will listen. There's no telling how long the conversation is going to last, so the first thing to consider is where and when you're going to start it. For e.g., if you start in the evening when they're tired, your child or children might not be able to concentrate.

If you're talking to just one child about something, consider how private the time and place are. It might work best to have it at a time when brothers and sisters aren't around to interrupt.

It could be good to have it in a relaxed and neutral place, like on a walk or in the car.

Have materials available that can help with a discussion for e.g. a book or some paper and pens.

REMEMBER

Give them as long as they need to answer without interrupting.

Let your child ask you questions too.

Let them know that they can trust you to keep their confidence and that you want them to always feel they can talk to you, other people they trust or organisations like [Childline](#), when anything is worrying them.



BIKEABILITY



We are excited to announce that St Ann's has booked Bikeability sessions for some of our students! Identified Year 3 and 4 children, **who are unable to ride a bike unaided**, will participate in 'Learn to Ride' sessions. These will take place on 18 November (3D), 19 November (3E), and 20 November (4S and 4H). *Please note, this is a change from the dates provided in the original letter sent to parents.* However, all other details, including consents, remain the same. Additionally, Year 5 children will take part in 'Level 1 + 2' Bikeability sessions from Tuesday 15 October to Thursday 24 October. We are sure you will agree that this is a hugely beneficial experience for our children.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Foster.

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

A SPOTLIGHT ON: FOOD & NUTRITION

At St. Ann's Church of England Primary School we recognise a child's healthy, balanced diet should consist of:

1. Plenty of fruit and vegetables.
2. Plenty of unrefined starchy foods.
3. Some meat, fish, eggs, beans and other non-dairy sources of protein.
4. Some milk and dairy foods.
5. A small amount of food and drink high in fat, sugar and/or salt.



This knowledge is reflected in the food provision in school.

Currently, school dinners are provided by Mellors. Mellors' menus are developed using the five main food groups demonstrated by the Eatwell Plate and they endeavour to use low fat cooking methods wherever possible. Mellors fully support the government led food based standards and the school food plan. They work closely with regional and national suppliers to improve the nutritional content of their branded products, ensuring that they are actively meeting the target nutrient specifications set by the Food Standards Agency.

Special Diets and allergies

The school recognises that some children require specialist diets, or have food allergies. Teachers will be aware of any pupils within their class who this may apply to. Kitchen staff are made aware of any allergies within the school.

Packed Lunches

Parents are asked to support the school's healthy eating policy by providing healthy, balanced packed lunches for their children. If further guidance is required, the following food is suggested: Vegetable sticks (e.g. carrots, celery and cucumber), Bread sticks, fruit, dried fruit, cheese, crackers, wraps, ham, chicken, tuna, salad, brown bread/rolls, handful of cereal, yoghurts, fromage frais, rice cakes, sugar free jelly. As fridge space is not available in school, pupils are advised to bring packed lunches in insulated bags with freezer blocks where possible to stop the food going off. Packed lunch boxes are stored on trolleys.

Snack

Only **fruit, vegetable or toast** snacks are to be brought into school for consumption at break time. Toast is available from school for the cost of £1 per week (**strict deadlines apply**, please refer to the school newsletter). If children bring in a snack which is not permitted, they will be offered fruit instead, and the snack will be returned to the parent at the end of the day. Children in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 receive a free piece of fruit daily. Additionally, children in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 receive a carton of milk daily.

Drinks Provision

Children are only permitted to bring a bottle of still, flavourless water into school with them each day. Other drinks brought into school are not permitted as they do not meet the healthy school's standard or cause tooth decay. Pupils will be offered water instead if they bring in an alternative drink to water. Children are taught about the importance of staying hydrated. Water should be brought into school in a transparent water bottle. The bottle will be sent home at the end of each day for cleaning and refilling. Water bottles are not taken outside at playtime and lunchtime for health and safety reasons. Children are taught the appropriate time to drink from their water bottle so that they are not distracted unnecessarily from their learning e.g. it is not appropriate to drink from their water bottle during teaching and learning inputs from the teacher. Acceptable times include registration, before and after worship, before and after playtime and lunchtime, transition points throughout the school day.

Special Events / Religious Celebrations / Fundraising Activities

Chocolates, sweets and cakes brought to celebrate children's birthdays are not permitted. Special events such as Christmas parties and fundraising events are exceptions from the standards. Religious celebrations such as the celebration following a year group's communion service are also exceptions.

WANTED PARENT/ CARER VOLUNTEERS

We are looking to organise a Breakfast with Santa school fund raiser for the children this year.

Provisional dates are:

2 December

3 December

6 December



All Breakfasts with Santa will take place in our school hall 8.00-8.45am. However, Santa needs some parent/ carer helpers to manage his visit to St Ann's. If you would be interested in supporting school with this fund raiser, please contact us via the school email address by Friday 4 October:

stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

Thank you in advance for all offers of support!

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL SINGING EXPERIENCE

This week the children benefited from a singing worship delivered by Liverpool Cathedral. The children thoroughly enjoyed the worship.

*"I loved how he played piano live in front of us" –
Thea Y5*

*"It was upbeat and we loved the songs" –
Olivia Y3*



FAMILY WORSHIP

On **Friday 18 October at 9.00am**, 6M will lead the first Family Worship of the academic year in the hall. Please wait at the back of school by the hall door ready to be let in.



HARVEST SERVICE

On **Monday 7 October @ 2.15pm**, Y4 will lead our Harvest Service at St Ann's Church. This year we are asking our families for donations of non-perishables to support St Helens Foodbank



Everybody welcome!

PARENT FORUM

Our first Parent Forum meeting for Reps is on **Wednesday 9 October @ 2pm** in school. If you would like your class Rep to ask any questions on your behalf, please speak with them in advance of the meeting.

PARENT FORUM VACANCIES

We have a number of vacancies on this year's Parent Forum. We are keen to fill these, so if you are interested please contact Mrs Rynn via the school office. We look forward to hearing from some parents/ carers soon.

Santa is coming!

*ho
ho*

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2ND, 3RD
OR 6TH
DEC.

Breakfast with Santa

ALL CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A FESTIVE
BREAKFAST, PHOTOGRAPH AND A
SELECTION BOX!

• £8 PER CHILD • BREAKFAST WILL START AT 8AM

Sign up for breakfast via Arbor by
Friday 15th November

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH SESSION YOU WOULD LIKE
YOUR CHILD(REN) TO ATTEND WHEN PAYING VIA
ARBOR

EARLY YEARS & Y6 HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

On **Wednesday 8 October**, children with parental permission will have their height and weight measured by the school nursing service.

PARENT INSIGHT SESSIONS



Want to find out more about how your child is taught? Then come along to our Parent Insight sessions! This time, the focus is on Reading.

1 parent/ carer is invited to join their child for one demonstration lesson which is designed to give you an insight into teaching and learning in the subject area. Dates and times can be seen below.

Lessons will take place in the Studio to ensure there is enough space. To enter, parents/ carers should wait at the front of school by the blue Base door 5 minutes before the start of the session.

Siblings who do not attend the school are not permitted to attend for health and safety reasons.

Mobile phone should be switched off before you enter the premises.

The session will begin with a brief talk from your child's class teacher about the session you will take part in.

Children whose parents/ carers do not attend, will still take part in the lesson.

| Class | Date | Time |
|-------|----------------------|---------|
| EYM | Monday 4 November | 1.15pm |
| EYP | Monday 4 November | 2.15pm |
| 1S | Monday 14 October | 2.15pm |
| 1T | Monday 14 October | 1.00pm |
| 2M | Tuesday 15 October | 1.00pm |
| 2O | Tuesday 15 October | 2.15am |
| 3D | Wednesday 16 October | 9.00am |
| 3E | Wednesday 16 October | 10.15am |
| 4H | Wednesday 16 October | 1.00pm |
| 4S | Wednesday 16 October | 2.15pm |
| 5BF | Monday 14 October | 9.00am |
| 5G | Monday 14 October | 10.15am |
| 6A | Tuesday 15 October | 9.00am |
| 6M | Tuesday 15 October | 10.15am |

A MESSAGE FROM ST HELENS VIRTUAL SCHOOL

We are reaching out to all our parents and carers to try and establish a link between you and St Helens Virtual School. The VS is here to support, advise, and guide all parents and carers who look after a child or young person who is fostered, adopted, or has an SGO, Kinship carers, or CGO.

We are hoping to create some email groups of parents and carers who we can invite along to training sessions, coffee mornings, events etc... as well as supply information, and guidance, provide online safety tips, and keep us all up to date with the latest developments.

Please provide us with your details below, if you would like to be part of these groups. Please be reassured that any details you provide will not be shared with external agencies unless permission is provided and the email addresses will only be used to disseminate information or offer support.

Please fill in a new form for each child that you look after. [Please fill in your details here](#)

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Lucas and Alex from Y6 who, out of hundreds of boys, have been selected to play football at county level for St Helens School Boys. We know the competition for a place in the team and in the reserves is steep, and we recognise what an unbelievable achievement this is! Proud to have two of our own in the squad! Well done boys!



TEAM ST ANN'S COMMUNITY SPIRIT

We are pleased to share with you that any leftover cakes from our Macmillan Coffee Morning were donated to the Pensioners Lunch Club at the Village Hall. They were extremely appreciative of our donation.

#RandomActsOfKindness



YOU don't need to be an **EXPERT** ... be a **PARENT**



- **It's your choice** - Don't let others dictate when the right time is to use tech.
- **Stay involved** – make **time to communicate**, talk about what they are doing. What do they enjoy? What makes them laugh?
- **Don't quiz them** – have regular **conversations**. What's their favourite app? What is the best site to learn new things from?
- **Join in** - **watch them** play a game and join in. Who are they playing with? Do they know the other players?
- **'Show me how...'** – **ask their advice** to help you with your privacy settings, who you should add as a friend, are there any risks?
- **Lead by example** - children learn as much from watching as they do from being told not to do something, so **model** good behaviour
- **Reassure them** - tell them that they **won't get in trouble** and that you are always there **to help**.

SIX TOP TIPS

For Parents To Keep Your Children Safe Online

Most parents & carers think their children and young people spend too much time on devices. **DON'T FEEL BAD!** Lots of it is perfectly healthy anyway. Instead, follow these tips to keep them safe, happy and healthy.

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or video calling Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



Check the safety settings are turned on

Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? What about safe search and Youtube? See parentsafe.lgfl.net for more.



Get your children to show you their apps and games

You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced – they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** reviews.



Don't try to hide news about scary things in the news

If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel – there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.

TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE ONLINE



E-safety

Don't share any private information !!!



Be careful what you post



Not everyone is who they say they are



Applications open from
9am Tuesday 8th
October!

To register your interest in our Primary and Secondary teacher training programmes and to get access to our online brochure, scan here:



“ Support from both my placement schools and NWLP have been integral in turning my ‘I can’t’ attitude into ‘I can’. ”

Cohort 23/24
Trainee Teacher

Applications open from
9am Tuesday 8th
October!

To get a copy of the
NWLP ITT brochure,
scan here:



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Train to Teach webinar
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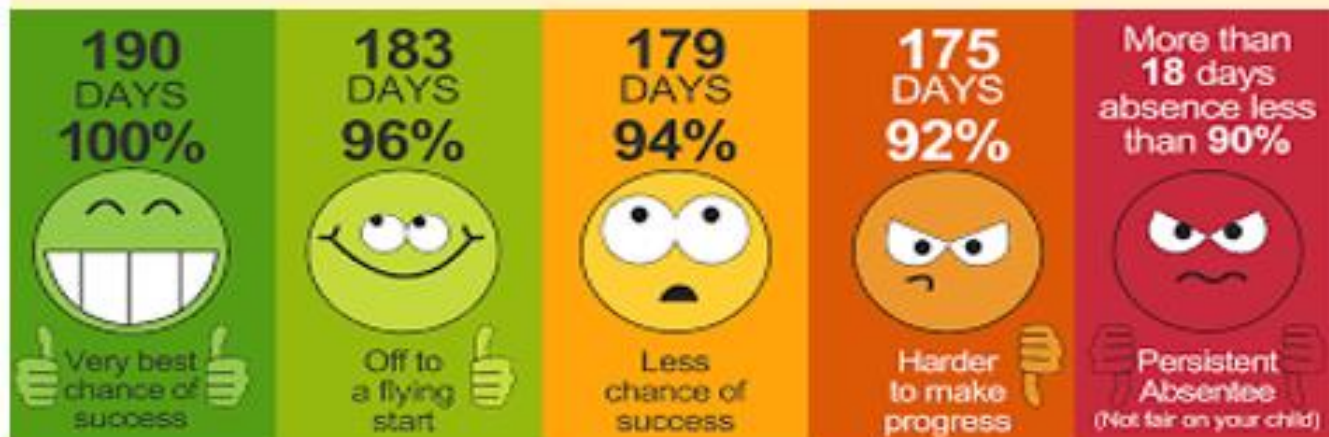


ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

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.

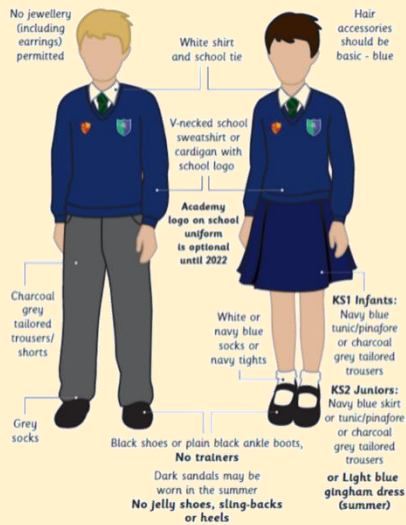
Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

All children with 96%+ attendance, and who have not taken a holiday during term time, by Friday 20 December will be entered into the next Attendance Raffle. **GOOD LUCK** 😊



GENERAL INFORMATION/REMINDERS

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS



**Please note, it is not 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



INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLANS

If you have notified school that your child has a medical condition that requires an Individual Health Care Plan please ensure that if there are any changes to their condition a new form is completed.

If your child has a newly diagnosed condition that requires an Individual Health Care Plan please contact the school office to arrange for a form to be completed.

TOAST (Y1-Y6 ONLY)

If you would like your child to have Toast at breaktime for Autumn 2 (4th November – 22th December) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £8.50 by 15th October. 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.

EARLY YEARS SNACK

Early Years children receive snack on a daily basis. We would be grateful if you would make payment on Arbor of the following amounts by the due dates:

Autumn 1 - £13.30 (as soon as possible if not already done so)

Autumn 2 - £11.90 - 15th October 2024

Spring 1 - £10.50 – 17th December 2024

Spring 2 - £10.50 – 7th February 2025

Summer 1 - £8.40 – 26th March 2025

Summer 2 - £12.25 – 20th May 2025

CONTACT DETAILS, CONSENT & PERMISSIONS

On a regular basis please check your contact details, consent and permissions on Arbor to make sure they are up to date for your child. Thank you

TERM DATES 2024-25

| Term | Open on | Close on |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Autumn Term 2024 | 4 th September 2024 | 25 th October 2024 |
| | 4 th November 2024 | 20 th December 2024 |
| Spring Term 2025 | 6 th January 2025 | 14 th February 2025 |
| | 24 th February 2025 | 4 th April 2025 |
| Summer Term 2025 | 22 nd April 2025 | 23 rd May 2025 |
| | 4 th June 2025 | 22 nd July 2025 |

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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Website: <http://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk>

Email: stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

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

Total for year £47.75

St Helens Immunisation Team

Has your child missed their flu vaccination?

It's not too late - contact the team on [01744 415 645](tel:01744 415 645) to book an appointment.

Clinics will be held at **Ashtons Green Clinic, St Helens, WA9 2AP** after school from **3.30pm to 4.30pm**.

- Tuesday, 24 September
- Tuesday, 1 October
- Tuesday, 15 October
- Tuesday, 22 October
- Tuesday, 12 November
- Tuesday, 26 November
- Wednesday, 27 November
- Tuesday, 3 December
- Wednesday, 4 December
- Tuesday, 10 December
- Wednesday, 11 December

Half term catch up clinics will be held from **9.30am to 4.30pm**.

- Tuesday, 29 October
- Wednesday, 30 October

Flu: 5 reasons

to vaccinate your child

1. Protect your child
2. Protect you, your family and friends
3. No injection needed
4. It's better than having flu
5. Avoid costs

Visit: merseycare.nhs.uk/flu



DATES FOR DIARY

| DAY | DATE | EVENT |
|-----------|--|---|
| Friday | 11 th October 2024 | Harvest Service 2.15-3.00pm |
| | 15 th -24 th October 2024 | Year 5 Level 1 Bikeability |
| Friday | 18 th October 2024 | 6M Family Worship 9-9.30am |
| Friday | 25 th October 2024 | Children's University Passport Bank |
| Friday | 25 th October 2024 | Dedication Service 2-3.00pm |
| Friday | 25 th October 2024 | School Closes |
| Monday | 4 th November 2024 | School Opens |
| Thursday | 7 th November 2024 | EY's Intake Open Day 9.30am & 1.00pm |
| Friday | 8 th November 2024 | 5B Family Worship 9-9.30am |
| Friday | 8 th November 2024 | The Friends Meeting 2-3.00pm |
| Mon-Wed | 18 th -20 th November 2024 | Year 3/4- Bikeability |
| Thursday | 21 st November 2024 | 5G Family Worship 9-9.30am |
| Friday | 22 nd November 2024 | School closed for Inset Day |
| Friday | 29 th November 2024 | 4S Family Worship 9-.30am |
| Friday | 6 th December 2024 | 4H Family Worship 9-9.30am |
| Friday | 13 th December 2024 | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Monday | 16 th December 2024 | KS1 Nativity 9.30am – 10.30am (1/4) KS1 Nativity 2-3.00pm (2/4) |
| Tuesday | 17 th December 2024 | KS1 Nativity 9.30am – 10.30am (3/4) KS1 Nativity 2-3.00pm (4/4) |
| Wednesday | 18 th December 2024 | EY's Nativity 9.30am-10.30am EY's Nativity 2-3.00pm |
| Wednesday | 18 th December 2024 | Y2 Christmas Party 1-3.00pm |
| Thursday | 19 th December 2024 | EY's & Y1 Christmas Party 9-11.00am Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party 1-3.00pm |
| Friday | 20 th December 2024 | Children's University Passport Bank |
| Friday | 20 th December 2024 | Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party 9-11.00am |
| Friday | 20 th December 2024 | Christmas Service @ Church 2.15-3.00pm |
| Friday | 20 th December 2024 | School Closes |
| Monday | 6 th January 2025 | School Opens |
| Monday | 6 th January 2025 | Epiphany Service @ Church 2.15-3.00pm |
| Friday | 10 th January 2025 | The Friends Meeting 2-3.00pm |