



# 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 8

Friday 25 October 2024

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 2:6

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## 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 of how beautifully you have settled into your new class. I wonder who will be chosen next half term?

EYM	Seren W	3D	Tallulah C
EYP	Jessica R	3E	Annie G
1S	Zac M	4H	Alice K
1T	Lauren L	4S	Mila W
2M	Grace B	5BF	Henry S
2O	Dylan L	5G	William J
		6A	Lily S
		6M	Isabella H

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>	97.03%
Whole school attendance week ending 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	96.47%
Class with best weekly attendance	RP – 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**

**376**

### 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.

## 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.*

**ST ANN'S**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PART OF THE THREE SAINTS ACADEMY TRUST

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 8 November 2024, 2pm at St Ann's**

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: OUR LUNAR CURRICULUM



The Lunar Curriculum has been designed by The Three Saint's Academy Trust. It has been designed to incorporate good practice observed from a range of schools and has been informed by research such as the EEF 'Teaching and Learning Toolkit'. Parents, children and staff have been consulted during the design of the curriculum so we can ensure that we have designed a curriculum fit for purpose, designed to stretch and challenge and meet the needs of our pupils.

### What is the Lunar Curriculum?

The Lunar Curriculum is a pedagogical approach to teaching all subjects that builds upon pupils' interests to inspire learning and make sure it is memorable over time. This curriculum is underpinned by a set of non-negotiables and teaches both key knowledge and skills progressively. Its focus is on pupils knowing and remembering more, building on prior learning so that they leave school ready for secondary education and beyond into their working life. Learning is active and authentic ensuring investment, not just engagement. Below you will find the aims and principles of the Lunar Curriculum.

### Curriculum Aims

- Develop **L**ife-skills which promote a love of learning
- Grow an **U**nderstanding of ourselves, each other and the world
- **N**urture curiosity and creativity which feed the imagination and increase knowledge
- Cultivate **A**spiration through motivation and self-belief
- Instil **R**esilience, independence and other personal attributes

### Purpose

The purpose of the Lunar Curriculum is to equip pupils with the essential knowledge and skills needed to succeed in life. Each subject is carefully planned and sequenced so that new knowledge and skills build on what has been taught before, providing a broad and ambitious curriculum.

In addition to the subject specific skills, the Lunar Curriculum also develops pupils' personal, learning and thinking skills which they need for success in learning and life. The Lunar Curriculum will focus upon the skills below:

- Independent enquirers
- Creative thinkers
- Reflective learners
- Team workers
- Self-managers
- Effective communicators



## 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.

## FAMILY WORSHIP

On **Friday 8 November at 9.00am**, 5BF 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.



## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORT BANK

If your child has a Children's University Passport and collects their club hours, they should bring in their passport on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** so their hours can be banked.

We break up for half term on  
**Friday 25 October.**

We return to school after  
October half term on  
**Monday 4 November.**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CENTRE/CHURCH - PARKING AT CHURCH & THE CENTRE

*As most of you are already aware a parking system is being installed at the moment.*

*The reason for this is to preserve the parking spaces for those attending church and the centre. We have had an issue for several years with people parking in the centre to go to work or to travel further afield by bus and train, this has meant that centre users have struggled to park.*

*We have attempted to resolve this by speaking to those parking and whilst most people have been understanding and parked elsewhere several people have been nothing short of abusive to our volunteers and continued to park regularly.*

*The car park will continue to be free of charge to use, please remember when you arrive in church or the centre to enter your correct vehicle registration into the tablet provided.*

*School drop off and pick up will be allowed and the cameras disabled for this period each day. If you are being dropped off at church or the centre or being collected from the same, the person driving you will have up to 19 minutes & 59 seconds without needing to enter their vehicle registration.*

## **SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #8:**

### 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.



## JOB VACANCY AT ST ANN'S

### Level 2 Teaching Assistant

*The Three Saints Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and expects all those working within the trust to share this commitment. All offers of employment are subject to an Enhanced DBS check, and where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check will be completed for all applicants.*

*Visits to the school are encouraged and warmly welcomed. Please telephone to arrange an appointment (0151 426 5869).*

#### Application Process:

The application pack is available on <http://www.three-saints.org.uk/index.php/vacancies/>. CVs will not be accepted.

**Closing Date & Short-listing:** Friday 8 November 2024

**Interviews:** Friday 15 November 2024

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, enthusiastic and talented teaching assistant to join our outstanding primary school, and who shares our vision for providing a first-class education and instilling all our children with a love of learning.

#### Who we are looking for:

We are looking for an exceptional teaching assistant who

- Likes working with all children and will be their advocate
- Enjoys the challenge of supporting pupils with complex learning/ pastoral needs
- Is passionate and enthusiastic for learning
- Has high expectations for all children
- Can establish good working relationships with children, staff and parents
- Can take direction and work on own initiative
- Can work as part of a team
- Promotes positive behaviour relentlessly
- Is hard working and conscientious
- Is resilient to set backs
- Sees a challenge as an opportunity
- Is an excellent communicator
- Is organised and efficient
- Is friendly and flexible
- Is professional and positive
- Understands confidentiality



St Ann's is an over-subscribed, two form entry Church of England primary school, with a strong track record of achievement and an outstanding judgement from Ofsted and excellent from SIAMs. We nurture and care for our children in a Christian ethos, placing our children and their family at the centre of our work. Our children are encouraged to be independent, creative and reflective learners who can self-manage, work within a team and effectively participate and communicate.

**APPLY FOR YOUR PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE NOW!**

**APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**

You will be notified on 16 April 2025 confirming your child's school place.  
*The closing date for you to submit your application is 15 January 2025.*

**APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**

You will be notified on 3 March 2025 confirming your child's school place.  
*The closing date for you to submit your application is 31 October 2024.*



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Primary School

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# OPEN DAY 2024

Are you looking for a primary school for September 2025? If so, why not come and visit St Ann's CE Primary School in action. We look forward to meeting you.

**Contact Us**

School Office: **0151 426 5869**  
Online: (X) **@StAnnsRainhill**

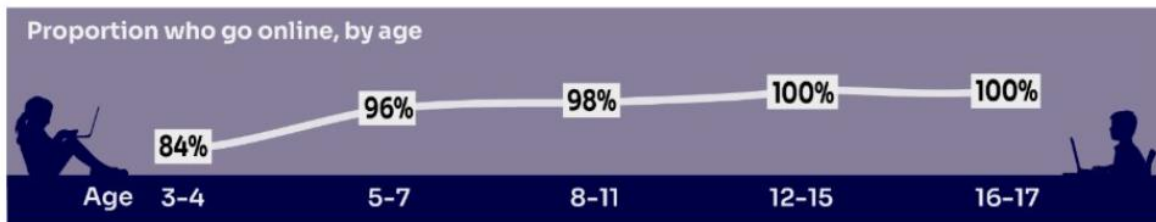


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Academy Trust





**HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW** about your child's life online?



Almost all children (96%) aged 3 – 17 went online in 2023, highlighting the centrality of the internet in their lives:

- Younger children commonly use **tablets** to go online
- Older children are more likely to use **mobile phones**





HM Government



Speak to your music teacher and discover what you can get involved in, and what help you can get to make music.



The government published **The Power of Music to Change Lives – The National Plan for Music Education** – in 2022 to help all young people have a brilliant music education, regardless of where you are in the country or your background.



# ST HELENS PARENTING CONFERENCE



9:00am - 4:00pm  
12 November 2024



St Helens Rugby Stadium  
Peasley Cross Lane  
St Helens, WA9 3AL

## Morning session 9.00am - 1.30pm

For all interested in parenting and early intervention, including parents/carers, senior leaders, programme leads and practitioners.

Lunch will be provided for all attendees - there will be an opportunity to network and find out in more detail about the wider parenting offer available in St Helens.

## Afternoon session 2.30pm - 4.00pm

For practitioners trained in parenting programmes there will be master classes delivered by Dr Caroline White, Director of Invest in Play, and Stewart McLean, National Development Officer of Mellow Parenting.

## Hear in more detail about:



## How to book a place: ✓

All attendees can book onto ONE session via Eventbrite.

To attend the morning session book [here](#).

To attend the full day session book [here](#).

Masterclasses will be allocated upon booking.

## FULL DAY AGENDA

9.00 - 9.20am	Registration, tea and coffee served	All
9.30 - 9.45am	Welcome and opening of the day	Councillor Susan Murphy MBE - Cabinet Member Public Health
9.50 - 10.10am	Local picture and data	Andrea Holker - Quality Assurance & Programmes Manager Rachel Brown - Public Health Intelligence and Performance Manager
10.10 - 10.30am	Break - tea and coffee served	All
10.30 - 11.15am	Invest in Play	Dr Caroline White
11.20 - 11.50am	Mellow Parenting	Stewart McLean
11.50 - 12.05pm	Opportunities for questions	All
12.05 - 12.15pm	Closing remarks	Ruth Du Plessis - Director of Public Health
12.15 - 12.30pm	Marketplace - parenting interventions and support services	All
12.30 - 1.30pm	Lunch	All
Afternoon session		
1.30 - 2.30pm	Masterclass Group 1	Dr Caroline White - Director of Invest in Play
2.30 - 2.45pm	Break	All
2.45 - 3.45pm	Masterclass Group 2	Stewart McLean - National Development Officer of Mellow Parenting
3.45 - 4.00pm	Closing remarks for the day	Ruth Du Plessis - Director of Public Health

BSL Interpreters are available on request. Contact us by:

Email: [ParentingTeam@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:ParentingTeam@sthelens.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01744 673420 Text: 07761045427

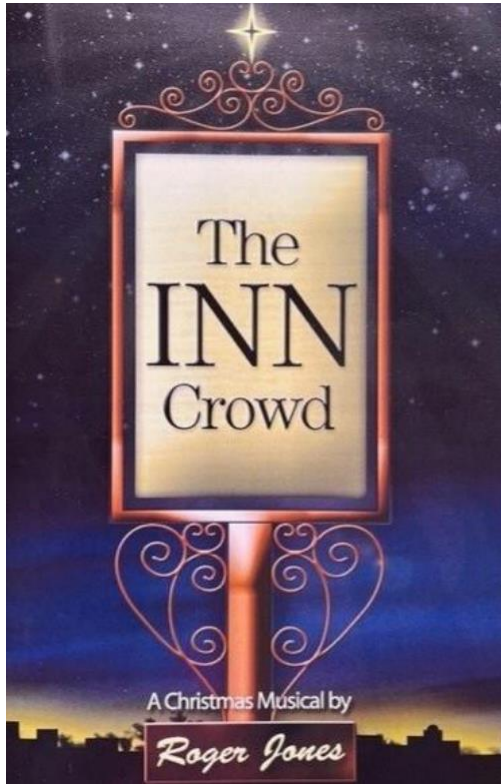


Family Hub



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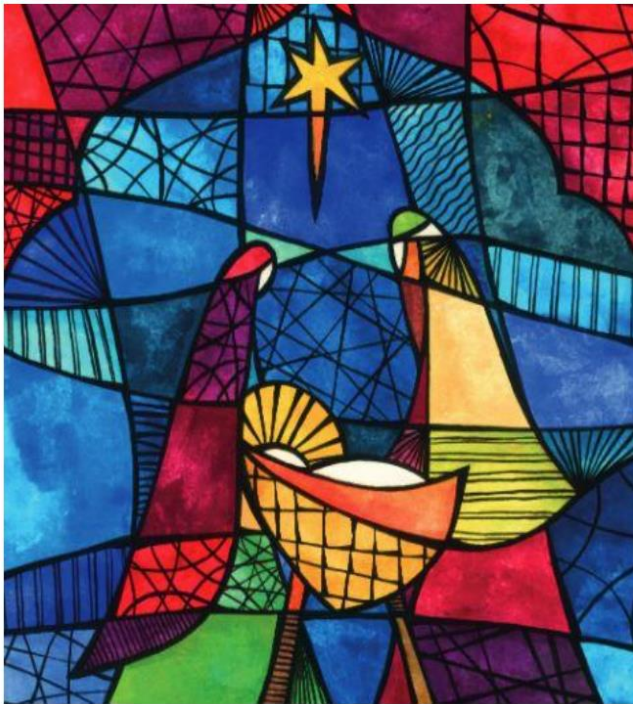


**Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
7.30pm**

A musical drama  
The Christmas story from the  
perspective of the innkeeper  
and his wife

**Suitable for all the family  
Free entry**

Retiring collection for Christian Music Ministries  
and St Ann's Church  
Performance authorised by Christian Music  
Ministries/Sovereign Music UK



(Stained glass window: a Christmas card from Compassion)

St Ann's Church Rainhill  
**Community Carol Service**  
**Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**6.30pm**

Rainhill Community Choir  
and

St Ann's School Choir

**Free entry**

All places for  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
December have  
been allocated

# Santa is coming!

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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

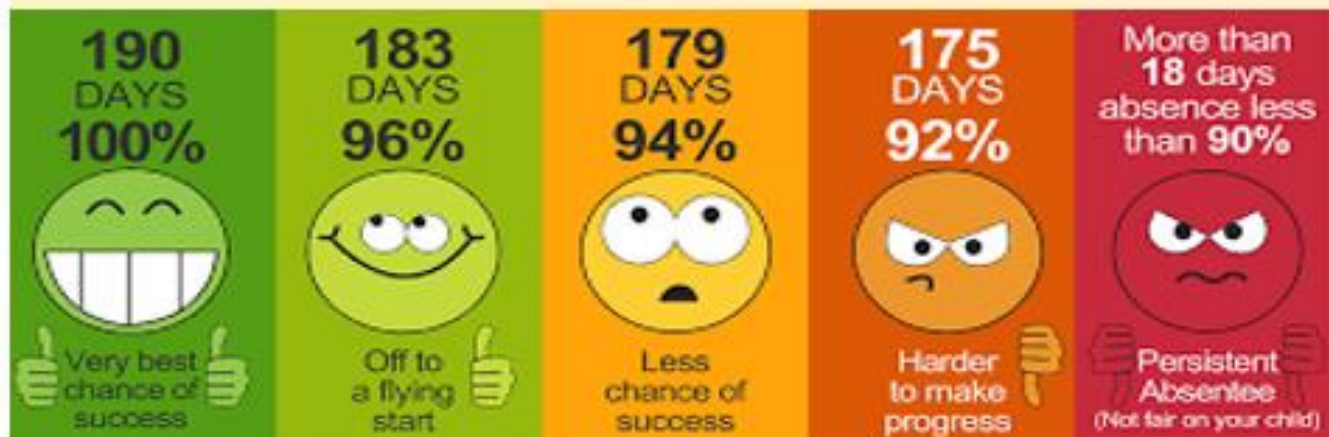


# ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

*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.*

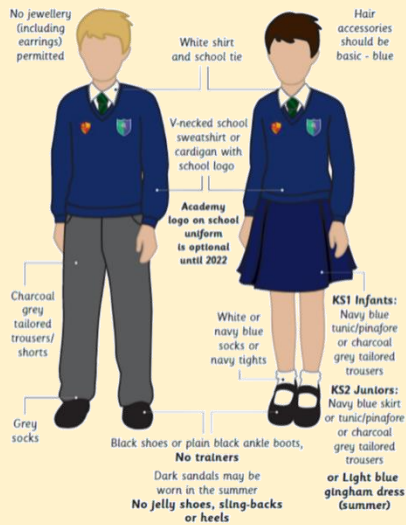
## Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

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/WEEKLY 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)

The deadline for toast (Y1-6) for this 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

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 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 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
	4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Spring Term 2025	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Summer Term 2025	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	22 <sup>nd</sup> 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](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**



**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

#### DATES FOR DIARY

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	School Closes
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	School Opens
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	EY's Intake Open Day 9.30am & 1.00pm
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	5B Family Worship 9-9.30am
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	The Friends Meeting 2-3.00pm
Mon-Wed	18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Year 3/4- Bikeability

Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	5G Family Worship 9-9.30am
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024	School closed for Inset Day
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	4S Family Worship 9-.30am
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	4H Family Worship 9-9.30am
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	KS1 Nativity 9.30am – 10.30am (1/4) KS1 Nativity 2-3.00pm (2/4)
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	KS1 Nativity 9.30am – 10.30am (3/4) KS1 Nativity 2-3.00pm (4/4)
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	EY's Nativity 9.30am-10.30am EY's Nativity 2-3.00pm
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Y2 Christmas Party 1-3.00pm
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	EY's & Y1 Christmas Party 9-11.00am Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party 1-3.00pm
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Children's University Passport Bank
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party 9-11.00am
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Service @ Church 2.15-3.00pm
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	School Closes
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School Opens



**REEVE COURT VILLAGE**  
**THE SANDPIPER PRESENTS...**

**KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**SUN 27TH OCT 2024 4.00-6.00PM**

**TICKETS £8.00**

**CHICKEN NUGGETS WITH FRIES &  
CAKE  
INCLUDED!**

**Elton Head Road, Rainhill,**

**WA9 5AG**

**RESERVE YOUR TICKETS AT THE RESTAURANT OR BY  
CALLING**

**0151 430 4732/731**

**AGES 11-16**

## free coding workshops in st helens library

<b>coding video games – crashy bird</b>	<b>DATE:</b> Monday 28th October	<b>TIME:</b> 10 am - 12 pm	<b>SCAN QR CODE</b>
<b>code breaking</b>	<b>DATE:</b> Monday 28th October	<b>TIME:</b> 1 pm - 3 pm	<b>SCAN QR CODE</b>
<b>coding music</b>	<b>DATE:</b> Tuesday 29th October	<b>TIME:</b> 10 am - 12 pm	<b>SCAN QR CODE</b>
<b>coding video games – platformer game</b>	<b>DATE:</b> Tuesday 29th October	<b>TIME:</b> 1 pm - 3 pm	<b>SCAN QR CODE</b>
<b>coding fruit</b>	<b>DATE:</b> Wednesday 30th October	<b>TIME:</b> 10 am - 12 pm	<b>SCAN QR CODE</b>
<b>halloween special</b>	<b>DATE:</b> Thursday 31st October	<b>TIME:</b> 10 am - 12 pm	<b>SCAN QR CODE</b>
<b>coding video games – flying game</b>	<b>DATE:</b> Thursday 31st October	<b>TIME:</b> 1 pm - 3 pm	<b>SCAN QR CODE</b>

Digital Arts Box    
 COMMUNITY    
 St Helens LIBRARY SERVICES

# 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