



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



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

Value of the Half Term

Compassion

Newsletter Issue 11

Friday 22 November 2024

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

Corinthians 1:3

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FINANCIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

We are delighted to share that due to the quality of our Financial Education, we have received an award! Miss Foster was presented with the award this week. Special thanks to Miss Foster for her leading on this area of our PSHE curriculum.



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> | 96.91% |
| Whole school attendance week ending 15 th November 2024 | 96.28% |
| Class with best weekly attendance | 1T – 98.67% |

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**

361

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.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



We are getting ready for a magical morning full of festive cheer, delicious breakfast treats, and, of course, a special visit from Santa himself! This event is set to be the highlight of the half term, and we're so excited to bring our school community together to celebrate.

Children will be joining us to enjoy for festive music, a little treat, and plenty of festive joy!

If you have purchased your tickets for this event they have been be sent out this week via your child's book bag. Children attending Breakfast with Santa should queue up by the side gate near the Base door ready to be collected.

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

Well done to 5G on a wonderful Family Worship.

On **Friday 29 November at 9.00am**, 4S will lead their Family Worship in the hall.

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



DON'T FORGET...

School is closed to pupils on Friday 22 November 2024

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place between **Tuesday 26th November and Friday 29th November.**

Books range in price from £2 to £15.

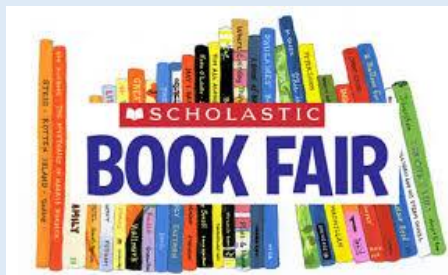
Reception, Y1 and Y2 will attend on Tuesday 26th, Y3 and Y4 will attend on Wednesday 27th and Y5 and Y6 will attend on Thursday 28th November.

Children should bring money for the event in a named envelope and pass this to their class teacher.

On Friday 29th November, the remaining books will be on sale in the school hall from 3.20 until 3.45 pm for parent and carers to view with their children.

In previous years, your generous purchases have not only provided children with new reading experiences at home but have generated significant funds for school to purchase additional books for our class libraries.

We hope you are able to support the event again.



SAFEGUARDING TOP

TIP #10:

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Stranger Danger

NEVER-Agree to meet a stranger.

NEVER-Go anywhere or do anything with someone that you do not know.

NEVER-Take sweets or presents from someone you do not know.

NEVER-Never get into a car or vehicle of someone you do not know.

NEVER-Give personal details to a stranger.

ALWAYS -Tell your parents or responsible adult where you are going.

ALWAYS -Arrange a time to be back and **STICK** to it.

ALWAYS -Look out for your friends when you're out.

ALWAYS -Know your address and contact number for a responsible adult in an emergency.

**A SPOTLIGHT ON:
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT (a spotlight in response to parent survey feedback)**



What is Personal Development?

A school's curriculum extends beyond the academic. Schools support pupils to develop in many diverse aspects of life. They are crucial in preparing pupils for their adult lives, teaching them to understand how to engage with society and providing them with plentiful opportunities to do so.

How does St Ann's support children's personal development?

At St Ann's, provision to nurture pupils' personal development is plentiful, high quality and extends beyond the academic.

It begins with the Lunar Curriculum which promotes six 'Personal Learning and Thinking Skills'.

Independent enquirers

Creative thinkers

Reflective learners

Team workers

Self-managers

Effective communicators

The Lunar Curriculum is also enhanced to nurture children's personal development e.g.

- Focus days/ weeks e.g. Anti-Bullying Day, Safer Internet Day, Stand Up Speak Up Week, Aspirations Days, British Science Week, World Book Day, Healthy Living Week
- Visits and visitors e.g. Bikeability, Crucial Crew, visitors from other faiths
- Curriculum and Cultural Offer which involves children taking part in 14 curriculum/ cultural experiences during their primary career e.g. museums, art galleries, West End show
- Opportunity to go on 3 residentials in KS2
- Blue Sky Experiences – 50 experiences children are guaranteed to have at St Ann's
- Sporting and dramatic performances which develop children's talents and interests e.g. Talent Show, Y6 Production, numerous sporting competitions
- Extra-curricular provision

Children's personal development, **talents and interests** are also nurtured through our extensive **wider curriculum offer**. Typically, in any given week there will be at least 12 clubs available for pupils to access, a minimum of 50% of which are sports based, as per our commitment to promoting positive physical health and well-being. Pupils and parents say that our extra-curricular provision is engaging and meets the interests of our children. Identified pupils are often sign-posted to clubs to support and enhance their academic, personal or social development. Clubs are available for every group.

Pupils personal develop is also nurtured through the following:

- Our spiritual, moral, social and cultural education
- Our pastoral support
- Our provision that promotes physical and mental health
- Our PSHE & RSHE curriculums
- Developing children's knowledge and understanding of fundamental British Values, equality and diversity and protected characteristics
- Providing opportunities to debate

See our website for further information

<https://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk/>

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 was 31 October 2024.

LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

As well as having regular fire drills at St Ann's, we also practice what to do in the event of a lockdown. The difference between the two however, is that we give the children some notice about the lockdown practice to mitigate any worries they may have in relation to this.

All being well, our lockdown practice will take place this half term. Prior to the lockdown, teachers will talk to their class in an age-appropriate way about what a lockdown is and what we do when a lockdown is announced to keep safe. You may like to talk to your child about this at home, and ask them about what happens in their class when this is announced.

ASSESSMENT WEEK

Week commencing 25 November is whole school assessment week. Children will complete various assessments during the week, the outcomes of which will be shared with parents/ carers at Mentoring Conversations.

YEAR 6 SWIMMING



Children who are yet to achieve the national swimming standard will swim every day from Tuesday 19th November to Thursday 21st November inclusive and Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th November

If your child is attending the lessons, you will receive a separate letter with further details.

RAINHILL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON



Why not come along to the Rainhill Christmas Lights Switch On where our Choir will be performing? If your child is in the Choir, please refer to separate letter previously sent out.

FLU VACCINATIONS

All children with parental consent will have their flu vaccination in school on **Tuesday 26 November**.



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AND WORKSHOP

This year the Christingle service is on Sunday 1st December at St Ann's church. This is a family service and during the service the congregation light a Christingle orange to represent the light of the world.

Before the service all children will be able to make their own Christingle Orange in school. Making Christingle Oranges will take place on Thursday 28th November. Children in Years 2 to 6 will make their Christingle Oranges in class with their teacher. This year in place of sending home candles for families to fill with change we kindly ask that a £1 donation is made on the day.

We will be holding Christingle Workshops for children in EYFS and Year 1. During the workshop ONE parent/carer will be able to come along and make a Christingle orange with your child. The timetable for workshops is below.

| EYFS / YR 1 CHRISTINGLE WORKSHOP – THURSDAY 28 th November (workshops to take place in the Studio. Parents to enter school via the Base Door) | |
|---|-----|
| 9.30am | 1S |
| 10.30am | 1T |
| 1pm | EYM |
| 2pm | EYP |

We look forward to seeing you at the workshops and at the service on the 1st December.

MENTORING CONVERSATIONS

Mentoring Conversations are an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher regarding their progress, attainment and wellbeing in school. Please refer to separate letter regarding the dates and times of this half term's mentoring conversations. The letter outlines how you can book your preferred time slot.

NEW TOYS FOR CHURCH

St Ann's Church are in the process of making up Christmas hampers to give to local children and families. You can support this initiative by donating a new toy. Simply drop it into school via the main office, and we will make sure church receive it. They are grateful for your support.

EARLY YEARS NATIVITY

EYP & EYM will perform their nativity on:

Wednesday 18 December
9.30am for EYM parents/ carers
2.00pm for EYP parents/ carers

The nativity will take place in the school hall, each child will be issued with 2 tickets.

KS1 NATIVITY (Y1 & Y2)

Y1 & Y2 will perform their nativity on:

Monday 16 December @ 9.30am
Monday 16 December @ 2.00pm
Tuesday 17 December @ 9.30am
Tuesday 17 December @ 2.00pm

A total of 4 tickets per family can be purchased at a cost of £2 per ticket. A link will be sent out on 26th November to confirm your ticket preferences. Once the link has been completed please access 'Key Stage 1 Nativity' on Arbor to make payment for your tickets. The deadline for payments is 9th December.

The nativity will take place in the school hall.

JOIN THE SOUND! MUSIC HUB'S YOUTH BOARD

BE MORE



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Are you passionate about music? Do you want to make a difference in your community? Join our Youth Board and help shape the future of music in your local area

What is the Sound! Music Hub Youth Board?

- Sound! is the Music Hub for Knowsley, Halton, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Warrington
- A music hub is a group of organisations that work together to provide music education for children and young people in a local area. Music hubs provide a range of benefits, including professional development for school staff, instrument loans, and access to music events.
- The Youth Board is a group of 12 young people who, collaborating with Music Hub staff, directly influence strategy and plans for the Music Hub.

Why Join?

- **Make an Impact:** Your voice matters! Have your say on music education in your area, as well as shape local music programmes and initiatives.
- **Gain experience:** Develop leadership and teamwork skills and better understand what a future in music can look like.
- **Meet Like-Minded Peers:** Connect with other young music enthusiasts.
- **Have fun:** Create, participate in and attend exciting projects and events.

Who Can Apply?

- **Age:** 10-21 years old
- **Location:** You live or study in Sound! Music Hub's footprint (Knowsley, Halton, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Warrington)
- **Passion for Music:** Whether you play an instrument, sing, play in a band, create and produce, enjoy live gigs, want to explore what happens backstage or just love music in general, everyone is welcome to join. No formal music qualifications are needed, and all genres of music are welcome and celebrated
- **Commitment:** Willing and able to attend one meeting a month with the option to contribute to additional events and activities

What would I do?

- **You'll attend meetings:** Monthly meetings to input into how music is taught and how opportunities to engage with music are programmed and delivered in your area
- **You'll have the chance to get involved in projects:** Help plan and get involved with music education initiatives such as performances, campaigns and social media takeovers
- **You'll engage your community:** Represent the group at local events and outreach activities in your area, where appropriate.
- **You'll give feedback and ideas:** Your ideas and feedback will be what makes Sound! Music Hub tick! Share your thoughts on improving music education and other music initiatives.

Access & Inclusion

- **An Inclusive Environment:** We welcome all abilities and backgrounds and have a zero-tolerance policy on any forms of bullying and harassment.
- **Support Provided:** Need assistance? Let us know how we can help. No adjustment is too big or too small.

- **Flexible Participation:** Options for virtual meetings and flexible schedules are available to make things work for you.
- **Expenses Paid:** Food is provided, and expenses incurred as a result of participation e.g. travel are covered.

How do I apply?

To apply, we'd love you to answer the following questions:

1. What would you want to change about music in your school or local community?
2. Why do you want to join the Sound! Music Hub Youth Board?
3. Who is your favourite musical artist and why?

Apply in the way that suits you. We don't mind how you get in touch; we just can't wait to hear from you.

Important information for under 18s: We want to hear your opinion too, BUT we want to do this safely. **If you are under 18, please could you ask your parent or carer to send us your application.**

Apply to join the group by any **one** of the following ways:

- **Email:** Send your answers via email to soundmusichub@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk
- **Video:** Record your answers and send them on WhatsApp to Zoe (the Sound! Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Lead) on 07795627241 or via email to soundmusichub@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk.
- **Audio/Voice note:** Record your answers and send them on WhatsApp to Zoe (Sound! EDI Lead) on 07795627241 or via email to soundmusichub@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk.
- **Face to face:** Better in person? No problem. Give Zoe (our EDI Lead) a ring on 07795627241 and we'll arrange a face-to-face appointment

Don't forget: We also need to know **your name (and your parent/carer's name if you are under 18) , your age and which borough you live in** (e.g., St Helens or Warrington) as well as **how best can we contact you**(e.g., email/phone number – this must be your parent/carer's contact info if you are under 18).

All videos, recordings and contact details sent to Sound! for application purposes will be deleted if you are not selected to join the Youth Board.

Deadline: Applications close on 1st December 2024 at midnight

What happens next?

After the deadline has passed, Sound! Music Hub's team will review the applications and invite a range of applicants to an informal interview so we can tell you more about the group, learn more about you and you can learn more about Sound! Music Hub. Following this, we will confirm group members.

Contact Us

For more information or if you have any questions, you (or your parent/carer if you are under 18) can contact us at soundmusichub@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk or on 07795627241 via WhatsApp, text or phone



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 6 December 2024

Interviews: Thursday 12 December 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.

Digital Family Agreement



LGfL DigiSafe®

I will:

Why?

Check with mum before getting a new app or game or buying an add-on so she can check it's safe
 Set up privacy and safety settings on any apps and sites I use and show them to dad, so he doesn't worry
 Check with mum or dad before going live and explain what I can do to avoid any risks
 Not post or share any personal information, e.g. mobile, address, to stay private and safe
 Put my phone down when we're eating together or mum or dad want to talk, as it's respectful
 Turn off notifications when I'm doing homework and at bed time, to help concentrate and sleep
 Come off my devices an hour before bedtime to unwind and sleep well

Parent/carer will:

Why?

Put our devices down when you want to talk to me/us so we can model good behaviour
 Keep our mobiles away for important family time, e.g. breakfast and dinner so we can have quality time and talk
 Trust you to manage your screen time sensibly as we agreed, and only say something if I/we are worried, to help you stay safe and healthy
 Ask permission before sharing any photos of you, to respect your privacy

If there are any issues:
 We will talk about it calmly and respectfully
 I may have to show you more about what I am doing on devices, or other consequences

If I'm worried by anything:
 I can tell mum or dad and they won't judge me
 I can talk to My Patel at school
 I can contact Childline or The Mix



Signed: Sophie Mum Dad

Today's date: 24th March

Date we will review this: 24th May

Download me again and find more

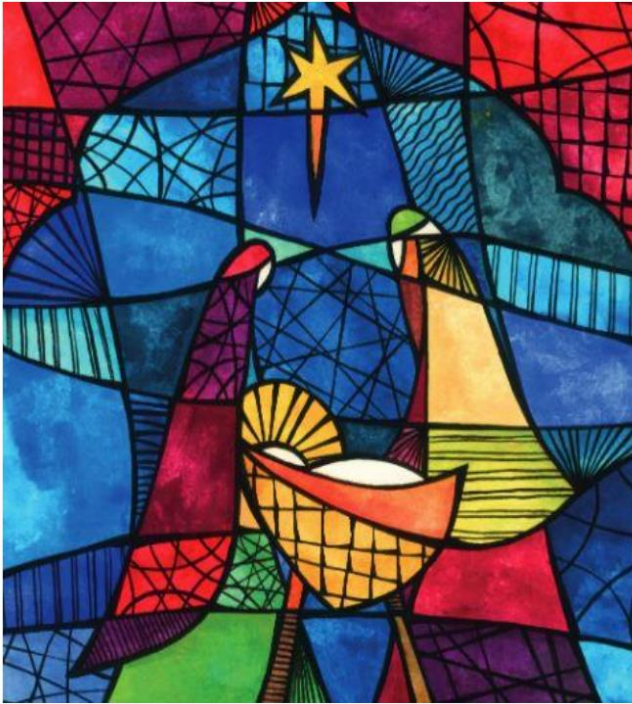
parentsafe.lgfl.net

AN E-SAFETY POSTER CREATED BY ONE OF KS2 PUPILS DURING THEIR COMPUTING CLUB



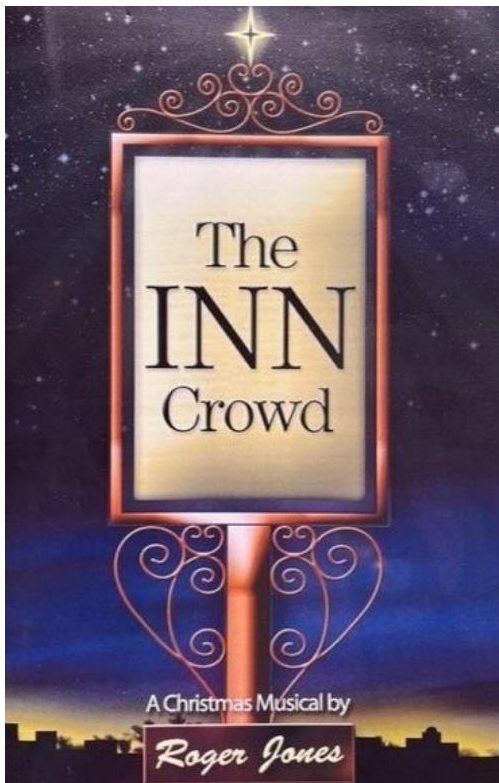
E-Safety
 Do NOT share your personal information
 Only play with people you know
 Use strong passwords





(Stained glass window: a Christmas card from Compassion)

St Ann's Church Rainhill
Community Carol Service
Sunday December 15th
6.30pm
Rainhill Community Choir
and
St Ann's School Choir
Free entry



Saturday November 16th, 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



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.

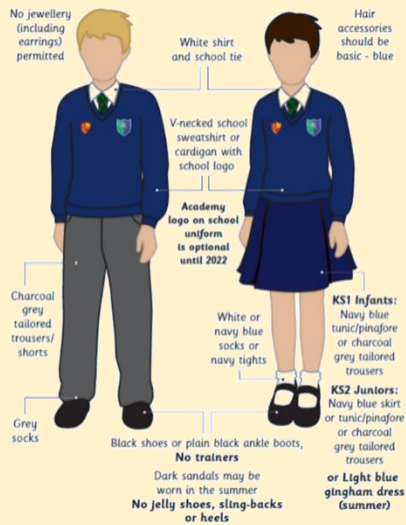
Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

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)

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 – as soon as possible if not already done so

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

MELLOR'S SCHOOL MEAL MENU

For a copy of Mellor's most up to date school meals menu, please check out our website by clicking on the following link: <https://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk/page/?title=School+Dinner+Menu&pid=46>

Please note, the menu is subject to change where there is a shortage of supplies.

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



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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

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

DATES FOR DIARY

| DAY | DATE | EVENT |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---|
| 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 |