



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 14

Friday 13 December 2024

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.

Isaiah 30:18

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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 made excellent progress this term. I wonder who will be chosen next half term?

EYM	Cole E	3D	Adelaide D
EYP	Finlay H	3E	Oliver M
1S	Alex E	4H	Zac H
1T	Louie M	4S	James M
2M	Emily R	5BF	Jaden C
2O	Rose W	5G	Ava M
		6A	Olivia S
		6M	James 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>	96.8%
Whole school attendance week ending 6 th December 2024	96.68%
Class with best weekly attendance	5G – 99.26%

#EveryMomentMatters



Attendance Expectations

Children are expected to be in school **every day** unless they are unwell. All other reasons will be unauthorised. If your child is going to be absent, contact school and let us know before 9.25am. Children not in school may receive a phone call home or home visit. In line with our Attendance Policy, we are committed to supporting families in improving their child's attendance, before taking legal action.

Number of pupils with 100% attendance this week

382

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.

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 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

All tickets that have been ordered and paid for have been sent home with the children this week.

The nativity will take place in the school hall.

FAMILY WORSHIP

On **Friday 23 January 3E** will lead their Family Worship in the hall.

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



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.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES



It's nearly Christmas party time! Dates and times can be seen below. On the day of your child's Christmas party, they should wear their party clothes to school (bearing in mind that we will still be outside at playtime and lunchtime), and bring in one Christmas party snack e.g. packet of crisps or chocolate bar (all nut free and no hard boiled sweets)

Y2	Wednesday 18 December
EYS, Y1, Y3 & Y4	Thursday 19 December
Y5 & Y6	Friday 20 December

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.

A SPOTLIGHT ON: SCIENCE



Shining a Spotlight on Science

At St Ann's, we reflect the National Curriculum's belief that high-quality science education provides the foundations for understanding the world through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics and our curriculum is planned to reflect this. It is our aim that all pupils develop an enjoyment and interest in Science, learning how it contributes to all aspects of everyday life; how has changed our lives and how it is vital to the world's future prosperity. All pupils are taught essential aspects of the knowledge, methods, processes and uses of science.



Children build a body of substantive knowledge and develop ideas of key concepts through a carefully planned and sequential curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to develop a sense of excitement and curiosity about natural phenomena in the world. They are encouraged to understand how science can be used to explain what is occurring, predict how things will behave, and analyse causes, by developing their skills of scientific enquiry.

Our overall aim is to equip our children with the scientific knowledge required to understand the uses and implications of science, today and in the future so that they themselves seek out science in their everyday lives.



What are we learning about in Science during Spring1?

EYFS	The world around me
YEAR 1	Materials
YEAR 2	Plants
YEAR 3	Animals including humans
YEAR 4	Sounds
YEAR 5	Materials
YEAR 6	Electricity



UKHSA ISSUES HEALTH ADVICE FOLLOWING THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding parents of the simple steps they can take to reduce the spread of stomach bugs and winter illnesses.

As children across the country return to their classrooms after the Christmas break, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding parents of the simple steps they can take to reduce the spread of stomach bugs and winter illnesses to ensure they stay healthy this term and keep strong this winter.

We are now beginning to see cases of flu and norovirus increasing as we head into the winter months, with norovirus activity in the past two weeks more than double the 5-season average for the same 2-week period and flu steadily increasing over the past few weeks.

Teaching good hygiene habits

Parents are urged to encourage good hygiene habits in their families, such as handwashing and using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes. Regularly washing your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser when convenient, is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of germs.

Knowing when to keep your child at home and when to send them to school

Children are encouraged to stay in school or nursery with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (if otherwise well and do not have a high temperature), but should stay home if they're displaying symptoms such as having a fever (they should stay home until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend) or diarrhoea and vomiting (children should stay home for at least 48 hours after these symptoms clear up).

Stopping the spread of stomach bugs

Stomach bugs spread easily in schools and nurseries. If you or your child have diarrhoea and vomiting, washing your hands with soap and warm water and using bleach-based products to clean surfaces will help stop infections from spreading. Don't prepare food for others if you have such symptoms or for 48 hours after symptoms stop. If you are unwell, you should also avoid visiting people in hospitals and care homes to avoid passing on the infection to those more vulnerable. It's important that all children are given the opportunity to start the year in good health, which is why it's important not to return to school, nursery or work until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

Getting vaccinated

Infections such as flu, which see a seasonal increase in winter, are easily protected against with vaccination. All primary school age children, those aged 2 years (who have turned 2 years old before the 1 September 2024) and all 3 year olds (and secondary school children from Year 7 to Year 11) are eligible for the flu vaccine, which beyond protecting the children themselves and the school community, will also protect elderly relatives.

It's also important to ensure your children are up-to-date with their routine vaccinations, which protect against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and polio. UKHSA is continuing to see cases of measles, which is easily prevented with vaccination. If parents are unsure of their child's vaccination status, they can check their child's red book or contact their local GP.

Dr Richard Pebody, Director, Clinical & Emerging Infections at UKHSA, said:

As children return to school after the half term holidays, it's important that they get off to the best start possible ahead of winter. Staying healthy and taking simple steps to reduce the spread of illness will ensure children and their families experience less disruption at this important time of year.

Each winter, we see an increase in acute respiratory and gastro-intestinal illnesses, however it only takes simple steps to reduce the spread of most of these infections. By following advice on good hygiene habits, knowing when to keep your child off school and taking up the opportunity to get vaccinated, parents are protecting their children and the wider school community.

UKHSA's [e-bug](#) resources for all ages can help you to explain and discuss hygiene habits and their importance, to your child or teenager.

NHS UK also provides easily accessible guidance for parents to [help manage winter illness at home](#).

Be the Foster Carer they need.



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YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Y3 will lead a Christmas Service on **Friday 20 December at 2.15pm** St Ann's Church.

Everyone welcome!

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORT BANK

Week commencing 16 December all children with a Children's University Passport should bring it into school so that their extra-curricular hours can be logged. New passports can be purchased from the school office.

SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #12

Worrying about the holidays



The holidays are different for everyone. You might be excited about a holiday or having time off, or you could be thinking about what might happen or how you'll cope.

You might be worried about:

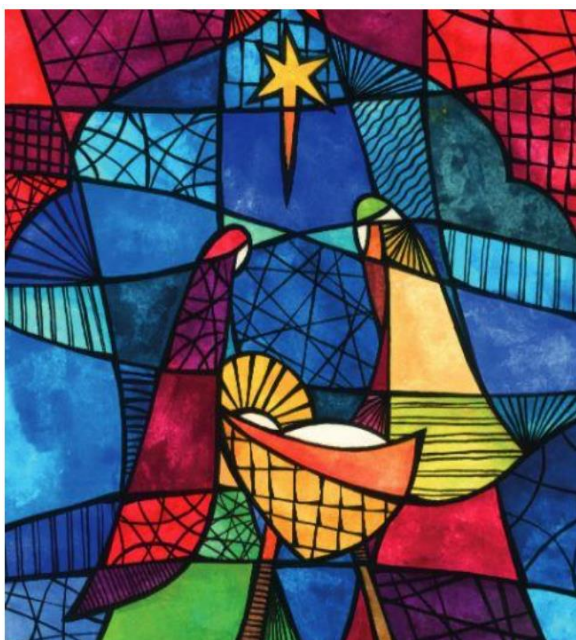
- feeling lonely or not going out
- not seeing people who normally support you
- problems at home or having to care for your family
 - coping without a routine
 - being hurt or abused.



Childline is there all through the holidays to support you, whether that's having someone to talk to, giving you ideas of things to do or helping you to get support when you need it.

You can keep yourself occupied over the holidays by playing games, completing a journal or writing down your mood and feelings on a chart.

Childline 0800 1111



(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



SPORTS NEWS

NOVEMBER/
DECEMBER 2024

FOOTBALL CRAZY!



DODGEBALL CHAMPIONS



PE LESSONS & INTRA SCHOOL COMPETITIONS



THERE ARE STILL A
LIMITED NUMBER OF
PLACES AT A SOME OF
OUR CLUBS - SIGN UP
THROUGH ARBOR!

@STANNSRAINHILL

JOB VACANCY AT ST ANN'S

Level 3 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 & Interviews: Please job adverts

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, enthusiastic and talented L2 & L3 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

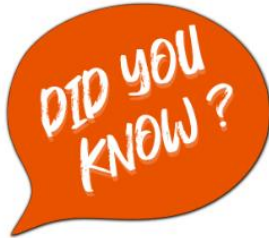
- Likes working with all children and will be their advocate
- Enjoys the challenge of supporting pupils with complex learning/ pastoral needs
- Is passionate and enthusiastic for learning
- Has high expectations for all children
- Can establish good working relationships with children, staff and parents
- 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.

PEGI helps parents to make informed decisions when buying video games:

- The age rating confirms that the game content is appropriate for players of certain age
- It considers the age **suitability** of a game, **not the level of difficulty**



TWO LEVELS OF INFORMATION AS A GUIDE : THE PEGI AGE LABELS



THE CONTENT DESCRIPTORS



[pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)

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

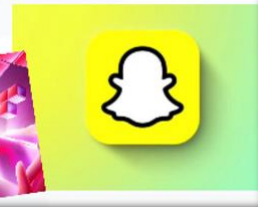
Be safe online

Get a good password

Don't share your private information

Be safe

Don't make friends with people how you don't know



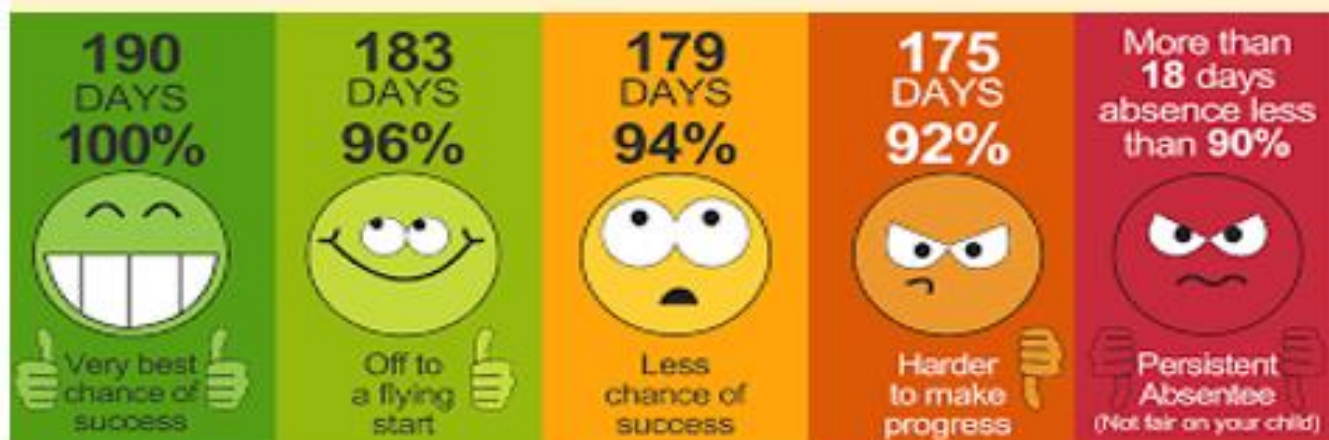


ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

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.

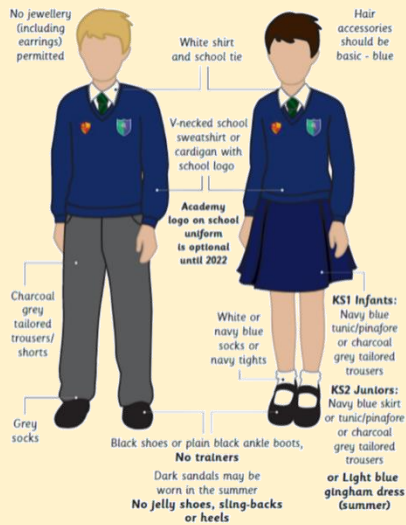
Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

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 Spring 1 (6th January - 14th February) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £7.50 by 17th December. 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. Please see the weekly Newsletter for full details.

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



St. Ann's Church of England Primary School

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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

DATES FOR DIARY

DAY	DATE	EVENT
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