



# St Ann's Church of England

## Primary School



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

**Value of the Half Term**

*Courage*

**Newsletter Issue 17**

Friday 17 January 2025

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

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### YOUNG CARERS WORSHIP

This week Tanya Butt came into school and educated the children about Young Carers.

Children are young carer if they are under 18 and help to look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug or alcohol problem. A young carer may look after a parent or sibling. They may do extra jobs in and around the home, such as cooking, cleaning or helping someone get dressed and move around. They may also give a lot of physical help. They may even provide emotional support. Some children start giving care at a very young age and don't really realise they're carers. Other young people become carers overnight. Our visitor explained to the children that young carers shouldn't be doing the same things as adult carers. Nor should they be spending a lot of their time caring for someone, as this can get in the way of doing well at school and doing the same kinds of things as other children or young people.

***If you think your child is a young carer, please make an appointment to speak with Mrs Crowther, our Family Support Worker. We will be able to sign post you and your child to available support.***

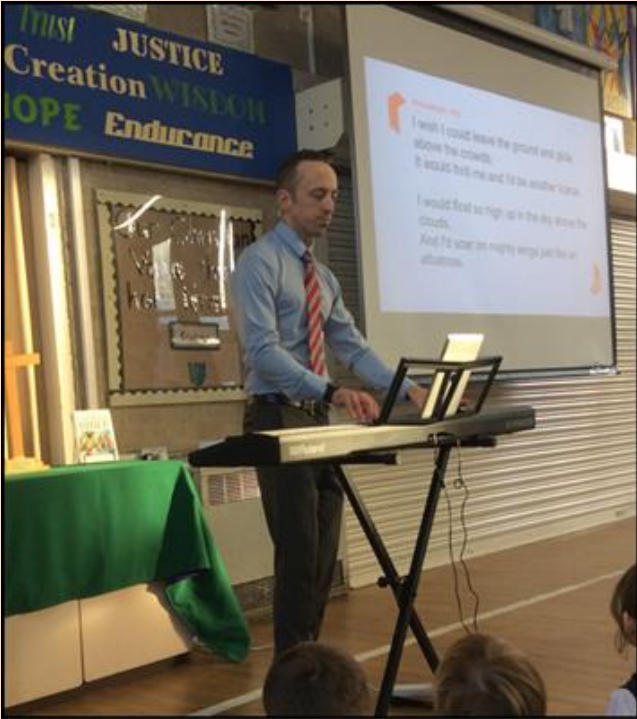


Whole school attendance year to date <i>Whole School target 96%</i>	96.62%
Whole school attendance week ending 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	92.5%
Class with best weekly attendance	2M – 97.5%

**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.

## #EveryMomentMatters



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

**369**

**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.



### STAR DAY

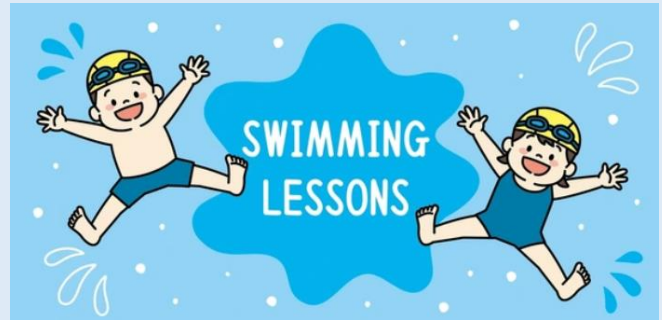
We are delighted to announce that for STAR Day this year we will be raising money for three charities:

**Africa's Children in Education (ACE)  
Bobby Colleran Trust  
Diabetes Association**

Watch this space for further updates.

### SWIMMING: 5G

As 5G have missed a number of their swimming lessons due to the weather, we will look to reschedule these in the future. We will keep you posted!



### 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.

### COMING UP... ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT



Following on from the success of St Ann's Has Got Talent 2025 we are pleased to confirm that our 2025 show will take place on **Monday 31 March 2025** at Rainhill Village Hall.

Auditions for St Ann's Has Got Talent will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025. If your child has entered to audition, they should bring any costumes, music, props etc. into school on this day. Music can be emailed to [stannsce@three-saints.org.uk](mailto:stannsce@three-saints.org.uk) in advance if you wish.

## A SPOTLIGHT ON: GEOGRAPHY



### Geography at St Ann's: Nurturing a Love for Our World

At St Ann's, we take great pride in fostering a deep love and care for the world around us, reflecting our 3C's ethos: **courtesy, care, and concentration**. This passion is central to our Geography curriculum, which inspires children to explore, understand, and protect our planet. Geography at St Ann's goes beyond studying places and spaces; it's about understanding how people interact with the world, how we shape it, and how we can preserve it for future generations.

Guided by the expertise of the Geographical Association, our curriculum focuses on three key areas of geographical knowledge: **place, space, and scale**. By mastering these, children learn to connect their local area with the wider world, understanding how global issues, such as environmental change, impact both Rainhill and distant locations.



### A Progressive Curriculum

By working with the Geographical Association, other schools in our trust, and recognised professional networks, we've crafted a curriculum that builds progressively from Reception to Year 6.



- **In Early Years and Key Stage 1**, children begin their journey by exploring the local environment. They learn how Rainhill has changed over time, discover how people use the area, and develop foundational knowledge of the United Kingdom.
- **In Lower Key Stage 2**, the focus shifts to global learning. With a secure understanding of the UK, children explore how life here compares and contrasts with locations around the world.
- **In Upper Key Stage 2**, pupils gain an awareness of humanity's impact on the planet. They study diverse biomes and the threats they face, as well as how human actions contribute to natural disasters.

By the time children leave St Ann's, they are equipped with the knowledge, curiosity, and sense of responsibility to think critically about their role in the world.

### Bringing Geography to Life

We believe in learning by doing, which is why fieldwork is a core part of our Geography curriculum. From exploring the River Mersey to investigating temperate forests at Delamere, students have regular opportunities to apply their learning in real-world settings. On-site fieldwork also connects global issues to our school environment, giving children meaningful, hands-on experiences.

Our work with Veolia has helped us to understand the real world impact of sustainable lifestyle choices!

Together, we are nurturing the next generation of geographers—curious, informed, and ready to make a difference.



## PARENT INSIGHT SESSIONS

Week commencing **Monday 3 February** our next series of Parent Insight sessions will take place. These will be focused on **e-safety** in the run up to national Safer Internet Day. Please see below for the dates, time and entrances.

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.

YEAR GROUP	DATE	TIME
EYM	Thursday 6 February	9.00pm
EYP	Thursday 6 February	10.15pm
1S	Wednesday 5 February	1.00pm
1T	Wednesday 5 February	2.15pm
2M	Tuesday 4 February	1.00pm
2O	Tuesday 4 February	2.15pm
3D	Wednesday 5 February	9.00am
3E	Wednesday 5 February	10.15am
4H	Monday 3 February	2.15pm
4S	Monday 3 February	1.00pm
5BF	Monday 3 February	9.00am
5G	Monday 3 February	10.15am
6A	Tuesday 4 February	9.00am
6M	Tuesday 4 February	10.15am



## 2025/26 TERM DATES

	Open On	Close On
<b>Autumn 2025</b>	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
<b>Spring 2026</b>	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
<b>Summer 2026</b>	Monday 13 April 2026	Thursday 21 May 2026
	Monday 1 June 2026	Friday 17 July 2026

### **Easter Bank Holidays:**

Good Friday: 3 April 2026

Easter Monday: 6 April

### **Bank Holidays during term time:**

Monday 4 May 2026

### **Inset Days:**

1 September 2025

2 September 2025

21 November 2025

22 May 2026

20 July 2026

## SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #13

### Helping your child to make friends



#### **Work together to grow their friendship skills**

Talk to your child about what makes a good friend, and practice friendship skills such as listening, sharing, compromising, and negotiating. Sit together and explore examples in everyday life and from TV and books. This will help your child think about what makes a good friend and feel less worried about friendship issues.

#### **Help them to gain confidence**

If your child is shy, this can make it feel more difficult to make and keep friends. Give your child lots of opportunities to connect and communicate with you in whatever ways you feel comfortable for them. Practising with you will give them more confidence to connect with others.

#### **Model positive and healthy relationships**

Happy relationships between parents and significant adults lead to better mental and physical health for all involved. Children thrive emotionally when they see and are involved in warm and caring relationships where they are respected and valued.

#### **Reassure them that it's natural for friends to fall out sometimes**

Children's friendships often change and can look different depending on your child's age and stage of development. While having friends at school is important, it is perfectly ordinary for your child to have difficulties with their friendships. Let your child know that being friends doesn't always mean agreeing or getting along with others all the time.

#### **Talk the talk**

Sometimes children can find it difficult to know what they can say when talking with their peers. You can help your child by practicing what they can say to introduce themselves to someone new or to make a new friend. Help children to think of questions they can use to make connections with friends, such as:

- Would you like to play football or something else during break?
- Can I sit next to you in class?
- Do you want to play catch?

## 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 & 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.



## Have you set up parental **CONTROLS/PRIVACY SETTINGS** for **ALL DEVICES** and **NETWORKS**?

- Controls have to be set up on both the **broadband connection** **AND** **each individual device**
- These **do not** come as **standard** so it's worth checking
- They are important because they allow you to:
  - **Block and filter** upsetting or inappropriate content or sites
  - **Plan what time and how long** your child can go online for



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

# STAY SAFE ONLINE



DO NOT SHARE PRIVATE INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DO NOT KNOW



KEEP YOUR PASSWORD SAFE

DO NOT USE YOUR REAL NAME ONLINE



DO NOT TELL ANYONE ABOUT YOUR ADDRESS



# 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.*

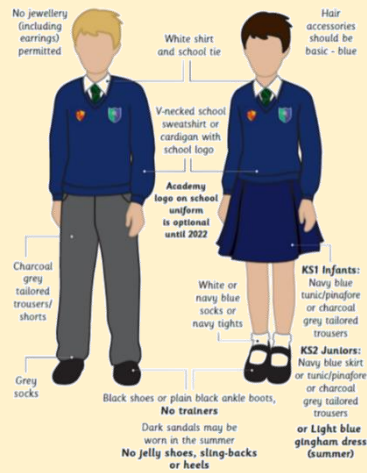
## Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

All children with **96%+ attendance**, and who have not taken a holiday during term time, by Friday 23 May will be entered into our first ever 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:

Spring 1 - £10.50 – as soon as possible, if not already done so

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 <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**



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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**

# 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.

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Autumn 1	£9.50	Midday 16th July 2024
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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 JANUARY -APRIL 2025

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Reception Hearing Tests
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	3E Family Worship 9.00-9.30am
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Talent Show Auditions – must bring costumes, props and music
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Parent Forum 2.00-3.00pm
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Y5 World Museum visit
Monday -Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Parent Insight Workshops – all year groups (days and times TBC)
Tuesday-Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	4H Swimming
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Y6 Gillmoss Recycling Centre visit
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Y3 Communion 9.30-10.30am @Church
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Spring Disco EY's & Y1 - 3.15-4.15pm Y2 & Y3 – 4.30-4.30pm Y4 – Y6 5.45-6.45pm
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Children's University Passport Bank
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	3D Family Worship 9-9.30am
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Super Leaders Church Service 2.15-3.00pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>School Closes</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>School Opens</b>
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Friends of St Ann's Meeting 2.00-3.00pm
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Ash Wednesday Service 2.15-3.00pm @ Church led by Rev Alan. Everyone welcome!
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	2O Family Worship 9.00-9.30am
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Assessment Week
Tuesday-Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 18 <sup>th</sup> -21 March 2025	4S Swimming
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Y5 Liverpool Philharmonic Hall visit
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	2M Family Worship 9.00-9.30am
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Open House Book Look 3.30-4.30pm
Monday-Friday	24-28 March 2025	Mentoring Conversations (days & times TBC)
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	St Ann's Has Got Talent, Village Hall
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Easter Bingo (session times tbc)
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Y4 Communion 9.30-10.30am @Church
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Children's University Passport Bank
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Y5 Easter Service 2.15-3.00pm @ Church
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February 2025

# Newsletter

Thursday  
20th Feb

19:00 - 20:00

FREE



## FREE SESSION

### Supporting Healthy Screen Use

A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

Monday  
3rd Feb

10:00 - 11:30

£24



## Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
11th Feb

19:00 - 20:30

£24



## Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday  
18th Feb

19:00 - 20:30

£24



## Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness

Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.

Tuesday  
25th Feb

19:00 - 20:30

£24



## Understanding the Teenage Brain

A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

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