



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 18

Friday 24 January 2025

For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you,
Do not fear; I will help you.

Isaiah 41:13

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CRUCIAL CREW



This week Y5 took part in St Helens Council Crucial Crew event. The children learned all about how to keep themselves safe in a variety of contexts.

Next week Y5 will go to the World Museum in Liverpool as part of their History learning.

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>	96.64%
Whole school attendance week ending 17 th January 2025	96.87%
Class with best weekly attendance	RM – 99.33%

#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**

371

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 Collier Trust
Diabetes Association

Watch this space for further updates.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MORNING



This week our School Committee enjoyed listening to some of our subject leaders talk about the intent, implementation and impact of the subject area they lead on.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Well done to 3E on a wonderful Family Worship.

On **Friday 14 February** 3D will lead their Family Worship in the hall.

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



4H SWIMMING LESSONS



Starting **Tuesday 4 February** 4H will commence daily swimming lessons for two weeks (with the exception of Mondays). Please refer to separate letter for further details.

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



Following on from the success of St Ann's Has Got Talent 2024 we are pleased to confirm that our 2024 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 31 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 in advance if you wish.

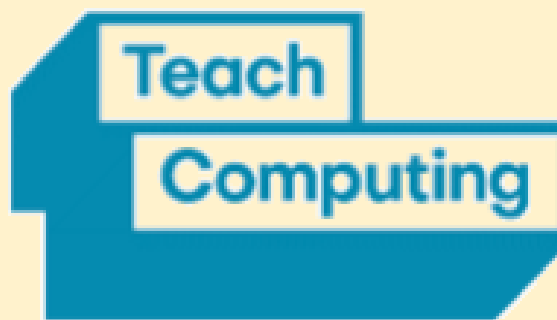
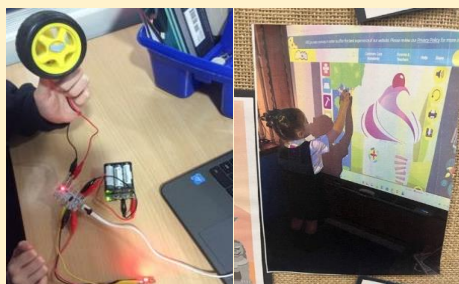
A SPOTLIGHT ON: COMPUTING



At St Ann's, our Computing Curriculum builds through key elements of computer science, digital citizenship and digital literacy. Our aim is to put children in control of the devices they use, enabling them to be active users of technology rather than passive consumers. Our computing curriculum provides equality of opportunity towards all pupils, enabling them to develop their natural enthusiasm for and experience of computers in a way that enables them to be happy, safe and effective users of technology.

What does this look like?

The TEACH Computing programme written by Raspberry Pi Foundation on behalf of the National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE) is used to support staff in the delivery of the computing curriculum. Each unit leads to a culminating project of activity which enables children to apply the knowledge and skills learned. Content is delivered through real-world examples of software and hardware that children may be familiar with from their daily lives. This enables reference to first-hand experience of technology as well as ensuring that all pupils, irrespective of background, have the opportunity to access appropriate, up-to-date technology.



Computing this year

Throughout the year, children have all engaged with units that build upon our key concepts that are touched upon and revisited each year. Some examples of work include Year 2, who have programmed the BeeBots to move in different directions and children have used Scratch to create algorithms.

This term, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day in addition to our weekly Computing lessons. During this day, children will complete an additional 5 lessons alongside their weekly Computing lessons to further promote ways to stay safe online.

Years 2-6 will also complete a lesson that relates to stopping the spread of hate online. We are fortunate enough to have Altru Drama coming in to school to deliver a Safer-Internet Day inspired performance, as well as complete workshops with various year groups focussing on online safety. We can't wait!

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
Autumn 2025	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Spring 2026	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
Summer 2026	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 #14

Sleep



Sleep and mental health are closely linked. If you're struggling to sleep, daily life can feel tough. And if you're feeling down, you might not be able to sleep.

Lots of people struggle with their sleep but there are things you can try out that might help. Everyone needs a different amount of sleep, but the NHS recommends: nine to thirteen hours for children (under 18)

Where you sleep can have a huge impact. Sleeping somewhere noisy or uncomfortable could keep you awake or mean you can't stay asleep. You might not be able to change where you sleep, but doing a few small things can help you rest.

If you have one, putting a blanket on top of your mattress can make your bed more comfortable. Wrapping yourself in a duvet can be soothing and help you to relax. You could also wear earplugs and an eye mask to keep out the noise and light.

Staying up late gaming, scrolling on your phone or streaming your favourite show can throw off your routine. The light from screens can make it hard to relax. Using 'night mode' or changing the brightness can help with this a bit. You could also try downloading a blue light filter or use blue light glasses.

Doing something calming and relaxing before bed that doesn't use your phone can help. You could try some breathing exercises, grounding techniques, journaling or listening to something soothing. Try and do these things without using your phone.

Further advice

www.youngminds.org.uk

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/>

GOOD BYE AND GOODLUCK MRS THORPE & MRS THOMPSON



Today we said good bye and good luck to **Mrs Thorpe**, and next Friday we say the same to **Mrs Thompson**.

We would like to thank both Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Thompson for the outstanding contribution they have made to the children and families at St Ann's, and for all their hard work during their time at our school. Although we will miss Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Thompson hugely, we wish them both all the luck in the world as they embark on their new careers.

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.

Our next Parent Forum meeting is taking place on Wednesday 29 January @ 2.00pm. If you would like something to be shared at Parent Forum, please pass this onto your child's Parent Rep prior to our meeting.

St Helens

Vocal Youth

Do you love to sing?

Join our brand-new choir and unleash your voice!

Launches Monday 27th January

Be part of an amazing group of children and young people from all across the Borough. Together, we'll harmonize, create incredible music, and perform in unforgettable concerts!

Ages 8+ | Rehearsals every 2 weeks in term time
Mondays 6:15pm till 7:30pm @ St Helens Town Hall

SCAN to sign up

select Vocal Youth for Ensemble Name

Supported using public funding by ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

THE SMILE SQUAD



ARE COMING TO ST HELENS!



18th February 2025



10 to 2pm



Par Children's Centre, Ashtons Green Drive
Parr Children's Centre St Helens WA9 2AP

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) SUPPORT SESSIONS

WHAT WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:



Money and Debt Advice



Employment and Consumer Rights



Housing and Benefits



Family and Personal Support

NEWTON FAMILY HUB

Drop-in:
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Appointments:
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

JAN
20
MON

SUTTON FAMILY HUB

Drop-in:
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Appointments:
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

JAN
28
TUE

CENTRAL LINK FAMILY HUB

Drop-in:
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Appointments:
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

FEB
6
THU

PARR CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Drop-in:
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Appointments:
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

FEB
14
FRI



01744 737 866

BSL Interpreters are available on request.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Family Hub

ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Current trends - what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

Understanding the Risks - a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

What can you do? - suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

Further Support - signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
29TH
JANUARY 2025
9.30AM - 10.15AM**



Knowsley
City Learning Centres



REMEMBER

- As children get older, restrictions and controls you use will change, but only at a pace you feel is appropriate for your child, not pressure from your child *"because everyone else is allowed"*
- Content filters are never 100% effective, at some point your child may come across inappropriate or upsetting content, so make time to talk regularly

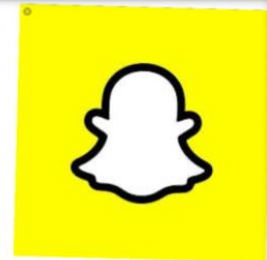


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SafeguardED



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

E-SAFETY



Make sure you never share your personal information

Make sure you never tell them your date of birth and especially where you live

Never accept random friend requests

Never share your private info





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.

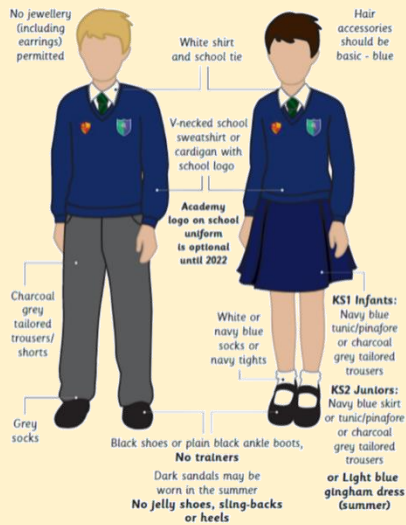
Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

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/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 2 (24th February – 4th April) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £7.50 by 7th February. 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:

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 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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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 JANUARY -APRIL 2025

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

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