



Newsletter



FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2023

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MATTHEW 5:16

ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HARVEST in Church - This is open to our whole school community and is this Sunday 24th September from 10am-11am. Offerings for the new St Aidan's Pantry which is being set up for the community inside the Church will be very welcome. Let's work together to give it the best start. We look forward to seeing you there. If you are a new family to our school then please do come and say hello. It is a relaxed service and isn't too long. Donations of food should be non perishable items with a 2024 date. The pantry is hoping to open on November.

Water Bottles

Water bottles are allowed in classrooms. Please note that this should be just water. Juice should be kept for lunchtime only. We are working with the children on the importance of good hydration by water. Please support us with this. Other drinks advised by GPs can be used in co-ordination with staff.

Toast

The children have asked for us to make toast on offer for breaktimes. We are looking for volunteers to make this happen. It would be once a week for infants and everyday for juniors. Please note that infants get the free fruit offer also. If you can help please contact the school office on 01744 678042

PLEASE DO GET IN TOUCH SO WE KNOW WE HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS.

Playtimes Snacks

Please can we gently ask you to remind your child that crisps and chocolate should be saved for lunchtimes and not playtime. Infant children have access to free fruit and junior children should take out a healthy snack.



Don't forget it is European Languages day on Tuesday and we will be speaking French. Children can dress in the French colours

Dress to impress evening.aph text



Your paragraph text



It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited



Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: Billinge St Aidan's CE Primary

Date: Friday 29th September 2023

Time: 09:30-11.30am

Contact: Debbie Sutcliffe 01744678042



Scan this QR code to donate
to our event if you are unable
to attend.



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



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COFFEE



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (248907), Scotland (SC031992) and the title of Hon (2016). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MACMILLAN_Footer2

**Please share with family, friends and local community.
There will be a raffle with prizes donated from local
businesses.**

**Tours of school will also be available for any
prospective parents.**

Attendance Matters



Class Attendance

Week commencing: Monday 18th September 2023

Reception	91 %
Year 1	97 %
Year 2	93 %
Year 3	93 %
Year 4	94 %
Year 5	91 %
Year 6	98 %



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 94% help us to get to 97%

Congratulations to Year 1 and Year 6 who have 96% or over on class attendance this week. Your class will throw a dice to see where you will land on our Classopoly !

OUR SCHOOL CHRISTIAN VALUES



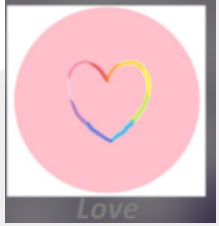
Our value for this half term

HOPE



Hope

LOVE



Love

Friendship



FRIENDSHIP



FORGIVENESS



TRUTHFULNESS



PERSEVERANCE

School Admissions Calendar



School Admissions Calendar: 2024-2025 School Year Intakes

	Closing Dates for Applications	Letter/Email to Parents
Secondary (portal opened 4th September 2023 closes 31st October 2023)	31 October 2023	1 March 2024
Primary (portal opens 18th September 2023 closes 15th January 2024)	15 January 2024	16 April 2024
Nursery Autumn 2024 Intake (portal was open 12 June 2023 -21 July 2023)	21 July 2023	22 September 2023
Nursery Spring 2025 Intake	19 July 2024	20 September 2024
Nursery Summer 2025 Intake	19 July 2024	20 September 2024

For further information please contact the School Admissions Section on 01744 671035 (Nursery and Primary Allocations), 01744 671030 (Secondary Allocation) and 01744 671027 (In Year Transfers).



Choose
HAPPY



Be happy

be
you

Dates for your Calendar

Please also see below some key dates that are happening in school.

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St Aidan's C of E Primary School School Holidays 2023 – 2024



Re-open after the Summer holiday on the morning of	Tuesday	5 th September 2023
Close for the Autumn half-term holiday on the evening of	Thursday	26 th October 2023
Re-open after the Autumn half-term holiday on the morning of	Monday	6 th November 2023
Close for the Christmas holiday on the evening of	Thursday	21 st December 2023
Re-open after the Christmas holiday on the morning of	Monday	8 th January 2024
Close for the Spring half-term holiday on the evening of	Friday	9 th February 2024
Re-open after the Spring half-term on the morning of	Monday	19 th February 2024
Close for the Easter holiday on the evening of	Thursday	28 th March 2024
Re-open after the Easter holiday on the morning of	Monday	15 th April 2024
Close for the Summer half-term holiday on the evening of	Friday	24 th May 2024
Re-open after the Summer half-term holiday on the morning of	Tuesday	4 th June 2024
Close for the Summer holiday on the evening of	Tuesday	23 rd July 2024

Closed Inset Days:

Monday 4th September 2023
Friday 22nd December 2023
Monday 3rd June 2024

Friday 27th October 2023
Thursday 2nd May 2024

Bank Holiday

Good Friday 29th March 2024
Easter Monday 1st April 2024
May Day 6th May and 27th May 2024

Dates for your Calendar

Please also see below some key dates that are happening in school.

September 2023

Sunday 24th September	Beacon service at St Aidan's Church - Harvest
26th September 2023	European Languages Day - French Day children can come dressed in blue, white and red.
28th September 2023	Flu Immunisation 9-10.30am (whole school) please see information later in the Newsletter.
29th September 2023	09-30 - 11.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning

October 2023

10th October 2023	Hello Yellow Day - Young Minds
11th October 2023 3.40 to 5.30pm	Meet the Teacher in class
17th October 2023 1.30 - 2.30pm	Monster Phonics Parent Workshop (Reception)
19th October 2023 1.30 - 2.30pm	Monster Phonics Parent Workshop (Year 1)

School closes on the evening of Thursday 26th October 2023 for October Half Term.

November 2023

School re-opens on Monday 6th November 2023

14th November 2023	Y6 Learning to Work
15th November 2023 1pm to 6pm	EYFS Open Afternoon and Evening
17th November 2023	Children in Need Day

Dates for your Calendar

Please also see below some key dates that are happening in school. (continued)

December 2023

5th December 2023 (PM) ALTRU DRAMA (Whole School) PINOCCHIO

6th December 2pm EYFS Nativity (Nursery)

7th December 2pm EYFS Nativity (Reception)

8th December 2023 Lunch and Father Christmas Jumper Day/School Christmas Christmas visiting.

13th December 2023 2pm KS1 Nativity Year 1

14th December 2023 2pm KS1 Nativity Year 1

20th December 2023 KS2 Carol Service in Church

21st December 2023 December 2023. School closes on the evening of 21st

January 2024

8th January 2024 School re-opens

6th February 2024 Young Voices Concert/Trip (Manchester)

8th February 2024 Safer Internet Day

February 2024

9th February 2024 School Closes in the evening for half term holidays.

19th February 2024 School re-opens.

Dates for your Calendar

Please also see below some key dates that are happening in school. (continued)

March 2024

5th March 2024	Parents Evening
6th March 2024	Parents Evening
7th March 2024	World Book Day
7th March 2024 3.30pm to 4pm.	TellTale Books Pop Up Shop
28th March 2024	Easter Egg Hunt in school
28th March 2024	School closes in the evening for Easter Holidays

April 2024

15th April 2024	School re-opens
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May 2024

2nd May 2024	Inset Day
6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
8th May 2024	KS2 SATS
24th May 2024	School closes in the evening for holidays

June 2024

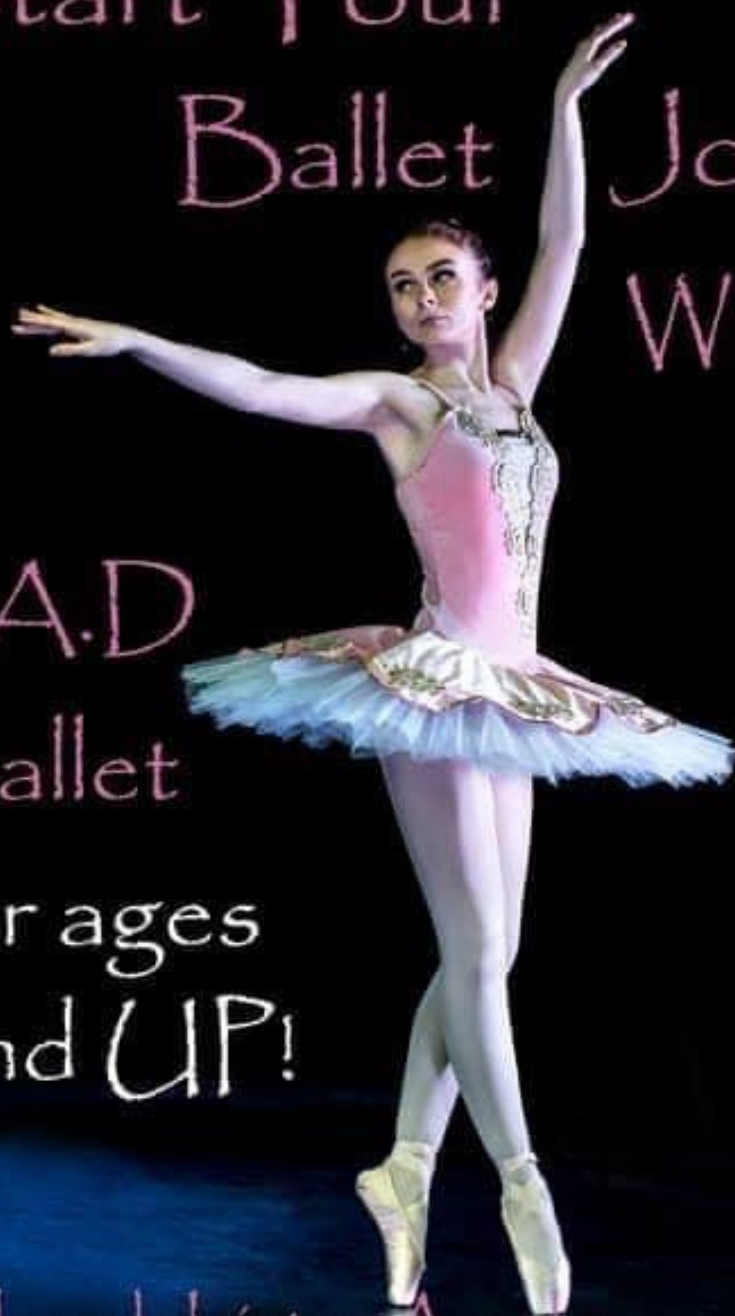
4th June 2024	School re-opens
10th June 2024	Year 1 Phonics Screening (all week)
10th June 2024	Year 4 Multiplication check (all week)
17th June 2024	Sports Week
20th June 2024	Infant Sports Day (afternoon)
21st June 2024	Junior Sports Day (afternoon)

Telephone: 078 12 649 263



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<https://deborahlisteracademyofdance.co.uk/>



25th - 28th October

2023

The
Addams
Family

Book by
MARSHALL BRICKMAN
and **RICK ELICE**

A NEW MUSICAL
COMEDY

Music and Lyrics by
ANDREW LIPPA

Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams

Originally produced on Broadway by Stuart Oken, Roy Furman, Michael Leavitt, Five Cent Productions, Stephen Schuler, Decca Theatricals, Scott M. Delman, Stuart Ditsky, Terry Allen Kramer, Stephanie P. McClelland, James L. Nederlander, Eva Price, Jam Theatricals/Mary LuRoffe, Pittsburgh CLO/Gutterman-Swinsky, Vivek Tiwary/Gary Kaplan, The Weinstein Company/Clarence, LLC, Adam Zotovich/Tribe Theatricals

By Special Arrangement with Elephant Eye Theatrical

The Adams Family is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW).

St. Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School, Rookery Avenue

Ashton-In-Makerfield, WN4 9PF.

Wed – Sat 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm)

Tickets Adult £12.00 Concession £9.00 available from
www.ticketsource.co.uk/nados1 or
www.newtonados.com





Breakfast and After School Club

Our school runs a Breakfast and After School Club. It is open from 7.30am to the start of the school day and from the end of the school day to 5.30pm. It is operated by St Aidan's staff.

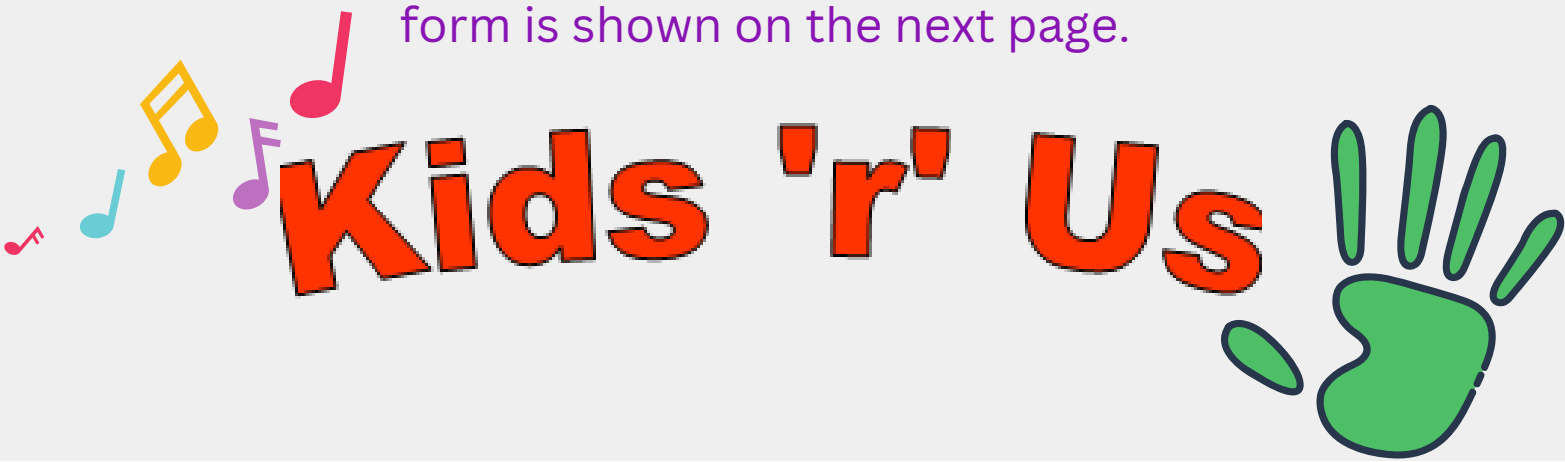
Costs: Breakfast Club - £4.50 per child.

After School Club - £6.00 per child (more than 1 sibling is £5.50 per child)

The fees are payable through School Money and should be cleared at the end of every half term.

To book or amend places - please send an email to staidansb@sthelens.org.uk or phone the school office on 01744 678042

The new booking form for Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 26th October 2023 is available from club. A copy of the booking form is shown on the next page.



**Does your child suffer with sleep issues?
Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?**

Help is at hand from The Sleep Charity and thanks to funding from
St Helens Children's Commissioning.

Why not book on our Foundation Sleep Workshop?

Free training that provides you with knowledge around sleep, some of the common reasons for poor sleep and how you can help to improve sleep

To book, please contact brian@thesleepcharity.org.uk

Call our National Sleep Helpline – 03303 530 541

And speak to one of our friendly, trained sleep advisors who can offer some practical advice

Teen Sleep Hub – teensleephub.org.uk

If you're looking for support for a child aged 13 upwards, visit our dedicated website for young people packed with information for both you and them to read and watch!

The Sleep Charity website – thesleepcharity.org.uk

A useful resource with helpful information and support including advice sheets and leaflets

For more information on the local St Helens Sleep pathway and accessing support, or for any concerns you may have regarding your child's sleep patterns, then please contact your health visitor, school nurse, early help worker or children's centre.



Children's information support available here:
<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>



Improving children's mental health

Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles Please follow the link for helpful advice around helping your child . There is some excellent advice.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Parenting advice from our
child mental health experts

Practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour

Search here e.g. bed time

49 Topics

All Results Recently Add...

- My child struggles with changes and endings 7 min read
- My child keeps getting angry and lashing out 6 min read
- My child is anxious 2 min video 8 min read
- Helping your child develop a positive body image 7 min read
- Playing with my child 2 min video 6 min read
- Supporting healthy gaming habits for children 2 min video 10 min read

There are many quick bite reads and videos to watch. Please do let us know of you find any useful as we would like to form a parent support group around some of these areas .

Please don't struggle alone

Please speak to Mrs Fisher or your class teacher if you would like further support.

Permissions for School

During this year, we would like to share our fantastic work, experiences and events through our Facebook, Twitter, local newspapers and school website.

Before we can do this we need to ask parents for their permission.

The survey has been forwarded to parents. If you haven't completed it, please do so by Monday 18th September 2023.

Please complete as soon as possible so that we can update our records and share our fabulous work.

The permissions are for photos and work to be used on the school website, local newspapers, social media and working partnerships.

Permission has already been given for Nursery and Reception.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

NURSERY TO YEAR 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. It will take place on Thursday 28th September 2023 in school.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year.

Please visit the below link to access further information and complete your child's consent form even if you don't want them to receive their flu spray as this will avoid further communications from our service.

<https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/>

If you are unable to complete the online form, please contact our team who will be happy to help. If after completing your child's form you attend the GP and your child receives the flu nasal spray or wish to amend their form you must contact the immunisation team directly and not your child's school.

Yours Sincerely

St Helens School Immunisation Services

01744 415 645

Applying for Free School Meals

Your child will be eligible for free school meals if you (or your partner) are in receipt of any of the following:

- Universal Credit and net earnings are no more than £7,500 per year (£616.67 in your last assessment period, £1,233.34 over last two assessment periods or £1,850 over last three assessment periods)
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income, as assessed by HMRC, of no more than £16,190)
 - Working Tax Credit 'run on' - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Once eligible, your child will continue to receive free school meals in primary or secondary school until they finished their current phase of education i.e. primary (Year 6) or secondary (Year 11). From 1 April 2025, if your child moves between primary and secondary school you will need to reapply for free school meals.

[Apply for free school meals](#)

Pupil Premium

Your child's school will also receive additional funding if you are in receipt of a qualifying award listed above. It is therefore important that you claim free school meals and the pupil premium even if your child does not wish to take a school meal or your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives an infant free school meal.


In previous St Helens Council have provided vouchers to parents to help when your child is on a school holiday. To be eligible for the vouchers you must be in receipt of benefits based free school meals.

IF YOU LIVE IN A SURROUNDING LOCAL AUTHORITY - YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THEIR FORMS WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON THEIR WEBSITE.


Sports

Extra Curricular Clubs start next week with Gilchrist Sports.

Please see below form which has been given to children to bring home.



**ST. AIDAN'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
SPORTS CLUBS**



SPORTS
COACHING

School Football Clubs - A wide range of football activities from Shooting, Dribbling, Passing, Small sided games (1v1, 2v2, 3v3), Tournament style matches and more.

Monday Football	11 th , 18 th , 25 th September, 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd October	3:30pm-4:15pm	Years 1 & 2	7 sessions	£31.50
Thursday Football	14 th , 21 st , 28 th September, 5 th , 12 th , 19 th October	3:30pm-4:15pm	Years 5 & 6	6 sessions	£27.00
Friday Football	15 th , 22 nd , 29 th September, 6 th , 13 th , 20 th October	3:30pm-4:15pm	Years 3 & 4	6 sessions	£27.00

Dodgeball Club - Combination of different dodgeball activities such as dungeon dodgeball, tunnel of doom, Dr. Dodgeball, Toilet tag dodgeball, dodgeball tournaments plus more.

Monday KS2 Dodgeball	11 th , 18 th , 25 th September, 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd October	8:00am-8:50am	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	7 sessions	£31.50
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If you would your child to attend the club you can complete the booking form below, along with payment. Payment should be paid via bank transfer using the following details:

Account Name: Adam Gilchrist Reference: Your child's name
 Account Number: 51145278 Sort Code: 60-70-08
 For more information please contact via email: gilchristssportscoaching@hotmail.com

Children should be collected / dropped via the school playground. Children should arrive in suitable sports wear and should bring their own drink.

ST AIDAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

Please fill in registration form below and return to School Office (if your child is attending the clubs):

Child's Name..... Year.....

Club(s) Attending:

Child's medical or dietary needs: N/A or please list:.....

Email Address for future sports clubs:

1. Emergency contact: Name.....Number.....
 2. Emergency contact: Name.....Number.....

I give permission for my child:

- to receive any basic first aid treatment if required.
- to have their photograph / video to be used on Gilchrist Sports Coaching social media:

Signature.....

PE Days - we will notify you by School Spider for School updates on PE Days



PARENT CARERS

Listen 4 Change would like to invite you to their parent carer coffee mornings!

These are an opportunity to meet other parent carers in a relaxed setting for a cuppa, cake and a chat. You can also enjoy a game of Bingo!

No need to book, just come along for the whole morning or drop in anytime between 10am – 12pm

@ The Carers Clubhouse, 18 Cotham Street,
St Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1SJ (opposite Town Hall)

On
Friday 7th July 2023
Friday 8th September 2023
Friday 6th October 2023
Friday 10th November 2023
Friday 1st December 2023

For further information please contact Sara Dolan on 01744 675615
or Saradolan@sthelenscarers.org.uk



Listen 4 Change would like to invite you to their **evening** get-togethers!

For parents and Carers of Children and young people with SEND.

Why not come along? No need to book.

From 18.30-20.00

Tuesday 11th July 2023

Tuesday 12th September 2023

Tuesday 14th November 2023

@ The Carer Clubhouse, 18 Cotham Street,
St Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1SJ (opposite Town Hall).

This will be an opportunity to meet other parent Carers in a relaxed setting for a Cuppa, a Chat and a game of bingo.

For further information please contact Sara Dolan on

01744 675615 or Saradolan@sthelensCarers.org.uk

**CARERS
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St Helens Carers Centre

SEND Support

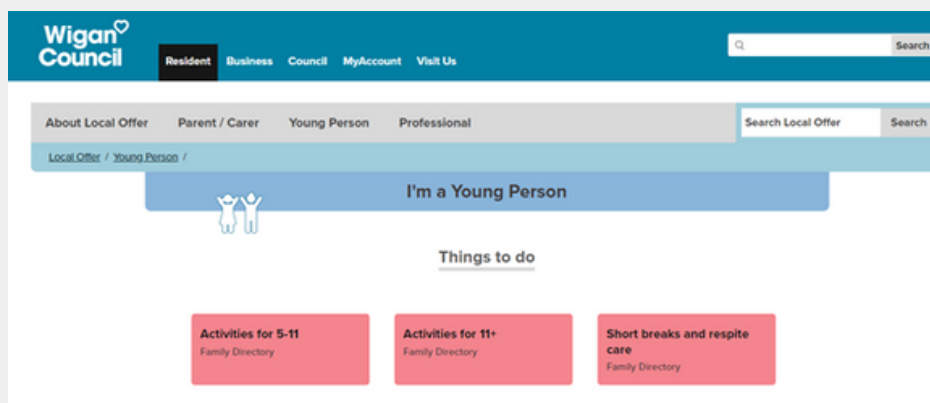
There are a number of support groups and play groups that take place weekly in the Wigan area. They are inclusive activities for children with SEND.



For children and families who live in the Wigan area, Wigan also offers a number of services and activities for children with SEND.

Please click on the link below to access the A-Z Directory of what's on offer.

http://search3.openobjects.com/kb5/wigan/fsd/results.page?familychannel=5_2&sr=0



<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Special-Educational-Needs-and-Disability/Local-Offer/Young-Person/Things-to-do/Index.aspx>

Kids R Us

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Child's Full Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

For bookings from 5th September 2023 until Thursday 26th October 2023

Week Com- mencing	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	BC	ASC	BC	ASC	BC	ASC	BC	ASC	BC	ASC
4/09/2023										
11/09/2023										
18/09/2023										
25/09/2023										
02/10/2023										
09/10/2023										
16/10/2023										
23/10/2023										

Please tick the appropriate box.

Costs: Breakfast Club: £4.50 per child

After School Club: £6.00 for one child £5.50 for two or more children

Please return to school no later than Tuesday 18th July 2023 — copies can be forwarded by email to:
staidansb@sthelens.org.uk

If you wish to keep these bookings throughout the academic year, please sign below and we will update our system

I wish to keep the above bookings for the rest of the academic year (please sign)

Reminder

I understand that a place will be available unless informed otherwise, and will need to be paid for in advance.

I understand that non-payment of fees will jeopardise my child's attendance at the club.

I understand that if a place is no longer required, then it will be cancelled at the earliest convenience (**24 hours for a credit**), to allow the place to be accessed by another child. **Under 24 hours, payment will still be required.**

I understand that if my child does not attend the club when a place has been confirmed, then I will still be charged, as a place has been reserved.

I understand that if my child is late being collected (**after 5.30pm**), then a late charge of £10.00 per child, will be charged.

I will inform staff of any changes in details as soon as possible.

PTA @ St Aidan's

Welcome to St Aidan's PTA. We are a committee of parents, teachers and friends - who meet every term in school.

We are a charitable group, established to raise money, support the school, create a community and make a difference to our children.

Our PTA have previously organised Summer Fayres, School Discos, Christmas Activities and raffles. We are constantly looking for new fundraising ideas.

In the past they have helped fund the purchase of new technology, playground equipment and presents for children. As you can imagine the list is endless.

Each year, as our children move on to the high school we lose some valuable support. We would love to gain new support to continue enabling our children to enjoy the benefits that the PTA brings.

Your support is really valuable to our children and always appreciated.

If you would like to join then please contact Mrs Sutcliffe, School Business Manager on staidansb@sthelens.org.uk.

Thank you.

FUTURE EVENTS: to be confirmed

