



Newsletter



FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2023

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MATTHEW 5:16

ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan coffee morning today. Raising money for a fantastic cause. Thank you to our PTA who led the event and to Mrs Peers for organising the Macmillan raffle . In total we raised £765.00_

Our Harvest 'St Aidan's Pantry Appeal is well underway and we have had lots of donations for the new Pantry which will be up at Church. Our appeal shopping trolley will be outside on dry days until the end of this half term. After this school will be in partnership with Church working together for the pantry and donations can be dropped off here. Thank you for your kindness and for helping to serve the community. The pantry is there for you too so please do use it . OPENING NOVEMBER

Attendance Matters

School are working with the Education Welfare Team at St Aidan's to improve attendance. Please note holidays in term time are unauthorised and could lead to a fixed penalty notice fine . Please see the poster below about time missed due to persistent absence. FINISH

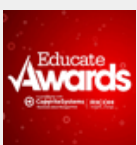
Year 6 Secondary School

Our wonderful Year 6 and families are making big decisions about their next step on their learning journey and which school will support them on the next part of their education. This is a big step and if your have any worries or concerns please speak to us at school and below there is information about St Helens online parent/carer sessions which you can access .

Spring Bulbs

Year 2 have asked for donations of spring bulbs for them to plant around school. If you know of anybody who can help with this then please see Mrs Cadman (Y2 class teacher)

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Your paragraph text





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REMINDERS

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.

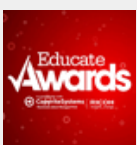
Playtimes Snacks

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.

NEW NEWS

Woodwind Lessons - we are pleased to let you know that our Woodwind Tutor - Ms Howard will start back next week. Can children please bring their instruments into school on Friday for their lesson.

Your paragraph to impress evening text



Your paragraph text



**Thank you to
everyone
for the
amazing
donations and
thank you to
Mrs Peers for
organising the
raffle in aid of
Macmillan**

- ✓ Lee Grundy Mortgage & protection advisor- Prosecco & Lindor
 - ✓ Billinge Spice - Banquet special for 2
 - ✓ Jackson's Gas, Heating & plumbing -Prosecco
 - ✓ Tesco - £30 Tesco voucher
 - ✓ St Mary's Club Billinge - Prosecco (1)
 - ✓ Billinge news - hamper
 - ✓ Varini - £20 voucher
 - ✓ The Billinge Arms - 2 course meal for 2
 - ✓ The Spar Billinge - 4x bottle of prime hydration
 - ✓ CRJ Garden Maintenance- £25 voucher for grass cut
 - ✓ Acorn farm - family pass
 - ✓ The Spar Billinge - hamper
 - ✓ Osbourne & Co - £20 voucher
 - ✓ Little house of Vivid- products hamper
 - ✓ St Mary's Club Billinge - Prosecco (2)
 - ✓ Co Op- hamper 1
 - ✓ Jade Bakes - £10 voucher for cakes
 - ✓ Jade Bakes - £10 voucher for cakes
 - ✓ Carr Mill flaming Grill- 2 free meals
 - ✓ Co Op - hamper 2
 - ✓ Marken travel - £40 holiday voucher
 - ✓ NailsBySophie - £20 voucher
 - ✓ Butty Licious - £10 voucher
 - ✓ The Masons Arms - hamper
 - ✓ Enhance Holistic - published journal set- Mind Body & soul
 - ✓ Aesthetics & lashes by Debbie - set of classic lashes
 - ✓ ATK Construction - bottle of red wine
 - ✓ Pixis St Helens Caribbean flavas - £20 voucher
 - ✓ JJ's ice cream - voucher for tray ice cream
 - ✓ FW Marsh funeral directors - Bottle of white
 - ✓ JJ's ice cream- voucher for tray ice cream
 - ✓ OH MY WREATH- voucher for wreath of your choice
 - ✓ The Village Kitchen - £5 voucher
 - ✓ The Dogs Den - Hamper
 - ✓ Beverly Painter Crochet - set of 4 handmade display cupcakes
 - ✓ Toast to Roast - family breakfast share box
 - ✓ Judy Hodgkinson Designer Furniture - trio of Sass & Belle stonewear vases
 - ✓ Ringtons Tea- hamper (Bought & donated by Hazel Roby)
 - ✓ Sentinel leisure - sweet hamper
 - ✓ Gem Keepsake homemade Bespoke- Necklace (1)
 - ✓ Gem Keepsake homemade Bespoke -Necklace (2)
 - ✓ DLL Landscaping & Civils - Cozy night in hamper -Bottle of pink Gin & Chocolates
 - ✓ The Dog Van Mobile Grooming - Bottle of lemon Gin
 - ✓ Top Shop Billinge - bottle of white wine

YEAR 6 TRANSITION FREE ONLINE PARENT / CARER SESSIONS

If your child has an SEN or significant worries and is due to transition to secondary school in September 2024, we would love you to join us on our online sessions to share preparation tips and advice.

By 31st October 2023 you will have submitted a secondary school application to name your 3 preferred schools.

We are delighted to offer you some advice and support to be able to effectively plan the next steps of your child's journey.

Many of the strategies will work for most children who require that little bit of additional support.

Sessions will be delivered online through TEAMS directed to parents/carers (not to children); if you can attend all four it would be more beneficial.

For further information please email us on LASCSttransitions@sthelens.gov.uk so we can send you a TEAMS link to the sessions

Session One - The Year Ahead	Friday 1st December 2023 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differences between Primary & Secondary Independence & Preparation Travel to school Next Steps
Session Two - Building Blocks	Friday 2nd February 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is a transition? Managing change Developing independence
Session Three - A Helping Hand	Friday 22nd March 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing worries & nerves Emotions Scales Looking for the positives
Session Four - The Finish Line is in Sight!	Friday 10th May 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being Prepared One Page Profiles Communication Preparation & Practice

OUR SCHOOL CHRISTIAN VALUES



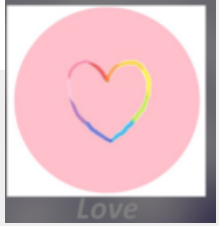
Our value for this half term

HOPE



Hope

LOVE



Love

Friendship



Attendance Matters



Class Attendance

Week commencing: Monday 25th September 2023

Reception	96%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	84%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	94%

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 94% help us to get to 96%

Congratulations to Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5. 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 !

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:		Bank Holiday
Monday 4 th September 2023	Friday 27 th October 2023	Good Friday 29 th March 2024
Friday 22 nd December 2023	Thursday 2 nd May 2024	Easter Monday 1 st April 2024
Monday 3 rd June 2024		May Day 6 th May and 27 th May 2024

Dates for your Calendar

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

October 2023

10th October 2023 Hello Yellow Day - Young Minds

11th October 2023 Meet the Teacher in class
3.40 to 5.30pm
at

17th October 2023 Monster Phonics Parent
1.30 - 2.30pm Workshop (Reception)

19th October 2023 Monster Phonics Parent
1.30 - 2.30pm 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 EYFS Open Afternoon and Evening
1pm to 6pm

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 TellTale Books Pop Up Shop
3.30pm to 4pm.**

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

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)



SCHOOL SPORT

Our competition calendar has started . Thank you to those parents who have offered help with transport using our new insurance policy. This will save us hundreds of pounds over the year which we can further invest into PE and School Sport .

Well done to the Year 6 Girls and Boys football teams who have been out on competition so far this term.

This week we have Year 5 Football and Year 6 Tag Rugby teams out at festivals .





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.

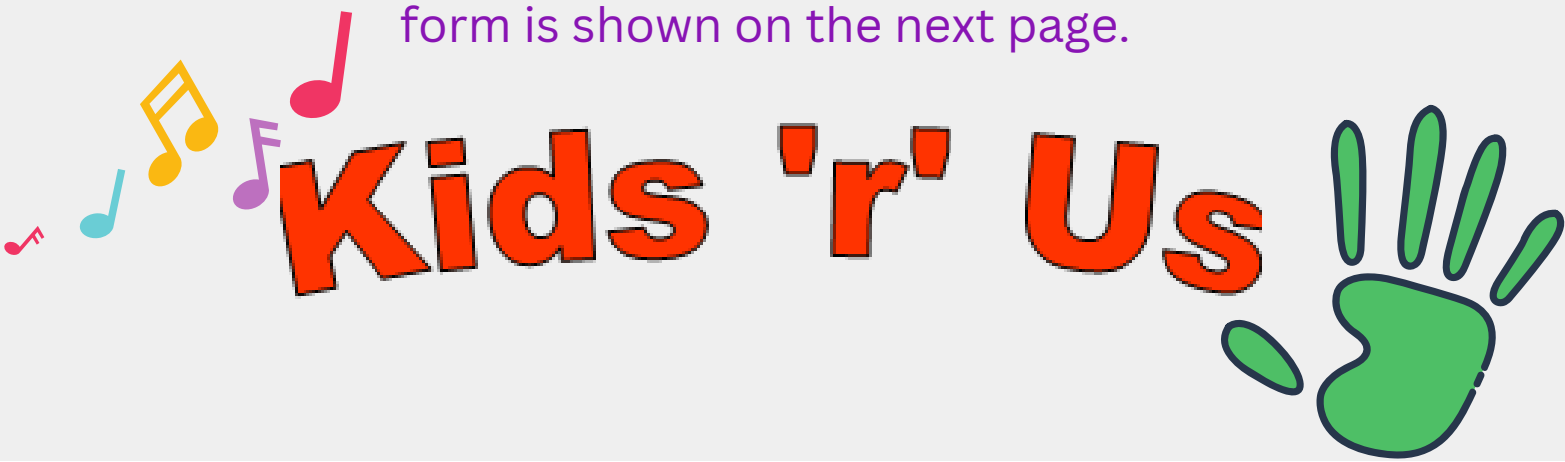
Costs: Breakfast Club - £4.50 per child.

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.





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 if you find any useful as we would like to form a parent support group around some of these areas .

Please don't struggle alone

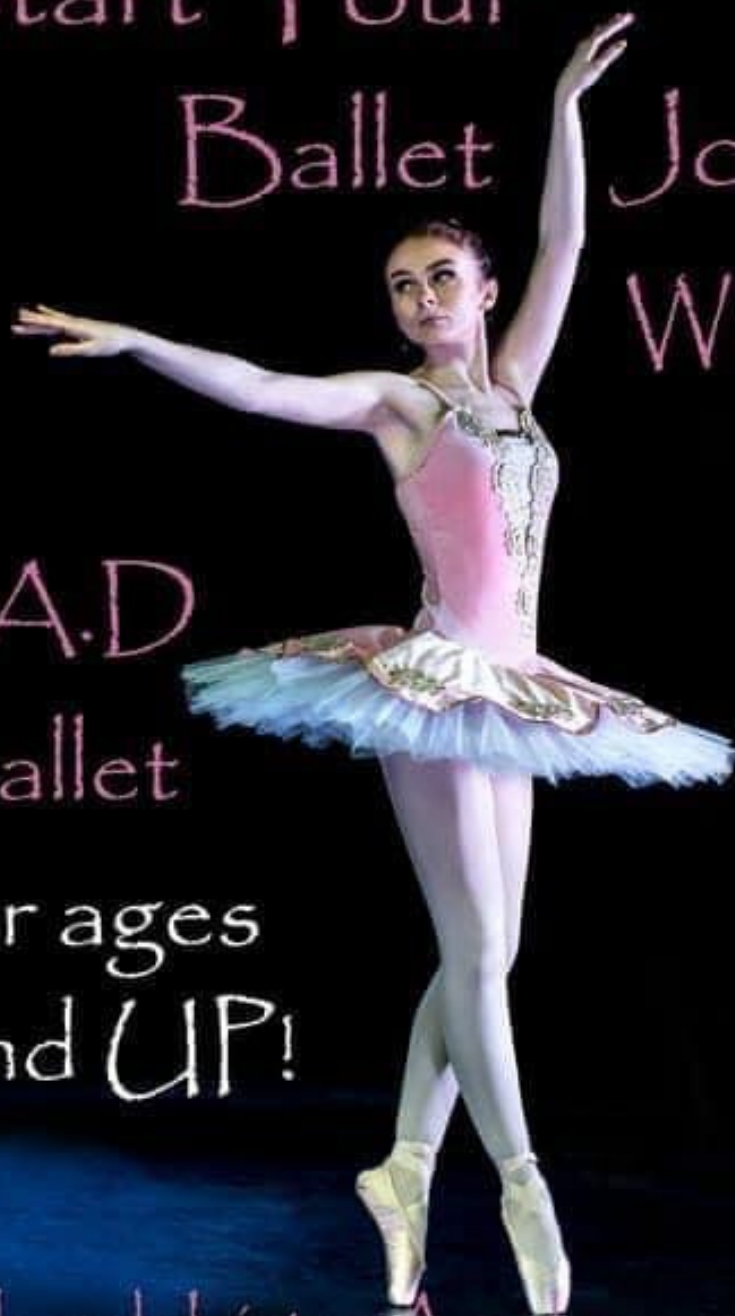
Please speak to Mrs Fisher or your class teacher if you would like further support.

Telephone: 078 12 649 263



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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



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.



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.

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**CARERS
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St Helens Carers Centre

SEND Support

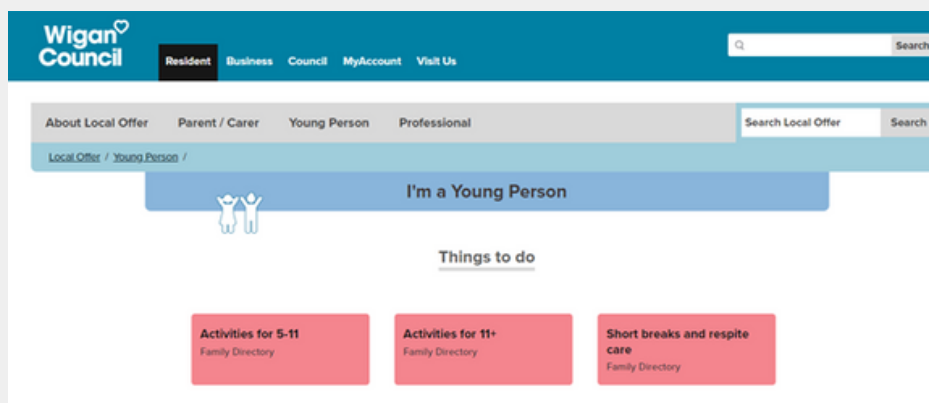
There are a number of support groups and play groups that take place weekly in the Wigan area. They are inclusive activities for children with SEND.



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

