



**FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2023**

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MATTHEW 5:16

## ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

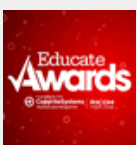
Our last week of Autumn Term starts on Monday. Don't forget school closes on Thursday.

On Thursday our PTA has organised a 'Light Up' Disco. Children will need to be collected from school and brought back to the disco (unless children are in After School Club and have emailed school). Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 starts at 4.15pm and ends at 5.15pm. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 starts at 5.30pm and finishes at 6.30pm. See the details on the Poster in this newsletter. Any queries please contact the School Office by phoning 01744 678042 or by email [staidansb@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:staidansb@sthelens.org.uk)

It is the last week for the Foodbank Trolley - if you are able to donate any non-perishable items please drop it off in school and we can place it in the trolley.

On Friday 29th October and 3rd November 2023 from 1pm until 3pm., the registration for the St Aidan's Food Pantry is open. Please call in at St Aidan's Church to register and meet some of the volunteers over a cuppa. It is £5 per year and you will be able to buy 15 items for £3 each week. If you are not able to attend on these dates, please do not worry as you can join any time once they are open in November 2023.

It was great to welcome parents of Reception and Year 1 children into school over the last few weeks to learn about our Monster Phonics Programme. Letters will be forwarded to parents next week regarding access to the Monster Phonics Website for reading at home.



**Our Beacon singers will be singing  
at St Aidan's Church this Sunday.**

Service Starts at 10am

Come along and join us.

# Attendance Matters



## Class Attendance

Week commencing: Monday 16th October 2023

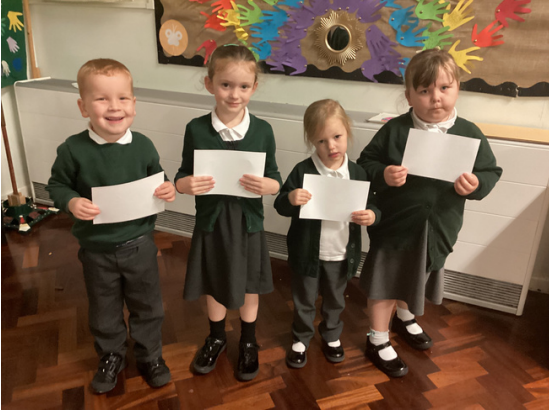
Reception	93 %
Year 1	98%
Year 2	92 %
Year 3	96%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	97%

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 94%**

Congratulations to Year 1, Year 3 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 !

SHINE  
SHINE  
SHINE

# Latest SHINE Award Winners





*Back by  
Popular Demand!*

**We loved our Fish Friday next week  
it will take place on Thursday.**

**Old style pizza or fish  
with chips**

**Our PTA Disco takes place this Thursday.**

Children are to be collected from school and brought back for the Disco. See below poster for further details.

**St Aidan's PTA  
presents**

**LIGHT  
UP**

**DISCO**

**in School**

**on Thursday 26th**

**October 2023**

**Nursery/Rec/Y1/Y2 - 4.15pm till 5.15pm**

**A Parent will need to stay with Nursery children**

**Price: £3.00 per ticket payable on School Money.**

**Hotdog/Sweet Bag/Drink/Glow Band**

**Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 - 5.30pm until 6.30pm**

**£1 payable on the door**

**Tuck Shop/Hotdogs/Glow Sticks/Tattoos**

**available on the night**



**St Aidan's PTA**

invites you to our

# Christmas

**FAYRE**

**ON FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER  
2023**



**FROM 3.30PM UNTIL 5PM.**

**AT ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
LONDON FIELDS, BILLINGE**

**FREE ADMISSION**



**REFRESHMENTS/CAKES/TOMBOLA/CHRISTMAS  
RAFFLE/STALLS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES**

## ***Dates for your Calendar***

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

**October 2023**

**Thursday 26th October 2023 - PTA Disco Light Up**

**Nursery - Year 2 - 4.15pm to 5.15pm**

**Years 3 - 6 - 5.30pm to 6.30pm**

**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**

<b>1st December 2023</b>	<b>PTA Christmas Fayre 3.30 pm to 5pm</b>
<b>5th December 2023</b>	<b>ALTRU DRAMA (Whole School ) PINOCCHIO (PM)</b>
<b>6th December 2pm</b>	<b>EYFS Nativity (Nursery)</b>
<b>7th December 2pm</b>	<b>EYFS Nativity (Reception)</b>
<b>8th December 2023</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day/School Christmas Lunch and Father Christmas visiting.</b>
<b>13th December 2023 2pm</b>	<b>KS1 Nativity Year 1</b>
<b>14th December 2023 2pm</b>	<b>KS1 Nativity Year 1</b>
<b>20th December 2023</b>	<b>KS2 Carol Service in Church</b>
<b>21st December 2023 2023.</b>	<b>School closes on the evening of 21st December</b>

### **January 2024**

<b>8th January 2024</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>
<b>6th February 2024</b>	<b>Young Voices Concert/Trip (Manchester)</b>
<b>8th February 2024</b>	<b>Safer Internet Day</b>

### **February 2024**

<b>9th February 2024</b>	<b>School Closes in the evening for half term holidays.</b>
<b>19th February 2024</b>	<b>School re-opens.</b>

## ***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)**

# *Dates for your Calendar*

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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 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Close for the Autumn half-term holiday on the evening of	Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Re-open after the Autumn half-term holiday on the morning of	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Close for the Christmas holiday on the evening of	Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023
Re-open after the Christmas holiday on the morning of	Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Close for the Spring half-term holiday on the evening of	Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Re-open after the Spring half-term on the morning of	Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Close for the Easter holiday on the evening of	Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Re-open after the Easter holiday on the morning of	Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Close for the Summer half-term holiday on the evening of	Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Re-open after the Summer half-term holiday on the morning of	Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Close for the Summer holiday on the evening of	Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024
<b>Closed Inset Days:</b>		<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Good Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Easter Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024		May Day 6 <sup>th</sup> May and 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024



## Letter to parents and guardians from Merseyside Police re. Halloween and Bonfire Night

We are writing to all parents and guardians to ask for your help over the upcoming Halloween and Bonfire Night period.

We want everyone to have fun and we'll be working hard to keep you safe, but we need your help:

### Know where your children are

- Encourage kids to go to local events that are being organised, or try a spooky film together
- If your children are going out (particularly on the 30th and 31st of October), make sure you know where they're going. If possible, drop them off and pick them up
- Don't let your children hang around the street
- If they're going somewhere local – walk there with them
- Have an agreed time when they need to be home
- Don't buy fireworks or eggs and flour for them, and don't let them take it out of the house

### Know the risks

- Throwing things at cars, buses, shops and houses can hurt people – drivers might swerve if they get distracted and cause a crash, or someone might get hurt by broken glass (and scratched paintwork can be very expensive to fix)
- Getting into trouble with the police can lead to a criminal record, which means not being able to go on holiday to countries like the USA, and not being able to do certain jobs
- Messing around with fireworks is dangerous – some burn as hot as 1,200 degrees - hot enough to melt glass and cause serious or fatal injuries

### Know the law

*If a young person under the age of 16 commits any of the offences below, the parent/guardian will have to pay the fine.*

- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined if found with an unlit firework
- A person under the age of 16 can also be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework or make a bonfire
- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined for throwing things like eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles or property

Thank you for your help and support. By working together, we can keep your children safe this Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Merseyside Police



# SCHOOL SPORT



**Our Gold Medal Y3/4 Football Team**

## **Upcoming Events**

**24th Oct Y3 Football**

**26th Oct Y6 Tag Rugby**

**(rearranged - not yet confirmed)**

# OUR SCHOOL CHRISTIAN VALUES



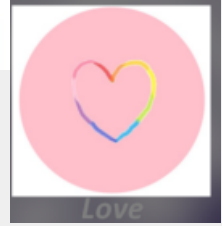
Our value for this half term

# HOPE



Hope

# LOVE



Love

# Friendship



## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:LASCSttransitions@sthelens.gov.uk) so we can send you a TEAMS link to the sessions

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



# 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



# 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.**



# 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.

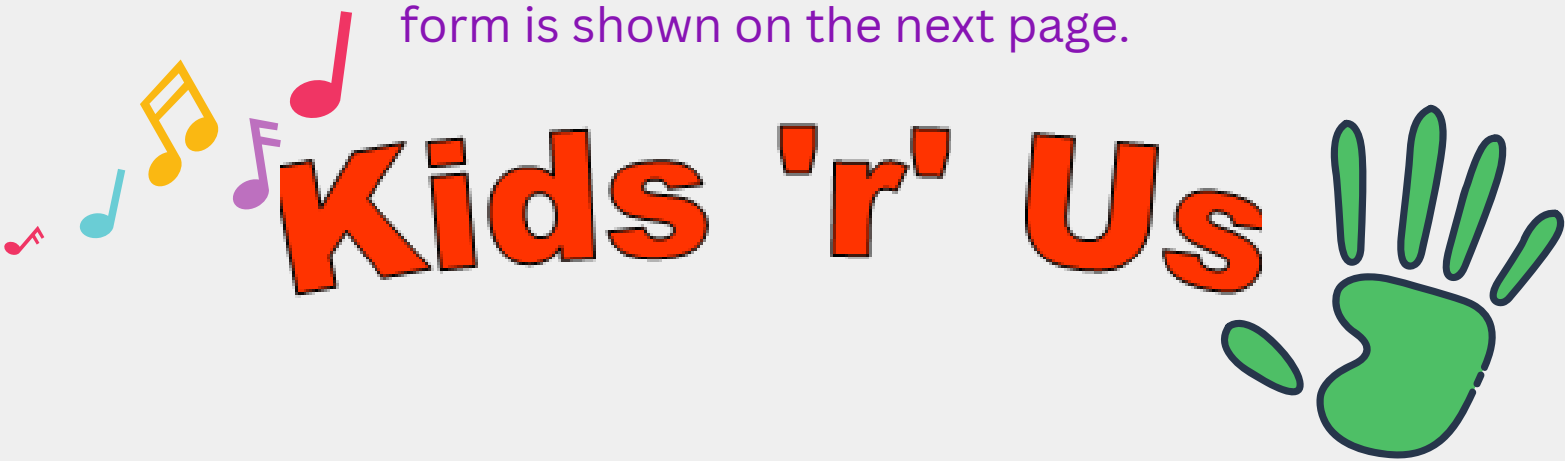
Costs: Breakfast Club - £4.50 per child.

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](mailto:staidansb@sthelens.org.uk) or phone the school office on 01744 678042

The new booking form for Monday 8th January 2024 to Friday 9th February 2024 is available from club. A copy of the booking form is shown on the next page.



# Kids R Us

## Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

For bookings from 6th November 2023 until Thursday 21st December 2023

Week Commencing	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	BC	ASC	BC	ASC	BC	ASC	BC	ASC	BC	ASC
6/11/2023										
13/11/2023										
20/11/2023										
27/11/2023										
4/12/2023										
11/12/2023										
18/12/2023										

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 Monday 23rd October 2023 — copies can be forwarded by email to: [staldansb@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:staldansb@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.



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

For further information please contact Sara Dolan on 01744 675615  
or [Saradolan@sthelenscarers.org.uk](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Saradolan@sthelensCarers.org.uk)

**CARERS  
TRUST**

St Helens Carers Centre

# SEND Support

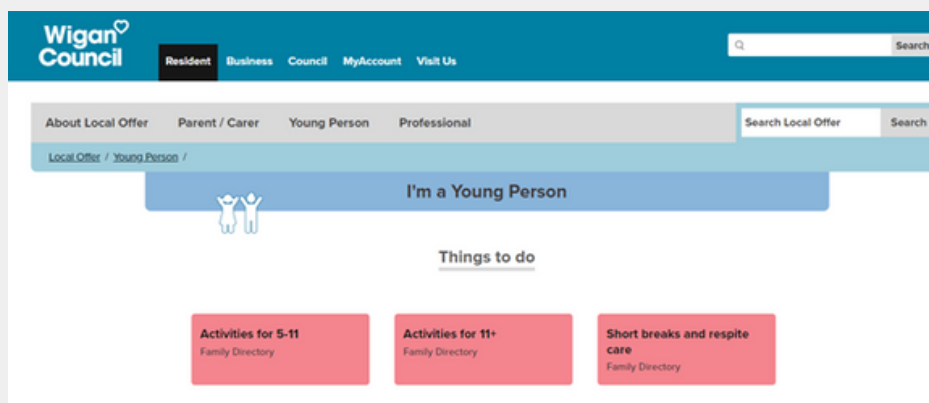
There are a number of support groups and play groups that take place weekly in the Wigan area. These are inclusive activities for children with SEND.



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](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>

# 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](mailto:staidansb@sthelens.org.uk).**

Thank you.

**FUTURE EVENTS:** to be confirmed .....

