



FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MATTHEW 5:16

ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 17th November is Children in Need Day - Children can come to school dressed in spots or Pyjamas and we will be collecting small donations on the day to support this charity.



New Extra Curricular Clubs by Gilchrist Sports for Years 1 - 6 have been forwarded to parents this afternoon.

18th December 2023
2pm & 6pm

'No One Wraps Like an Elf' KS2 Christmas Show
Tickets on sale soon. Matinee special too

Please note that the date for the KS2 Christmas show has been added to the dates for the diary below. 'No One Wraps Like an Elf'

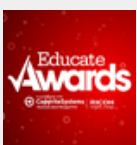
On Wednesday - our school doors are open to welcome parents of Reception Starters in September 2024 and Nursery starters from January 2024. Please share with your family and friends, no need to book just turn up between 1pm and 6pm. Our poster is attached, please share our posts on facebook.

Governors have approved the term dates for the academic year 24-25 and these will be shared next week.

From Monday 20th November there will be a new Winter Menu for school dinners- This will be sent out early next week. Our pupils asked to keep pizza and fish on the menu for Fridays and this is what will happen.

Next week is Anti- Bullying Week and we will have dedicated assemblies and each class will complete activities around this theme.

On Friday Year 6 represented St Aidan's at the Act of Remembrance. Their prayers are still in the Billinge Garden of Remembrance.





St Aidan's C of E Primary School & Nursery

Small enough to care, big enough to inspire

Our school provides a secure, caring and stimulating environment appropriate to the needs of all children.

**NURSERY PLACES NOW AVAILABLE
for 2 & 3 year olds**

NURSERY SESSIONS ARE 8.45am - 3.30pm

Call us to arrange to view our school
and nursery facilities

01744 678042

or come and visit us at open evening

**OPEN EVENING
15th November 2023, 1-6pm**

*We also offer Breakfast Club from 7.30am
and Afterschool Club until 5.30pm*

Off London Fields, Billinge, Wigan, Lancashire, WN5 7LS

01744 678042

www.billingestaidans.co.uk

Attendance Matters



Class Attendance

Week commencing: Monday 6th November 2023

Reception	87%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	95 %
Year 3	93%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	90%
Year 6	93%

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 91%

Unfortunately, no classes had 96% or over on attendance this week.
**ATTENDING SCHOOL IS SO IMPORTANT PLEASE HELP US TO ACHIEVE 96%
ACROSS SCHOOL**



NON UNIFORM DAY



**On Friday 24th
November 2023**



**Children are invited to
come to school dressed
in their own clothes.**

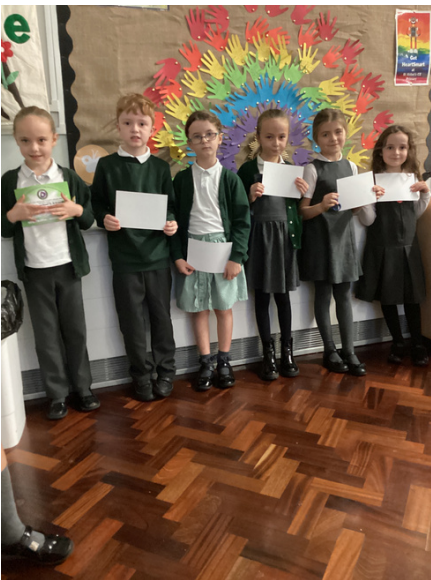


**In return we ask for
donations to our
Christmas Fayre.**



**Items such as - bottles, toiletries,
chocolate,
christmas items.**





SHINE
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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**



ST. AIDAN'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
SPORTS CLUBS



GILCHRIST
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	13 th November- 11 th December	3:30pm- 4:15pm	Years 1 & 2	5 sessions	£22.50
Thursday Football	16 th November- 14 th December	3:30pm- 4:15pm	Years 5 & 6	5 sessions	£22.50
Friday Football	17 th & 24 th November, 8 th & 15 th December	3:30pm- 4:15pm	Years 3 & 4	4 sessions	£18.00

Scoot Fit- Brand new sports club incorporating the use of the schools Scoot Fit equipment. A combination of scooting and fitness challenges around our scooter track.

Monday KS2	13 th November- 11 th December	8:00am- 8:50am	All Years	5 sessions	£22.50
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For more information please contact via email:
gilchristsportscoaching@hotmail.com

If you would like your child to attend the club please can you complete the booking form below, along with payment. Please use the link or scan the QR Code.

<https://forms.office.com/r/LqdjQUfsXJ>



Can all Parents/Guardians please complete the new booking form before attendance. Thank you

OUR SCHOOL CHRISTIAN VALUES



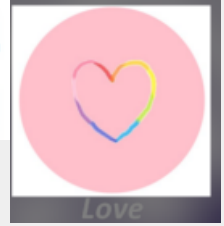
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Our value for next half term



LOVE



Friendship



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.

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

24th November 2023

Non Uniform Day for Christmas Fayre

December 2023

1st December 2023

PTA Christmas Fayre 3.30 pm to 5pm

5th December 2023

ALTRU DRAMA (Whole School) PINOCCHIO (PM)

**6th December
2pm**

EYFS Nativity (Nursery)

**7th December
2pm**

EYFS Nativity (Reception)

8th December 2023

Christmas Jumper Day/School Christmas Lunch and Father Christmas visiting.

**13th December 2023
2pm**

KS1 Nativity Year 1

**14th December 2023
2pm**

KS1 Nativity Year 2 (Updated 08/11/2023)**

**18th December 2023
2pm & 6pm**

**'No One Wraps Like an Elf' KS2 Christmas Show
Tickets on sale soon. Matinee special too**

20th December 2023

KS2 Carol Service in Church 2pm

**21st December 2023
2023.**

School closes on the evening of 21st December

Dates for your Calendar

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

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.

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

Dates for your Calendar

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

April 2024

15th April 2024 School re-opens

May 2024

2nd May 2024	Inset Day
6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
13th - 16th May 2024	KS2 SATS (**Updated 10/11/2023)
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)

PE and School Sport



Year 4 Girls Football Festival
@Ruskin Leisure

Upcoming Events

21/11/23 KS2 Badminton

24/11/23 Y5/6 Girls Football

27/11/23 KS1 Boccia

1/12/23 Year 6 Sportshall Athletics

5/10/23 KS2 Boccia

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

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.

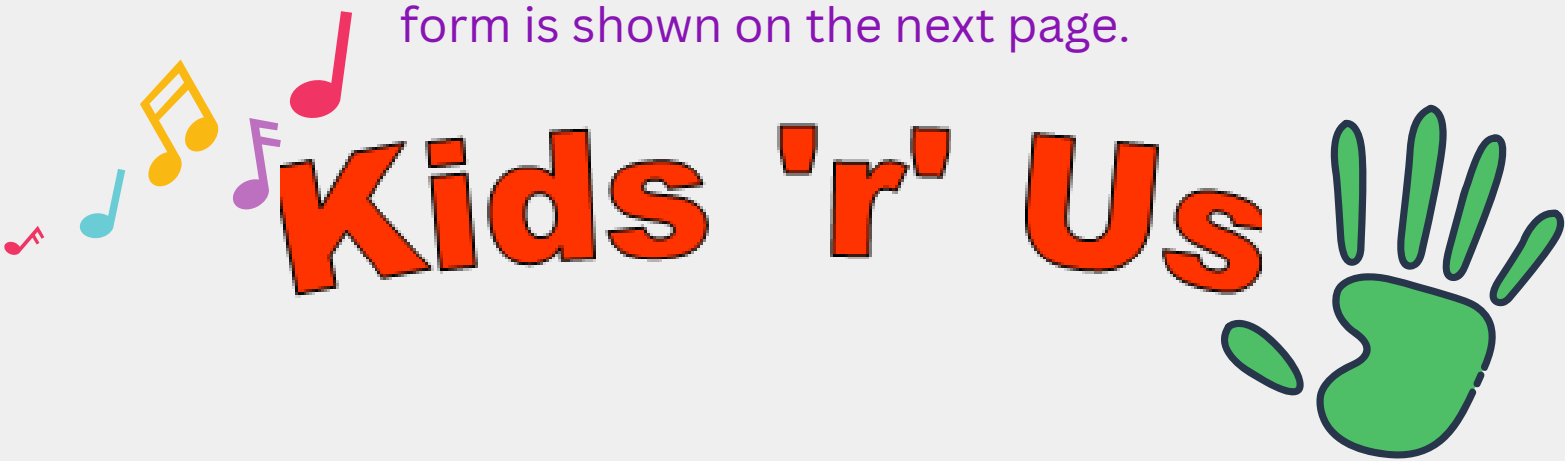
Costs: Breakfast Club - £4.50 per child.

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 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

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 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
TRUST**

St Helens Carers Centre

SEND Support

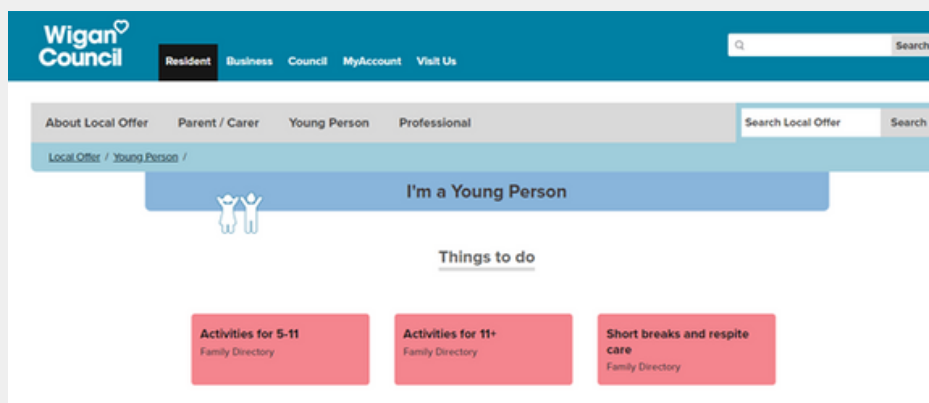
There are a number of support groups and play groups that take place weekly in the Wigan area. These are inclusive activities for children with SEND.



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



<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.

Thank you.

FUTURE EVENTS: to be confirmed

