



Newsletter



FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MATTHEW 5:16

ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome Back

We have had a very busy first week back and would like to thank our whole school community for all their support this week. On Tuesday and Wednesday our school family were joined by two OFSTED inspectors and many of our staff and children completed inspection activities. Our children's behaviour was exemplary and they showed just how proud they are of St Aidan's School.



ROLL UP ROLL UP

The circus is coming to St Aidan's on Friday 3rd May. This is a whole school celebration and a chance to all let our lights shine! More details to follow!

Your paragraph text

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

On Thursday 7th March 2024 school will celebrate World Book Day and to mark this occasion children can come to school dressed as a book character or in pyjamas.

WORLD BOOK DAY



More details to follow next week for Red Nose Day 2024 - 15th March 2024



Our Christian Value for this half term is Forgiveness

School PE kit reminder

This is a polite reminder that our school PE kit uniform is a white top and black bottoms ./ jumper hoodie. Specific branded PE tracksuits can be purchased from <https://www.truesportingcolours.com/pupils-574-c.asp> if desired.

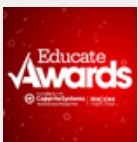
JUDO

Judo next half term will be on Tuesday for Year 3 and Thursday for Year 2. These will become their class PE Day for this term.

NEXT BEACON SERVICE at St Aidan's Church will be this Sunday 25th February. Everyone is invited and our Choir will share their Gospel Medley . Please join us.

SWIMMING - YEAR 4

On Monday Year 4 will be their swimming lessons at Ashton Baths . Please remember to send in swimming kits .



Parents Evening

Parents Evening for children in Nursery to Year 5 take place after school on the following dates:

Tuesday 5th March 2024
Wednesday 6th March 2024

Year 6 will take place throughout the day on Tuesday 5th March 2024.

The link has been sent out to parents to book their appointments online through School Spider.

If any parents are experiencing difficulties in accessing the system, please email the school office on staidansb@sthelens.org.uk or phone on 01744 678042.

Thank you

Attendance Matters



Class Attendance

Week commencing: Monday 19th February 2024

Reception	100 %
Year 1	95%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	97%

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 96 %

Well done Reception on your 100% attendance and Years 3 and 6 on your attendance over 96%.

ATTENDING SCHOOL IS SO IMPORTANT PLEASE HELP US TO ACHIEVE 96% ACROSS SCHOOL .

School Health Drop In

Our Public Health Nurse 0 - 19 Team - Ms Horne
will be attending
at the Parents Evening
on Tuesday 5th March 2024
between 3.30pm and 5pm .

Ms Horne will be available to speak to parents.



ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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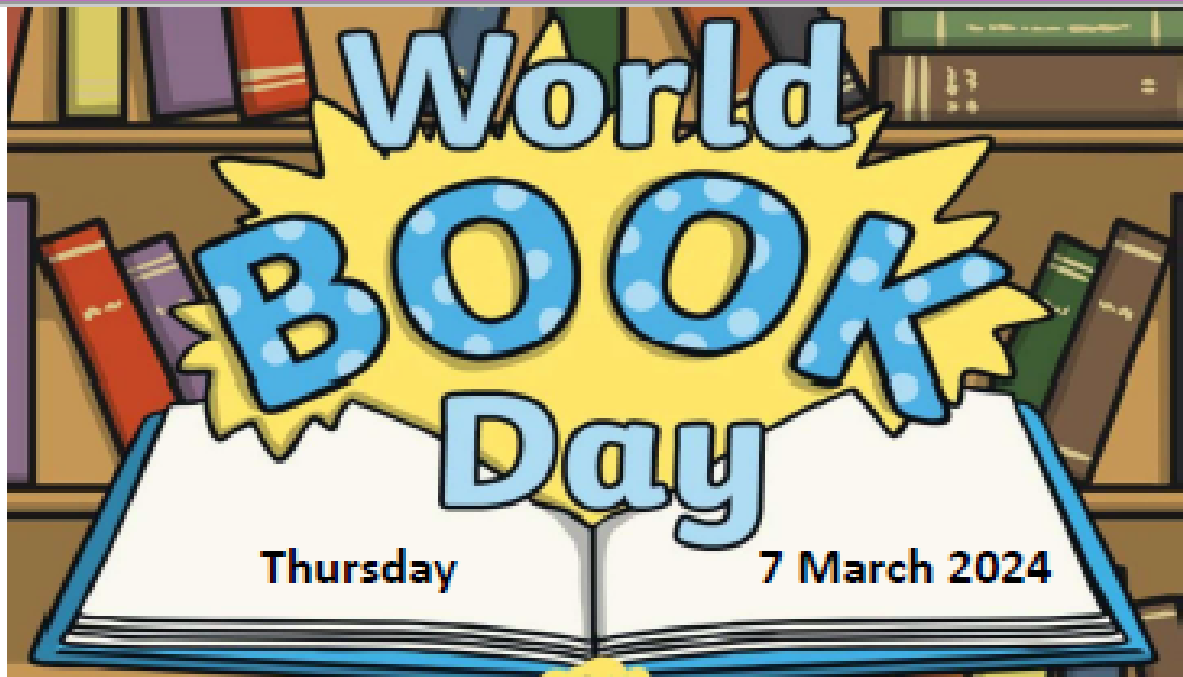
- Breakfast and After School Club 7:30 - 17:30
- Sports Clubs
- Performing Arts Club
- Reading School
- Educational Trips

BOOK A TOUR OF
SCHOOL ON
01744 678042

For more information & to
get an admission form,
please visit our website:

WWW.STAIDANSB@STHELENS.ORG.UK





On Thursday 7th March 2024 school will celebrate World Book Day and to mark this occasion children can come to school dressed as a book character or in pyjamas.

Tell Tale Books Pop Up Stall

The children will each be provided with a £1 Book Token. Tell Tale Books of Warrington will have a pop up stall in school on the day from 3.30pm and the children are welcome to swap their vouchers for a £1.00 book or put it towards purchasing a book(s) of a higher price. Alternatively, they can use it towards purchasing a book(s) at a local book seller.

Themed school dinner

The kitchen will also be serving up a special menu as follows:

MENU

Mystical Meatballs

Served with

Storybook Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce & Peculiar Peas

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Jubilant Jam Tart

(a Vegetarian option will be available alongside a jacket potato)

If you would like your child to have a school dinner on World Book day they are most welcome to, even if they do not usually do so. Please just let the school office or their class teacher know. The cost of a school dinner is £2.60 and will be payable after the event on school money.

OPEN TO EVERYONE
£5 PER YEAR
£3 PER VISIT FOR 15 ITEMS



ST AIDAN'S CHURCH, BILLINGE. WN5 7LA
OPEN EVERY FRIDAY 11.30AM - 2.00PM
(STARTING 1ST DECEMBER)

A WARM SPACE & WELCOME AWAITS YOU ALL

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

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Re-open after the Autumn half-term holiday on the morning of	Monday	4 th November 2024
Close for the Christmas holiday on the evening of	Friday	20 th December 2024
Re-open after the Christmas holiday on the morning of	Monday	6 th January 2025
Close for the Spring half-term holiday on the evening of	Friday	14 th February 2025
Re-open after the Spring half-term on the morning of	Monday	24 th February 2025
Close for the Easter holiday on the evening of	Friday	4 th April 2025
Re-open after the Easter holiday on the morning of	Tuesday	22 nd April 2025
Close for the Summer half-term holiday on the evening of	Friday	23 rd May 2025
Re-open after the Summer half-term holiday on the morning of	Tuesday	3 rd June 2025
Close for the Summer holiday on the evening of	Friday	18 th July 2025
Closed Inset Days:		Bank Holiday
Monday 2 nd September 2024	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Good Friday 18 th April 2025
Monday 21 st July 2025	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Easter Monday 21 st April 2025
1 x Inset Day to be confirmed once the Government Election is confirmed		Monday 5 th May and 26 th May 2025
To be taken before 25 th January 2025.		

Dates for your Calendar

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

February 2024

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| Sat 24th February 2024 | Performing Arts Club trip to Nados Pantomine Snow White |
| Mon 26th Feb 2024 | Year 4 - Swimming until Easter Holidays. |

March 2024

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| 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. | |
| 15th March 2024 | Red Nose Day 2024 (more details to follow) |
| 26th March 2024 | Year 1 Trip to Acorn Farm |
| 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**

16th April 2024 **Year 3 Trip - Romans at Chester**

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)**

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

School Meals

Our School Cook - Mrs Seyburn and her assistants Mrs Broxton and Mrs Rooke make our school lunch.

A school lunch is available with a choice of menu at the current price of £13.00 per week (£2.60 per day). Moneys can be paid through our School Money App. A reminder will be sent every Friday to ask parents to pay balance.

Children can bring a packed lunch to school for their lunch. We offer 'Fish Fridays' - children who would normally bring a packed lunch into school Monday to Thursday are able to have a school meal. The menu option for this day is 'Old Fashioned Pizza or Fish and Chips'.

Free School Meals Forms are available from Education Benefits Office. Please see the next page on how to apply online.

Please click on the below link to view the current School Dinners Menu (we are currently on Week 2 on Monday 29th January 2024).

<https://www.billingestaidans.co.uk/page/school-meals/50075>

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.

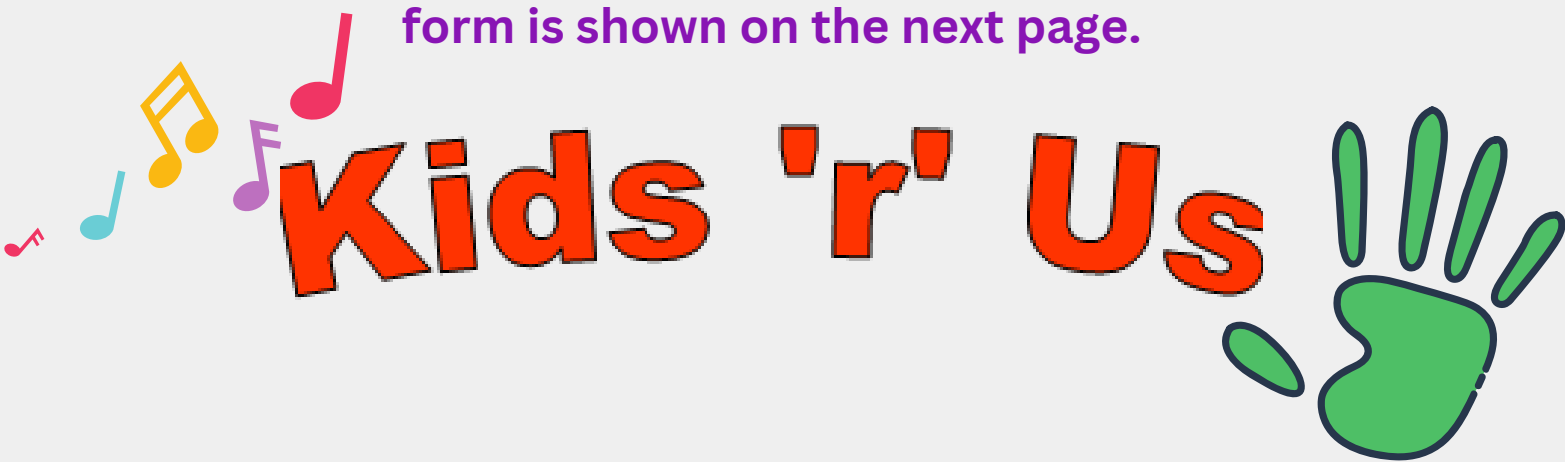
Costs: Breakfast Club - £4.50 per child.

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 19th February to Thursday 28th March 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 19th February 2024 until Thursday 28th March 2024

Week Com- mencing	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	BC	ASC	BC	ASC	BC	ASC	BC	ASC	BC	ASC
19/02/2024										
26/02/2024										
04/03/2024										
11/03/2024										
18/03/2024										
25/03/2024										

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 5th February 2024 — copies can be forwarded by email to: staidansb@sthelens.org.uk

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.

Signature: Date:

For Children in Reception to Year 6



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.

Thursday Football	22 nd February - <u>28th March</u>	3:30pm-4:15pm	Years 4, 5 & 6	6 sessions	£27
Friday Football	23 rd February - 22 nd March	3:30pm-4:15pm	Years 1,2 & 3	5 sessions	£22.50

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 Scoot Fit	19 th February - 25 th March	8:00am-8:50am	All Years	6 sessions	£27
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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/BnnFwCxFPC>

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



SEND Support

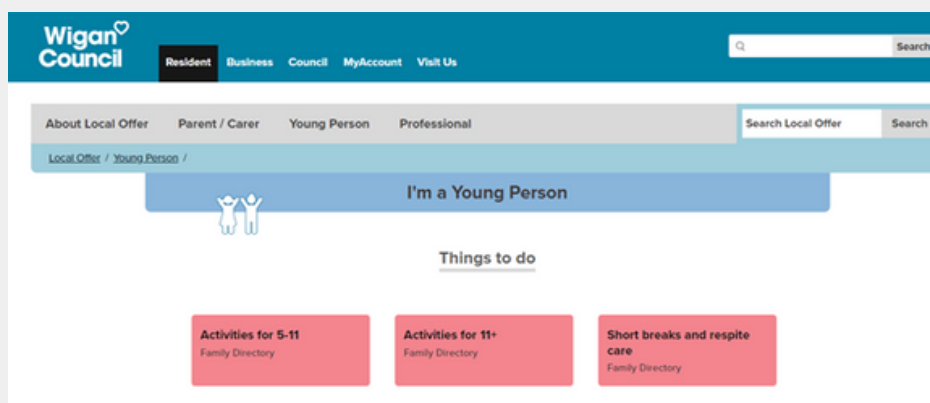
There are a number of support groups and play groups that take place weekly in the Wigan area. These are inclusive activities for children with SEND.



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

