



# Newsletter



FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

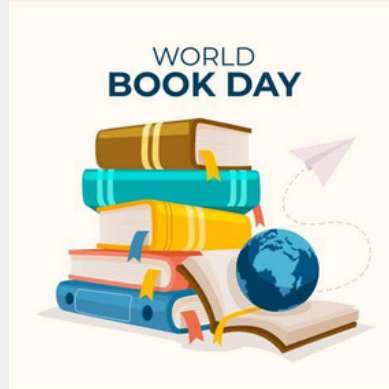


LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MATTHEW 5:16

## ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**WORLD BOOK DAY 2024** is this 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. See the poster later in the Newsletter for more information.



**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.

### Red Nose Day 2024 - 15th March 2024

Children are invited to come to school dressed in red and if able to bring in a small cash donation for Comic Relief.



### 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!



### Non Uniform Day - Friday 22nd March 2024

Children can come to school in non uniform in return for an Easter Egg for our Easter Hunt on Thursday 28th March 2024. The Easter Egg Hunt is one of our annual highlights.



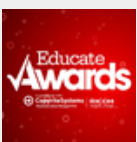
**SWIMMING - YEAR 4**  
Monday -Year 4 continue swimming lessons at Ashton Baths . Please remember your swimming kits .



Our Christian Value for this half term is Forgiveness



New Events added to Calendar



# Let your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

Each Friday Morning we celebrate achievements in assembly.  
If your child achieves success outside school then please share this with school and we can celebrate this in Friday's assembly.

- S- SUCCESS
- H-HELPING OTHERS
- I- INSPIRE
- N- NEVER GIVE UP
- E - ENGAGE

Alongside celebrating aspects of the curriculum, Shining Star Certificates are also presented for the SHINE areas above. At the end of the school year a trophy for each SHINE aspect is presented to one pupil from each year group .

	Reader of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	SHINE AWARDS
Reception	Ivy M	Isabella	Odin	Brody Theor
Year 1	Florence A	Cohen Holland	Florence Rigby	Harry George Reggie
Year 2	Grace	Ada	Ethan	Lucille
Year 3	Rosie Matthews	Shaiyenne Raywood	Ava Smith	Hunter
Year 4	Daisy Barnes	Noah Manley	Nathan Codling	Ebony Brooke Oliver Oliver
Year 5	Jazmine	Lillia	Archie	Jack Thea Ava
Year 6	Isabella	Zachary	Sophie	Eva

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

**Thank you**

# Attendance Matters



## Class Attendance

Week commencing: Monday 26th February 2024

Reception	92%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	95%

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 95 %**

**Well done Year 5 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.



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



# School Holidays 2024-25

St Aidan's C of E Primary School

## School Holidays 2024 – 2025



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

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

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

### **March 2024**

<b>5th March 2024</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b>
<b>6th March 2024</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b>
<b>7th March 2024</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>7th March 2024</b> <b>3.30pm to 4pm.</b>	<b>TellTale Books Pop Up Shop</b>
<b>15th March 2024</b> <b>Red)</b>	<b>Red Nose Day 2024 (Non Uniform Day - dress in</b>
<b>26th March 2024</b>	<b>Year 1 Trip to Acorn Farm</b>
<b>28th March 2024</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt in school</b>
<b>28th March 2024</b>	<b>School closes in the evening for Easter Holidays</b>

### **April 2024**

<b>15th April 2024</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>
<b>16th April 2024</b>	<b>Year 3 Trip - Romans at Chester</b>



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

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

### **May 2024**

<b>2nd May 2024</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>6th May 2024</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>13th - 16th May 2024</b>	<b>KS2 SATS (**Updated 10/11/2023)</b>
<b>23rd May 2024</b>	<b>Year 2 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park (**added Mar 24)</b>
<b>24th May 2024</b>	<b>School closes in the evening for holidays</b>

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### **June 2024**

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



**BILLINGE SCOUTS PRESENT**



**FRIDAY  
29TH MARCH, 2024**

# **VILLAGE EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT 2024**



Looking for a fun and exciting way to celebrate Easter 2024 with your family? Look no further than our Easter Scavenger Hunt event!

**STALLS  
EASTER EGGS ON COMPLETION  
REFRESHMENTS**

**10AM - 2PM STARTING AT BILLINGE  
PARISH HALL.**

**£3  
PER CHILD**





## 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	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023 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	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024 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	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024 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!	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 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

# 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.

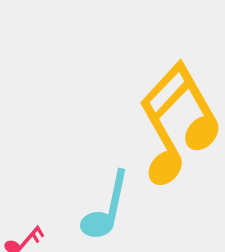
After School Club - £6.00 per child (more than 1 sibling is £5.50 per child)

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](mailto: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**



## 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](mailto: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 <sup>nd</sup> February - <u>28<sup>th</sup> March</u>	3:30pm-4:15pm	Years 4, 5 & 6	6 sessions	£27
Friday Football	23 <sup>rd</sup> February - 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> February - 25 <sup>th</sup> March	8:00am-8:50am	All Years	6 sessions	£27
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For more information please contact via email:  
[gilchristsportscoaching@hotmail.com](mailto: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

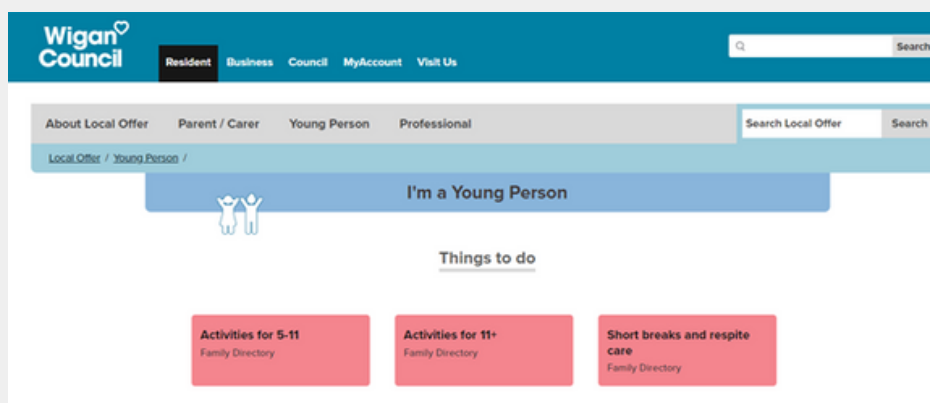
There are a number of support groups and play groups that take place weekly in the Wigan area. These are inclusive activities for children with SEND.



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](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 .....

