



Newsletter



FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2024

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MATTHEW 5:16



ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mothering Sunday - STA's 4 ALL

This Sunday StAs4All will be in our school hall from 10:30. Come along and join in the Mother's Day craft activities and celebrate this very special day .

Tell Tales (book seller on World Book Day would like to thank you for welcoming her to our school and supporting her little bookshop.



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	Harrison	Theodore	Harry	Declan & Luna
Year 1	Harry	Jenny	Alice	Darcy & Jacob
Year 2	Jake	George	Ada	Lillie & Evie
Year 3	Alice	Luka	Leo	Emma
Year 4	Oliver T	Alfie	Brooke	Joel, Charlotte, Gracie, Emily, James
Year 5	Nathan	Millie	Charis	Alice & Martha
Year 6	Oskar	Jessica	Megan	Jake

Attendance Matters



Class Attendance

Week commencing: Monday 4th March 2024

Reception	86 %
Year 1	93 %
Year 2	92 %
Year 3	96 %
Year 4	92 %
Year 5	92 %
Year 6	95 %

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 92 %

Well Done Year 3 on your 96% attendance this week

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



St. Aidan's Church of England Primary School
'Let your light shine' - Matthew 5:16
School Uniform

School Uniform can be purchased from:

Slaters Eckersley Mill, Swan Meadow Rd, Wigan, WN3 5BD Tel: 01942 244426 Email: sales@termtext.co.uk

Whittakers 38 Bridge Street, St Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1NW Tel: 01744 451812 Email: sthelens-orders@whittakersschoolwear.co.uk

Or any major supermarket/retailer.

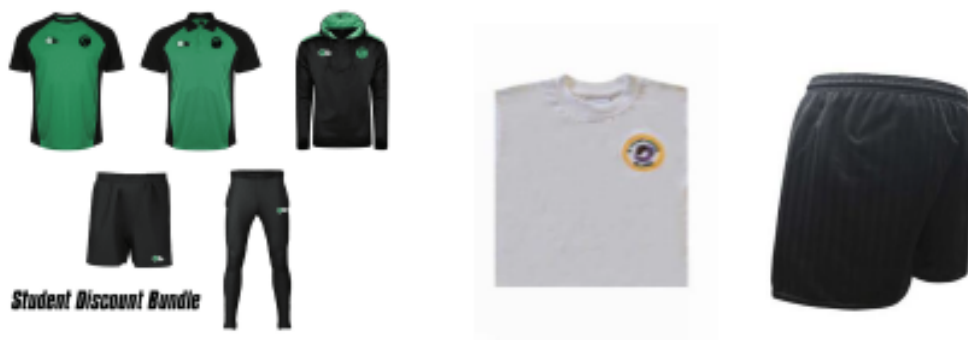


Green jumper/cardigan with or without school logo.
White Polo T-Shirt with or without school logo.



Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore.
During summer term a green gingham and white dress can be worn.

Black school shoes



Student Discount Bundle

PE Kit can be purchased online on the following website: <https://www.truesportingcolours.com/pupils-574-c.asp>.

Children are also allowed to wear a white t shirt, black shorts, black training pants and black hoodie. Black PE pumps or trainers allowed.

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

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 th October 2024
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:

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 21st July 2025

1 x Inset Day to be confirmed once the Government Election is confirmed
To be taken before 25th January 2025.

Monday 2nd June 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Bank Holiday

Good Friday 18th April 2025

Easter Monday 21st April 2025

Monday 5th May and 26th May 2025

Dates for your Calendar

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

March 2024

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| 15th March 2024 | Red Nose Day 2024 (Non Uniform Day - dress in Red) |
| 26th March 2024 | Year 1 Trip to Acorn Farm |
| 27th March 2024 | Easter Service in Church - 1:30pm |
| 28th March 2024 | Easter Egg Hunt in school |
| 28th March 2024 | School closes in the evening for Easter Holidays |

April 2024

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| 15th April 2024 | School re-opens |
| 16th April 2024 | Year 3 Trip - Romans at Chester |

May 2024

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| 2nd May 2024 | Inset Day |
| 3rd May 2024 | Circus Day (Whole School) |
| 6th May 2024 | Bank Holiday |
| 13th - 16th May 2024 | KS2 SATS (**Updated 10/11/2023) |
| 23rd May 2024 | Year 2 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park (**added Mar 24) |
| 24th May 2024 | School closes in the evening for holidays |

Dates for your Calendar

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

June 2024

4th June 2024	School re-opens
10th June 2024	Year 1 Phonics Screening (all week)
10th June 2024 <i>st</i>	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)



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 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 1 st 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 2 nd 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 22 nd 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 10 th 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).

From Monday 15th April 2024 the prices for Breakfast and After School Club will increase to:

Breakfast Club - £5.00 per child. After School Club £6.50 per child (more than 1 sibling is £6.00 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 15th April to Thursday 24th May 2024 will be available from club from next week.



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

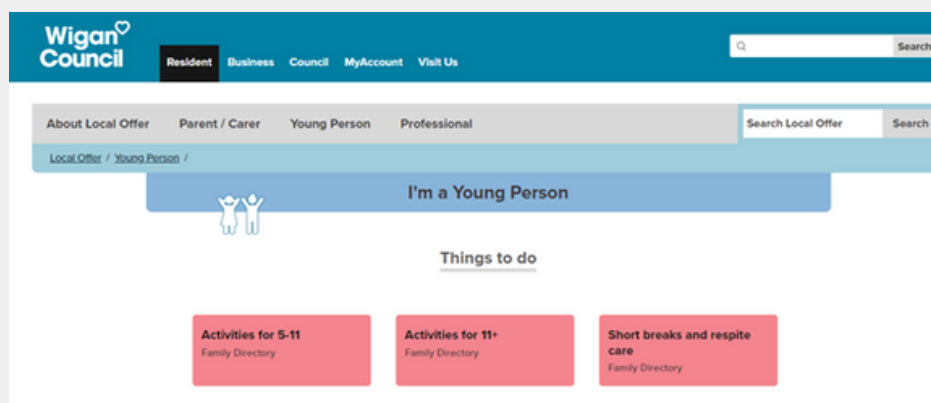
There are a number of support groups and play groups that take place weekly in the Wigan area. They are inclusive activities for children with SEND.



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>

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

