



# Newsletter



THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2024

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MATTHEW 5:16

## ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A fabulous morning despite the rainy start. It didn't dampen our excitement in joining in our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Each child took part and whizzed around the playground finding the hidden laminated eggs to complete the Hunt.

Well done to everyone who took part.

YEAR 6 SAVE THE DATES COMING OUT IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SUMMER TERM - It is a term of work hard and then play hard.

We wish all our families and friends a wonderful Easter.

We hope we have an improvement in the weather for you all too !

School re-opens on  
Monday 15th April  
2024.

Our Christian Value for this next half term is Truth

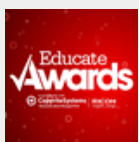
**Thank you** to everyone who supported our PTA Easter Raffle. We raised £266.00.

**St Aidan's Church - Easter Service is this Sunday at 10am.**

Our **STA's 4all Service** takes place on Sunday 14th April 2024 in school at 10.30am.

**Well done to Mrs Seyburn our School Cook and her team. Our school kitchen recently had a food inspection and we were awarded 5\*.**

REMINDER: Year 5 swimming on Monday 15th April 2024





# COFFEE MORNING

Come and join us for our friendly and informal coffee morning.

A chance to ask questions and meet other parents of children with SEND (Special Educational Needs/ Disabilities). Led by **Mrs Alison Corkill** (School SENDCo) and **Mrs Helen Rylance** (Parent and SEND Governor).

This is our first SEND Coffee Morning, and we are hoping to hold them regularly when we will invite guest speakers from local support services to share information about what they can provide.

All fuelled by tea or coffee and cake!

**The coffee morning will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10:00am.**



# Attendance Matters



## Class Attendance

Monday 25th March 2024

Reception	98%	Year 1	92%	Year 2	92%	Year 3	98%
Year 4	87%	Year 5	91%	Year 6	97%	Whole School Attendance for this week	94%

Well Done Reception and Years 3 and 6 on your 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](mailto:sales@termtext.co.uk)

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

Or any major supermarket/retailer.

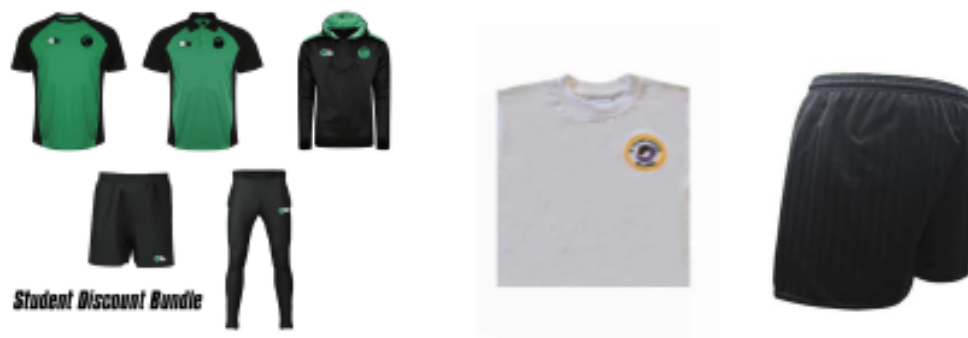


Green jumper/cardigan with or without school logo.  
White Polo T-Shirt with or without school logo.



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 <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



# 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

### Closed Inset Days:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

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

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

### Bank Holiday

Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

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

### **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>

### **May 2024**

<b>2nd May 2024</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>3rd May 2024</b>	<b>Circus Day (Whole School)</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>

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

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

### **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>

**COMING SOON - YEAR 6 LEAVERS'S DATES**





**BILLINGE SCOUTS PRESENT**



**FRIDAY  
29TH MARCH, 2024**

# **VILLAGE EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT 2024**

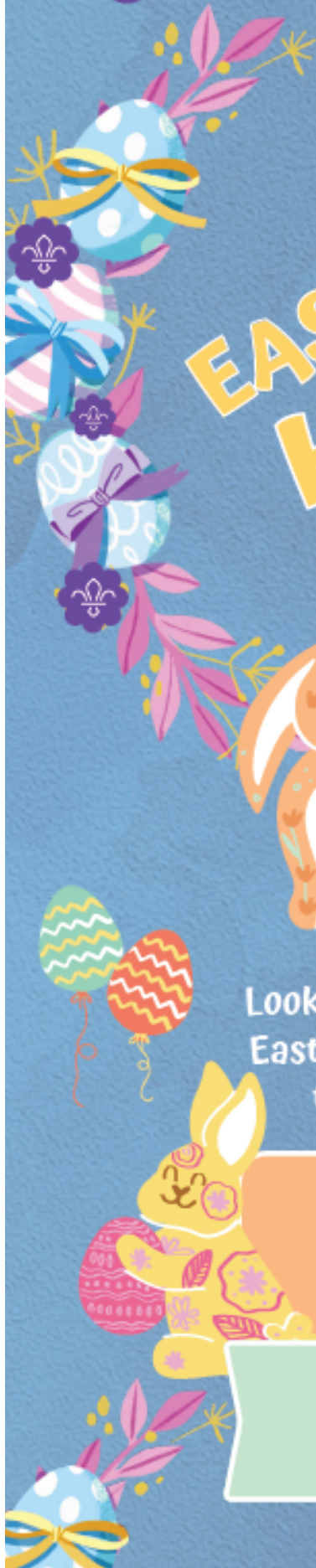


Looking for a fun and exciting way to celebrate Easter 2024 with your family? Look no further than our Easter Scavenger Hunt event!

**STALLS  
EASTER EGGS ON COMPLETION  
REFRESHMENTS**

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

**£3  
PER CHILD**







25TH STHELENS

# LET'S SCOUT IN BILLINGE

## NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

### 25TH APRIL 6 - 8:30PM

BISPHAM HALL SCOUT ESTATE, BILLINGE

**BEAVERS**

Age 6 - 8

**cubs**

Age 8 - 10.5

**Scouts**

Age 10.5 - 14

We have a variety of fun-filled activities for scouts to earn badges, learn something exciting, and have fun.

#### OUR ACTIVITIES

- Day Trips
- Badge Programs
- Overnight Camping

#### OUR FEATURES

- Certified Trainer
- Indoors in winter
- Outdoor woodland in summer



[eve.cranston@sthelensscouts.org.uk](mailto:eve.cranston@sthelensscouts.org.uk)



BILLINGE



£8 adult one ADULT only



YOU ARE INVITED TO A  
**QUIZ NIGHT**  
AT GARSWOOD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB, GARSWOOD

FUND RAISER FOR  
25TH ST. HELENS BILLINGE SCOUT GROUP

HOT FOOD INCLUDED IN THE PRICE  
QUIZ INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

STAND UP BINGO (PAY ON THE NIGHT FOR YOUR TICKETS)  
RAFFLE (PAY ON THE NIGHT FOR YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS)  
FOOTBALL CARDS (EXTRA COST TO ENTER)  
DJ/MUSIC  
SCOUTS VERY OWN COMPERE

APRIL 15TH 7:00 PM

GARSWOOD ROAD, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD,

WIGAN, WN4 OXA

Adult Ticket £8 each

Child Non-Scout Member £4 each

Child Scout Member £2 each

Please contact our GSL

Markyp4@yahoo.com



# YOGA CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS AND BEYOND!



## **Flow and Meditation**

A sequence of flowing postures, teamed with breathwork, meditation, and relaxation techniques. Suitable for all levels.

**MONDAYS 9:30-10:30AM**  
**FRIDAYS 12-1PM**

## **Beginners Yoga**

Perfect for those who are new to yoga, have taken some time away from yoga, or want to review or learn more about the foundations of yoga.

**TUESDAYS 7.30-8.30PM**  
**WEDNESDAYS 8-9PM**

THE PUBLIC HALL,  
MAIN ST, BILLINGE,  
WIGAN WN5 7PE

**First session, half price!**  
Type 'FIRSTYOGA50' at checkout

HJS  
yoga

## 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



# 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](mailto: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.



# Kids R Us

## Breakfast and Afterschool Club

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

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

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

For bookings from 15th April 2024 until Friday 24th May 2024

Week Com- mencing	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	BC	ASC	BC	ASC	BC	ASC	BC	ASC	BC	ASC
15/04/2024										
22/04/2024										
29/04/2024										
06/05/2024										
13/05/2024										
20/05/2024										

Please tick the appropriate box.

Costs: Breakfast Club: £5.00 per child

After School Club: £6.50 for one child      £6.00 for two or more children

Please return to school no later than Friday 22nd March 2024 — copies can be forwarded by email to:  
staidansb@stheleens.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: .....

# SEND Support

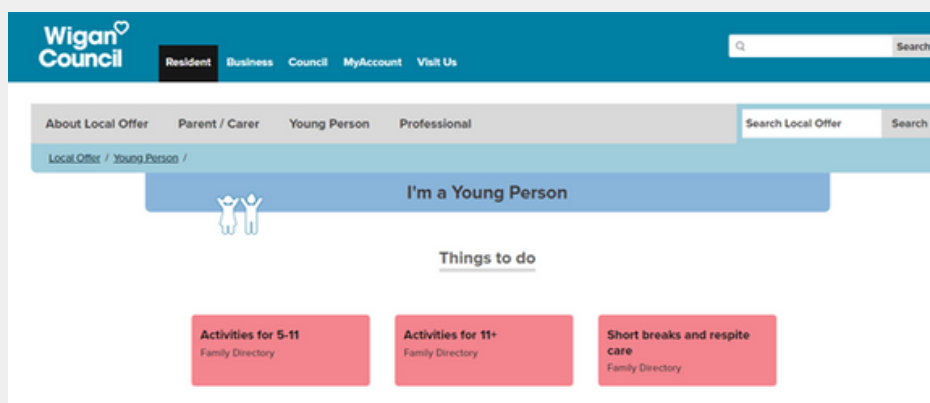
There are a number of support groups and play groups that take place weekly in the Wigan area. They are inclusive activities for children with SEND.



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](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 .....

