



Newsletter



FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2024

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MATTHEW 5:16

ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



CIRCUS SPECIAL

St Aidan's lights were well and truly shining today as the children and staff acquired new skills and worked together as a team with Circus Sensible. Our day started with a whole school show in the big top and then each class took part in skills workshops across the school day. In classes we had a literacy focus linked to the circus theme too. It has been a very special day and one that we hope our pupils will remember for a long time. We have tried to capture as much of the fun and learning as we could. Please talk to your child over the weekend about their experience today.





BEST DAY EVER !





ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE MATTHEW 5:16



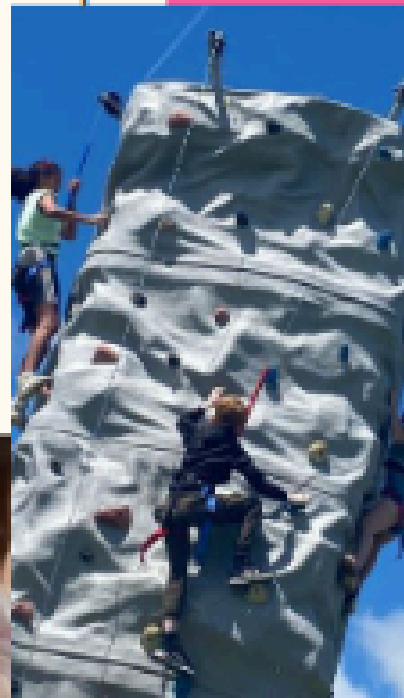
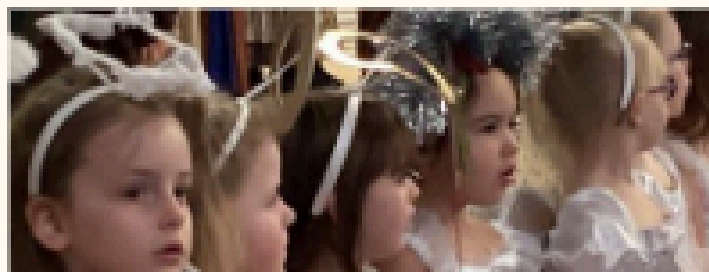
LONDON FIELDS, BILLINGE
NR WIGAN , WNS 7LS

**PLACES
AVAILABLE**

- 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:



Attendance Matters



Class Attendance

Monday 29th April 2024

Reception	87%	Year 1	94%	Year 2	95%	Year 3	92%
Year 4	92%	Year 5	86%	Year 6	97%	Whole School Attendance for this week	92%

Well Done Year 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

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

Or any major supermarket/retailer.

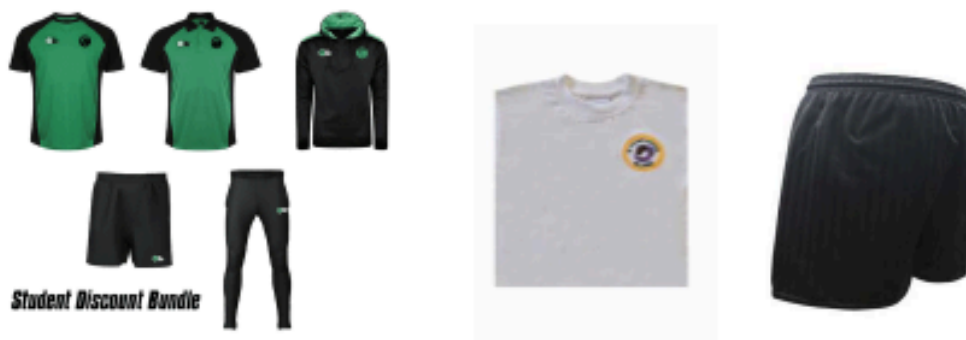


Green jumper/cardigan with or without school logo.
White Polo T-Shirt with or without school logo.



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.

May 2024

8th May 2024	Y1 Phonics Intervention Meeting for parents in School
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

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)
12th June 2024	Nursery, Reception and Year 6 Class Photos
12th June 2024	Year 6 Leavers Service @ Liverpool Cathedral (PROVISIONAL)
17th June 2024	Sports Week
20th June 2024	Infant Sports Day (afternoon)
21st June 2024	Junior Sports Day (afternoon)

Dates for your Calendar
ADDITIONAL DATES

YEAR 6

- 5th July 2024** **Rainford High Year 6 Pupils @Rainford Reception - Year 5 - meeting your new teacher at school**
- 8th July 2024** **Year 6 Confirmation Service at St Thomas' Church Ashton.**
- 15th July 2024** **Alice the Musical - Times to confirmed**
- 18th July 2024** **6:30 pm Leaver's Informal Awards Evening hosted by Mrs Fisher & Mr Moore - Dress to Impress**
- 22nd July 2024** **Whole School Leavers' Service in Church 1:30pm**
- 23rd July 2024** **Year 6 Leavers Breakfast Last Day of Term.**



25TH STHELENS

LET'S SCOUT IN BILLINGE

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

25TH APRIL 6 - 8:30PM

BISPHAM HALL SCOUT ESTATE, BILLINGE

BEAVERS

Age 6 - 8

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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



BILLINGE

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 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 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.



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

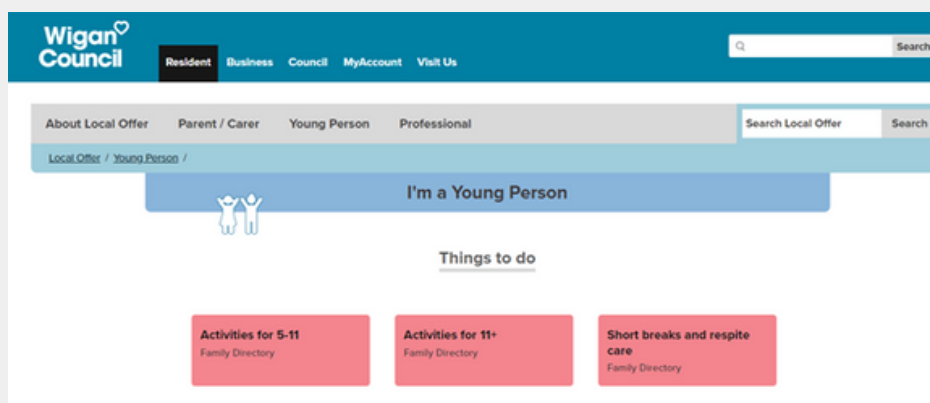
There are a number of support groups and play groups that take place weekly in the Wigan area. They are inclusive activities for children with SEND.



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



<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

