



FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2024

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MATTHEW 5:16

ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

This Week



Well what a snow week ! We would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for working with us this week. We are looking forward to temperatures becoming a little warmer however are aware of some windy weather that is coming in on Sunday evening so please take care.

Crucial Crew -

This term, children in Year 5 will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of workshops at the St. Helen's Crucial Crew Event. Crucial Crew is a multi-agency initiative involving the local authority, emergency services and other main service providers to promote personal safety issues, crime prevention and citizenship. The workshops give children the opportunity to explore various safety scenarios, each providing an important safety message. Our visit to Crucial Crew has been organised for the afternoon of Monday 22nd January 2023

Attendance



Well done to all our children who achieved 100% attendance last term and 96% and above. These children have all been recognised in assembly and will be receiving a special treat . More details to follow next week.

Toast - has started back in school. If your child would like to have toast as their snack, please contact the school office.

School Dinners are available in school, this Thursday is Burns Night. Cost of A School Dinner is £2.60 per day. Details of this has been sent via school spider earlier today.

Parking and road safety for children: parking in a way that inconveniences our neighbours and puts pedestrian safety at risk continues to happen at either end of the school day. We encourage you to report these instances to the correct authorities. We are working closely with our local police on this matter.

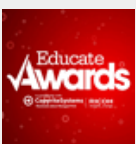
Driving on School Site

Access to the school site is not permitted for Breakfast Club after 8am as staff are arriving to park for the day . Please park on the road and walk in . For After School Club access to the car park is allowed after 4:30pm when we have seen our extra curricular clubs out.

These restrictions are in the interest of pupil safety

DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES - Unfortunately, dogs are not allowed within the school premises. We ask that family members stay with your dog outside the school gates.

Christingle Service is in Church on Sunday 28th January - All children are invited and they will all receive a Christingle to take home. This is a popular service and it would be lovely to see our families there . The service starts at 10am.



Attendance Matters



Class Attendance

Week commencing: Monday 15th January 2024

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| Reception | 95% |
| Year 1 | 94% |
| Year 2 | 93% |
| Year 3 | 95% |
| Year 4 | 94% |
| Year 5 | 90% |
| Year 6 | 94% |

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 94%

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

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



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| 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 |

School Holidays 2024-25

St Aidan's C of E Primary School School Holidays 2024 – 2025



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| 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 2 nd September 2024 | Monday 2 nd June 2025 | Bank Holiday |
| Monday 21 st July 2025 | Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 | Good Friday 18 th April 2025 |
| 1 x Inset Day to be confirmed once the Government Election is confirmed | | Easter Monday 21 st April 2025 |
| To be taken before 25 th January 2025. | | Monday 5 th May and 26 th May 2025 |

Dates for your Calendar

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

January 2024

22nd January 2024 Year 5 Crucial Crew (New)

February 2024

1st February 2024 World of Glass Assembly

6th February 2024 Young Voices Concert/Trip (Manchester)

8th February 2024 Safer Internet Day

9th February 2024 School Closes in the evening for half term holidays.

19th February 2024 School re-opens.

March 2024

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.**

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

May 2024

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| 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

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| 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) |

Snow White *and the* 7 Dwarfs



21st-24th February 2024

Wed-Fri 7:15pm, Sat 12:00pm Matinee and 6:00pm

St. Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School, Rookery Avenue , Ashton-In-Makerfield WN4 9PF

Tickets Adult £12:00 Concession £9.00 available from

TICKETSOURCE

www.ticketsource.co.uk/nados1

or www.newtonados.com or Phone 07734582924

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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

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| 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 |
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| 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

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.

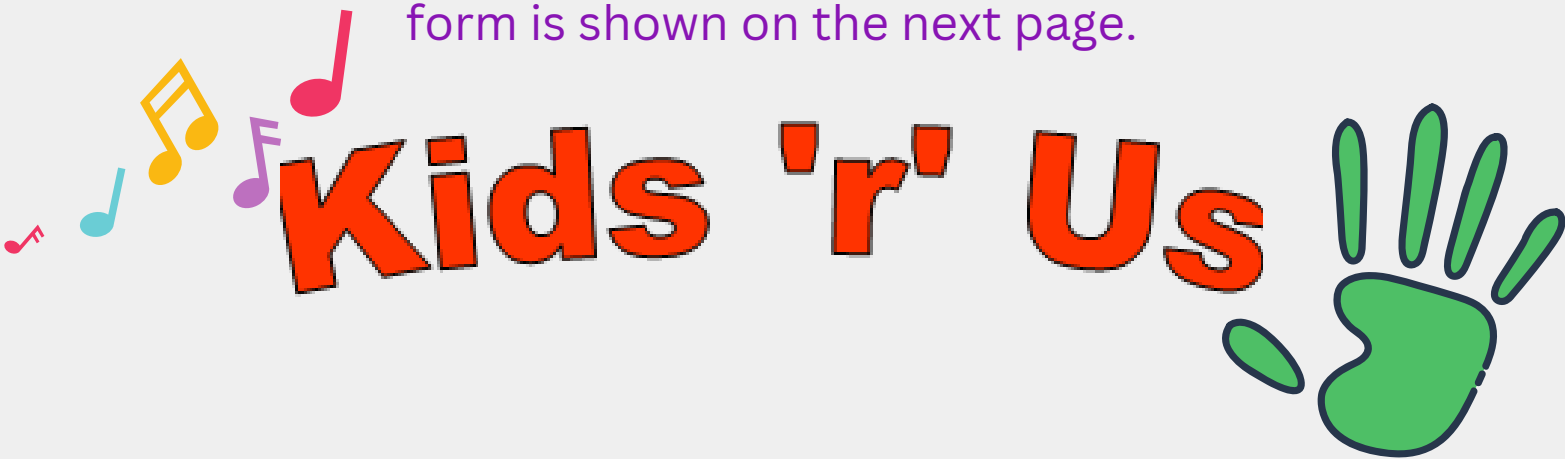
Costs: Breakfast Club - £4.50 per child.

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 8th January 2024 to Friday 9th February 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 8th January to 9th February 2024

| Week Commencing | Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | |
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| | BC | ASC | BC | ASC | BC | ASC | BC | ASC | BC | ASC |
| 08/01/2024 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15/01/2024 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22/01/2024 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29/01/2024 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 05/02/2024 | | | | | | | | | | |

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 Friday 15th December 2023 — 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: _____

SEND Support

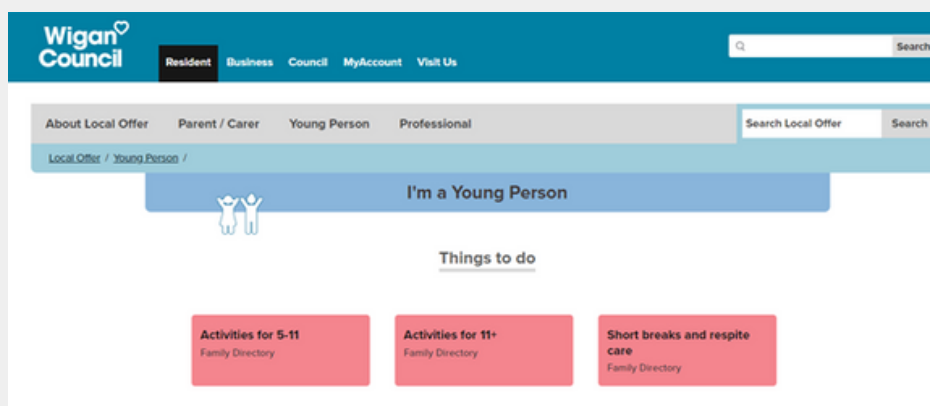
There are a number of support groups and play groups that take place weekly in the Wigan area. These are inclusive activities for children with SEND.



For children and families who live in the Wigan area, Wigan also offer 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

