



Newsletter



FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MATTHEW 5:16

ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Red Nose Day 2024 - 15th March 2024

Thank you for your kind donations to Red Nose Day. We raised £210.54.



World Down Syndrome Day 2024

On Thursday 21st March 2024 we will be supporting World Down Syndrome Day. We are inviting children and staff to wear their funkiest socks to school on this day.

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.

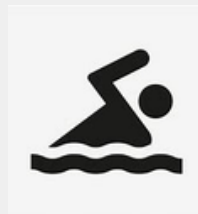


Please return your PTA Easter Raffle Forms.

Fabulous prizes to be won. Return forms by Monday 25th March 2024. Draw takes place during the last week of term.



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	Isaac	Theo	Ivy	Poppy & Mia
Year 1	Penny	Harper-Rose	George	Florence R& Macie
Year 2	Jake	George	Ada	Lillie & Evie
Year 3	Eli	Amaya	Jack	Sophia
Year 4	Thea	Daisy	Noah M	Charlie,Lucas,Leo,Zoe,Alfie, Charlotte
Year 5	Ava	Oscar	Oliver A	Elise, Sienna, Luke
Year 6	Daisy	Writer	Brayden	Zacharay, Grace

Attendance Matters



Class Attendance

Monday 11th March 2024

Reception	95%	Year 1	95%	Year 2	95%	Year 3	95%
Year 4	90%	Year 5	93%	Year 6	96%	Whole School Attendance for this week	94%

Well Done Year 6 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.

Household Support Fund

Holiday Activities and Food Fund (HAF)

St Helens Council will be supplying families of children who are in receipt of benefit based free school meals with a £45 voucher to help them during the school holidays. This will cover the February Half Term and Easter Holidays.

Children are also eligible to book and attend on the following activities found in the below link.

https://sthelens.gov.uk/media/7983/HAF-Easter-Programme-2024/pdf/2300465_Easter_2024_HAF_booklet.pdf?m=1709887694013

Bookings go live on Monday 18th March 2024.

The School Office will contact you when the vouchers are ready for collection.

To apply for Benefits Based Free School Meals - even if your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals (Reception through to Year 2) please follow the link to apply.

St Helens: <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

Wigan: <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Benefit-Grants/Free-school-meals.aspx>

West Lancashire: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

See Applying for Free School Meals information contained later in this newsletter for more information.

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:

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 22nd December 2023

Monday 3rd June 2024

Friday 27th October 2023

Thursday 2nd May 2024

Bank Holiday

Good Friday 29th March 2024

Easter Monday 1st April 2024

May Day 6th May and 27th 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:			Bank Holiday
Monday 2 nd September 2024	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Good Friday 18 th April 2025	
Monday 21 st July 2025	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Easter Monday 21 st April 2025	
1 x Inset Day to be confirmed once the Government Election is confirmed		Monday 5 th May and 26 th May 2025	
To be taken before 25 th January 2025.			

Dates for your Calendar

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

March 2024

21st March 2024	World Down Syndrome Day 2024 - come to school in your funkiest odd socks.
22nd March 2024	Non Uniform Day for an Easter Egg Donation for our Easter Egg Hunt in school on Thursday 28th March.
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

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

May 2024

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>at</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**



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



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

13TH

7:00 PM

GARSWOOD ROAD, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD,

WIGAN, WN4 0XA

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 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.



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@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

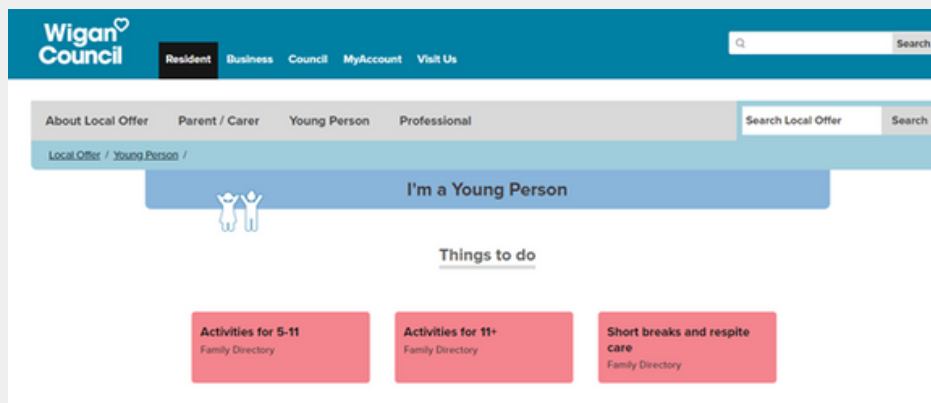
There are a number of support groups and play groups that take place weekly in the Wigan area. These are inclusive activities for children with SEND.



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

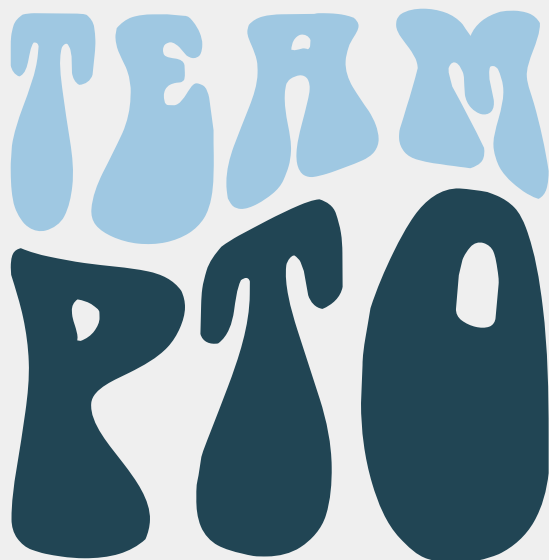
Each year, as our children move on to the high school we lose some valuable support. We would love to gain new support to continue enabling our children to enjoy the benefits that the PTA brings.

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



PTA Easter Raffle



Raffle Tickets Form



Calling all boys and girls!

Our Easter Raffle is here,
To raise some cash for the school we hold dear.
We don't want to cause pressure so please don't be stressed,
It all adds up so just do your best.
We're in this together and it would be cool,
If we could raise loads of dosh for our wonderful school.

Competition time: The top raffle ticket seller will win a prize

£1.00 a strip

Child's Name: Class:

NAME	PHONE NUMBER	Easter Raffle
		Various Prizes to be won – Easter Hamper, Easter Eggs and Easter Themed Cuddly Toy.
	TOTAL	

Please fill in the name and phone number of all your family and friends who would like to buy raffle tickets and send your forms along with your money back into school by Monday 25th March 2024 and we will send the tickets out.