

Newsletter



FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MATTHEW 5:16

ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are at the end of a very busy second week and we are so impressed with how settled the classes are- especially our 2 year old 'Blossoms' and the EYFS department - simply amazing!

A little reminder that if it your child's birthday then they can come to school in clothes of their choosing. If it is a weekend birthday then they can come into school in their own clothes on the Friday or Monday. If they have a birthday in the holiday then their own clothes day can be when we return to school.

SAFEGUARDING - Please help us to safeguard all children by dropping your child at the classroom door and letting them go in with the staff. If you need to go to the school office then please access this via the front of the school. Please do not walk through school as this makes you vulnerable and the children. Thank you

School Sports Day will be on Thursday weather permitting! Gilchrist sports will assist us on the day - KS1 will be in the morning from about 9:30 and KS2 from around 1:30pam. Times will be confirmed along with the weather!

<u>Jewellery -</u> Please note that we only allow stud earrings in school and children can only wear them if they can take them out independently. <u>No hoops</u> must be worn as these are very dangerous in a busy school setting. The best option is a clear plastic hole saver which are safe and are allowed in high schools. Please help us to keep them safe.

HARVEST in Church - This is open to our whole school community and will be in Church on Sunday 24th September and will start at 10am. Offerings for the new St Aidan's Pantry which is being set up for the community inside the Church will be very welcome. Let's work together to give it the best start. A separate flyer will be sent about this.

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Water Bottles

Water bottles are allowed in classrooms. Please note that this should be just water. Juice should be kept for lunchtime only. We are working with the children on the importance of good hydration by water. Please support us with this. Other drinks advised by GPs can be used in co-ordination with staff.

Toast

The children have asked for us to make toast on offer for breaktimes. We are looking for volunteers to make this happen. It would be once a week for infants and everyday for juniors. Please note that infants get the free fruit offer also. If you can help please contact the school office on 01744 678042.

Year 6 are having a fabulous time at PGL Winmarleigh Hall. Year 5 it is your

turn next year. Here are a few photographs.











Attendance Matters



Class Attendance

Week commencing: Monday 11th September 2023

Reception	96 %
Year 1	97 %
Year 2	94 %
Year 3	99 %
Year 4	97 %
Year 5	92 %
Year 6	98 %



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 96% help us to get to 97%

Congratulations to Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 who have 96% or over on class attendance this week. Your class with throw a dice to see where you will land on our Classopoly!

OUR SCHOOL CHRISTIAN VALUES



















The Heart Smart High Five

Language creates culture.
That's why the five Heart Smart
key principles are covered in all years
groups at St Aidan's CE
https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=WI9XpRqJXwQ



-The HeartSmart High Five —





Too Much Selfie isn't Healthy!

Exploring the importance of others and how to love them well.



Don't Rub it In, Rub it Out!

Understanding how to process negative emotion and choose forgiveness to restore relationships.



Fake is a Mistake!

Unpacking how to bravely communicate truth and be proud of who we are.



'No Way Through,' isn't True!

Knowing there is a way through every situation, no matter how impossible it may seem.

https://www.billingestaidans.co.uk/serve_file/3419714

CHECK OUT THE HEARSMART PROGRESSION ON OUR WEBSITE.

SPEAK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT HOW WE CAN BE HEARTSMART.

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

and you're invited

Place: Billinge St Aidan's CE Primary

Date: Friday 29th September 2023

Time: 09:30-11.30am

Contact: Debbie Sutcliffe 01744678042

Scan this QR code to donate to our event if you are unable to attend.











Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in tingland and waker \$2500(0), Scotland (SCREWEX) and the trie of Man (1604). Also operating in reordines resisted, MACTMAX Foster

Please share with family, friends and local community.

There will be a raffle with prizes donated from local businesses.

Tours of school will also be available for any prospective parents.

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).





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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Close for the Summer holiday on the evening of	Tuesday	23 rd July 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 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 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 Christmas holiday on the evening of	Thursday	21st December 2023
Re-open after the Christmas holiday on the morning of	Monday	8th January 2024
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
Re-open after the Summer holiday on the morning of	Tuesday	5 th September 2023

Closed Inset Days:

Monday 4th September 2023 Friday 27th October 2023 Friday 22nd December 2023 Thursday 2nd May 2024 Monday 3rd June 2024

Bank Holiday

Good Friday 29th March 2024 Easter Monday 1st April 2024 May Day 6th May and 27th May 2024

Dates for your Calendar Please also see below some key dates that are happening in school. September 2023

15-17th Ser	otember 2023	Y6 PGL Weekend
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1pm to 6pm

21st September 2023 St Aidan's Sports Day

Sunday 24th September Beacon service at St Aidan's Church - Harvest

26th September 2023 European Languages Day - French Day children can come

dressed in blue, white and red.

28th September 2023 Flu Immunisation 9-10.30am (whole school) please see

information later in the Newsletter.

29th September 2023 09-30 - 11.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning

October 2023

10th October 2023 Hello Yellow Day - Young Minds

11th October 2023 Meet the Teacher in class 3.40 to 5.30pm

17th October 2023 Monster Phonics Parent 1.30 - 2.30pm Workshop (Reception)

19th October 2023 Monster Phonics Parent 1.30 - 2.30pm Workshop (Year 1)

School closes on the evening of Thursday 26th October 2023 for October Half Term.

November 2023

School re-opens on Monday 6th November 2023

14th November 2023 Y6 Learning to Work

15th November 2023 EYFS Open Afternoon and Evening

17th November 2023 Children in Need Day

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

December 2023

5th December 2023

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(PM)

6th December

EYFS Nativity (Nursery)

2pm

7th December

2pm

EYFS Nativity (Reception)

8th December 2023

Christmas Jumper Day/School Christmas

Lunch and Father

Christmas visiting.

13th December 2023

2pm

KS1 Nativity Year 1

14th December 2023

2pm

KS1 Nativity Year 1

20th December 2023

KS2 Carol Service in Church

21st December 2023

December 2023.

School closes on the evening of 21st

January 2024

8th January 2024

School re-opens

6th February 2024

Young Voices Concert/Trip (Manchester)

8th February 2024

Safer Internet Day

February 2024

9th February 2024

School Closes in the evening for half term holidays.

19th February 2024

School re-opens.

Dates for your Calendar Please also see below some key dates that are happening in school. (continued) March 2024

5th March 2024	Parents Evening
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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

April 2024

15th April 2024 School re-opens

May 2024

2nd May 2024	Inset Day
6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
8th May 2024	KS2 SATS
24th May 2024	School closes in the evening for holidays

June 2024

4th June 2024 10th June 2024	School re-opens 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)



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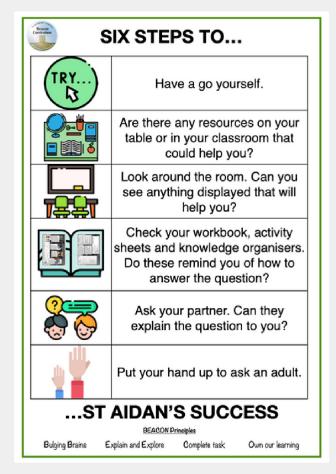
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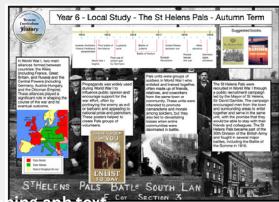


Our Beacon Curriculum can be found on the school website. Click here...



В	Bulging Brains can Bring it Back	Recently, a growing body of research has shown that the practice of remembering previously studied information (i.e. retrieval practice) is more advantageous for long-term retention of BRAIN memory.				
Ε	Explain and Explore to make things Easy	Knowledge is power'. Knowledge does much more than just help hone our thinking skills: it actually makes learning easier. Gaining knowledge is a continual process over time. Those with a rich base of factual knowledge find it easier to learn more — the rich get richer! The more you know, the easier it is to learn. Learn in small steps, by modelling, by following procedures, scaffolding and asking and answering questions.				
Д	Access Amazing vocabulary	Uccabulary is critical to our success. Vocabulary growth is directly related to school achievement. Vocabulary helps us to think and learn about the world. Expanding our knowledge of words provides unlimited access to new information.				
C	Complete task	We apply previous and new knowledge, skills and understanding to different situations. We are encouraged to use our broader knowledge, work collaboratively, use problem solving skills and be creative. We should also be				
0	Own our learning	able to complete tasks independently and take responsibility for our own learning; we can 'overlearn'. Developing ourselves as independent learners, including where to look for help, is important as it helps us to stay motivated and improve our academic performance.				
N	New learning - how much have we learnt?	What have we learnt? How much have we learnt? What do we know now that we didn't before? Reflect on what we have just learnt, keep retrieving past knowledge and know how what we have learnt helps us in all that we do.				















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 Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 26th October 2023 is available from club. A copy of the booking form is shown on the next page.





ST HELENS CARES

thesleepcharity.org.uk

Does your child suffer with sleep issues? Do you struggle with your child's bedtime? Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

Help is at hand from The Sleep Charity and thanks to funding from St Helens Children's Commissioning.

Why not book on our Foundation Sleep Workshop?

Free training that provides you with knowledge around sleep, some of the common reasons for poor sleep and how you can help to improve sleep

To book, please contact brian@thesleepcharity.org.uk

Call our National Sleep Helpline - 03303 530 541

And speak to one of our friendly, trained sleep advisors who can offer some practical advice

Teen Sleep Hub – teensleephub.org.uk

If you're looking for support for a child aged 13 upwards, visit our dedicated website for young people packed with information for both you and them to read and watch!

The Sleep Charity website - thesleepcharity.org.uk

A useful resource with helpful information and support including advice sheets and leaflets

For more information on the local St Helens Sleep pathway and accessing support, or for any concerns you may have regarding your child's sleep patterns, then please contact your health visitor, school nurse, early help worker or children's centre.



Children's information support available here: https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/

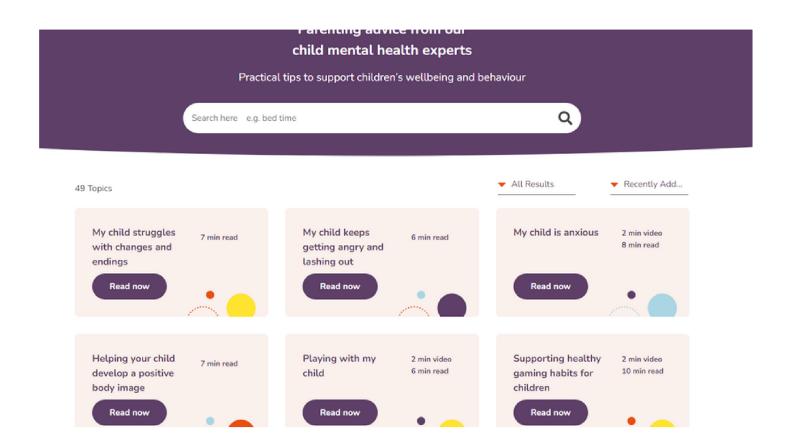






Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles Please follow the link for helpful advice around helping your child . There is some excellent advice.

https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/



There are many quick bite reads and videos to watch. Please do let us know of you find any useful as we would like to form a parent support group around some of these areas .

Please don't struggle alone

Please speak to Mrs Fisher or your class teacher if you would like further support.

Permissions for School

During this year, we would like to share our fantastic work, experiences and events through our Facebook, Twitter, local newspapers and school website.

Before we can do this we need to ask parents for their permission.

The survey has been forwarded to parents. If you haven't completed it, please do so my Monday 18th September 2023.

Please complete as soon as possible so that we can update our records and share our fabulous work.

The permissions are for photos and work to be used on the school website, local newspapers, social media and working partnerships.

Permission has already been given for Nursery and Reception.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

NURSERY TO YEAR 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. It will take place on Thursday 28th September 2023 in school.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up—the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have—the flu vaccine again this year.

Please visit the below link to access further information—and complete your child's consent form even if you don't want them to—receive their flu spray as this will avoid further communications from our—service.

https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/

If you are unable to complete the online form, please contact our team who will be happy to help. If after completing your child's form you attend the GP and your child receives the flu nasal spray or wish to amend their form you must contact the immunisation team directly and not your child's school.

Yours Sincerely St Helens School Immunisation Services 01744 415 645

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.

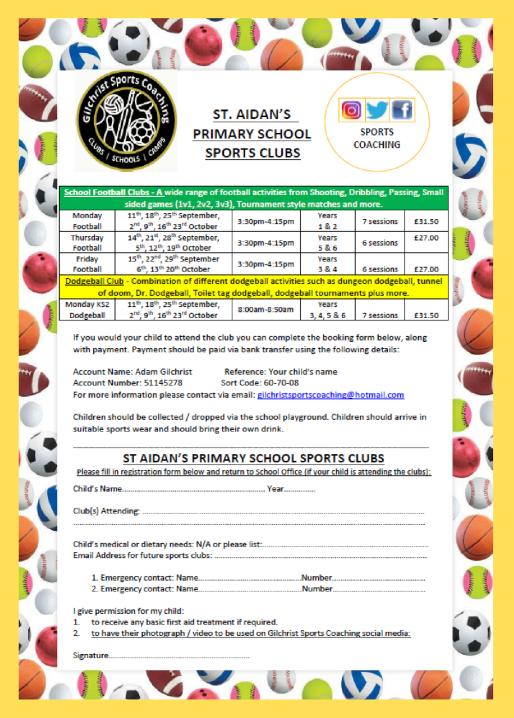
In previous St Helens Council have provided vouchers to parents to help when your child is on a school holiday. To be eligible for the vouchers you must be in receipt of benefits based free school meals.

IF YOU LIVE IN A SURROUNDING LOCAL AUTHORITY - YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THEIR FORMS WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON THEIR WEBSITE.

Sports

Extra Curricular Clubs start next week with Gilchrist Sports.

Please see below form which has been given to children to bring home.



PE Days - we will notify you by School Spider for School updates on PE Days



PARENT CARERS

Listen 4 Change would like to invite you to their parent carer coffee mornings!

These are an opportunity to meet other parent carers in a relaxed setting for a cuppa, cake and a chat. You can also enjoy a game of Bingo!

No need to book, just come along for the whole morning or drop in anytime between 10am – 12pm

@ The Carers Clubhouse, 18 Cotham Street, St Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1SJ (opposite Town Hall)

On
Friday 7th July 2023
Friday 8th September 2023
Friday 6th October 2023
Friday 10th November 2023
Friday 1st December 2023

For further information please contact Sara Dolan on 01744 675615 or <u>Saradolan@sthelenscarers.org.uk</u>



Listen 4 Change would like to invite you to their evening get-togethers!

For parents and Carers of Children and young people with SEND.

Why not come along? No need to book.

From 18.30-20.00

Tuesday 11th July 2023 Tuesday 12th September 2023 Tuesday 14th November 2023

@ The Carer Clubhouse, 18 Cotham Street, St Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1SJ (opposite Town Hall).

This will be an opportunity to meet other parent Carers in a relaxed setting for a Cuppa, a Chat and a game of bingo. For further information please Contact Sara Dolan on 01744 675615 or Saradolan@sthelensCarers.org.uk



SEND Support

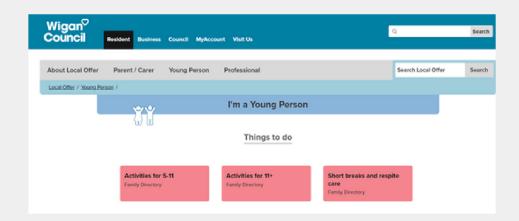
There are a number of support groups and play groups that take place weekly in the Wigan area. The are inclusive activities for children with SEND.



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

Kids R Us Breakfast and Afterschool Club

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I will inform staff of any changes in details as soon as possible.

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

