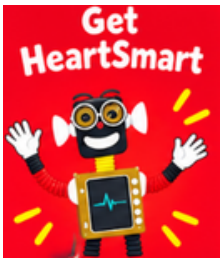
Newsletter

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2026

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE MATTHEW 5:16

ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



St Aidan's is a HEARTSMART SCHOOL!

This week, we were delighted to welcome Dave Hill and his team from HeartSmart to our school. They spent time filming new HeartSmart videos featuring our wonderful children. Dave was absolutely blown away by the impact HeartSmart has had on our school community since we first began the programme nine years ago. It was a proud moment to reflect on how deeply the HeartSmart values have become embedded in the life of our school and the positive difference they continue to make for our children and families. Please see below how Heartsmart links to our Christian Values..



Firework Safety Talk

A big thank you to PC Jo for visiting our school to speak to the children about firework safety, hoax calls and anti-social behaviour. The children learned important messages about staying safe, making responsible choices and showing respect for others, particularly as Bonfire Night approaches.

POLITE REMINDER ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2026



As we move into the new term and temperatures begin to drop, please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat every day, as outdoor play continues throughout the winter months. Hats, gloves and scarves are also recommended when colder weather arrives.



Aidan's Pantry

We are a drop off point for non perishable foods for Aidan's Pantry.



Our whole-school attendance this week was 93%, below our 96% target. Well done to Year 4 for reaching 96%! Every school day matters, helping children learn, build friendships and achieve their best. Please support us by ensuring your child attends regularly and arrives on time whenever they are well enough. Together, let's reach our target and let every child's light shine!



Attendance figures from Friday 2nd October 2026 to 8th October 2026 (inclusive)

SCHOOL	ST HELENS LA	NATIONAL
93%	96%	96%

Attendance

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Friday 16th October 2026 to Thursday 22nd October 2026

Class	Attendance This Week	Target 96%	Hit Target?
Reception	89%	96%	Below Target
Year 1	93%	96%	Below Target
Year 2	92%	96%	Below Target
Year 3	89%	96%	Below Target
Year 4	96%	96%	Hit Target
Year 5	94%	96%	Below Target
Year 6	95%	96%	Below Target
Whole School Attendance	**93%**	**Target 96%**	**Below Target**

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We explore in depth a different Christian value and Heartsmart theme each half term.



Shining Together

BILLINGE ST AIDAN'S
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE
AT ST AIDAN'S

Come and see our wonderful school in action!

Hope
Love
Friendship
Forgiveness
Truth
Perseverance

All are welcome

Hope's Garden



SCHOOL TOURS

EVERY WEDNESDAY
9:30am–10:30am
23.09.26–09.12.26

SATURDAY TOURS
10:00am–11:00am
10.10.26 • 14.11.26 • 09.01.27

EYFS OPEN DAYS
THURSDAYS
1:30pm–4:30pm
08.10.26 • 12.11.26
10.12.26 • 07.01.27

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!

Show your interest or book a date:
01744 678042 • staidansb@sthelens.org.uk
London Fields, Billinge, WN5 7LS

Every Day Counts!

St Aidan's CE Primary School, Billinge

Attendance

Friday 9th October to Thursday 15th October 2026

Class target: 96%

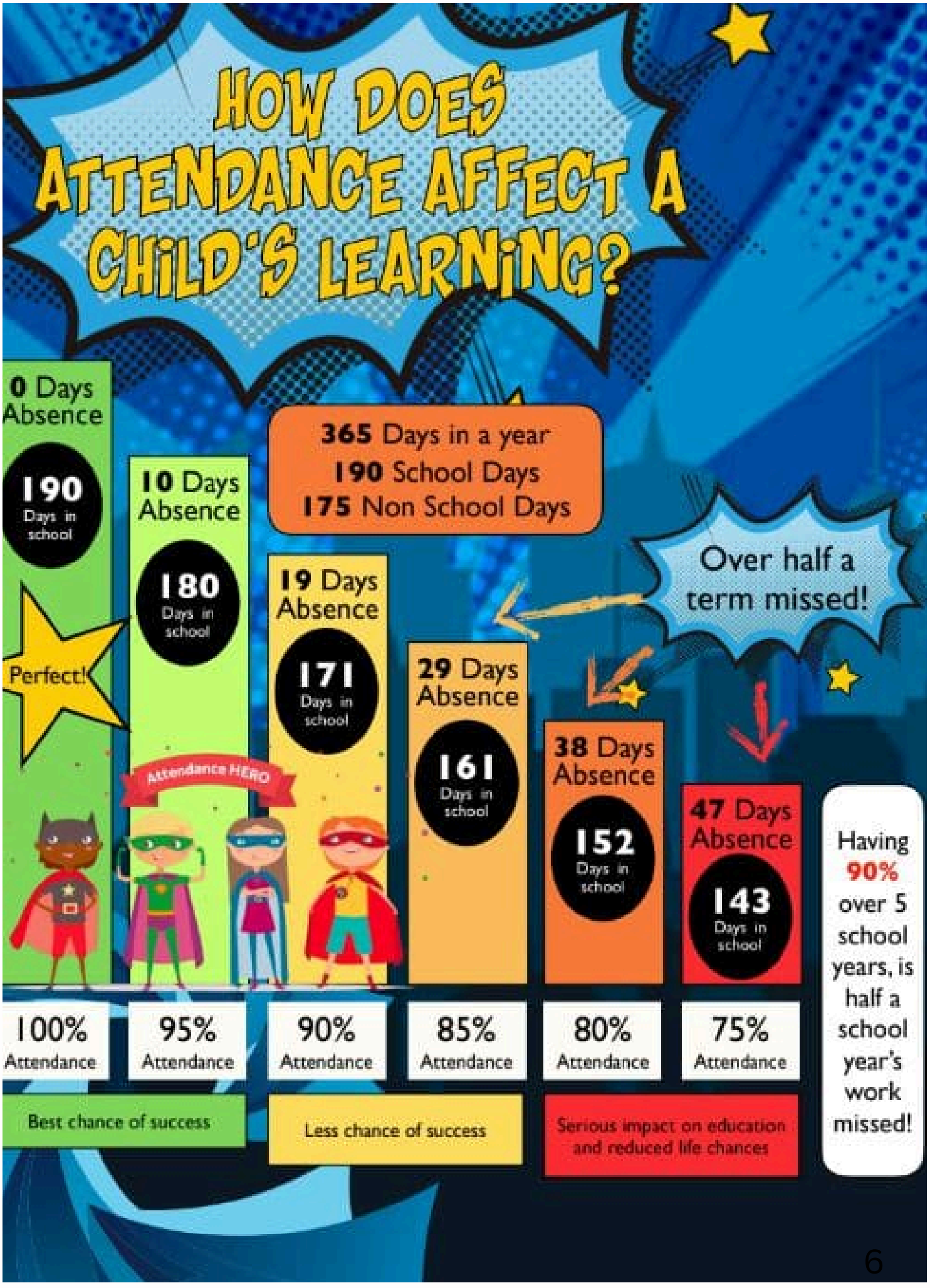
Whole school target: 96%

Year Group	Attendance	Target met?
Reception	93%	✗ Not hit target
Year 1	99%	✓ Hit target
Year 2	96%	✓ Hit target
Year 3	85%	✗ Not hit target
Year 4	90%	✗ Not hit target
Year 5	94%	✗ Not hit target
Year 6	96%	✓ Hit target

School attendance: 93%

School target: 96%

✗ Not hit target


HOW DOES ATTENDANCE AFFECT A CHILD'S LEARNING?
365 Days in a year
190 School Days
175 Non School Days
0 Days Absence
190 Days in school
Perfect!
10 Days Absence
180 Days in school
19 Days Absence
171 Days in school
29 Days Absence
161 Days in school
38 Days Absence
152 Days in school
47 Days Absence
143 Days in school
Over half a term missed!
Attendance HERO
100% Attendance
95% Attendance
90% Attendance
85% Attendance
80% Attendance
75% Attendance
Best chance of success
Less chance of success
Serious impact on education and reduced life chances
Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

Dates for the Diary

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Tuesday 3rd November 2026	**Pupils return to school** 
Friday 13th November 2026	**Children in Need Day** Pudsey & the Thread of Hope 
Monday 16th November 2026	**Anti-Bullying Week** 
Tuesday 1st December 2026	**EYFS Nativity** 2pm 
Wednesday 9th December 2026	**KS1 Nativity** 2pm 
Friday 11th December 2026	**Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch** Choir singing at the Christmas Tree Festival 
Monday 14th December 2026	**Christmas Sing with St Aidan's** 6pm 
Thursday 17th December 2026	**KS2 Carol Service** 2pm at church 
Friday 18th December 2026	**School Closes for Christmas**
Monday 4th January 2027	**Back to School**

Billinge St Aidan's CE Primary School

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Fun
Friends
Play
Belong



Play
Create
Learn
Grow
Friends

Breakfast and After School Club

A safe, friendly and fun place for our children before and after the school day.

Breakfast Club

7.30am to 8.50am
Monday to Friday
Term time only



A great start to the day!

After School Club

3.30pm until 6.00pm
Monday to Friday
Term time only



Relax, play and make memories!

Prebook or adhoc on the day
Choose what works best for your family.

Run by school staff
Our friendly school staff provide a safe and caring environment.

On site at school
Held in our school facilities.

- Make new friends
- Creative activities
- Games and play
- Quiet time and reading
- Healthy snacks (breakfast club)
- A caring and supportive environment

All are welcome!

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St Aidan's C of E Primary School

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School Holidays 2026 – 2027

Return after Summer Holiday

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 (morning)

Autumn Half-Term

Close: Friday 23rd October 2026 (evening)

Re-open: Tuesday 3rd November 2026 (morning)

Christmas Holiday

Close: Friday 18th December 2026 (evening)

Re-open: Monday 4th January 2027 (morning)

Spring Half-Term

Close: Friday 12th February 2027 (evening)

Re-open: Monday 22nd February 2027 (morning)

Easter Holiday

Close: Thursday 25th March 2027 (evening)

Re-open: Monday 12th April 2027 (morning)

Summer Half-Term

Close: Friday 28th May 2027 (evening)

Re-open: Wednesday 9th June 2027 (morning)

Summer Holiday

Close: Tuesday 20th July 2027 (evening)

Closed Inset Days

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Monday 7th June 2027
Tuesday 8th June 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

Bank Holidays

Good Friday 26th March 2027
Easter Monday 29th March 2027
Monday 3rd May 2027



ST. AIDAN'S SCHOOL BILLINGE

PE Days

Move Learn Grow Together

Be active, Be healthy, Let your light shine!

Play Participate Progress

Class	PE Day
Nursery	Monday
Reception	Monday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Friday

Healthy Happy Confident

PE Kit



Plain white t-shirt or school PE top



Black shorts, leggings or joggers



Black hoodie or sweatshirt



Trainers suitable for physical activity

Every Child Shines

Thank you for supporting your child to be ready for PE each week.

Let your light shine ♥ Matthew 5:16

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St Aidan's CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Aidan's FREE PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP



Have you got any St Aidan's uniform that is no longer needed?

We'd be very grateful for donations of clean, good-quality items to help stock our **FREE** Preloved Uniform Shop.



LOGOS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL ON UNIFORM

WE WELCOME DONATIONS OF:

- SWEATSHIRTS
- CARDIGANS
- POLO SHIRTS
- TROUSERS
- SKIRTS
- SUMMER DRESSES
- PE KIT
  - WHITE POLO
  - BLACK SHORTS
- ...AND MORE!

DONATE YOUR UNIFORM

- DROP OFF AT THE SCHOOL RECEPTION
- MONDAY 24TH AUGUST & TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST
- EACH MORNING

FREE PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP

- THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST
- OPEN ALL DAY WHILE SCHOOL IS BEING USED AS A POLLING STATION

ALL ITEMS ARE COMPLETELY FREE

Just help yourself to what you need

Thank you for helping us support our families, save money and reduce waste within our school community.



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MATTHEW 5:16

#StAidans
#PrelovedUniform
#SchoolCommunity

ST. AIDAN'S SCHOOL
BILLINGE

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Matthew 5:16

St Aidan's Baby & Toddler Sessions

Exciting News!



Moo Music®



are back!



from next Wednesday 16th September

Exciting news to share that over this year we will also be featuring a few **Moo Music free taster sessions** and we will advertise when they are coming up!

Every Wednesday 9am – 10:30am

At St Aidan's CE Primary School London Fields WN5 7LS

Weekly music sessions also from Burn our school music teacher!

New visitors always welcome!

No need to book – just turn up!

Refreshments available

£1.50 a session

Play ♥ Sing ♥ Make Friends ♥ Have Fun!

PLAY LEARN FRIENDS FUN

Call 01744 678042 for more information

NHS
Cheshire and Merseyside

ADDvanced Solutions
Community Network
Supporting you to find the answers

Have questions about Neurodiversity?



(with or without diagnosis)

Parents and carers would you like to know more about Autism, ADHD, specific learning difficulties or sensory processing difficulties to better understand and support your child / young person?

Come along to our FREE to attend meetings and workshops

- Learn about neurodevelopmentalconditions
- Identify practical strategies that work for you and your family
- Meet other parents in similar situations
- Ask questions and talk to our team who can help and support you



CommunityNetwork Group

every Tuesday afternoon in term time

12.30pm - 2.30pm

Willowbrook - TheLivingWell

Borough Rd,St Helens WA10 3RN

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or

Online via zoom

Monday mornings & Wednesday evenings

Family Learning Programmes

6 session pr ogrammes
running in St Helens and online

www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk

St. Aidan's Church of England Primary School

'Let your light shine' ~ Matthew 5:16

School Uniform

Looking smart, feeling proud!

Tops



Green jumper with or without school logo.

Green cardigan with or without school logo.

White polo shirt with or without school logo.

Full School Uniform



Grey trousers

Grey shorts

Grey skirt

Grey pinafore

Green gingham dress (summer term)

Footwear



Black school shoes

Socks and tights



White socks (for both)



Grey tights (for girls)



Grey socks (for boys)

PE Kit







For PE, children wear:

- Plain white T-shirt
- Black shorts or black joggers
- White socks
- Trainers



School Uniform can be purchased from:

Slaters Eckersley Mill, Swan Meadow Rd, Wigan, WN3 5BD
Tel: 01942 244426 Email: sales@termtex.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.

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St Aidan's C of E Primary School
ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL
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STA's 4 ALL
A time to come together, celebrate and be part of our school and church community
Worship
Community
Friendship
Stories
Refreshments
This Sunday
Sunday 11th October 2026
Starting at 10am
at St Aidan's C of E Primary School
Everyone welcome!