Newsletter

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE — MATTHEW 5:16

ST AIDAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



KS1 Toilets Update

The improvement works to our KS1 toilets are now underway, and a good start has been made this week. The project will continue into next week, and we are excited to see the improvements taking shape for our children. A huge well done to the children for adapting so well.



Children in Need

Friday 13th November will be our school children in need day. Our SENDco MIss Jaeger will be holding a parent coffee morning and cake sale and will be availble for you from 9am - 10:30am, Please pop in support children in need and buy a cake.

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance this week was 89%, below our 96% target.

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!



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Our Christian Value This Half Term: Love ❤️

As we begin a new half term, we are focusing on the Christian value of Love.

At St Aidan's, we believe that love is at the heart of everything we do, helping us to build strong relationships, support one another and create a caring school family.

Over the coming weeks, the children will explore what it means to show love not only to others, but also to themselves and to the wider community around them. Through worship, classroom activities and everyday experiences, we will encourage children to recognise acts of kindness, show compassion, and appreciate the importance of treating everyone with respect and understanding.

As part of our HeartSmart learning, we will be working through the unit "Don't Forget to Let Love In." This encourages children to understand their own value, recognise the positive relationships in their lives and develop the confidence to accept care, encouragement and support from others. It is a wonderful reminder that we are all loved, valued and capable of making a positive difference to those around us.

We look forward to seeing our children share this value both in school and beyond, as together we continue to nurture a community where love, kindness and belonging can flourish. ❤️😊

🧥 Colder Weather Reminder ❄️

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat each day. Hats, gloves and scarves are also recommended, particularly for outdoor playtimes and learning activities.

Please make sure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name so that they can be returned if misplaced.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our children warm, comfortable and ready to learn throughout the winter months. 😊





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Attendance figures from Friday 23rd October 2026 to 5th November 2026 (inclusive)

SCHOOL	ST HELENS LA	NATIONAL
89%	96%	96%


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 8th November 2026
Starting at 10am
at St Aidan's C of E Primary School
Everyone welcome!

Non-Uniform Day

Children in Need Day

Friday 13th November 2026



Come dressed in something pudsey related, pudsey colours or spots.

Please bring a small donation for Children in Need.

Thank you for your support!

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Come and meet Miss Jaeger our school SENDco



Sensory Circuits

Information for Parents

Let your light shine

What are sensory circuits?

Sensory circuits are short sequences of physical activities that help children to process sensory information. They prepare children for learning by helping them to reach a 'just right' level of alertness, so they can focus, engage and feel regulated.

Why do we use them?

- Helps children to be ready to learn
- Supports concentration and attention
- Develops physical skills (balance, coordination, gross and fine motor skills)
- Can improve self-esteem and confidence
- Helps children to organise and regulate their senses

A sensory circuit has 3 important parts...



Alerting

These activities give the body and brain a boost of energy and help children to become alert and ready to learn.

Ideas...

- Running on the spot
- Jump forward and backward
- Crouch to a star jump
- Crab walk
- Star jumps
- Frog jumps
- Bunny hops
- Sing and dance





Organising

These activities help the brain to process information, improve coordination and help children feel more in control.

Ideas...

- Copy a sequence of actions
- 'Simon Says'
- Walk around two chairs in a figure of 8
- Throw and catch a small item
- Pat your head and rub your tummy
- Balance on one leg (then the other)
- Lazy eights
- Arm circles
- Preparing resources or tidying tables





Calming

These activities help the body to slow down and feel calm. They help children to regulate their senses and feel ready to learn.

Ideas...

- Push against a wall or table (table push ups)
- Deep pressure massage on hands or arms
- Finger breathing
- Yoga poses
- Deep breathing (eyes closed)
- Listen to calming music
- Read a book
- Body squeeze



When do we use sensory circuits in school?

We use sensory circuits as part of our daily classroom routine, particularly:

- After playtime
- After lunchtime
- After wet play
- At other points in the day when children may be feeling dysregulated

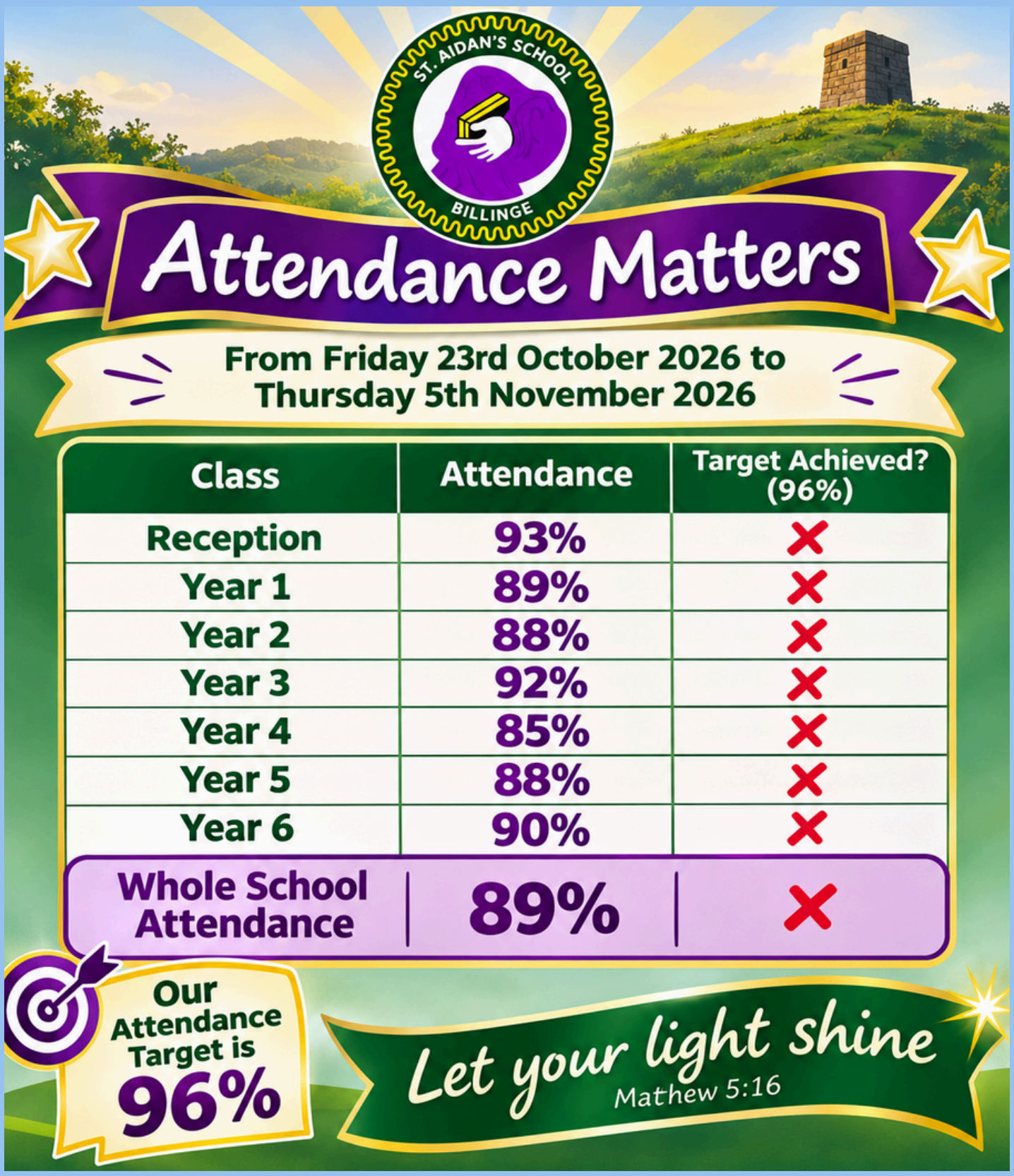


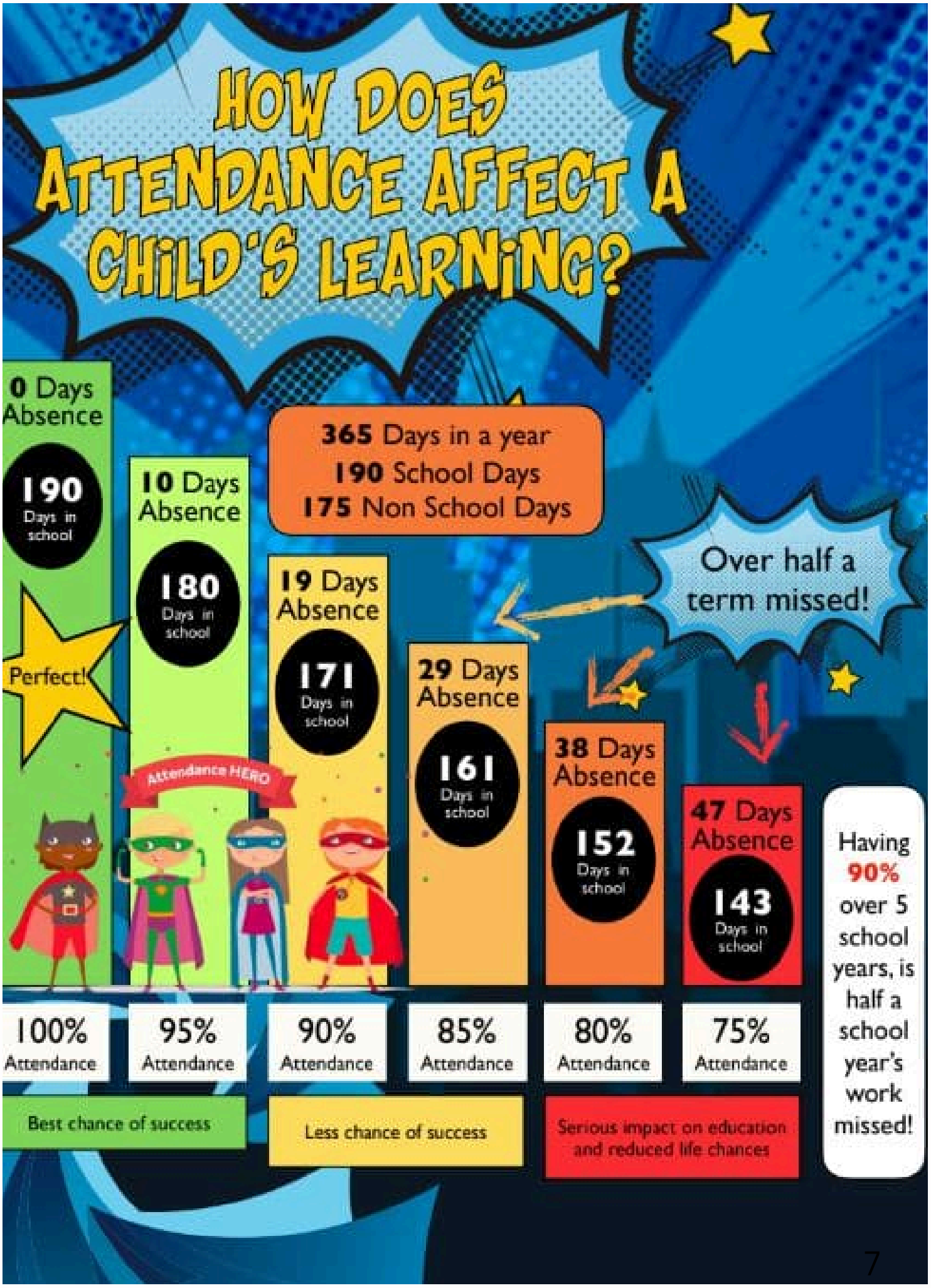
Even 1 minute of each section can make a positive difference!

Individual sensory circuit stations

1. Children can go to a designated area inside or outside the classroom to complete their own sensory circuit.
2. They choose 1 alerting, 1 organising and 1 calming activity.
3. They have 1 minute per activity, using a 1-minute sand timer.
4. The activities can be done independently, without an adult.




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Attendance Matters
From Friday 23rd October 2026 to Thursday 5th November 2026
Class | Attendance | Target Achieved? (96%)
Reception | 93% | ✗
Year 1 | 89% | ✗
Year 2 | 88% | ✗
Year 3 | 92% | ✗
Year 4 | 85% | ✗
Year 5 | 88% | ✗
Year 6 | 90% | ✗
Whole School Attendance | 89% | ✗
Our Attendance Target is 96%
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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!



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



Shining Together

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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

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**

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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 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 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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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

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