

September 3 2025

Attendance



Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 8.45am FOR YR AND 8.50am FOR KS1 & KS2. The learning starts at 9am so we need the children in class and settled for then.

YR: 97.3%

Y1: 92.1%

Y2: 92.3%

Y3: 97.7%

Y4: 93.0%

Y5: 97.6%

Y6: 96.5%

Whole school: 94.6%

Local Authority average: 96.4%

Well done to all the classes this week who beat our target of 96%.

Look our for our Attendance Champions on the playground each day before school - they are there to promote and celebrate positive attendance each day.



Please read our Attendance Guide - the full updated Attendance Policy can be found on our website. Our aim is for every child to be in school every day - with a target of **at least 96% attendance.** Please note that holidays in term time will only be authorised in exceptional

circumstances - we need to receive notification (by filling in the form on the website/from the School Office) two weeks prior to their absence.

This week's achievers

Every week the staff look out for those children who are just that little bit extra special in the current week to award them one of our **Achievers Certificates.** It might be for lots of effort, fantastic presentation, super learning behaviour, lovely manners, being extra helpful or just that bit more determined than the others to finish their work accurately. They might just be an outstanding all-rounder. Congratulations to this week's achievers:)

YR: James and Kip

Y1: Cody and Hudson

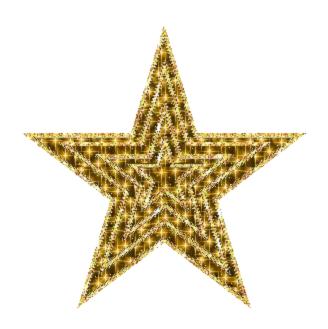
Y2: Bea and Kodah

Y3: Belle and Roo

Y4: Leighton and Ivy

Y5: Alfie and Winter

Y6: The football team and all the children who passed their 25m in swimming.



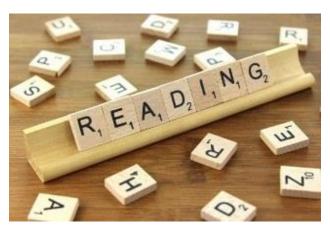
Lyme Superstars

Our amazing children alsways love to share how they are demonstrating our ICAN values outside of school. This year we will be sharing their achievements on the newsletter! Please encourage your child to bring in their trophies, medals and certificates.



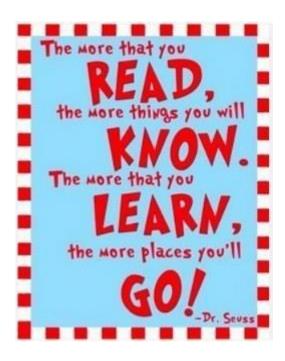


Reading Superstars



Well done to this week's book winners for reading AT LEAST 3 times per week at home. Please can we ask parents/carers to sign your child's reading record so that we can see that they have read at home with you and return it on a THURSDAY. Thank you.

We have been really pleased with the increase in the number of children reading at home - thank you for your support.



Picture News



As a gold Rights-Respecting School, our children discuss different issues each week using Picture News. This week's Picture News was all about the following question: Why do we vote?



In the news this week

Schools in the UK will soon need to give nore lessons on democracy, how volving works, and how the country is run. This so because the volving age for the great election is being lowered to 16. Many green that young people need to be eady to make informed decisions. At irst, these lessons will be for children specif 14 and over, but the plan is to people reaching these issues from 11 rears of age, so everyone has plenty of ime to learn.

- Talk to someone older at home, and ask them to share their experiences of voting and their thoughts on the news that 16-year-olds will be able to vote.
- Can you think of times when you have taken part in a vote? What was the outcome?
- Do you believe it's important for young people to learn about voting and democracy? If so, what age do you think the leasons should start?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of other

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Democracy

Learning how to vote helps young people see their views matter. When we respect their voices and give them the chance to take part, we help build a fairer future together.

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Protected Characteristics

Lowering the voting age highlights the importance of listening to young people and their ideas. Valuing people of all ages helps us recognise that everyone has something to contribute.



















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As children grow, they start to learn how choices shape their lives. Adults can guide children to understand voting, while showing respect for their views and encouraging them to take part with confidence.



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Community news







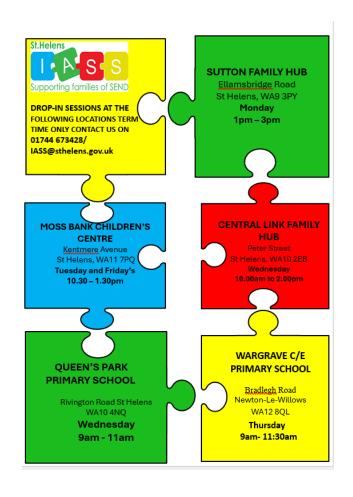


SCAN ME!



SEND support







What's on in St Helens **Autumn 1 2025**



ADD vanced Solutions Community Network is an open access offer that supports the emotional health and wellbeing of neurodivergent children and young people, their families and the professionals that work with them. No diagnosis or referral is needed to access the offer.

St Helens Community Network Group:

The face-to-face St Helens Community Network Group is an informal, open access learning opportunity to seek advice and support around challenges at all stages of your journey. No need to book, just come along, to meet the team and visiting professionals.

Day: Tuesday Time: 12:30pm - 2:30pm Venue: Wonderland Community Centre, Reflection Court, Canal Street, WA10 3JQ



12:30pm-2:30pm	No need to book - just drop in
9 th September	Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions
16 th September	Dynamic Key Support Workers
23 rd September	Choosing a School
30 th September	Supporting Organisational Skills
7th October	Preparing for the Future
14 th October	Specific Learning Difficulties
21st October	Separation Anxiety

Online Community Network Groups

An informal, online opportunity to seek advice and get support around challenges at all stages of your journey.

9.30am - 11.00am	to register
8 th September	Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions
15 th September	Puberty and Neurodiversity
22 nd September	Supporting Organisational Skills
29 th September	Autism and Girls
6 th October	Choosing a School
13 th October	Encouraging Independence
20 th October	Communicating with your Child

Wednesday afternoons 5.00pm-6.30pm				
10 th September	Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions			
17 th September	Introduction to Autism			
24 th September	Choosing a School			
1 st October	Difficulties Attending School			
8 th October	Puberty and Neurodiversity			
15 th October	Zones of Regulation			
22 rd October	Encouraging Independence			

Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme - Face-to-Face

- This three session programme will run during the daytime. The sessions equip parents and carers with:

 A greater understanding of Neurodevelopmental Conditions including Autism, ADHD, Sensory Processing Difficulties, Specific Learning Difficulties.

 Practical strategies to manage everyday challenges and behaviours including sleep, toileting and eating.

 Knowledge around your Local Offer, disability welfare rights and SEND, Early Help and EHCPs.

Please contact us to register your interest for our next available face-to-face Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme in St Helens.

Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme - Online

An online, evening alternative to the face-to-face learning programme. The programme is delivered as a webinar, with the ability to engage with the facilitator and other parents/carers through the Q&A and chat.

Day: Tuesday Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm Venue: Online via Zoom

Tuesday evenings for six weeks 6:30pm - 8:30pm					
Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
Tuesday 9 th September	Tuesday 16 th September	Tuesday 23 rd September	Tuesday 30 th September	Tuesday 7th October	Tuesday 14th October

Online Learning Workshop - Sleep Difficulties

Online Learning Workshops are designed to help parent/carers understand and learn more in-depth about a specific topic relating to neurodevelopmental conditions. This half term's topic will be Sleep Difficulties:

Sleep can be a challenge for neurodivergent children and young people, which can have an impact on their day-to-day life and wider family. During this webinar, our sleep proctitioners will identify the difficulties that neurodivergent children and young people experience which can impact bed time and sleep. We will also explore what a good bedtime routine looks like, incorporating sleep hygiene, whilst providing advice and strategies for common challenges.

Day: Friday Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm Venue: Online via Zoom





Online community network groups and learning workshops provide parents and corrers with an understanding of a particular topic around neurodevelopmental conditions. We provide strategies to support children and young people at home and in school, with an opportunity to interact with our team via the chot and Q&A function. If you are using a phone, you will need to download the Zoom app beforehand. Please be mindful of your datu using. If you do not have an untimited datup fair, you may need to connect to a Wi-Fi connection to prevent charges.

Our online offer is delivered by Zoom for Healthcare, you will need to have a free Zoom account to register. The defails we request when you register are kept securely and used in line with our privacy policy https://dww.addvancesboolutons.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2028/94/Privacy-Policy.pdf.

Autism Learning Programme - Face-to-Face

This post-diagnostic Autism Learning Programme has been designed to support and empower parents and carers in their understanding of how autism is experienced by children and young people, providing learning, guidance and strategies to better support your child/young person. The programme is for St Heiens parents/ carers whose children and young people have received a diagnosis of autism (ASD). This offer is in partnership with St Heiens Neurodevelopmental Carthway, commissioned by NRS Cheshire & Merseyaids.

All Ages

Day: Mondays Time: 9:30am - 2:45pm Venue: WA10, St Helens

Mondays for three we 9:30am - 2:45pm	eeks	Contact us to register	
Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	
Monday 15 th September	Monday 22 nd September	Monday 29 th September	

Autism Learning Programme - Online

We are pleased to offer an online, evening alternative to the face-to-face learning programme. The programme is delivered as a webinar, with the ability to engage with the facilitator and other parents/cares through the QSA and chat.

All Ages

Day: Thursday Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm Venue: Online via Zoom

Mondays 6:00pm - 8:	for six week ³⁰ pm	Click here to register			
Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
Thurs 18 th September	Thurs 25 th September	Thurs 2 nd October	Thurs 9 th October	Thurs 16 th October	Thurs 23 rd October

Preparing for the Future Learning Offer - Parent/Carers

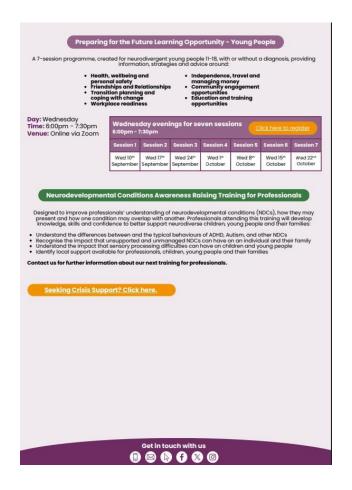
Offering parents and carers, in St Helens, Knowsley and Warrington, learning opportunities to understand and better support neurodivergent young people aged 11+ as they prepare for the future. This is a structured, 6 session learning programme, delivered face to face or online, supporting parents and carers as their young person approaches adulthood:

- Independent living
 Community inclusion
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 Supporting independence
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 Good health and wellbeing
 Exploring local provision and
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Safeguarding

- The school car park, is for staff only. Parents are not allowed to park or turn around in
 it.
- If your child(ren) are late, they must be signed in by an adult and not left to come into school by themselves.
- If someone different is collecting your child from school, you must contact the office so that the staff are aware when dismissing the children.
 - Please do not park over resident's drive ways on Lyme Street as they need access at all times.

- If you are picking children up from KS1 AND KS2 at home time, please wait on the KS2 playground after collecting children from Y1 and Y2 as it is causing an issue for staff when leading Y3,4, 5 and 6 out.
 - Can we also ask that vapes are not used on playground we are a no smoking site.

Online Safety

We will be continuing to talk to the children in school about staying safe online, please do the same at home.



Artificial intelligence safety tips for parents | NSPCC

Healthy snacks



In **KS2** the children can bring a healthy snack to eat at break times. This includes: breakfast bars, brioche, fruit (fresh and dried), vegetable sticks, yogurts, cheese strings, bread sticks. We will offer any children who bring snacks such as chocolate and crisps an alternative of a piece of fruit.

Children in **EYFS and KS1** will still be able to have milk (if you choose to pay for this) and fruit each day.

PE Reminders



The children can come to school on their PE days in their PE kit: white t-shirt, red shorts, trainers.

They can also wear their school jumper or cardigan when needed.

PE days

YN: Tuesday and Thursday

YR: Monday and Wednesday

Y1: Tuesday and Friday

Y2: Wednesday and Friday

Y3: Wednesday and Thursday

Y4: **Monday and Friday**

Y5: Tuesday and Wednesday

Y6: Monday and Tuesday (Swimming every Monday this half term)

Dates for the diary



Thursday 25th September: Hope Academy Open Evening

Friday 26th September: Colour Run at 3.20 pm

Tuesday 30th September: Y4 football tournament at Ruskin Drive (letters to be sent home)

Thursday 10th October: Hello Yellow Day - raising awareness of mental health

Wednesday 15th October: Harvest Festival assembly in school - food donations for Earlestown
Food Bank please

Thursday 16th October: Parent meeting from 1pm to 6 pm in the hall (appointment times will go live nearer the time)

Friday 24th October: Dress in Purple for Mrs. Houghton. We will also be holding a raffle during the week which will be drawn on the Friday.

Friday 24th October: School closes for half term

Monday 3rd November: School opens for Autumn Term 2

Uniform

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School uniform is compulsory for full-time children in school. All items of clothing should be clearly named. Uniform is as follows:

- Red sweatshirt, jumper, or cardigan
- White polo shirt (T-shirt with collar)
 - Grey skirt/trousers

• Summer dresses are red gingham and shorts can be worn.

School sweatshirts and fleeces may be purchased at any time from the office. Prices on request. School reading book bags are also available to purchase at any time, P.E. kits are available to order at certain times throughout the year.

No jewellery may be worn in school. This includes earrings - if they are newly pierced they must be covered or we can provide clear plastic ones.

The P.E. kit is:

- Plain white t-shirt.
- Usual school sweatshirt
- Plain red shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms.
 - Plain black pumps or trainers

No short cycling shorts are to be worn.

Children may come to school in their PE kits on the days they have games or after school sports clubs.

After-School Clubs

After School Activities up to w/e 24th October 25

Day	Year Groups	Times	Activity	Cost
Wednesdays	YR, Y1 & Y2 5 weeks	3.20-4.20	Yoga & Mindfulness How you go nog no promo to constitute of the c	£16.00
Wednesdays	Y2 - Y6	3.20-4.15	Choir	£0.50
Thursdays	Y3 & Y4	3.20-4.15	Colouring, puzzles and board games	£13.00
Thursdays	Y3 – Y6	3.20-4.20	Brass Band	£30.00 per term
Fridays	Y4 – Y6	3.20-4.15	Craft (Bracelet & keyring making)	£13.00

These can all be booked via the School Money App (teacher2parent). Places are limited.

Please note

We are employing an external Yoga Teacher and are already subsidising the cost for this, hence why the cost is different. This is a 5-week club, last session on 15/10/25.

We are unable to add a club to the Teacher2 Parent app without a cost, hence why Choir is £0.50, this is to cover refreshments. Parents will be asked to pay towards any transport the Choir need, as and when.

Jayne's Journey



We have planned some fundraising events for the next couple of months:

Friday 26th September - Colour Run

WC Monday 20th October - Raffle

Friday 24th October - Wear Purple Day

Thursday 25th November - Silent Disco

Spare clothes

A request from our Early Years and KS1 team to send in spare socks and underwear for when needed in school. Thank you!

Y6 applications for high school

The deadline for applications is October 31st. Please apply for your child's place online at: https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/5481/Applying-for-secondary-school-for-September-2025



And finally...



We are looking forward to our first ever **Colour Run on Friday** which is to raise as much as we can to support **'Jayne's Journey'**. Please **return your child's waiver** to school as soon as possible and **pay the entrance fee on School Money** so that we know how many children are taking part. Our staff have added some extra excitement to the event and will now be using silly string and water pistols as part of the experience. With this in mind, please send your child into school in something they - and you- are happy for them to get wet in and covered in coloured powder paint and silly string! (And don't forget **eye protection**- goggles or sunglasses please!) **As stated in the letter, the event will start at 3.30 pm and there will be a viewing area for parents.** The forecast at the moment is dry but if this changes we may need to message you to let you know that we have postponed the event.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts

