

# September 4 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: 93.7%

Y1: 99.3%

Y2: 97.2%

Y3: 94%

Y4: 98.3%

Y5: 98.3%

*Y6: 95.2%* 

Whole school: 94.6%

**Local Authority average: 96%** 

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.

## Pupil Leadership updates



#### Introducing this year's fabulous Year 6 Prefects!



#### 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:** Will be awarded on Monday.

**Y1:** Isaac and Miral

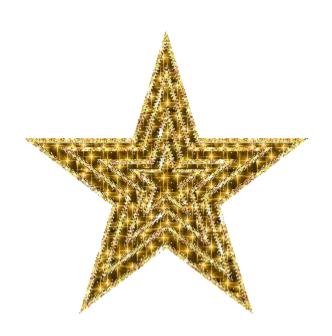
**Y2**: Noah and Ben

**Y3:** Elliot and Adeline

**Y4:** Alex and Taibah

**Y5**: Olly and Josh

**Y6:** Millie and Isla



#### Headteacher's Awards

# Inspire Challenge Achieve Nurture

I will be awarding children across the school with a special certificate in our Celebration

Assembly on a Friday who have demonstrated our school's I CAN values - Inspire, Challenge,

Achieve, Nurture.

**Inspire** - Oscar (Y3) for an amazing positive attitude in PE saying 'at least I tried' with a smile on his face.

**Challenge** - Jack C (YR) for cahllenging himself to make the most amazing spider in the creative area!

**Achieve** - Daisy (A) for an amazingly detailed write in her English lesson.

Nurture - Charlotte and Eleanor (Y1) for being kind and caring friends to others in their class.

#### Secret Students



Marvellous Manners: Ollie (YR)

**Brilliant Behaviour**: Bea (Y2)

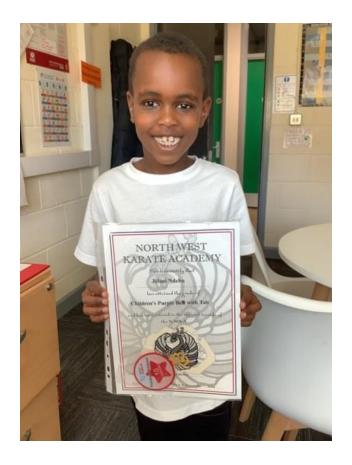
**Perfect Presentation**: Daisy A (Y6)

**Amazing Attitude**: Leo H (Y4)

# 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.

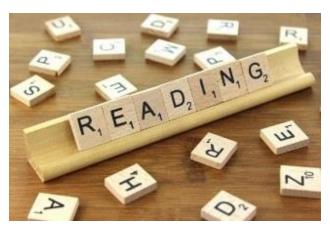




# Team Points

Well done to the Griffin team who have won this week's team point competition!

# **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.

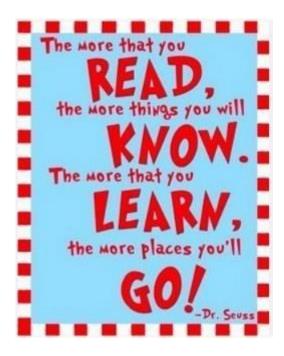












## Picture News



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: Can sport bring people closer together?





#### In the news this week

- Things to talk about at home .

9000







## **Individual Liberty**

Parkrun is open to everyone, to have fun and look after their health. It encourages people to take part in their own way, enjoying the chance to run, walk, or volunteer together.

## **Protected Characteristics**

Parkrun primary welcomes all children. By making sure everyone can join in, it shows that disabilities should not be a barrier to taking part in activities and feeling part of a community.



























Children have the right to the best health and wellbeing. Adults should support and encourage children by offering opportunities, like parkrun, so they can be active, healthy, and confident.



© Picture News 2025

## Community news









SCAN ME!





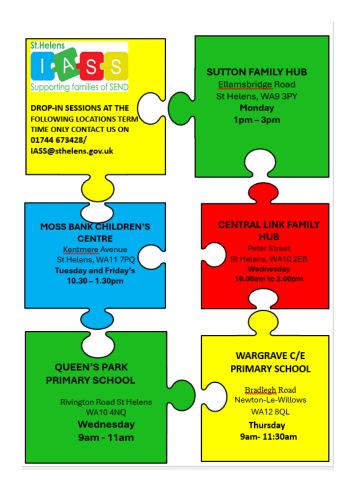




1 - www.allabout-family.co.uk/st-helens

## **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 <sup>th</sup> September	Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Dynamic Key Support Workers
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Choosing a School
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Supporting Organisational Skills
7th October	Preparing for the Future
14 <sup>th</sup> 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.

71	
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Puberty and Neurodiversity
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Supporting Organisational Skills
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Autism and Girls
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Choosing a School
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Encouraging Independence
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Communicating with your Child

Wednesday afternoons 5.00pm-6.30pm				
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions			
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Introduction to Autism			
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Choosing a School			
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Difficulties Attending School			
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Puberty and Neurodiversity			
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Zones of Regulation			
22 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="https://dww.addvancesboolutons.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2028/94/Privacy-Policy.pdf">https://dww.addvancesboolutons.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2028/94/Privacy-Policy.pdf</a>.

#### 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 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>30</sup> pm	Click here to register			
Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> October

#### Preparing for the Future Learning Offer - Parent/Carers

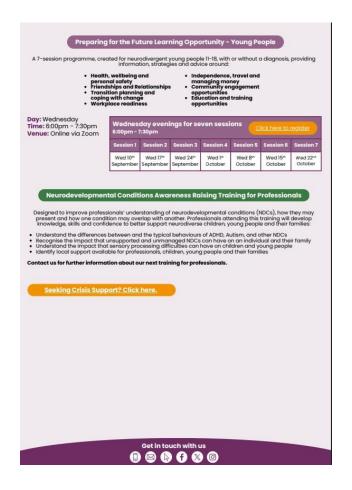
Offering parents and carers, in St Helens, Knowsley and Warrington, learning opportunities to understand and better support neurodivergent young people aged 11+ as they prepare for the future. This is a structured, 6 session learning programme, delivered face to face or online, supporting parents and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

- Independent living
   Community inclusion
   Relationship of Personal Section of Section 1
   Supporting independence Resonable adjustments and SEND
   Exploring local provision and services for young people

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 <sup>th</sup> September		Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October

Page 3 | Autumn | Half Term 2025



## 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



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

#### **UNIFORM**

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.

## Measles Update



As we begin a new academic year St Helens Council public health team are calling on parents and carers to ensure their children catch up on any missed vaccinations. In particular ensuring they have had two doses of the MMR vaccination as cases of measles are still being seen across Merseyside.

Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious problems in some people.

Babies and pregnant women are at increased risk of harm.

Measles usually starts with a runny nose, sneezing, coughing and a high temperature. It may cause red, sore eyes. The measles rash follows a few days later, starting on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body. There may also be small white spots inside the mouth and cheeks.

If you suspect your child has measles, phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. Do not go directly to your GP practice as measles is highly infectious. Do not send them to school or childcare.

People of any age can catch measles if they have not been vaccinated. Two doses of the MMR vaccine will give lifelong protection against measles, mumps, and rubella. The MMR vaccine is safe. The first dose is given at the age of 12 months and the 2nd dose at 3 years and 4 months old.

The MMR vaccine is free of charge from your GP practice. Ask at your GP practice if you're not sure you or your child have had the vaccine. You can also check your child's Red Book.

It is never too late to catch up. You can find further information on MMR and other childhood vaccinations here: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/">https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/</a> For further information about measles visit

Diane Bolton-Maggs FFPH, UKPHR FR0822

Consultant in Public Health

## Black History Month competition



We are thrilled to announce that this year's Black History Month competition is back and this year it is a poetry competition.

#### Competition Brief

Black History Month is a national campaign which takes place every October: It aims to encourage everyone to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

We want to invite all Merseyside primary schools to write a piece of poetry which represents this year's theme:

# and Pride."

This theme is a powerful tribute to the resilience, strength and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black community across the globe—

Please submit all digital entries via email to:

Community.Fagagemont@morcor.vide.poil

cataling your school's name, category of the or

We hope it serves as an opportunity for the students to learn about the contributions and achievements made by black people from various fields. Heatouse, music, science, politics, and social care to campaigners, nurses, who have shaped history towards a future of continues empowerment, unity and growth.

The winning schools in each area will be announced by Friday 10th October.

#### Competition prize

This year, Messeyside Police would like to invite the winner from each category to a special event with their parents and of carers at Mather Avenue on 23° October. This event will highlight the <u>submissions</u> and we would like to invite the winners to read their entry out — we understand if you would not like to read it out.

#### Submission details

- "Standing Firm in Power

  \*\*Standing Firm in Power

  \*\*There will be three categories Key Stage 1, Lower Key
  Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2. Each school can submit a
  maximum of 5 entries per category.
  - Two chosen poems will be picked from each of the categories in each of the following areas: Liverpool, Knowsley, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral.
  - Community.Sagagement@mercerycide.police.uk-stating your school's name, category of the entry and which area the school is from when submitting your artwork.
- The winning poem for each area will be chosen by a selected panel of Judges.

   Please ensure that any poems don't breach copyright laws.
  - Please keep poem to a maximum of 350 words.

## 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



Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the Color Run and for your very generous sponsorship and donations so far. Please send in all sposnsorship by next Friday - thank you. We will share photos and the total raised next week.

WC Monday 20th October - Raffle

Friday 24th October - Wear Purple Day

**Thursday 25th November - Silent Disco** 

## 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 appreciate that the area between the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds is getting congested at home times. Please can you help us with this by moving from the KS1 playground as soon as possible after you have collected your child from Y1 and/or Y2. We are looking at ways to improve the time of the school day and will inform you about the changes at the start of next week.

We also ask that children DO NOT play on the EY, KS1 or KS2 Trim Trails before or after school - they are only for use in school time when school staff are supervising the areas. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts