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Christmas is coming!!



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After school for parents and carers to attend and

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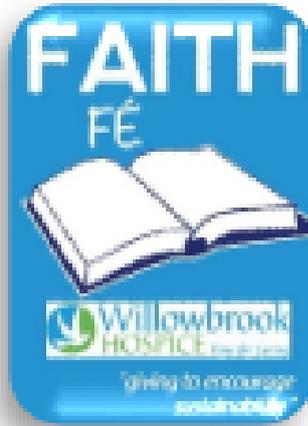
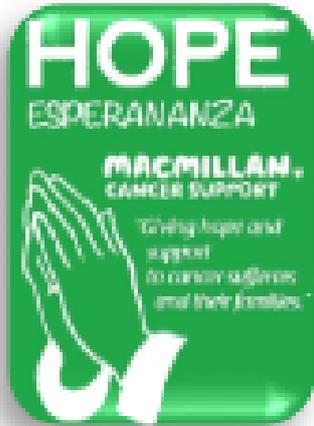
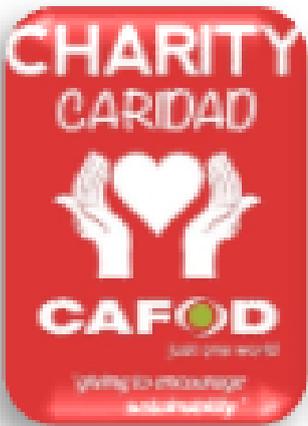
Week 1 **01.12.23 (Friday)** Tombola! Time bring in **unwanted gifts** or anything that you think would be good on the tombola. **OWN CLOTHES DAY.**



This Christmas, we are again supporting Chris Lamb with the Chocolate Orange Challenge. Chocolate oranges donated will be distributed to NHS staff across the borough as way for the people of St. Helens to show their thanks for the work of our NHS staff. We are taking collections up to 14th December. On 15th December our choir will perform Christmas Carols outside the Town Hall which will be a drop-off point for last donations.

We Care, We Share, We Value.

House Teams Weekly Points



6,695

6,591

6,450

6,680



Leader Board this week			
Charity	Hope	Faith	Peace
722	784	706	749

STARS OF THE WEEK



Attendance

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance this week is

95.5%

The Government set target is 97%.

Well done to

Year 1

for having the best attendance this week with

99%

Attendance this week

Nursery	95%
Reception	96%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	92%

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

Happy Birthday!

On this special day,
we celebrate how blessed the world
became when God gave us you.



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Jacob Lever
Alfie Helsby

We care, We share, We value.

Y4 Brass—Friday

Year 4 must bring their instruments to school each Friday.

Swimming—Wednesday's

Y6 need their swimming kit in school every Wednesday—the coach leaves at 9.00am

School clubs

Monday: Y4-Y6 Football 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday: Y1-3 Dodgeball 8.00-8.45am

Thursday: Y3-Y6 Board Games 3.30-4.00pm

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023/2024

Term	School opens on:	School closes on:
Autumn term 2023	5th September	27th October
	6th November	22nd December
Spring term 2024	8th January	9th February
	19th February	28th March
Summer term 2024	15th April	22nd May
	5th June	23rd July
Inset days	<p>4th September</p> <p>23rd May & 24th May</p> <p>3rd June & 4th June</p> <p><u>Bank Holidays</u></p> <p>29th March</p> <p>1st April</p> <p>6th May</p>	

Year Group	Homework
N	Library book read to them (each night) Talking task – phase one phonics (weekly) Practical maths (weekly)
R	Reading (each night) Reading & spelling tricky words practice (weekly) Number (weekly)
KS1	Reading (each night) Times Tables (each night) Reading & spelling tricky words practice (weekly) Maths (weekly) English comprehension (weekly)
KS2	Reading (each night) Times Tables (each night) Reading & spelling tricky words practice (weekly) Maths (weekly) English comprehension (weekly)

CYPMHS Crisis Response service as they have had some updates.

This service is for Children & Young People who are in need of immediate assistance for their **mental health or behaviour.**

<https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/our-services/warrington/child-and-adolescent-mental-health-service-crisis-response->



Do you have the skills to foster?
01744 671199 sthelens.gov.uk/fostering





**St Helens Christmas
Lights Switch On**

Saturday 25th November 2023

12.30pm - 6.00pm with switch on at 5.30pm

**Earlestown Christmas
Lights Switch On**

Saturday 2nd December 2023

1.00pm - 7.00pm with switch on at 6.00pm





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Week 2 **08.12.23 (Friday)** - Bring in a **chocolate** item for the chocolate tombola. **OWN CLOTHES DAY**

Week 3 **14.12.23 (Thursday)** Christmas Fayre (after school) - Bring in **Posh (alcohol) bottles or cakes.** **OWN CLOTHES DAY**

15.12.23 (Friday) Christmas Fayre in school time for children - No donation needed **MAXIMUM £5** to spend at the Fayre - **OWN CLOTHES DAY.**



New Ways November 2023



MONDAY



6 Try out a new way of being physically active

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

TUESDAY



7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

WEDNESDAY

1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

THURSDAY

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times

FRIDAY

3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently



SATURDAY

4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way



SUNDAY

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

MUSIC SERVICE ENSEMBLES AT ST HELENS TOWN HALL 2023 - 24 FREE!

TUESDAY...
VOCAL GROUP
4.30PM - 5.50PM

WEDNESDAY
WIDER OPPORTUNITIES BAND
4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY
INTERMEDIATE WIND BAND
4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY
INTERMEDIATE STRINGS
4PM - 5PM

TUESDAY...
ROCK & POP BAND
4.30PM - 5.50PM

WEDNESDAY
MUSIC THEORY CLUB
4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY
YOUTH WIND ORCHESTRA
5.15PM - 6.30PM

WEDNESDAY
SINFONIA
5.15PM - 6.30PM

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INSPIRING MUSICAL CREATIVITY
FOR EVERY CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON IN MERSEY



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SCAN THE QR CODE
BELOW TO JOIN AND
REGISTER TODAY





See Miss Davies for more information on main meals for the family for £4 per week.

Wesley Methodist Church
Vincent Street, St Helens WA10 1LF

For **a small weekly fee** local residents can join up as members and access a whole range of benefits.

Entrance to a weekly shop at the Pantry

Meet new people or volunteer

Free welcome gifts

Pay by cash or standing order

There are no qualifying rules for joining and we also give out tea/ coffee and toast while you wait.

A limited number of memberships available

Opening times:

Tuesday

 www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk

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You can also call us on 01744 264 14