

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

22nd December 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

The term has drawn to a close with some wonderful events for our pupils. With the church packed, our juniors produced a very festive carol service with some excellent singing, readings, and poems. Thank you to all that came and took part, it was a lovely end to the year. Today, we had a special visitor! There were shrieks of delight as Santa walked up the corridor and entertained the children. Breakfast with Santa is always a special occasion and I hope our new Reception children enjoyed it as much as everyone else. Thank you also to Santa's little helpers (PTA) who provided the presents for Santa to hand out.

Last Friday, our Environment Hub was installed. There are still a few more things to do, including insulation, internal cladding and a 30m fence to be installed, however it's great to be well on our way to getting this fantastic resource ready for late Spring.

School performance data

You can find our outstanding, more detailed school performance data on our website, however I thought it was worthwhile finishing of the year with some data that arrived recently and shows how well we are doing as a school nationally. In Phonics (Year 1) St Peter's was in the **top 3%** of schools in the county for attainment. By the end of Key Stage 2, we were in the **top 9%** for progress in reading and writing, the **top 8%** for reading attainment and the **top 7%** for writing attainment. Maths was not too far behind, with an **80% pass rate** as opposed to **72% nationally**. Our greater depth figures also show we are higher than the national average in reading, writing and maths combined. Reception class also performed outstandingly well, with **80%** achieving their good level of development grade as opposed to **67% nationally**. This is a testament to the hard work put in by the pupils, the staff and the support of parents. Reading at home, completing homework, trust in the school's curriculum processes and outstanding attendance ensures our children are supported at home and make excellent progress in school.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Mr Robinson
Headteacher



Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Leo H
Year 1: Millie N
Year 2: Jack G
Year 4: Samuel F
Year 5: Sophie E
Year 6: Frazer P

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: James K
Year 1: Archie McD
Year 2: Faye L
Year 3: Hugo McD
Year 4: Harry F
Year 5: Tilly C
Year 6: Harry C



VALUES AWARD

Year 2: Joseph D
Year 3: Hugo Mc D
Year 4: Sam F
Year 5: Jasmine A

COURAGE AWARD

Year 5: Amelia F

Our new Environmental Hub



WELL DONE VERITY

Little
Princess
Trust®

Congratulations to Verity who had her hair cut yesterday whilst wearing a big smile and beaming with pride!

Verity has been raising money for the Little Princess Trust and has so far raised £470! This is 450% over her initial target!

Thank you to all who have donated in supporting Verity in her fantastic achievement.



WELL DONE!

As Christmas is just around the corner, this information may be helpful to parents and carers regarding Roblox. Roblox and SWGfL have collaborated together and created a checklist for parents which includes:

What is Roblox?

Roblox is home to millions of immersive experiences, from gaming to social hangouts, to concerts, sports, fashion shows, education, and entertainment. Roblox is built by a global community of millions of developers and creators using Roblox tools and technology.

Chat & privacy

All chat on Roblox is filtered to prevent inappropriate content, behaviour, and personally identifiable information from being visible on the site. This covers both private and public communications.

Players aged 13+ have the ability to use more words and phrases than younger players.



Age Verification

Age Verification is a new feature that was introduced for testing in 2023. Age Verification will allow you to access age-appropriate content such as experiences for people 17 and up.

Chat & interaction settings

- Click the **Gear Icon** in the upper right corner and click **Settings**
- On the right hand side of the **Settings** page click the **Privacy** option
- Here you can adjust the **Contact Settings** and **Other Settings**
- Players aged 12 and under can select either **Friends** or **No-one**, while players aged 13+ have additional interaction options
- Enabling **Account Restrictions** provides access to content that is appropriate for all audiences. Additionally, **Communication Settings** will be set to **Off**

Voice Chat

Chat with voice allows eligible 13+ users to communicate using their voice in Roblox experiences. You can opt into Chat with voice by visiting the Settings page.

Reporting a game

- To report an entire game:
 - Go to the **About** page for the game you wish to report.
 - In the lower right-hand corner of the **Description** box, click the red **Report Abuse** button

The **Report Abuse** button is in the same place on both the desktop and mobile versions.



Reporting abuse in-game

Using the Report Abuse feature in a game will send information directly to Roblox. To report abuse from another user:

- Click on the **Menu** button in the top-left of the screen
- Click the **Flag Icon** next to a user's name, or click the tab at the top of the menu and select which user to report
- Click on the **Type of Abuse** drop-down menu to select the inappropriate action
- Enter details in the **Short Description** box
- Click **Submit** to finalise



- Click the **three dots** next to the user name and select **Report**
- Press the red **Report** button
- Fill out the report form
- Click the **Report Abuse** button to submit



Blocking users in-game

- Click on [**your username**] in the upper-right corner of the game screen
- Click the user on the **Player List/Leaderboard**
- Select **Block User**

You can also choose to **Unblock** them or **Report Abuse** directly from this menu as well.

Blocked users are indicated by a circle with a line through it next to their username.

Reporting chat on the website

To report chat made by another user:

- Click the **Gear Icon** in the upper-right corner of the chat window

Parental controls

- Click the **Gear Icon** in the upper right corner and click **Settings**
- Select **Parental Controls** in the menu on the left-hand side of the screen
- In the **Parent PIN** section, press the **Toggle** button
- You will be asked to **create and confirm the PIN**
- When you're done, press **Add**



All parental control settings are protected by the account PIN, which will need to be entered in order to make any changes.

Creating a PIN requires a verified email address. You will be prompted to add and verify your email if the account does not have one.

Experience Guidelines

Experience Guidelines recommends the content suitability of an experience. Age recommendations are grounded in child development research and informed by industry standards. You can use parental controls to manage the age-rated content your child has access to.

Roblox Premium

Roblox has a monthly subscription service called Roblox Premium. It gives you access to features including buying, selling, and trading items, as well as increased revenue share on all sales in your games. Roblox revenue generated from users' own creations that are not owned by Roblox can be converted into currency.

If you have Roblox Premium, you will receive a monthly Robux deposit and have the icon below next to your account name.



What are Robux and how are they used?

Robux are Roblox's in-game currency and can be used to purchase in-game upgrades or avatar accessories.

You can earn or purchase Robux by:

- Receiving a lump sum allowance as a **Roblox Premium** member
- Purchasing Robux from the **Robux page**

Be careful making purchases, as they can quickly add up.



Beware of third-party sites that offer things like "free" or cheap Robux.

These scams attempt to hack your account and obtain personal information or Robux.

Useful resources

Roblox:

To learn about safety features, please visit <https://corp.roblox.com/safety-civility-resources>

UK Safer Internet Centre:

saferinternet.org.uk

Report Harmful Content:

reportharmfulcontent.com

SWGfL:

swgfl.org.uk



This checklist is for the desktop version of Roblox.

This leaflet was created by SWGfL as part of the UK Safer Internet Centre in collaboration with Roblox. Pick up a copy of this checklist along with other online safety materials on the SWGfL Store: swgflstore.com





THE WORLD OF GLASS

Museum

Christmas opening:
10am-4pm
Sat 23rd Dec
Wed 27th Dec
Thurs 28th Dec
Friday 29th Dec
Tuesday 2nd Jan

Kids trail

**Glass
Blowing**

Cafe

Garden

Exhibitions

FREE admission
to the Museum,
Art gallery, Tankhouse
& tunnels.

Plus

FREE Kids Admission to the
Glass blowing demonstrations
with every paying adult.

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ADDvanced Solutions Community Network

Autism Post Diagnostic Learning Programme

St Helens families



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Supporting you to find the answers

We are pleased to share details of our **Autism Post Diagnostic Learning Programme**; a course for parents and carers living in St Helens, whose child or young person has received a diagnosis of autism (ASD). This unique learning programme has been designed to support and empower parents and carers, following their child or young person's diagnosis, in their understanding of how autism is experienced by children and young people. It will provide learning, guidance, and strategies to support their child or young person.

This learning programme is commissioned by NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB - St Helens Place.

This new offer begins in January 2024.

To find out more, call us on 01744 582172 or email us info@advancedsolutions.co.uk. You can also visit our website, www.advancedsolutions.co.uk, for further information.

Topics covered during the weekly sessions	
Understanding autism	Communication skills
Discussing a diagnosis of autism	Promoting self-esteem
Autism and girls	Talking about health
Sensory Processing Difficulties	Building positive relationships
Unique thought processes and special interests	Educational settings: working together
Stress and anxiety	Managing transitions
Understanding and supporting behaviour	Independence skills

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THE RAINBOW TEAM



The Rainbow Team

Safeguarding Nurture Wellbeing Behaviour

When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between me and all living beings on Earth.

Genesis 9:16



Mrs Colley: RainbowTeam Lead

Mrs Colley:	Senior Mental Health Lead Behaviour Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Vinyard:	SENCO
Mrs Harrison:	EYFS / KS1 Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Davidson:	Pastoral / Nurture

Our Early Help approach

If you feel your child could benefit from some pastoral support, do not hesitate to contact us.

Our Senior Mental Health Lead ensures that all our pupils who require pastoral care for issues such as bereavement, friendship issues, home issues and anxiety, receive time each week with our pastoral staff who offer over 8 hours of individual and small group sessions.

If you feel that your child could benefit from this offer, please contact Mrs Colley.

The team has regular meeting to discuss and measure the progress of pupils who fall into specific categories, including attendance, wellbeing issues, SEN, behavioural issues and safeguarding.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2023

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

TUESDAY 9th JANUARY 2023

School re-opens to pupils

Sports club (Superstars)	Year 4	3.30 – 4.30pm
LEGO Club	Year 1 & 2	3.15 – 4.15pm

WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY 2023

Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 2	3.20 – 4.15pm
LEGO Club	Year 1 & 2	3.15 – 4.15pm

THURSDAY 11th JANUARY 2023

Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 3	3.30 – 4.30pm
Sewing Club	Year 5 & 6	3.30 – 4.30pm
Kidslingo	Year 1,2,3	3.30 – 4.30pm

FRIDAY 12th JANUARY 2023

Mad Science (Book directly with Mad Science)	KS2	3.30 – 4.30pm
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 1	3.15 – 4.20pm
LEGO Club	Year 3,4,5,6	3.30 – 4.30pm

Please note some of these dates may be subject to change.

PLEASE NOTE THE PLAYGROUND GATES WILL BE OPEN FROM 3.10pm EACH DAY.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS



Please could we ask that you let the school office know in advance if your child has a medical appointment.

Could we also ask that you provide the office with a paper copy or phone screen shot of the appointment and inform us what time you will be collecting/dropping off your child on the day of appointment.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Holiday Requests

Please note that all term time holiday requests will be unauthorised. Taking holidays during term time does have a detrimental effect on a child's education. Extended holidays in particular can be the difference between children achieving their year group objectives and not particularly if the pupil then is off for period of time with a sickness. Any pupil that falls below 94% attendance is classed as a cause for concern and will be contacted by the Education welfare Officer.

There are penalties, as set out by St Helens MBC, that could lead to up to £600 for a family of four
[Penalty notices - St Helens Borough Council](#)

OFFICE NEWS



DINNER MONEY

If your child wishes to change their lunch preference please advise the office via email giving **a week's notice**. Payment is taken through the School Money Online Payment System.

UNIFORM

Uniform can be ordered direct from Touchline UK Liverpool Rd, Warrington, WA5 1AE, 01925 413777

sales@touchline-embroidery.com

We also have a small number of items on the School Money site under SHOP which you can pay for then contact school to arrange for them to be sent home with your child.

ABSENCE

When reporting on the absence line, can we politely request that you leave a brief description of your child's illness rather than just saying they are unwell. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea please note that they should not return to school for a period of 48 hours after the last incident. This is a local authority policy

Applications for Holiday Leave must be submitted to school at **least 4 weeks** in advance. Forms can be found on the school website or requested from the school office. In accordance with Government and Local Authority policy, holidays taken during term time will only be authorised in **exceptional circumstances**.

CHANGES

It is very important that if you change contact numbers, emails or addresses that you advise us as soon as possible. Any changes must be sent into school via email.

Thank you

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