

28th March 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

A reminder that Parents' Evening is next week. All our teachers are looking forward to discussing your child's progress with you. To ensure the evening runs smoothly, please keep meetings to the scheduled 10 minutes, as delays last time led to long waiting times.

We are pleased to announce that the long-awaited Key Stage 1 boys' toilet refurbishment will begin this weekend. The upgrades will include new flooring, improved ventilation, new walls, cubicles, and washing basins. This area will be out of use next week, so boys will be using alternative toilets for the final five days.

Lastly, Year 6 had a fantastic trip to Tatton Hall, where they explored life as evacuees during World War II. This insightful experience allowed them to showcase their already impressive knowledge from lessons in Year 6, earning praise from the guides.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Robinson Headteacher

Awards week beginning 17th March 2025





GROWTH MINDSET

This week's Courage certificate is for Oracy:

Lacey-Mae – Reception Joseph – Year 1 Theo – Year 3 Willow – Year 4 James M – Year 5 Tilly – Year 6 Evie – Reception Millie – Year 1 Eddie – Year 2 Eliza – Year 3 Morrie – Year 4 Jonathan– Year 5 Henry – Year 6

VALUES

Bobby - Faith - Reception Sarah – Respect - Year 1 Anwen – Love – Year 2 Emily – Respect - Year 3 Verity - Love & Respect – Year 4 Safia - Respect - Year 5 Martha - Trust - Year 6

STAR OF THE WEEK

Benjamin – Reception Sarah – Year 1 Aaron – Year 2 Oskar – Year 3 Sienna – Year 4 Peter– Year 5 Anna – Year 6



Sarah – Year 1 Millie – Year 2 Finn – Year 3 Luis – Year 4 Amber – Year 5 / 6

ÉTOILE DE LA SEMAINE



Awards week beginning 24th March 2025





GROWTH MINDSET

This week's Courage certificate is for Understanding:

> Phoebe – Reception Arthur R – Year 1 Dylan - Year 2 Elodie – Year 3 Rebekah – Year 4 George– Year 5 Joseph – Year 6

VALUES

Grace H-S - Respect - Reception Jude – Respect - Year 1 Bradley – Love – Year 2 Mia – Love & Respect - Year 3 James D - Respect - Year 5 Ferne - Trust - Year 6





Elsie – Reception Arthur G – Year 1 Grayson – Year 2 Hannah – Year 3 Jacob – Year 4 Ethan– Year 5 Amelia F – Year 6



STAR OF THE WEEK

Sapphire – Reception Alice – Year 1 Ava Rose – Year 2 Dominic – Year 3 Cece – Year 4 Kian – Year 5 Isla – Year 6



Jack F– Year 1 Katie – Year 2 Dexter – Year 3 Theo – Year 4 Kian – Year 5 / 6

CHANGES TO SCHOOL DINNERS

The way our school dinners are ordered and paid for is changing on Thursday 24th April 2025.

SchoolGrid is a new system that allows parents to pre-order school meals directly at home or on the go from the touch of a button. This system allows flexibility so you can choose a meal on certain days (A potential life saver for those forgotten Packed Lunches). You will be able to see menus and recipes, and provide feedback directly to catering teams, plus much more.

Look out for communication directly from SchoolGrid over the next few days of how to access your own login with support along the way.

Accounts are required for all those whose children have a school meal each day, including Universal Infant Free School Meals and those in receipt of Free School Meals. There is also the functionality to order ad hoc meals once a week or even once a term, so it is worthwhile registering when you receive the email.

Any dietary requirements information currently held by the catering team will not be transferred to the new system. Please complete this link as soon as possible <u>St Helens Catering Service - School</u> <u>Lunch Special Dietary Request</u>.

School dinners on the first day back, Wednesday 23rd April, will remain as per the current dinner register.

PARKING

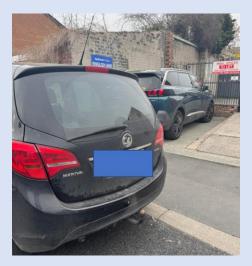
Parking: I have numerous emails, and often difficult conversations with local residents recently about people parking in front of their open drives.

This is one from yesterday, 'I work at the back of your school on Mercer Street and pay my landlord for a parking space. Parents from your school keep parking across my space and the drive to access the rest of the car park. 4 times this week I've been either blocked into my parking space or my space has been blocked so I can't park. This is making me late for work and late to pick my own children up from school, All I'm asking is that I can get in and out of the space which I pay for."

A reminder that the church has free parking for 3 hours and they have given us their blessing to use it as place to park for the school run.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Mr Robinson



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Rocksteady Concert	Monday 31 st March – 2pm
Parents Evening – not Year 3	Monday 31 st March
Parents Evening – all years	Tuesday 1 st April
Parents Evening – Year 3 only	Wednesday 2 nd April
Y5 Easter Journey	Wednesday 2 nd April
PTA Easter Raffle Tickets – draw	Friday 4 th April
Last Day of Term	Friday 4 th April

Due to parents evenings, Superstars afterschool multi sports will be cancelled on Monday 31st March and Tuesday 1st April.

Superstars Lego has also been cancelled, and Superstars are arranging refunds directly.

There will also be no Year 6 Boosters on Monday or Tuesday next week.







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

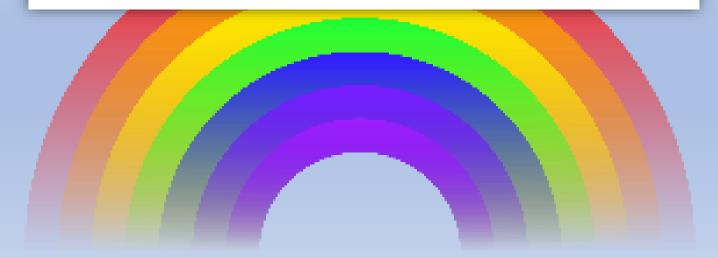
Our Early Help approach

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.

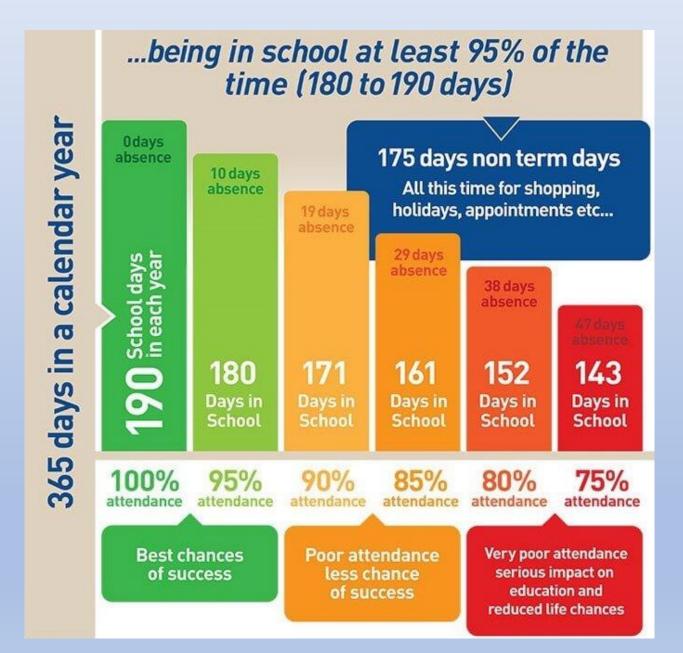
If you feel that your child could benefit from this offer, please contact Mrs Colley.

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.



Attendance

Whole School Target: 98% Current Average Whole School Attendance: 97.2%



OFFICE NEWS



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

Contact Details

St Peter's C.E. Primary School Birley Street Newton-le-Willows WA12 9UR 01744 678630 <u>stpeter@sthelens.org.uk</u> https://twitter.com/NLWStPeters www.st-peters.st-helens.sch.uk



At Halional Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and frushed adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Rease visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH 10 Conversation Starters for Parents

Talking about mental health to children is sometimes hard. To the point that we can put off raising the subject, not wanting to unearth problems or raise overwhelming subjects that we perceive our child is too young or not ready for. But rather than keeping children in the dark, this guide is designed to help you confidently talk about mental health, so they feel comfortable talking about their own worries and end any stigma before it begins.

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#WakeUpWednesday

LISTEN

This sounds obvious, but it is not something we are always great at. Active listering is where wellsten without interrupting or making judgements and shows interest in what is being said. If your child feels listened to in the 'smallest of problems' they will become confident that you will listen when the 'biggest of problems' arise.

2 ASK TWICE

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The campaign from time to change is great. https://www.time-to-change.org.uk.tupport-ask-twice-campaign. Betenadous aboutyour child's wellbeing. Children instinctively know when your questions and support come from a place of wanting to help and care.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A STUPID QUESTION

This advice also relates to the first point. If your child can ask you any quastions about the small est of things and you listen and answer without shaming or balttling, then they will have more confidence to ask the biggest of questions.

4 BE OPEN AND HONEST

Children appreciate honesty, particularly if you are having to share information children appreciate honesty, particularly if you are having to share information eralls about a difficult subject. For example, you may be talking about death er loss: it's very soil that Nana has disci or "Ifeel soil that Nana has died". How you talk about a subject will differ depending on their age and developmental maturity. Talking about death to a younger child for example will be different to that of an older teen, as their experience and understanding of death is different.

5 KNOW WHEN TO SEEK HELP

Assess the severity of the mental health difficulty you are noticing. Is the difficulty making it hard for your child to function regularly throughout avaryday life? How frequently is your child affected, how long does it last and how persistent is it? Are they having problems controlling the difficulty? Talk to your child about your concerns and that it is likely they will need further support beyond family and friands.

Meet our expert

This guide has been written by Anna Bateman. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department of Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH NATURALLY

Speak about mental health as part of averyday life, so that talking about our fealings and those of others is normalised. If the usual 'are you ok?' is not creating an opportunity for dialogue then say something like 'I know when something like that has happened to me i feit like this... is that how you are fealing or are you fealing something also?

EMPATHISE

'It makes sense that you would feel this way, it is understandable'. Children often wony about things that we, as adults, might see as trivial or silly. However, for them at their age and stage it is a big concern and they need our kindness and care when they show their vulnerability and share their worries.

8 HELP YOUR CHILD FEEL SAFE

Teens particularly feel that by talking about their workes or concerns that this will make things worse. Reassure your child that you will cliccuss a plan of action together and what may or may not need to happen next. If they are a younger child, it is likely you will need to lead the conversation and explain next steps.

9 MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

Be mindful of the language you use at home to dearthe and talk about mental health. Stigmenten arises from misconceptions and a cheice of language which is harmful. Using the word 'mental', 'man-up' or other such words in a derogatory way won't encourage your child to talk about their mental health for fear of being belittled.



10 IT IS OK TO SAY 'I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT'

Adults do not have all the answers but often children think they do. It is ok to acknowledge that what your child is experiencing is not something you have come acress before or know anything about, but thetyou will work it out together and seek help together.

Sources of Information and Support

Your GP

Young Minds https://youngminds.org.uk/v https://www.nfis.uk/conditions/strass-ansisty-depression/ https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/news-and-blogs/parenting-tips/2016 a.simple-gaide-te-active-list ering-for-parents/ https://www.themiz.org.uk/mentai-health

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TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AT: WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/STPETERS-PTA

St Peter's Craft Fair Church St, Newton-le-Willows

Saturday 12th April 10.30am -3.30pm

Refreshments available

Come and take a look at the beautiful things that will be on sale made by local crafters Listen4change.com

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Chat & Chill Over a Brew!

Drop in to chat with other parent carers in a relaxed setting, tell us what is working well and what isn't working so well with health, education and social care services and to help improve them.

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