

The Keys Newsletter

25th April 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you had a lovely break over the Easter period. For once, the weather was kind to us for the most part!

Most classes began this very short half term with a visit to church, where they took part in an Easter communion led by Rev. James. It was a wonderful way to return, and I felt immense pride watching our pupils participate so respectfully and thoughtfully in the service — they were a credit to the school.

You may have noticed that St Helens Catering Service has introduced a new system for ordering school lunches. This has now been rolled out across all schools and, by all accounts from fellow headteachers, staff, and parents, it's been a great success. I'm sure it won't be long before we're all comfortably navigating the new system.

I'm also pleased to share that the full refurbishment of our boys' toilets for Reception and Key Stage 1 has now been completed, and they look fantastic. The facilities are modern, user-friendly for our youngest children, and best of all... they feature much quieter hand dryers!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Robinson
Headteacher

Awards week beginning 21st April 2025



GROWTH MINDSET

Phoebe – Reception
Jack F – Year 1
Ahmed – Year 2
Gracie – Year 3
Luis – Year 4
Safia – Year 5
Seth – Year 6



STAR OF THE WEEK

Nina – Reception
Dean – Year 1
Alan – Year 2
Zach – Year 3
Roisin – Year 4
Audrey – Year 5
Tilly – Year 6

ÉTOILE DE LA SEMAINE



SEN NOTICE

Please note that Mrs Vinyard (SENCO) is on jury duty for two weeks from Monday 28th and will not be contactable.

She will be available to contact on her return.

YEAR 3 D&T

Year 3 have enjoyed their Design Technology lessons during their first week back at term. They have designed and made their own Egyptian collars and developed a new skill: sewing. We would like to thank all the parents who offered their time to help Year 3 finish their work.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENT	DATE
Donate Clothes 4 Sammy Bag Collection	Tuesday 29 th April
PTA Meeting	Thursday 1 st May – 6.30pm at Riddling Rack
SATS Week	Week Commencing Monday 12 th May
Whole School Disco	Thursday 15 th May
Road Safety – all classes except Years 5 & 6	Monday 19 th May
Y4 – Geography Trip to Chester Zoo	Tuesday 20 th May
Class Photos	Friday 23 rd May
Last Day of Half Term	Friday 23 rd May





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.

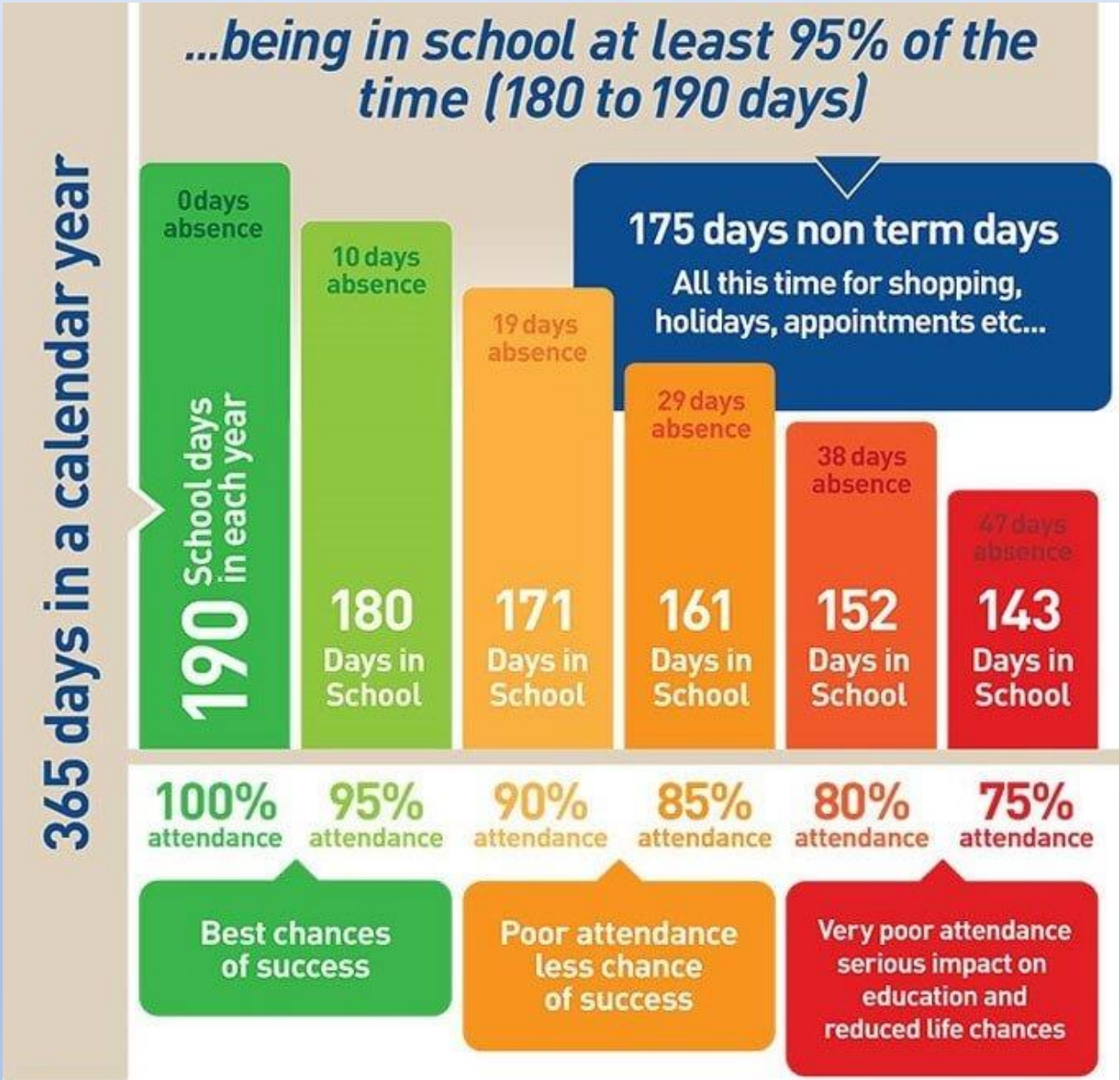
The team has regular meeting to discuss and measure the progress of pupils who fall into specific categories, including attendance, wellbeing issues, SEN, behavioural issues and safeguarding.



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

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stpeter@sthelens.org.uk
<https://twitter.com/NLWStPeters>
www.st-peters.st-helens.sch.uk



GIRLS SOFTBALL CRICKET

LED BY QUALIFIED COACHES

ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

TASTER SESSIONS

**HOPE ACADEMY SPORTS HALL
NEWTON LE WILLOWS
WA12 0AQ**

FOR MORE INFO

CONTACT EMMA DAVIES

EMAIL- EMMADAVIES266@GMAIL.COM

TEL- 07789646434

**GIRLS
AGE 8-11**

**SCHOOL YEARS
4-6**

IT'S FREE !!

**JUST TURN UP
AND HAVE A GO**



**THURSDAY 24TH APRIL
THURSDAY 1ST MAY**

6-7PM

**NEW SKILLS!
NEW SPORT!
NEW FRIENDS!**



DONATIONS WANTED

To Raise Funds For The PTA



Donate clothes 4 Sammy is launched by Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK. Sammy represents Leukaemia and Myeloma Research UK, a charity dedicated to finding cures for three major types of blood cancer.

**COLLECTION
TUESDAY 29
APRIL**

We're Accepting :

- Good quality, dry, clean clothing
- Handbags & accessories
- Toys in new & working condition
- Paired, clean undamaged shoes
- Costume Jewellery
- Cosmetics (unused)

Share your views and ideas for the future of Newton-le-Willows

St Helens Borough Council has been successful in securing Plan for Neighbourhoods funding for Newton-le-Willows. This funding will see £20m invested in the town, spread over the next 10 years, and is in addition to other work you might have heard about in Earlestown.

Plan for Neighbourhoods funding will enable the delivery of projects that address key issues facing residents and businesses in Newton-le-Willows.

A Neighbourhood Board of local representatives has been established to oversee the development and delivery of the Plan for Neighbourhoods programme, and they want to hear from you!

Saturday 12th April, 10.00am – 4.00pm:

- The Pop Up, Earlestown Market, Market St, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9AQ

Sunday 4th May, 12:00pm – 5.00pm:

- High Street Markets, High Street, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9SH

Monday 7th April – Sunday 18th May:

Share your views online and see our upcoming engagement events at:

<https://placed.mysocialpinpoint.com/newton-le-willows-plan-neighbourhoods>



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NEXT PTA MEETING

Thurs 1st May
6.30pm Riddling Rack

We will be discussing the Summer Fair on 21st June, if you would like to help with the planning, please come along or email stpeters_pta@yahoo.co.uk

Everyone welcome, we would love to see you!

Neurodevelopment pathway drop ins



Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Come along to one of our drop in sessions in St Helens.

Our team will answer questions you have about the neurodevelopment pathway process.

You don't need to be using our service, you can drop in if you have any questions to ask about this.

We look forward to meeting you.

Second Tuesday of the month at Parr Children's Centre, 9.30am to 11.30am and Sutton Family Hub 1pm to 4pm*.

Third Tuesday of the month at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

Fourth Tuesday of the month at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

*Please note, on Tuesday 8 July the session will be held at Sutton Family Hub 1pm to 4pm only.

13 May at Parr Children's Centre, 9.30am to 11.30am and Sutton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

10 June at Parr Children's Centre, 9.30am to 11.30am and Sutton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

8 July at Sutton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

20 May at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

17 June at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

15 July at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

27 May at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

24 June at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

22 July at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

Sutton Family Hub, Ellamsbridge Road, Sutton, St Helens, WA9 3PY

Parr Children's Centre, Ashton's Green Drive, Parr, St Helens, WA9 2AP

Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street, (off Peter Street), St Helens, WA10 1QF

Newton Family Hub, Patterson Street, Newton-le-Willows, St Helens, WA12 9PZ



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.



1 LISTEN

This sounds obvious, but it is not something we are always great at. Active listening is where we listen 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

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



3 THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A STUPID QUESTION

This advice also relates to the first point. If your child can ask you any questions about the smallest of things and you listen and answer without shaming or belittling, 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 or talk about a difficult subject. For example, you may be talking about death or loss: 'It's very sad that Nana has died' or 'I feel sad 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 everyday 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 friends.



6 TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH NATURALLY

Speak about mental health as part of everyday life, so that talking about our feelings 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 felt like this... is that how you are feeling or are you feeling something else?'

7 EMPATHISE

'It makes sense that you would feel this way, it is understandable'. Children often worry 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 worries or concerns that this will make things worse. Reassure your child that you will discuss 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 describe and talk about mental health. Stigma often arises from misconceptions and a choice 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 across before or know anything about, but that you will work it out together and seek help together.



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.



Sources of Information and Support

Your GP
Young Minds <https://youngminds.org.uk/v>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/>
<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/news-and-blogs/parenting-tips/2016/november/a-simple-guide-to-active-listening-for-parents/>
<https://www.themix.org.uk/mental-health>

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Listen
4
Change

*For all
Parent
Carers*



*Free
Parking
Available*

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.

*Friday's
10am-
12pm*

4th April
9th May
6th June
11th July

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St Helens
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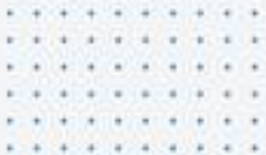
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*Tuesday's
6.30pm-
8pm*

*22nd April
20th May
24th June*



The PTA are
on



Social Media

Several small, light blue squares of varying sizes are scattered around the word 'Media'.

Facebook: St-Peters Pta

Instagram: stpeters_pta_nlw



Please send us a request to keep up
to date with news/events/reminders!