

The Keys Newsletter

11th July 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are delighted to share the news that this week our school has once again retained the Gold School Games Mark! This accreditation recognises our continued commitment to delivering high-quality physical education, school sport, and physical activity opportunities for all our pupils. We are committed to continuing this work and can't wait to see our current Reception class take part in our after school multi-sport sessions in the new year.

Today our Year 6 pupils have returned from an action-packed three-day residential at the Robinwood Activity Centre. The trip was filled with excitement, challenge, and teamwork as they took on a wide range of activities. From scaling towering climbing walls and navigating high ropes to building rafts, kayaking, and soaring down the ever-popular zip wire. They had a great time! A huge thank you to the staff who made the experience so special!

A reminder that we finish our academic year on Friday 18th July.

Have a lovely weekend

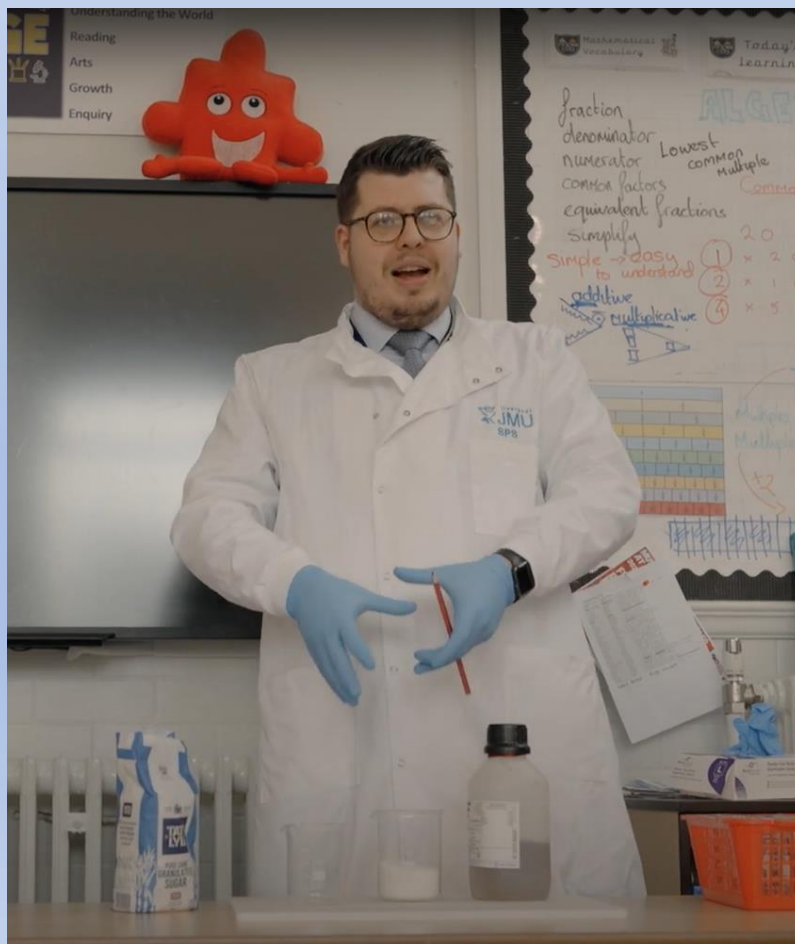
Mr Robinson
Headteacher

FAREWELL TO MR. BADLEY

It is with mixed emotions that I announce next week will be Mr. Badley's final week with us. Mr. Badley has been a valued member of our school community for 10½ years, and he has now earned a much deserved position as Assistant Head Teacher at another school.

Throughout his time at St Peter's, Mr. Badley has been instrumental in so many aspects of school life, in fact far too many to list. His unwavering dedication, professionalism, and commitment to helping pupils reach their full potential and prepare them for high school has been truly outstanding. His presence will be deeply missed by staff, pupils, and parents alike.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mr. Badley every success in his new role. He leaves behind a legacy of excellence and inspiration and academic success that will not be forgotten.



GROWTH MINDSET

- "Failure is an opportunity to grow"
- "I can learn to do anything I want"
- "Challenges help me to grow"
- "My effort and attitude determine my abilities"
- "Feedback is constructive"
- "I am inspired by the success of others"
- "I like to try"



STAR OF THE WEEK

Evie – Reception
Sarah – Year 1
Roman – Year 2
Finn – Year 3
Theo – Year 4
Amber – Year 5



This week's Courage certificate is for Enquiry:

Nancy – Year 3
Arne – Year 5

Millie – Trust – Year 3
Jackson – Trust – Year 5



Charlotte – Year 2
Eliza – Year 3
Ella – Year 5
Lucas – Year 6



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENT	DATE
Year 6 Production	Thursday 17 th July – 9.30am & 1.30pm
Year 6 VIP Disco	Thursday 17 th July - 6.30pm
Year 6 & Reception End of Year Service at St Peter’s Church	Friday 18 th July - 9.30am
Last day of term	Friday 18 th July

Please note, all dates and times are subject to change.





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.

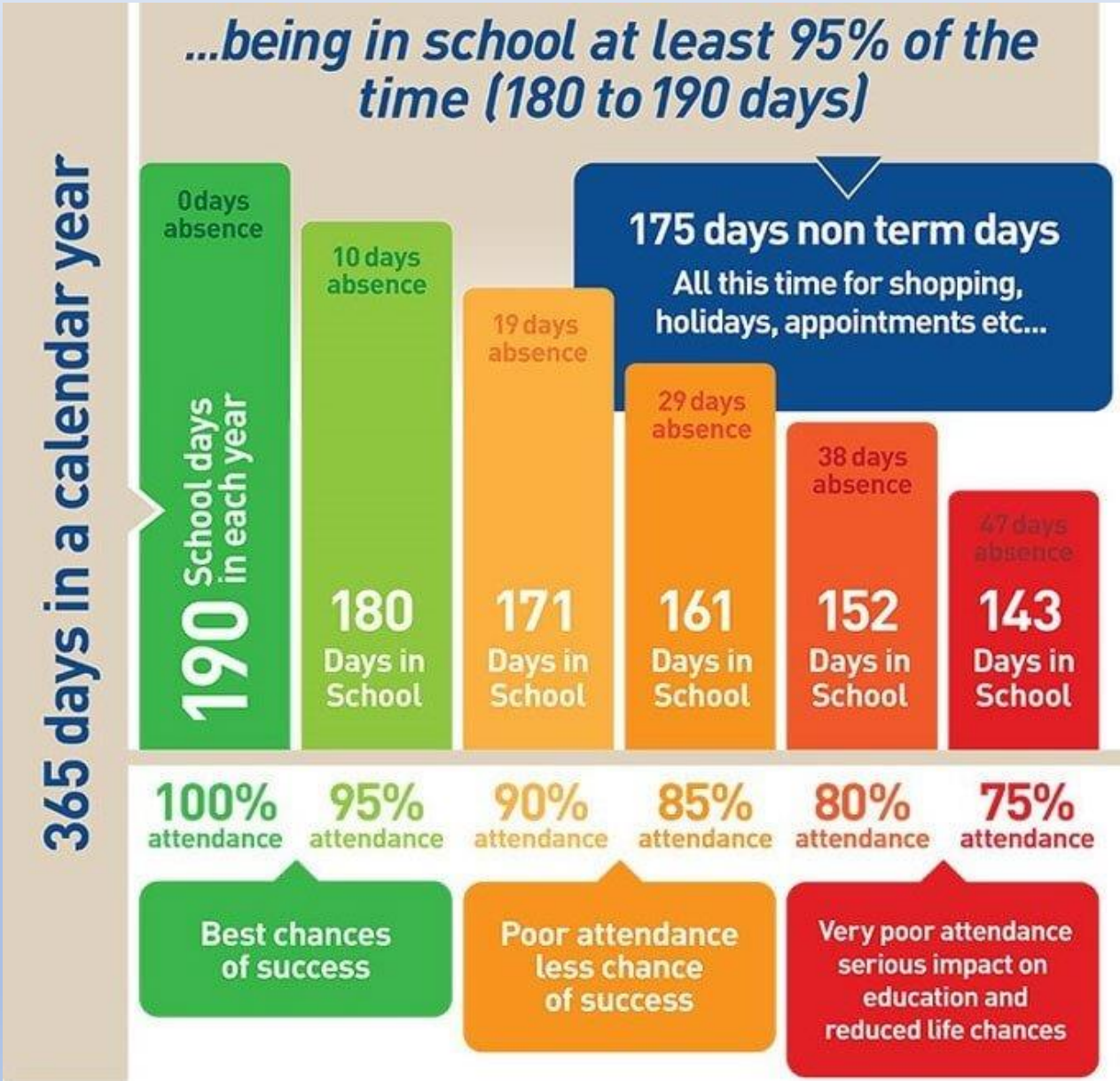
The team has regular meeting to discuss and measure the progress of pupils who fall into specific categories, including attendance, wellbeing issues, SEN, behavioural issues and safeguarding.



Attendance

Whole School Target: 98%

Current Average Whole School Attendance: 97.3%

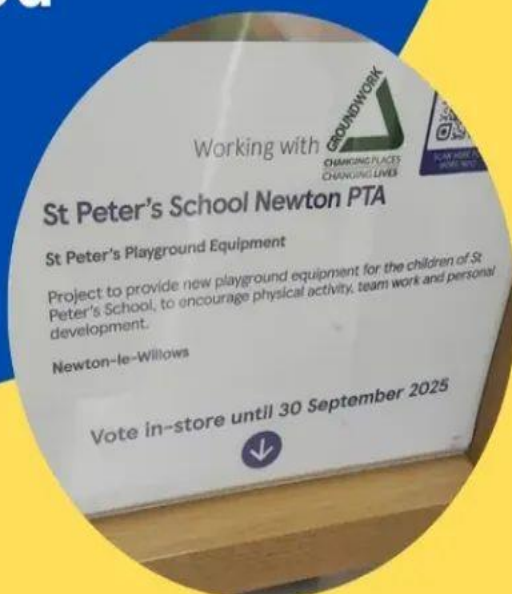


Tesco Blue Tokens!

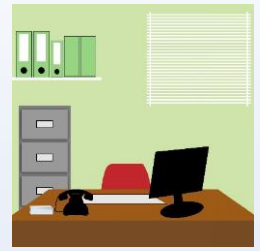
We will be in 4 different stores from July - September. We are guaranteed £500 and possibly up to £1500 if we get the most tokens! The money raised will be spent on new playground equipment.

Use your tokens to vote for us in
**Earlestown, Haydock, Haydock Express
and Garswood**

Thank you!



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



HAVE YOUR SAY: NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS LIBRARY



Attend one of our workshops, led by artist Kate Buftan, and help co-design the outdoor space at Newton-le-Willows Library as we plan to transform it into a sensory reading space.

Take part in some environmentally-themed activities and add your ideas to our suggestion tree and mood boards. No need to book, just turn up!

Saturday 2nd August
10am - 12pm
Newton-le-Willows Library

Friday 15th August
10am - 12pm
Newton-le-Willows Library

This project is funded by Wargrave Big Local.





**MERSEYSIDE POLICE ARE
HOLDING A FREE SPORTS,
CRAFT AND GAMES EVENT
AT OUTWOOD ACADEMY
LEISURE CENTRE, CLIPSLEY
LANE, HAYDOCK,
ST HELENS.**



**Every Wednesday and Friday
throughout the summer holidays
from 30th July until 22nd August
- 1pm until 3pm.**

Ages 5 to 18. All abilities welcome.

**Under 10's need to be accompanied by
an adult at all times. Refreshments and
snacks will be provided.**

**Consent forms will need to be completed
on the first session by an adult.**



**For more information
or a consent form,
please contact:**

**PCSO Emma Stevens
0151 777 6147**

**PCSO Natalie Gabriel
0151 777 6139**



**MERSEYSIDE
POLICE**
Putting our Community First

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



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(with the exception of October, see alternative dates below)

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

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12 August at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

23 September at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

25 November at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

26 August at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

7 October at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

9 December at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

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21 October at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

18 November at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

16 December at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

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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 tenacious 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.




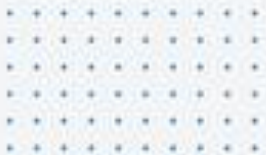
Meet our expert

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>



The PTA are
on



Social Media



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