



# The Keys Newsletter

## Messages from St Peter's

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer

This week was obviously dominated by the weather. Well done to everyone who managed to get in, it was touch and go for a few staff, but we all made it. The children had a lovely time playing in the snow, and it was even a great opportunity for Reception Class to use it in their topic on seasons.

The Environment Hub was finished this week with its internal cladding and insulation now complete. The ranch fencing has been put up and so it is now time to start furnishing the Hub itself and getting the wildlife area ready for the growing season. It will take time for the garden to become established, however we have already started to use it with Reception using the Hub yesterday to do some investigation work. Some classes have signed up for the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch 2024 and the Woodland Trust and Mersey Forest have been along to see what trees we can have planted.

Some of you may have seen in the local and regional press that St Peter's is the third most oversubscribed school in Merseyside. Its popularity reminds us that it's important to understand the admission arrangements and we don't reach the situation where siblings do not get through the admissions process. These can be found on our website: [St Peter's C.E. Primary School: Admission and Appeal Arrangements \(st-peters.st-helens.sch.uk\)](https://st-peters.st-helens.sch.uk)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Robinson  
Headteacher



# Celebration & Congratulations



## GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Leo H-S  
Year 1: Noah C  
Year 2: Finn B  
Year 3: Sienna R  
Year 4: Joseph G  
Year 5: Amelia H  
Year 6: Evie M

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Elodie L  
Year 1: Oliver M  
Year 2: Gracie C  
Year 3: Amelie R  
Year 4: Charlie C  
Year 5: Ferne M  
Year 6: Charlotte B



## VALUES AWARD

Year 1: Leo L  
Year 2: Emily S  
Year 3: James C  
Year 4: Charlie C  
Year 5: Sophie E

## COURAGE AWARD

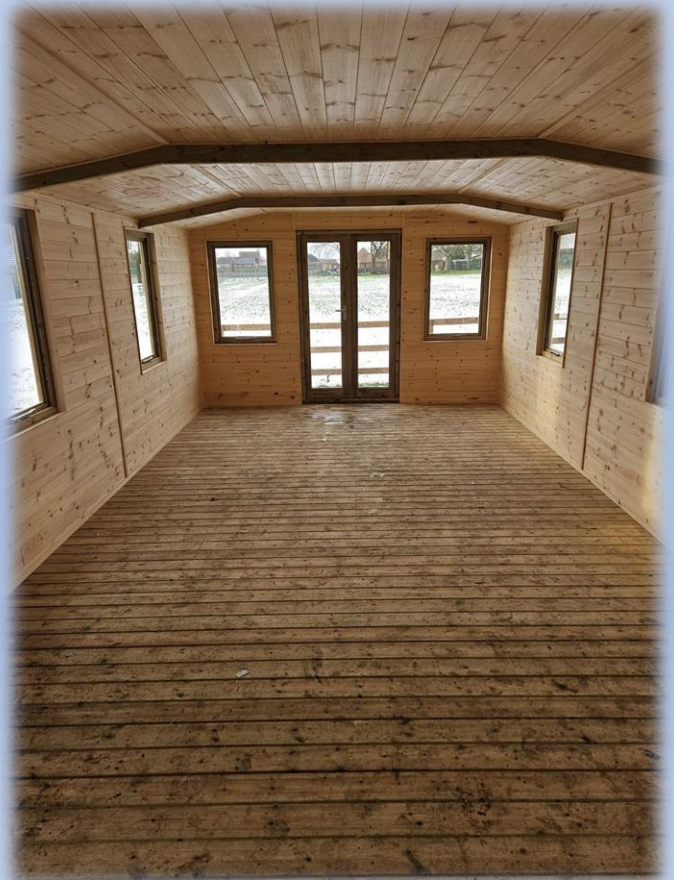
Reception: Zachary W-B  
Year 1: Zain K  
Year 2: Hannah P  
Year 3: Marianna W  
Year 4: Oscar L  
Year 5: Oliver N

# ENVIRONMENTAL HUB



New  
Fencing

New  
cladding and  
insulation





On **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024** we are supporting the charity NSPCC and asking **children to come to school 'dressed up as digits'**.

Children may dress in their own clothes and wear numbers. Anything goes!

We kindly ask for a £1 donation to the charity, via School Money.



As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in the United Kingdom for NSPCC Number Day.

The competition runs from **07:30 to 19:30 GMT on Friday 2nd February**. It's all done online via [play.trockstars.com](https://play.trockstars.com). Years 3 to 6 will take part.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a 60-minute limit (see below)).

Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player well-being, there is a daily time limit of 60 minutes per player. Once the player goes beyond 60 minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means, encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.



St Peter's C.E  
Primary School

# PTA MEETING

**Monday  
22nd January**

Location: Riddling Rack  
at 6:30pm

or join us on Teams

(see PTA Facebook page for the link)

## Agenda

- Quiz Night planning
- Eco Hub
- PTA class representatives



St Peter's Newton PTA

## PTA Class Champion

We are currently not able to reach all year groups and we want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to receive the same information.

We're looking for PTA Class Champions who can forward information onto your class WhatsApp group, Facebook page, etc.

### Information such as:

Dates for the diary  
Links to event bookings  
Shout-outs for volunteers

Although it would be great if the PTA Class Champions could attend the PTA meetings, there is no obligation, as the information will be sent via a dedicated WhatsApp group (or emailed, if requested).

If you are interested, please email [stpeters\\_pta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stpeters_pta@yahoo.co.uk)



## Re-gifting

We've got some great events planned this year, which will include the return of the Mother's Day shop and the introduction of a Father's Day shop too. So if you've received any unwanted gifts over Christmas we'd be really grateful if you could put them to one side and consider donating them for sale at these events.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## ADDvanced Solutions Community Network

### Autism Post Diagnostic Learning Programme



#### St Helens families

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](mailto:info@advancedsolutions.co.uk). You can also visit our website, [www.advancedsolutions.co.uk](http://www.advancedsolutions.co.uk), for further information.

#### Topics covered during the weekly sessions

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| 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                    |

For more information:

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## Autism Post Diagnostic Learning Programme Session Dates

### IF YOUR CHILD IS 9-13 YEARS OF AGE

| Session Number  | Date and Time                               | Venue              | Booking Details  |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|--|
| Session 1 and 2 | Friday 26th January 2024<br>9:30am - 2:45pm | St Helens,<br>WA10 | Parent/carers can call our office on 01744 582172 or email <a href="mailto:info@advancedsolutions.co.uk">info@advancedsolutions.co.uk</a> to book onto the learning programme. |
| Session 3 and 4 | Friday 2nd February 2024<br>9:30am - 2:45pm |                    |  |
| Session 5 and 6 | Friday 9th February 2024<br>9:30am - 2:45pm |                    |  |

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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*

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| Mrs Colley:   | Senior Mental Health Lead<br>Behaviour Lead<br>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 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2024

|                                 |             |                             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Sports Club (Superstars)</b> | Year 5 & 6  | 3.30 – 4.30pm               |
| <b>PTA Meeting</b>              | All welcome | 6.30pm at the Riddling Rack |

## TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2024

|                                 |            |               |
|---------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| <b>Sports Club (Superstars)</b> | Year 4     | 3.30 – 4.30pm |
| <b>LEGO Club</b>                | Year 1 & 2 | 3.15 – 4.15pm |

## WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024

|                                 |        |               |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| <b>Sports Club (Superstars)</b> | Year 2 | 3.20 – 4.15pm |
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## THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024

|                                 |            |  |
|---------------------------------|------------|--|
| <b>Swimming</b>                 | Year 5     | Please remember to bring swimming costume and a towel in a separate bag. |
| <b>Sports Club (Superstars)</b> | Year 3     | 3.30 – 4.30pm  |
| <b>Sewing Club</b>              | Year 5 & 6 | 3.30 – 4.30pm  |
| <b>Kidslingo</b>                | Year 1,2,3 | 3.30 – 4.30pm  |

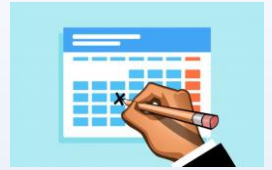
## FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024

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|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Mad Science</b>              | KS2          | 3.30 – 4.30pm |
| <b>Sports Club (Superstars)</b> | Year 1       | 3.15 – 4.20pm |
| <b>LEGO Club</b>                | 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.

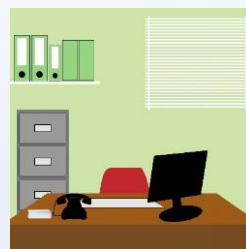
## HOLIDAY REQUESTS

### 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](mailto: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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