



ST PETER'S
C.E. Primary School



The Keys Newsletter

13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic day we had today! Our pupils were full of festive cheer, dressed in their Christmas clothes, enjoying a delicious Christmas meal, and getting creative with Christmas crafts. The excitement was everywhere.

You may have noticed our work we are doing on oracy this year. Mr Badley is leading this initiative and will keep you updated through the year how its going. We have also been working on what a dialogic classroom looks like and have entered a research programme with a small number of schools from Iran, Argentina, and South Africa. On Monday, Mr Badley and myself had a virtual meeting with 6 teachers from across these countries to compare approaches. We are hoping to strengthen links in the future and enable our pupils to talk to pupils in these different schools.

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for their generous contributions. The brand-new sand kitchen for our reception class has been a big hit – the children absolutely love it! We also appreciate the effort put into organising the film nights over the past two weeks. They were a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Well done to our choir who attended Newton Library this week and performed a lovely carol service. They were a credit to the school.

Looking ahead, we are excited about next week's nativities and carol service. These events are always a highlight of our school calendar, and we can't wait to see our pupils shine. Additionally, I have sent a special request to Santa, inviting him to join us for breakfast on the final day of term. Fingers crossed he can make it!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Robinson
Head Teacher



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SCHOOL



IT'S GOOD TO TALK

Our priority this year is to develop the quality of talk in our classrooms.

We have been:

- Training teachers
- Developing resources (e.g. stem sentences and talk tokens)
- Finding opportunities to discuss ideas in lessons
- Reflecting on our small group dialogue
- Sharing ideas within classrooms and across the school
- Sharing practice with other schools
- Engaging with international research projects

You can help by:

- Asking your child about the discussions they've had in school
- Ask them to explain the stem sentences or talk tokens they've used
- Play games with them that promote talking, reasoning or explaining.

If you would like to know more, come and visit Mr Badley.





Each week, we celebrate children that have made extra effort to improve their oracy skills. It might be for using some of the stem sentences or talk tokens provided, making and effort to respond to the ideas of someone else in their class in a constructive manner, or as simple as finding the confidence to share their own ideas aloud.



BFY CHRISTMAS PARTY

- SKK JUDO, 15th December 2-5 pm
- Free to N Le W Children aged 9-13
- *Lots of music and party games
- *Lots of Prizes
- *Food
- *A present for each child





GROWTH MINDSET

Iris – Reception
Joseph – Year 1
Leo – Year 2
Mazie - Year 3
Ella – Year 4
Robbie – Year 5
Martha – Year 6



STAR OF THE WEEK

Joanna - Reception
Sebi – Year 1
Bradley – Year 2
Lucinda – Year 3
Harrison – Year 4
Sophia – Year 5
Jasmine – Year 6



This week's Courage certificate is for Growth:

Audrey – Year 1
Ava-Rose – Year 2
Nancy - Year 3
Hassan – Year 4
Ella - Year 5



VALUES

Noah - Love – Year 3
Sophie –Love – Year 5



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENT	DATE
St Peter's PTA – Paint & Sip Event	Saturday 14 th December
Breakfast with Santa	Friday 20 th December
Christmas Parties	Friday 20 th December
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 20 th December
First day of Spring Term	Tuesday 7 th January 2025



NATIVITY AND CAROL CONCERT

Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity	Wednesday 18th December – 2pm <i>St Peter's PTA serving refreshments from 1.45pm</i>
Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity	Thursday 19th December – 9.30am <i>St Peter's PTA serving refreshments from 9.15am</i>
Key Stage 2 Carol Service – In church	Thursday 19th December – 1.45pm <i>St Peter's PTA serving refreshments from 1.30pm</i>

Families have been issued one ticket for each nativity performance



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.

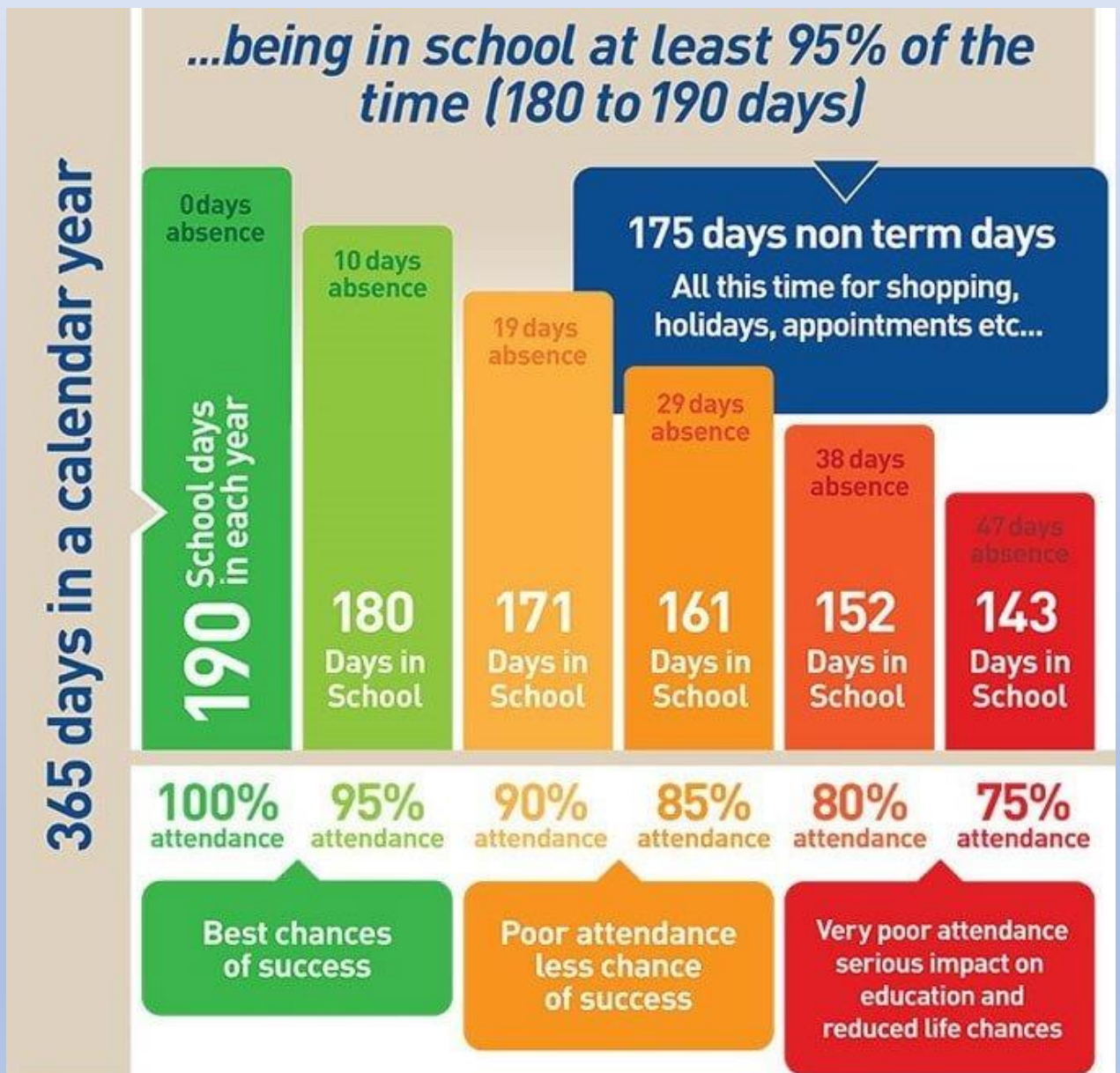
The team has regular meeting to discuss and measure the progress of pupils who fall into specific categories, including attendance, wellbeing issues, SEN, behavioural issues and safeguarding.



Attendance

Whole School Target: 98%

Current Average Whole School Attendance: **97.8%**





Paint and Sip

14TH DEC | 6-8 PM | £25PP

Join us as we transform our school hall into your very own art studio! Hosted by Rebecca Fuller of Brushes Artistry, our PTA is creating a 'Paint and Sip' night for you to enjoy with friends of our school. All over 18's welcome!

Tickets available at pta-events.co.uk

Doors open 5:45pm



Ticket includes:
Arrival drink
Mince pie
All materials



**Recreate your own
painted canvas!**



There will be a bar serving alcoholic drinks, soft drinks and snacks so get together with your friends and family and make a night of it!

St.Helens



Supporting families of SEND

SEND

Drop In

Supporting parents and carers who
have children and young people with
SEN/Disabilities

Come along and receive advice and
support from the IASS team - no
appointment needed

Starting from

Thursday 16th January 2025

Thursdays (term time only)

From 9am - 11:30am

at

Wargrave C of E Primary School

Bradlegh Road

Newton-Le-Willows

WA12 8QL

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, please email stpeter@sthelens.org.uk if you are having issues accessing the 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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