

The Keys Newsletter

14th February 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

"This school is quite stunning in every area we look."

"We have never seen such a well-developed, impactful, strong, and ambitious curriculum—it is quite sensational."

"Your provision for children with SEND goes far beyond what is typical in other schools. It's extraordinary to witness."

"There is an outstanding programme of personal development for pupils. It is actually incredible."

"Leadership is exceptional."

"The intrinsic, remarkable behaviour of your children and the low threshold for misbehaviour is something rarely seen on inspection."

"Early Years is simply stunning."

These are just some of the things the HMI (His Majesty's Inspectorate) said to us during their final inspection deliberations to myself, senior leaders and Governors. Given the very high bar now set for achieving 'Outstanding' in all areas and the number of schools who have not retained their previous grading, this is a fantastic achievement for our school community. Everyone is part of this outcome—our children, families, governors, and staff. This is not just the result of two days of intense inspection and scrutiny, but years of cooperation and partnership to ensure our children receive the very best education we can offer.

I would like to thank you for your support during the inspection, and also for the majority of parents who gave us extremely positive feedback on the online Ofsted questionnaire. According to the inspectors, the additional comments provided in response to the questions (which we do not see) were overwhelming.





Our pupils, your children, were described as "remarkable." Their knowledge, their ability to talk about behaviour, attendance, academic achievement, and their articulation of values and how they feel about school actually made the inspectors emotional as they delivered their final verdict.

Although there are no areas for development at St. Peter's, be assured that we will not sit back or relax in the pursuit of doing the very best we can for your children. As a gesture of recognition of how amazing they are, we have awarded each one of them a star lapel badge that can be worn over the school badge or on the school tie.

Finally, can I thank you for the kind emails, gifts, and comments on social media? They have made us all smile with pride.

Have a lovely half-term holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Robinson Headteacher



Congratulations!

THIS SCHOOL IS UTSTANDING St Peter's C.E. Primary School IN ALLAREAS



Quality of Education Behaviour and Attitudes Personal Development Leadership and Management Early Years Provision

'St Peter's is a superb school and a happy place to learn' Ofsted

'Pupils' behaviour and attitudes to learning are exemplary' 2025

"The child grew and became strong in body, mind and spirit"

Thanks to our outstanding Head Teacher,

Teachers and support staff!

We are very proud of you all!

What a delightful surprise this morning from our wonderful PTA. Thank you very much for our table full of treats to celebrate our Outstanding report, and fuel the last day of half term.









This week's Courage certificate is for the Arts:



Elsie - Reception Isla - Year 1 Greyson - Year 2 Dexter - Year 3 Willow - Year 4 Oscar - Year 5 Ferne - Year 6



GROWTH MINDSET

STAR OF THE WEEK

Grace H-S - Reception
Pippa - Year 1
Ahmed - Year 2
Eliza - Year 3
Callen - Year 4
Evie - Year 5
Niall - Year 6



Harriet - Reception
Lois - Year 1
Kayden - Year 2
Isla - Year 3
Morrie - Year 4
Amber - Year 5
Eric - Year 6

VALUES



Benjamin – Respect – Reception Arthur G – Respect – Year 1 Jude – Love – Year 2 Betty – Love – Year 3 Jakob – Respect – Year 5



Thank you for your donations last week for the NSPCC Number Day 'Dress up in Digits' event; we raised a wonderful £165 for the NSPCC.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day will be held in school on Wednesday 5th March.

Children will not be required to wear a costume, we are thinking of alternative ideas for on the day (more details to come in the new half term).

Our theme will be "The Lost Words" by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris.

MSCHOLASTICCompetition

Our library needs some decoration!

We want you to create an image of your favourite character from any book that you love (draw it, paint it, collage it, do it however you want).

The top 5 entries (judged by staff and our English ambassadors) will receive vouchers to spend at our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair.

Send your entries in by Friday 28th February.



SCHOLASTIC

Book Fairs Your pop-up school book shop!

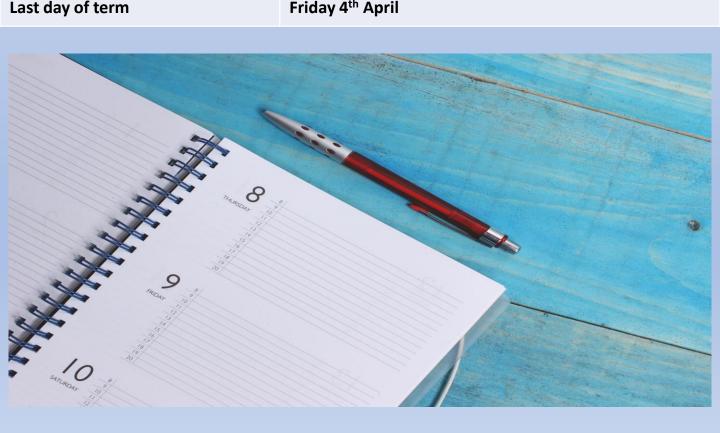
St Peter's School Book Fair

- 3rd March- 7th March
- Before and after school in the playground
- Hundreds of brand-new books added
- Card payments only
- All proceeds to the school library



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENT	DATE
First day of term	Monday 24 th February
School Nurse Appointments	Friday 28 th February
Scholastic Book Fairs	Monday 3 rd March to Friday 7 th March
World Book Day	Wednesday 5 th March
Year 3 only –St Peter's PTA non uniform day	Thursday 13 th March – Year 3 only – please bring Mother's Day gift donations
St Peter's PTA non uniform day	Friday 14 th March - please bring Mother's Day gift donations
Y3 Trip to Manchester Museum	Friday 14 th March
Y6 Parents SATs Meeting	Monday 17 th March – straight after school in Y6 classroom
St Peter's PTA Mother's Day Shop	Friday 21st March
Y6 Trip to Tatton Hall	Friday 28 th March
Y5 Easter Journey	Wednesday 2 nd April
Last day of term	Friday 4th April





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

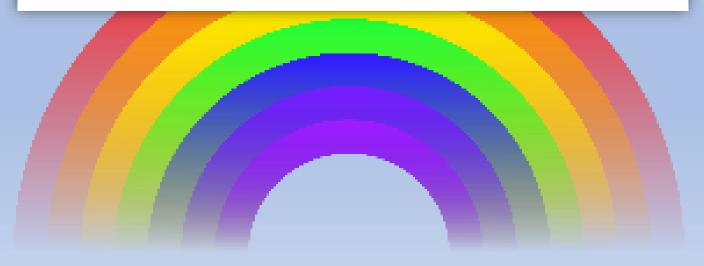
Our Early Help approach

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.

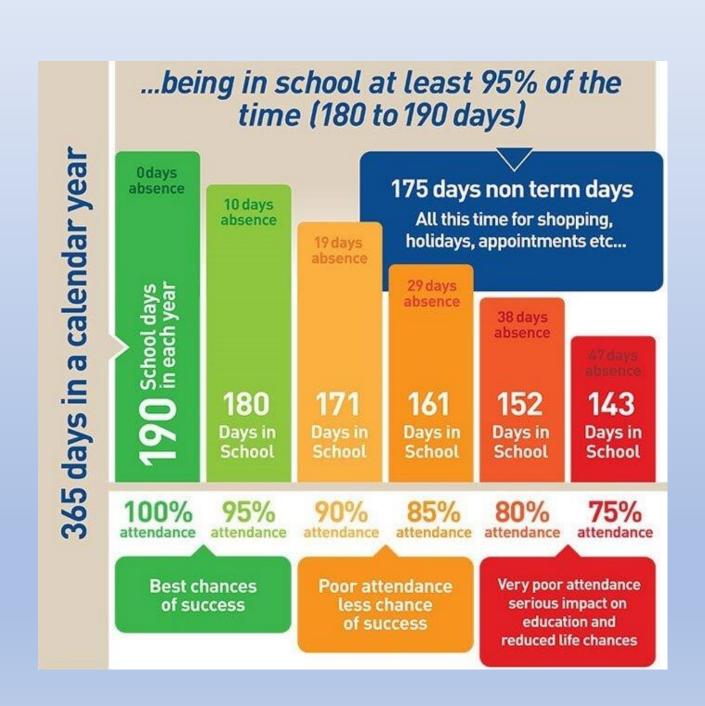
The team has regular meeting to discuss and measure the progress of pupils who fall into specific categories, including attendance, wellbeing issues, SEN, behavioural issues and safeguarding.



Attendance

Whole School Target: 98%

Current Average Whole School Attendance: 97.8%





ST HELENS LIBRARY SERVICE

Newton-le-Willows Library What's On in February Half-Term 2025

Speak to library staff for more information

Making Bird Feeders Monday 17 February 1pm-3pm

Come along and see how you can make birdfeeders with simple materials to help your garden birds. Please bring recycled tetra packs (e.g. milk/soup cartons) to make your bird feeder

Drop in.

Winter Warm Hubs

Thursday 20 February 10:30am-12:30

Grab a warm brew, get a cosy seat and have a go at one of our puzzles. This is also a chance to look at the newest books we have in stock.

Drop in.

Board Games & Beginners Mahjong

Monday 17 February 3pm-5pm

Find the board game for you – we have a great selection including Pokemon Battle Academy. Ages 4+

An adult group are learning to play Mahjong – this session will start at 3pm.

Drop in.

Storyfest: Superheroes

Tuesday 18 February 3:30pm-4:30pm

To mark Storyfest we are making Princess Mirrors and Superhero Masks. There will be a treasure hunt and games inspired by your favourite myths and stories.

Book on wonderarts.co.uk

Mini-Olympics

Thursday 20 February 2pm-4pm

Say goodbye to Winter and get active at our Mini-Olympics. See how you score at a range of events – table tennis, ring toss, table football and more.

Drop in.

Additional events

Story Explorers – Saturday 15 February 10:30am-11:15am

Our junior reading group. Discuss books and make new friends. 8-11 year olds

CHAMPS – Saturday 22 February 10:30am-11:15am

An activity-based session for male carers and children.

Crow Lane East, Newton le Willows, WA12 9TU
Contact: 01744 677 885 or newtonlewillowslibrary@sthelens.gov.uk











Virtual Storytelling: Cat Weatherill

Join magical storyteller Cat Weatherill for a fun-filled session of stories, rhymes and drawing!

Check out Cat's books: catweatherillauthor.com

Tuesday 18th February 12:30pm at Newton-le-Willows Library





STHLibraries



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SLEEP ADVICE DROP-INS

Is your child having difficulty getting enough sleep, waking in the night or having bad dreams?

Drop in and gain some practical support and advice from one of our trained practitioners.

Newton Family Hub Monday 10.00am - 12.00pm

Sutton Family Hub Tuesday 9.30am - 11.30am

Moss Bank Children's Centre Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am

Parr Children's Centre Friday 9.30am - 11.30am





More advice available!

👚 Oral health

rotty training

Access to other services

BSL Interpreters are available on request.

To get in touch with us please contact:
Email: childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk

Telephone: 01744 673445 / 01744 671788 Text: 07761045427



ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Neurodevelopment pathway drop ins beginning February 2025



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.

11 February at Parr Children's Centre, 9.30am to 11.30am and Sutton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm. 11 March at Parr Children's Centre, 9.30am to 11.30am and Sutton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm. 8 April at Parr Children's Centre, 9.30am to 11.30am and Sutton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

18 February at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

18 March at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm. 15 April at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

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

25 March at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm. 22 April 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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NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

LEARN ALL ABOUT PANTS WITH PANTOSAURUS!



PRIVATES ARE PRIVATE

Your underwear covers up your private parts and no one should ask to see or touch them. Sometimes a doctor, nurse or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask you if it's OK first. Remember, what's in your pants belongs only to you.

NO MEANS NO

You always have the right to say 'no' –
even to a family member or someone you
love. You're in control of your body and
the most important thing is how YOU feel.
If you want to say 'No', it's your choice.

S PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP

Talk about stuff that makes you worried or upset. If you ever feel sad, anxious or frightened you should talk to a safe adult who you trust.

This doesn't have to be a family member.

It can also be a teacher or a friend's parent –
or even Childline. Talking shouldn't get you into
trouble, even if somebody has told you it will.

If something has happened that makes you
feel uncomfortable, it is never your fault.

A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU

Your body is yours, and no one should touch your private parts or any other parts of your body that you don't want to be touched. No one has the right to make you do anything that makes you feel uncomfortable. If somebody does make you do something, it's never your fault. Even if the person who has made you feel uncomfortable has told you it is your fault.



There are good and bad secrets. Good secrets can be things like surprise parties or presents for other people. Bad secrets make you feel sad, worried or frightened. You should always talk to a safe adult who you trust about a bad secret or anything that doesn't feel right.

You can also talk to Childline. Call 0800 1111 or contact them online at Childline.org.uk. Someone will always be there to listen.









Facebook: St-Peters Pta Instagram: stpeters_pta_nlw

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



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 80L

OFFICE NEWS



DINNER MONEY

If your child wishes to change their lunch preference please advise the office via email giving <u>a week's notice</u>. Payment is taken through the School Money Online Payment System, please email <u>stpeter@sthelens.org.uk</u> 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 week**s 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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