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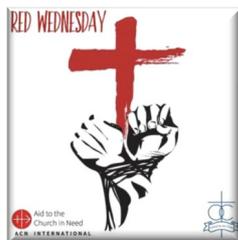
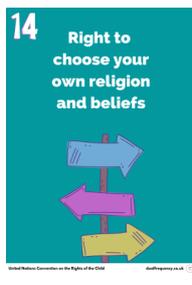
# RED WEDNESDAY

Each year we support Red Wednesday in support of the ACN: a pontifical foundation of the Catholic church, supporting Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Each year they fund over 5,000 projects in more than 140 countries around world, helping to support the Church in its mission, and bringing hope and solidarity to millions of people.



## Article 14 of the UNCRC

says that children and young people are free to be of any or no religion. Their parents can help them make decisions around religion.



Staff and governors at Holy Cross thank our wonderful and supportive families in helping us with our mission to aid religious freedom.

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Year 1 have wore red today in support of #RedWednesday. Thank you for your kind donations ❤️



holycross@sthelens @holycrosssthe1 · Nov 22  
Year 5 learned about having religious freedom and the right to practice their faith as part of their learning on Red Wednesday. They also learned about Teresa of Avalon and the power of prayer 🙏 #teamred #RedWednesday



We Care, We Share, We Value.



# Christmas is coming!!



Our Christmas fayre is on **Thursday 14th December - After school** for parents and carers to attend and

**Friday 15th December** will be a Christmas Fayre for all children in **school time** (children to bring in money to spend at the fayre on this day. No more than £5).

IN THE RUN UP TO CHRISTMAS WE ARE HOLDING 3 WEEKS OF GIVING. ON THESE DAYS YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THESE ITEMS TO CLASS WITH YOU WHERE YOU WILL RECEIVE A STAMP ON YOUR DONATION CARD FROM YOUR TEACHER. WHEN THE CARD IS FULL YOU CAN EXCHANGE IT FOR A FREE TURN ON A STALL AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR. *HOOK A BAUBLE, TOMBOLA, CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA AND MANY MORE,*  
**NO CARD WITH 3 STAMPS, NO FREE TURN,**

## THE ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS -

Week 1 **01.12.23 (Friday)** Tombola! Time bring in **unwanted gifts** or anything that you think would be good on the tombola. **OWN CLOTHES DAY.**

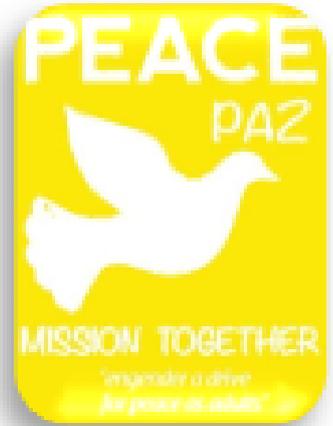
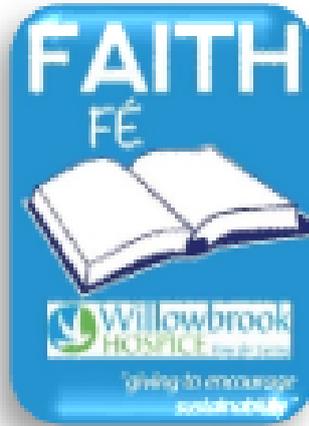
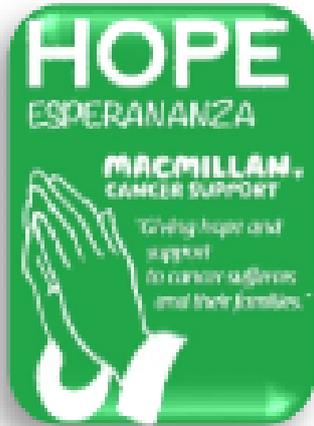
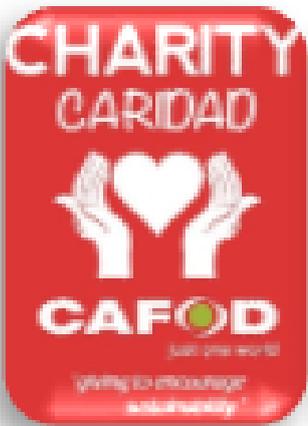
Week 2 **08.12.23 (Friday)** - Bring in a **chocolate** item for the chocolate tombola. **OWN CLOTHES DAY**

Week 3 **14.12.23 (Thursday)** Christmas Fayre (after school) - Bring in **Posh (alcohol) bottles or cakes.** **OWN CLOTHES DAY**

**15.12.23 (Friday)** Christmas Fayre in school time for children - No donation needed **MAXIMUM £5** to spend at the Fayre - **OWN CLOTHES DAY.**



# House Teams Weekly Points



7,429

7,379

7,203

7,389



Leader Board this week			
Charity	Hope	Faith	Peace
734	788	753	709

## STARS OF THE WEEK



# Attendance

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance this week is

**95.6%**

The Government set target is 97%.

Well done to

**Year 4**

for having the best attendance this week with

**98%**

## Attendance this week

Nursery	96%
Reception	94%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	94%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>98%</b>
Year 5	93%
Year 6	97%

## Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



### Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

**Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance**

## Happy Birthday!

On this special day,  
we celebrate how blessed the world  
became when God gave us you.



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## Y4 Brass—Friday

Year 4 must bring their instruments to school each Friday.

## Swimming—Wednesday's

Y6 need their swimming kit in school every Wednesday—the coach leaves at 9.00am

## School clubs

Monday: Y4-Y6 Football 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday: Y1-3 Dodgeball 8.00-8.45am

Thursday: Y3-Y6 Board Games 3.30-4.00pm

### SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023/2024

Term	School opens on:	School closes on:
Autumn term 2023	5th September	27th October
	6th November	22nd December
Spring term 2024	8th January	9th February
	19th February	28th March
Summer term 2024	15th April	22nd May
	5th June	23rd July
Inset days	<p><del>4th September</del></p> <p>23rd May &amp; 24th May</p> <p>3rd June &amp; 4th June</p> <p><u>Bank Holidays</u></p> <p>29th March</p> <p>1st April</p> <p>6th May</p>	

Year Group	Homework
N	Library book read to them (each night) Talking task – phase one phonics (weekly) Practical maths (weekly)
R	Reading (each night) Reading & spelling tricky words practice (weekly) Number (weekly)
KS1	Reading (each night) Times Tables (each night) Reading & spelling tricky words practice (weekly) Maths (weekly) English comprehension (weekly)
KS2	Reading (each night) Times Tables (each night) Reading & spelling tricky words practice (weekly) Maths (weekly) English comprehension (weekly)

**CYPMHS Crisis Response** service as they have had some updates.

This service is for Children & Young People who are in need of immediate assistance for their **mental health or behaviour.**

<https://www.mersecare.nhs.uk/our-services/warrington/child-and-adolescent-mental-health-service-crisis-response->



Do you have the skills to foster?  
01744 671199 [stHelens.gov.uk/fostering](http://stHelens.gov.uk/fostering)





## St Helens Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 25th November 2023

12.30pm - 6.00pm with switch on at 5.30pm

## Earlestown Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 2nd December 2023

1.00pm - 7.00pm with switch on at 6.00pm



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ST HELENS BOROUGH COUNCIL



This Christmas, we are again supporting Chris Lamb with the Chocolate Orange Challenge. Chocolate oranges donated will be distributed to NHS staff across the borough as way for the people of St. Helens to show their thanks for the work of our NHS staff. We are taking collections up to 14th December. On 15th December our choir will perform Christmas Carols outside the Town Hall which will be a drop-off point for last donations.

**St Helens**  
**Santa Dash**  
**2023**

DATE: SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2023  
TIME: 11AM START  
VENUE: VICTORIA PARK, WA10 2UE  
CHRISTMAS STARTS HERE!

ST HELENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

### What do I need to know?



**HOW FAR?** The route is 4km long.

**DO I HAVE TO RUN?** Absolutely not - this is a fun, family-friendly event. You can walk, jog or skip your way round.

**HOW DO I REGISTER?** You can register online by scanning the QR code to the left, or visit: <http://bit.ly/sthelenssantadash2023>

**WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?** Safe footwear is a must, then whatever you feel comfortable and are able to walk/jog in. Fancy dress is welcomed.

**HOW MUCH IS IT TO ENTER?** £5 for adults and £2 for children aged 5-18 years. Children under 5 are welcome free of charge. Every paying participant will receive a Santa hat to wear on route, plus a medal when you finish. If you would like a Santa hat and medal for a child under 5, you are welcome to pay the £2 if you wish. If you have any further questions, please phone the Active Lives & Sports Development Team on 01744 675403 or email [markhurst@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:markhurst@sthelens.gov.uk)

# New Ways November 2023



**MONDAY**



**6** Try out a new way of being physically active

**13** Do something playful outdoors  
- walk, run, explore, relax

**20** Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

**27** Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

**TUESDAY**



**7** Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

**14** Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

**21** Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

**28** Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

**WEDNESDAY**

**1** Make a list of new things you want to do this month

**8** Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

**15** Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

**22** Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

**29** Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

**THURSDAY**

**2** Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

**9** When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

**16** Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

**23** Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

**30** Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times

**FRIDAY**

**3** Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

**10** Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

**17** Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

**24** Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently



**SATURDAY**

**4** Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

**11** Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

**18** Connect with someone from a different generation

**25** Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way



**SUNDAY**

**5** Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

**12** Find out something new about someone you care about

**19** Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

**26** Try out a different radio station or new TV show



**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

**Happier · Kinder · Together**

# MUSIC SERVICE ENSEMBLES AT ST HELENS TOWN HALL 2023 - 24 FREE!

**TUESDAY...**  
VOCAL GROUP  
4.30PM - 5.50PM

**WEDNESDAY**  
WIDER OPPORTUNITIES BAND  
4PM - 5PM

**WEDNESDAY**  
INTERMEDIATE WIND BAND  
4PM - 5PM

**WEDNESDAY**  
INTERMEDIATE STRINGS  
4PM - 5PM

**TUESDAY...**  
ROCK & POP BAND  
4.30PM - 5.50PM

**WEDNESDAY**  
MUSIC THEORY CLUB  
4PM - 5PM

**WEDNESDAY**  
YOUTH WIND ORCHESTRA  
5.15PM - 6.30PM

**WEDNESDAY**  
SINFONIA  
5.15PM - 6.30PM

**WEDNESDAY**  
MUSIC THEORY CLUB  
5.15PM - 6.30PM



INSPIRING MUSICAL CREATIVITY  
FOR EVERY CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON IN MERSEY, NTH



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SCAN THE QR CODE  
BELOW TO JOIN AND  
REGISTER TODAY





See Miss Davies for more information on main meals for the family for £4 per week.

Wesley Methodist Church  
Vincent Street, St Helens WA10 1LF

For **a small weekly fee** local residents can join up as members and access a whole range of benefits.

Entrance to a weekly shop at the Pantry

Meet new people or volunteer

Free welcome gifts

Pay by cash or standing order

There are no qualifying rules for joining and we also give out tea/ coffee and toast while you wait.

A limited number of memberships available

Opening times:  
**Tuesday**

 [www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk](http://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk)

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You can also call us on 01744 264 14