PARISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

THIS WEEK AT PARISH:

We have had a fantastic first week back. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school refreshed, enthusiastic and ready for a busy half-term ahead as the weather becomes cooler and it starts to feel more like winter!

Before we look forward, we would like to congratulate Year 5, who were our attendance winners from last half-term. As a reward for their excellent attendance, they enjoyed a special Forest School session at the field, where they took part in a range of outdoor learning activities and enjoyed spending time together in the fresh air. Year 5 have also started their swimming lessons this week. Learning to swim is an important life skill, and the children have made a fantastic start in the pool. We are excited to see their confidence and abilities continue to develop over the coming weeks.

Attendance remains a key priority across our school, and our Autumn 2 attendance incentive has now begun. We know that regular attendance has a significant impact on children's learning, friendships and wellbeing, and we are encouraging everyone to aim for excellent attendance this half-term. Every day counts, and we look forward to building on our positive start to the year. Please can I remind parents and carers that if your child is absent, you must call the school office (emails will not be accepted).

Looking ahead, we have an incredibly busy and exciting half-term planned, packed full of learning experiences, celebrations and opportunities for our children. Next week, we are delighted to welcome Prags from the Asian Education Organisation, who has worked with our school for many years. The children will take part in a range of activities as we learn about and celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Throughout the week, pupils will explore the traditions, stories and significance of Diwali through dance, music, art and cultural experiences, helping to deepen their understanding of different faiths and communities.

There is so much to look forward to this half-term, and we are excited to share these experiences with our children.

Mr Hardy
Acting Headteacher



COMING UP SOON IN SCHOOL:

It will soon be the time for Christmas events in school! Please find a list below of what is taking place!



Please note that starting on the 20th of November, there are three own-clothes days that support our PTFA fundraising.

Further information about all events will be released soon!

NEXT WEEK:

Open Evenings Taking Place:

Thursday 22nd October 2026
and
Monday 9th November 2026

16:00 Start

Parish Church of England Primary School, Charles Street, St Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1LW

Are you a parent or a carer with children starting Reception in September 2027 or wanting a place in our age 3-4 Nursery Provision? If so, come and visit our school!

EVENTS

- NOV 10/11 — All Day — *Diwali Celebrations in School.*
- NOV 12 — AM. — *School Photographs*
- NOV 12 — 14:30 — *Parent Learning Showcase (Y1-Y6)*
- NOV 13 — 14:15 — *EYFS Stay and Play – Early Reading.*

COMING SOON

November 16/17 PM *Parents' Evening.*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Our traditional Parents' Evening (building on some additional appointments taking place this week) will be taking place in two weeks' time. Make sure you book your appointment via School Spider!

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ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:

Our whole-school attendance this week is:
Our attendance year-to-date in Y1-Y6 is:

Nursery	91.6%	Year 3	94.2%
Reception	94%	Year 4	97.7%
Year 1	94.7%	Year 5	97.7%
Year 2	96.3%	Year 6	95.8%



Attendance Reminder:
A reminder that arriving at school after 8:50 means that your child is missing out on learning.

HEADTEACHER' S AWARD WINNERS



WELL DONE TO THIS WEEK' S HEADTEACHER' S AWARD WINNERS WHO HAVE BEEN NOTED FOR NURTURING CURIOSITY CONSIDERING `BRITISH AND CHRISTIAN VALUES.'

Nursery	Lochlann	**Year 3**	Theodore
Reception	Athena	**Year 4**	Eliza
Year 1	Penelope	**Year 5**	Atticus
Year 2	Chester	**Year 6**	Jacob



THIS HALF TERM PE DAYS:

PE Days for NEXT half-term are as follows:

Mon	Y5 (Swimming) /Y6
Tue	Nur, Rec.
Wed	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4.
Thu	Y3, Y4.
Fri	Y1, Y2.



GET INVOLVED:

In just one week time, St Helens Minister (previously known as Parish Church) turns 100 years old!

For a special art installation, we would like your feedback on what the building, its people and memories mean to you!



Complete this via the link below of QR Code.

St Helens MINSTER

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St Helens **MINSTER**

invites you to join our centenary celebrations!

100 YEARS

MY MINSTER
the place and the people

Our exhibition celebrates a building that has belonged to the people of St Helens from the very beginning — and the generations of local people who have made it part of their lives.



TUE 10TH - SUN 22ND NOVEMBER

10.00AM - 2.00PM DAILY

a hundred years
thousands of memories
my minster.

St HelensMINSTER

INVITES YOU TO:

A THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday 10th November - 2pm

A short service to mark the moment the church was consecrated 100 years ago followed by a drinks reception.

OUR CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Sunday 15th November - 10.30am

A service of holy communion where everyone is invited. Maybe you got married here, come to cafe, visited us as part of school worship. However you have been before come and celebrate with us!

Children's work will be available at the back, but no separate children's church will run.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

22nd November 10.30am

To celebrate the end of the church year in which we celebrate our 100 years, we are having a bring and share lunch after the service. We are encouraging people to bring something from the last 100 years.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

