



Newsletter

HAMILTON ROAD, WINDLE, ST.HELENS WA10 6HG

TEL: 01744 678190

WEBSITE: www.bleakhill.st-helens.sch.uk

EMAIL: bleakhill@sthelens.org.uk

Message from Mr Dagnall

It has been another busy week at Bleak Hill Primary School, and I would like to thank parents and staff for their continued support during what has been particularly warm weather. The dedication of our team ensures that our children continue to thrive, and your encouragement makes a real difference. This week has been filled with a range of activities and learning opportunities. Mr Fletcher organised Road Safety events across all year groups, providing valuable education on this important topic. Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Gulliver's World on Thursday, which was a wonderful experience for our oldest children as they approach the end of their time with us. We were also delighted to welcome parents to our FOBH Breakfast on the Go this morning, and we appreciate those who were able to attend.

Our financial literacy programme has progressed well, with both Year 4 completing their first session of Debt Aware and Year 5 completing another session. This initiative will continue on a termly basis over the next two years, equipping our children with essential knowledge about money management. Additionally, we hosted both of our Rock Steady concerts this week, and we are grateful to parents for their support of these events.

As we approach the final week of the academic year, there is much to look forward to. We will be holding Year 6 leavers assemblies on Tuesday and our whole school celebration assembly on Friday. Please note that children in Reception to Year 5 will finish at 1.30pm on Friday, whilst Year 6 will be dismissed at 2pm.

Have a brilliant weekend in the sun. Come on England!

Merit Award - Children who have worked hard all year

	Oracy Champion	R.O.T.W.	W.O.T.W.	M.O.T.W.	Bronze	Silver	Gold
R Hu	Cole P	Melissa C	Isla H	Ruben S	Mollie R	Alby McC	Georgie K
R Ma	George L	TJ V	Isaac G	Eirini P	Rory F	Otis B	Emilie B
R Mo	Toby B	Alex S	Louie H	Poppy W-P	Ayaan I	Freyja G	Nancy R
1 Ma	Ada D	James M	Jacob H	Seb F	Amelia M	Leo W	Noah W
1 Me	Yasmin G	Alfie P	Amelia C	Oakley J	Harry R	Finley C	Amelia M
1 MR	Evelyn L	Frankie W	Elijah V	Henry W	Everyn N-J	Mia H	Idris R
2 A	Ava D	James D	Thomas S	Myles B	Elsie S	Brody T	George M
2 CS	Maggie C	Orla S	Penny W-P	Jackson K	Sophie D	Xander P	Eden L
2 Mc	Olivia H	Ella D	Edward C	Ella U	Rhys S	Charlotte E	Barney F
3 H	Zach B	Ben B	Kimberly R	Henrietta H	Ben M	Daniel F	Alfie U
3 M	Belle F	Louis C	Emma H	Theo C	Freddy R	Stan K	Ella W
3 W	Isla M	Matilda N-C	Ilaria O'N	Scarlet W	Vinnie F	Harriet L	Sadie C
4 DM	Theo G	Joseph U	Rose B	Isobel R	Megan H	Thomas B	Beatrice P
4 H	Lucas McM	Penny T	Sienna B	Isaac E	Connie C	Annabelle B	Molly H
4 W	Darcey L	Thea H	Ezri N-J	Theo D	Noah D	Eleanor H	Laura B
5 B	Regan T	Eloise M	Tom K	Martha M	Jacob S	Kaleem T	Molly McM
5 F	Hugo T	Harper E	Evie F	Luca D	Theo B	Charlotte L	Jacob R
5 Du	Guy B-T	Molly F	George M	Valentin R K	Fifi N-W	Isla McC	Jude M
6 B							
6 M							
6 W							

What's on w/c 13.07.26			
13.07.2026	Before School	During School	After School
Monday		Y3 Y4 & Y6 PE	
Tuesday		YR Y1 & Y2 PE Y6 Assemblies <i>09.15 Y6M Doors Open 09.00</i> <i>10.30 Y6W Doors Open 10.15</i> <i>14.00 Y6B Doors Open 13.45</i>	Woodland Club YR & Y6 - Miss Webster & Mrs Nelson & Mrs Fairhurst 3 of 3—Second Group <i>Exit via main reception at 4.20pm</i>
Wednesday		Y5 PE Y6 Sports Festival	
Thursday		YR Y1 Y3 & Y5 PE Y6 Bikeability (Final 2 Groups)	
Friday		ALL PUPILS TO WEAR UNIFORM Finish for the Summer YR-Y5 13.30 Y6 14.00	No ASC <i>School Returns Monday 07.09.26</i>

KEY DATES SUMMER B TERM 2026

WEEK	DATES	DAY	ACTIVITY
7	13.07-17.07	TUESDAY	Y6 Assemblies (9.15am 6M 10.30am 6W 2pm 6B)
		WEDNESDAY	Y6 Sports Festival
		THURSDAY	Y6 Bikeability (individual sessions advised via Spider)
		FRIDAY	Finish for Summer (Return Monday 7th September 2026) / No ASC / All pupils to wear uniform

10 July 2026



We are the department for opportunity

Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON BRIDGET PHILLIPSON MP
Secretary of State for Education



OPEN WATER: DON'T TAKE THE RISK



Swimming in or playing near rivers and canals may seem like a great idea, particularly on a warm day, but it could all end in tragedy. **DON'T take the risk.**

THE WATER IS COLD...

...even on very warm days, rivers and canals contain water barely above 10 degrees. Sudden immersion can lead to cold water shock, which can cause gasping and intake of water.

This can be deadly in a matter of seconds.

DID YOU KNOW?

Even the narrowest of rivers can be considerably deep. Rivers are subject to strong flow and **hidden currents** which can trouble even the strongest of swimmers.

WHAT LIES BENEATH?

The water is untreated and can make you ill.

Canals and rivers contain pollutants, sewage and often unseen underwater obstructions and snag hazards.

Debris under the water such as shopping trolleys, broken glass and cans can cause **injury** or **trap** you.



Remember, there are no lifeguards to help you at your local river, lake, canal or dam.

Rivers can be very difficult to climb out of, especially with steep or slimy banks. **Stay clear of rivers with steep or unguarded banks.**

IN AN EMERGENCY...NEVER enter the water to try and help a person or animal. You could get into difficulty yourself. Instead, dial 999 and use any water rescue equipment that is available.

If you fall into the water unexpectedly, fight your instinct to thrash around. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs & float.



www.merseysfire.gov.uk



BEACH SAFETY: KNOW THE DANGERS



MUD AND QUICKSAND

Large areas of the coast can have mud and quicksand which can cause you to get trapped and risk drowning.

REDUCE THE RISK

Check tide times

Follow warning sign advice

Avoid crossing estuaries and mud where there can be hidden channels or fast water

If trapped, **sit back and spread your weight evenly across the surface**

Stop others from trying to help you as they may get stuck

Call **999** immediately and ask for the **Coastguard**



Strong currents can sweep inflatables and people out to sea

FOLLOW THE FLAGS



There are lifeguards in the area. Swim between the two flags.



Do not enter the water. There could be unseen dangers such as currents.



No swimming in this area. There may be non-powered watercraft such as surfboards, kayaks, etc. in this area.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE STRUGGLING:



PHONE 999

Tell them to **FLOAT** on their back

THROW them something to help them float

TOP TIP
ALWAYS GO TO A BEACH WITH A LIFEGUARD



ST HELENS LIBRARY SERVICE

Eccleston Library

ST HELENS LIBRARY SERVICE

Eccleston Library

What's On in July for children

Speak to library staff for more information.

<p>Monthly construction club First Monday of the month 3:30pm – 4:30pm</p> <p>Build, create, and imagine! Join us at Eccleston library for children's monthly construction club – a fun-hands – on session for young builders and inventors. Drop In</p>	<p>Baby Rhyme Time Mondays 11.00am – 11.30am</p> <p>6 x sessions for babies 0-12 months. Booking is required as numbers are limited</p>	<p>Read and Rhyme Time Tuesdays and Fridays 10.30am – 11.00am</p> <p>Come along to our weekly Read and Rhyme sessions, perfect for toddlers, and their grown-ups. Enjoy gentle rhymes, picture books, and shared fun. Followed by Stay and Play. Drop In</p>
<p>Summer Holiday Lego & K'nex Every Thursday 10:00 – 4:30pm</p> <p>Build & Create Grab your bricks, blocks and imagination... It's time to build something AMAZING... There is also a chance to read some amazing books! Drop In</p>	<p>Lego Club Every Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm Dream It. Brick It!</p> <p>Come build towers, vehicles, worlds and more in our fun-filled construction club for young creators Click It. Brick It. Build It. Drop In</p>	<p>SRC - I love Horses Day Thursday 16th July 3:30pm – 4:30pm</p> <p>You're invited to an I Love Horses Day craft event! Come and gallop to the beat of the Horses feet. Saddle up for a fun and creative session all about horses Come along and make a horse Mask to take home Drop In</p>
<p>Alice in Wonderland Day Friday 3rd July 3:30pm – 4:30pm</p> <p>On the 4th of July its Alice in Wonderland Day, join us at the library to celebrate the beloved classic that has captured readers of all ages. Step into a world of imagination for a magical drop-in craft inspired by Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Drop In</p>	<p>Summer Reading Challenge Read to the Beat R&R launch Friday 3rd & Tuesday 7th 10:30 am – 11:00am</p> <p>Come and join us for the launch of the summer reading challenge – there is read to the beat. We will have all our usual Read and Rhyme songs, rhymes and story, but with a difference. Get ready to clap, stomp and move to the beat, join us for an exciting, interactive session where the story will come alive through music, rhythm, and movement. Drop In</p>	<p>Summer holiday Big fun games Monday 20th July 10:00am – 4:30pm</p> <p>You're invited to a super fun games time at the library! We'll be playing big board games, card games, and lots of silly group games. Bring your friends, your favourite game if you have one! There might be snacks too Drop In</p>
<p>Summer holiday Lolly picture frame Monday 27th July 2:00pm – 4:00pm</p> <p>Join us for a creative and exciting session where children will design their very own lolly stick picture frames! Why not take home some of our crafting books and carry on your creativity at home! Drop In</p>	<p>National Year of Reading – Paperback book day! Thursday 30th July 2:30pm – 3:30pm</p> <p>You're invited to Paperback Book Day! Join us for a fun – filled celebration of stories, creativity, and imagination at Paperback Book Day craft Event! Drop In</p>	<p>Opening Times</p> <p>Mon – 10:00am – 5:00pm Tue – 10:00am – 5:00pm Wed – closed Thu – 10:00am – 5:00pm Fri – 10:00am – 5:00pm Sat – closed Sun – closed</p>

Eccleston Library

What's On in July for Adults

Speak to library staff for more information.

<p>Fit Forever gentle keep it Every Tuesday 11:00am – 12:00pm</p> <p>Fit Forever Gentle Keep-It Session is a gentle exercise session run by the Active Lives & Sports Development Team and aimed at those aged 50+ Booking is required</p>	<p>Warm welcome Brew and Chat Every Thursday 10am – 12pm</p> <p>Come and enjoy a lovely cuppa and a chat with friends. Browse some books, enjoy jigsaw puzzles and crosswords while you are here. Drop In</p>	<p>Reading group 1st and 2nd Thursday of the month 2:00pm</p> <p>Love reading and great conversations? Come be part of our cozy community of book lovers!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exciting discussions • New books every month • Refreshments & fun <p>Drop In</p>
<p>Stitch & Chat group 2nd Friday of the month 1:00pm</p> <p>Love sewing, knitting, crochet, or any kind of stitching? Come along to our friendly Stitch & Chat group!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your latest project • Enjoy great conversation • Relax with a warm drink & biscuit <p>Drop In</p>	<p>New Mum's Café Every Monday 11:30am – 12:30pm</p> <p>A tea and coffee morning at the library. An informal gathering with a chance to connect with other parents, share experiences, take a moment for yourself in a welcoming, understanding space. Whether you'd like to chat, listen, or simply enjoy a quiet cup of tea or coffee, you are very welcome. Drop In</p>	<p>Digital Drop In Every Friday 1:00pm – 3:00pm</p> <p>Need help getting online? Our Volunteer can help with, filling in forms, mobile phones, laptops & tablets. Emails, social media and online entertainment. Plus many other things Drop In</p>
<p>Clr Keogh surgery Monday 6th July 10:30am – 11:30am</p> <p>Come along to Clr Keogh's surgery for the whole community Drop In</p>	<p>Library Community walk Monday 20th July 10:30am</p> <p>A gentle, supportive walk to encourage conversation, and promote wellbeing. This event is a chance to come together, enjoy fresh air, and connect with others in a relaxed and welcoming environment. And come back for a tea or coffee Drop In</p>	<p>PCSO Surgery Friday 10th & 24th July 2:00pm – 3:00pm</p> <p>Community PCSO surgery drop-in session to meet the local Police Community Support Officer. Discuss local concerns, ask questions, and receive advice in an informal setting. Drop In</p>

Eccleston Library, Broadway, St Helens WA10 5PJ 01744 676577

ecclestonlibrary@sthelens.gov.uk



@STHLibraries



@sthlibrariesandarts



@STHLibraries

@sthlibrariesandarts

