



ST PETER'S
C.E. Primary School



The Keys Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

1ST May 2026

Well done to our Year 5 quiz team, who were pipped at the post in a tie-break at the Hope Academy Quiz Kids' Event. They did extremely well and were very unlucky not to bring home the trophy. Our Year 4 cricket team had a great time at St Anne's Primary School during the St Helens Schools Cricket Tournament. They won their first three matches by a long way but then had a run of bad luck, losing the next three and finishing just outside the places. A great effort from all involved.

Some of our Year 3 children went to the One Vision Orienteering Tournament in Billinge yesterday. One Vision is a group of eight schools across St Helens who work together to organise tournaments and events, as well as share best practice between staff. St Peter's is part of One Vision, and we were delighted to take some children to Chapel End to experience something new. They had a great time.

Some of you may have noticed that we are putting together a small reflective area on the playground next to one of the sheds. This will be a space where children can enjoy some quiet time and escape the hustle and bustle of breaktimes. Thank you to the PTA for purchasing the resources, and I am looking forward to developing this area further.

Thank you to Mrs Bebbington for organising the parent workshop with the Merseyside Police Cyber Crime Unit. Those who attended found it very useful, and we will endeavour to offer this again in the future.

Finally, a reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday and make note of the 'Come as an Explorer Day' we are having on Friday. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

Mr Robinson **Message from the School Council**

In our council meeting with Mr Robinson, we brought up that the Lego in the shed was getting low and we need more. A school council member said that we could ask parents if they have any spare or unwanted Lego. If you have any, we would really appreciate this.

Thank you, the school council



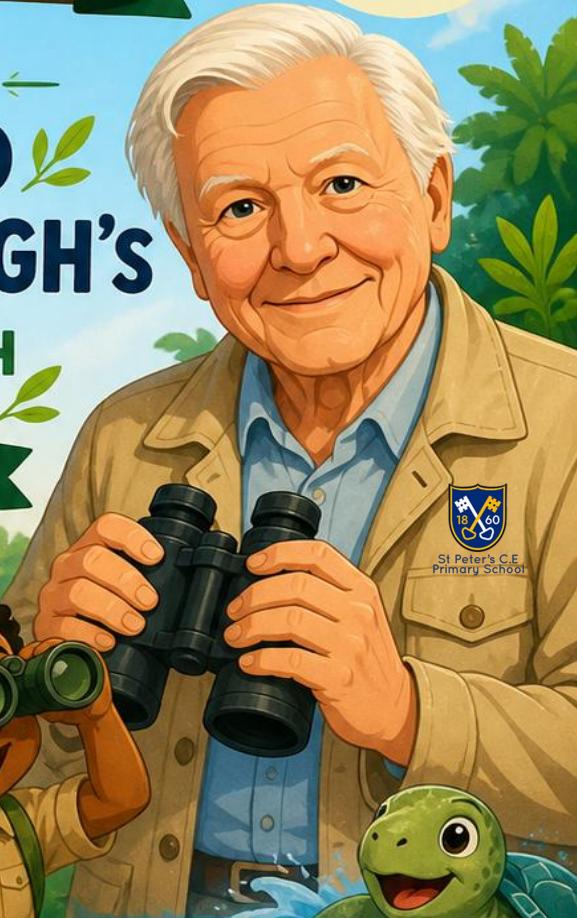
DRESS UP AS AN EXPLORER

DAY FOR CHILDREN!




Get your explorer hat, binoculars and adventurous spirit ready!

A CELEBRATION OF
**SIR DAVID
ATTENBOROUGH'S
100TH
BIRTHDAY!**



 **DRESS UP AS AN EXPLORER!**
Not a
footballer!

**FRIDAY
8TH MAY**

 **LET'S CELEBRATE
A LIFE OF CURIOSITY,
ADVENTURE AND
CARING FOR OUR
AMAZING PLANET!**



ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Explore. Discover. Make a Difference. 

BE CURIOUS. BE KIND. BE AN EXPLORER!

**Dress as an explorer,
not a footballer!**

Awards week beginning 20th April 2026



The Arts

Olivia - Year 1
Arthur – Year 2
Luke - Year 4
Elsie - Year 5

Reading

Charlotte – Year 3
Sarah – Year 2



GROWTH MINDSET

STAR OF THE WEEK

Camille - Year 2
Kayden - Year 3
George - Year 4
Henry - Year 5
James M - Year 6

Louis – Rec
Florence – Year 2
Anna - Year 3
Ella – Year 4
Roisin – Year 5
Harry - Year 6

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Beginning 11th May	Year 6 SATS
Monday, 18th May	Year 4 Chester Zoo Visit
Monday, 18th May	PTA School Disco
Tuesday, 19th May	Year 5 St Helens Stadium Visit
Wednesday, 20th May	Year 6 Edge Hill College
Friday, 22nd May	School closes for half term
Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th June	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 3rd June	Class Photographs
Friday 5th June	Year 1 and Year 2 New Brighton Visit
Wednesday 17th June	Diocese Year 6 Levers Service at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral
Friday 19th June	PTA Fathers Day Shop



Sports Day	AM 9.30am	PM 1.30pm
Monday June 8th	Year 1 & Year 2	Reception
Tuesday June 9th	Year 3 & Year 4	Year 5 & Year 6



FREE Girls



SOFTBALL CRICKET TASTER SESSION



DATE:
Tuesday 5th May



TIME:
5-6pm



AGE:
7-11yrs



VENUE:
Newton-le-Willows CC
(WA12 9XE)



MORE INFO:
contact Emma
07789646434



FUN & FRIENDLY



NEW SKILLS - NEW SPORT!



ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!

Neurodevelopment pathway drop ins



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.

Tuesdays at Parr Children's Centre and Central Link Family Hub
See details and times below

13 January at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

10 March at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

12 May at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

27 January at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

24 March at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

26 May at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

10 February at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

14 April at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

9 June at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

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

28 April at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

23 June at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

We work with children and young people with complex neurodevelopmental difficulties, who need an assessment to gain a better understanding of their needs.

Parr Children's Centre, Ashtons Green Drive, St Helens, WA9 2AP

Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street, (off Peter Street), St Helens, WA10 1QF

If you need more information you can contact us on 01744 415 608 or email: mcn-tr.sthelensneuropathway@nhs.net





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.



PLEASE ORDER VIA SCHOOL GRID

BBQ PARTY MEAL

THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2026



BBQ CHICKEN BURGER

VEGGIE HOTDOG

SEASONED WEDGES & CORN COBS

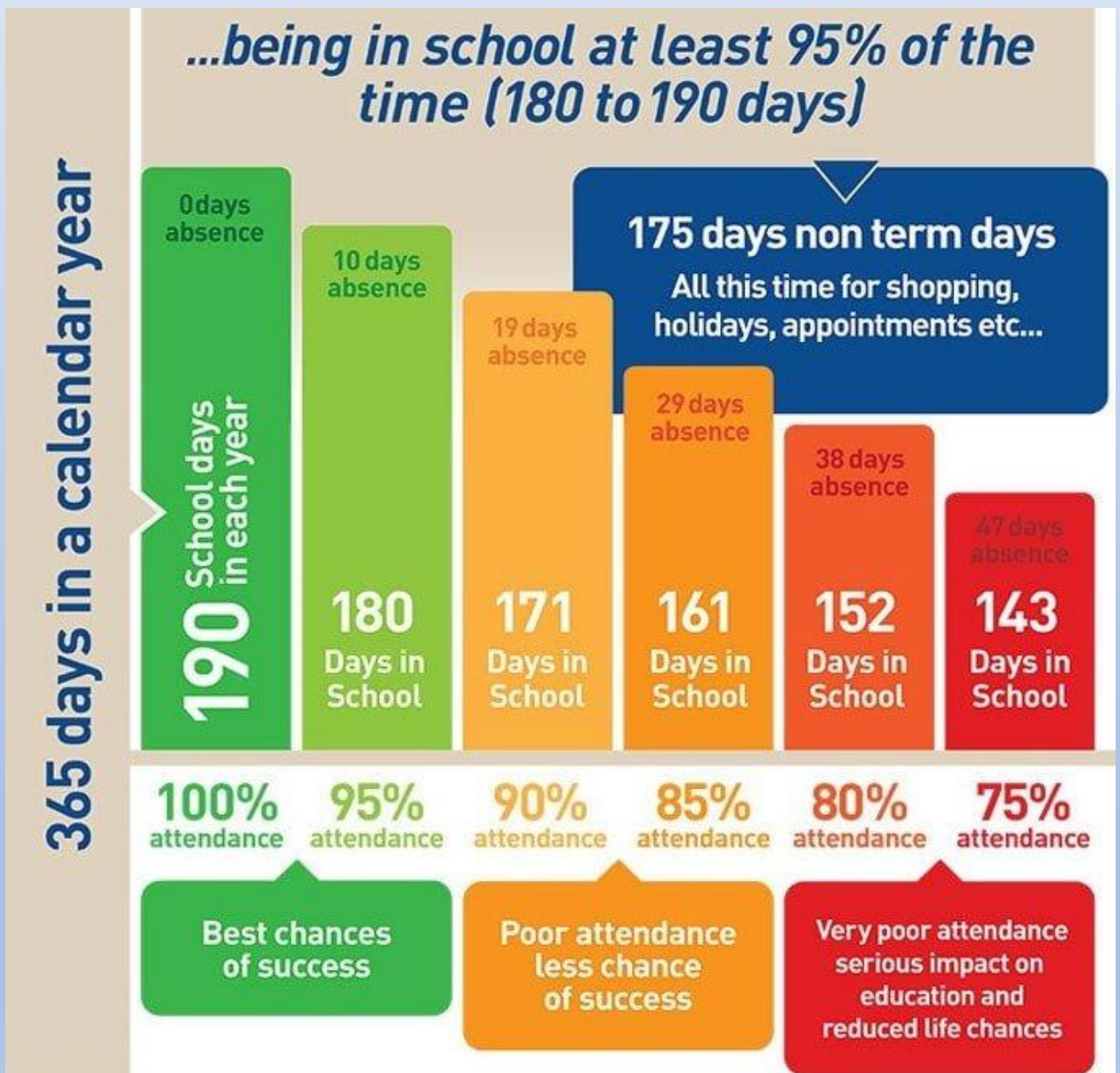
FRUIT & ICE-CREAM



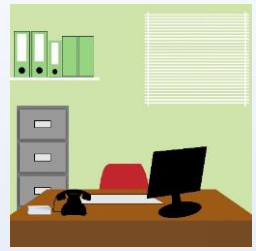
Attendance

Whole School Target: 98%

Current Attendance: 97.4%



OFFICE NEWS



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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SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

10 Conversation Starters for Parents

Talking about mental health to children is sometimes hard. To the point that we can put off raising the subject, not wanting to unearth problems or raise overwhelming subjects that we perceive our child is too young or not ready for. But rather than keeping children in the dark, this guide is designed to help you confidently talk about mental health, so they feel comfortable talking about their own worries and end any stigma before it begins.



1 LISTEN

This sounds obvious, but it is not something we are always great at. Active listening is where we listen without interrupting or making judgements and shows interest in what is being said. If your child feels listened to in the 'smallest of problems' they will become confident that you will listen when the 'biggest of problems' arise.

2 ASK TWICE

The campaign from time to change is great. <https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/support-a-ask-twice-campaign>. Be tenacious about your child's wellbeing. Children instinctively know when your questions and support come from a place of wanting to help and care.



Are you sure?

3 THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A STUPID QUESTION

This advice also relates to the first point. If your child can ask you any questions about the smallest of things and you listen and answer without shaming or belittling, then they will have more confidence to ask the biggest of questions.



4 BE OPEN AND HONEST

Children appreciate honesty, particularly if you are having to share information or talk about a difficult subject. For example, you may be talking about death or loss: 'It's very sad that Nana has died' or 'I feel sad that Nana has died'. How you talk about a subject will differ depending on their age and developmental maturity. Talking about death to a younger child for example will be different to that of an older teen, as their experience and understanding of death is different.

5 KNOW WHEN TO SEEK HELP

Assess the severity of the mental health difficulty you are noticing. Is the difficulty making it hard for your child to function regularly throughout everyday life? How frequently is your child affected, how long does it last and how persistent is it? Are they having problems controlling the difficulty? Talk to your child about your concerns and that it is likely they will need further support beyond family and friends.



6 TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH NATURALLY

Speak about mental health as part of everyday life, so that talking about our feelings and those of others is normalised. If the usual 'are you ok?' is not creating an opportunity for dialogue then say something like 'I know when something like that has happened to me I felt like this... is that how you are feeling or are you feeling something else?'

7 EMPATHISE

'It makes sense that you would feel this way, it is understandable'. Children often worry about things that we, as adults, might see as trivial or silly. However, for them at their age and stage it is a big concern and they need our kindness and care when they show their vulnerability and share their worries.



8 HELP YOUR CHILD FEEL SAFE

Teens particularly feel that by talking about their worries or concerns that this will make things worse. Reassure your child that you will discuss a plan of action together and what may or may not need to happen next. If they are a younger child, it is likely you will need to lead the conversation and explain next steps.

9 MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

Be mindful of the language you use at home to describe and talk about mental health. Stigma often arises from misconceptions and a choice of language which is harmful. Using the word 'mental', 'man-up' or other such words in a derogatory way won't encourage your child to talk about their mental health for fear of being belittled.



10 IT IS OK TO SAY 'I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT'

Adults do not have all the answers but often children think they do. It is ok to acknowledge that what your child is experiencing is not something you have come across before or know anything about, but that you will work it out together and seek help together.



Meet our expert

This guide has been written by Anna Bateman. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department of Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



Sources of Information and Support

Your GP
Young Minds <https://youngminds.org.uk/>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/>
<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/news-and-blogs/parenting-tips/2016/november/a-simple-guide-to-active-listening-for-parents/>
<http://www.themix.org.uk/mental-health/>