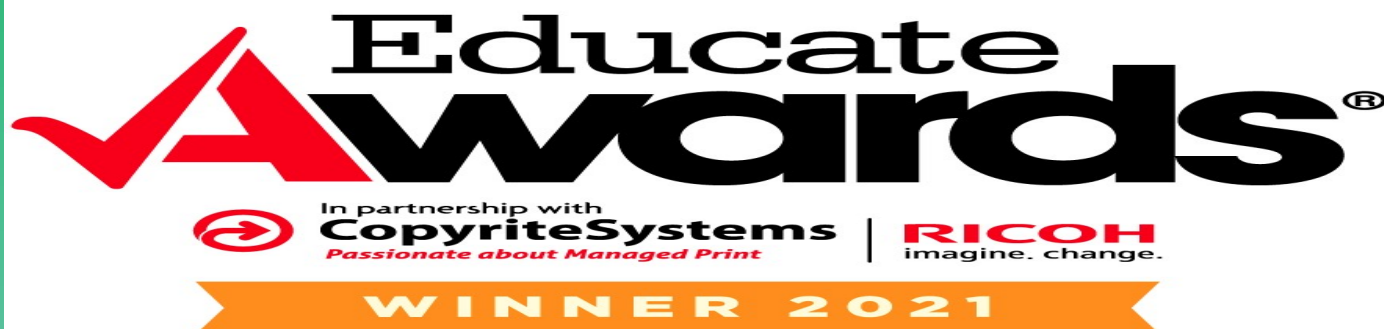




NEWSLETTER

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Learning and Growing Together in Faith, Hope and Love



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OUR VALUE THIS HALF
TERM IS:

FAITH THROUGH

DIGNITY

Mrs Young's Message ...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely Autumnal week we have had together this week!

Our Harvest Donation table is filling up beautifully - thank you! We will be continuing to collect items right up until we close for half term on 20th October. All food donated will be given to St Helens Foodbank in support of those in need at this time across our community.

It was great last Friday to again welcome the Anthony Walker Foundation into school to work with our KS2 children on the 'Speak Out, Stop Hate' campaign. We are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion at Parish and as such not only do we not tolerate racism in school but we actively educate our children about this and want to be advocates of change now and in the future!

Thursday we celebrated National Poetry Day across school - there were lots of lovely tweets about this and I do encourage you to join us on Twitter (or 'X' as it's now known) to see all of the lovely things that the children get up to in classes. EYFS parents joined us for 'Stay and Play' this week - we value the partnership we have with you as parents so greatly so thank you to all who could come!

I am really looking forward to seeing you in church hopefully on Monday for our Harvest Service which will be led by our wonderful Y5 pupils.

We shall be sending home templates for you as a family to write a Harvest Prayer next week - all prayers will be placed on our Harvest Worship table and shared with children across the rest of the half term.

Have a lovely weekend - apparently it's going to be a hot one so I hope enjoy the sunshine and the warmth on your skin before the colder weather inevitably starts to set in.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Young



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance

Whole School	96.3%
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	90.8%
Year 2	98.8%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	97.9%



150 pupils with perfect attendance this week!

Can we beat this next week? Let's do it!!

Attendance Update

We need to try really hard each and every week to make sure every year group is beating our **97% target**—this will help us to succeed!

Our attendance this week is:

96.3%

Our attendance for the year so far is:

97.5%

Diary Dates—Autumn Term 1 2023

9/10/23—Y5 Harvest Service

13/10/23—Year 6 Class Assembly

16/10/23—DT Focus Week in School

16/10/23—NSPCC Assembly Y5&Y6

18/10/23—SEND Coffee Afternoon for Parents

19/10/23&20/10/23—Apple of my Eye Cooking Workshops for Year 4 and Year 6.

19/10/23—Year 4 Football Competition

20/10/23—Faith. Hope and Love Day (with parent drop in from 2.30pm)

Headteacher's Award WINNERS

Showing Resilience and Perseverance.

RECEPTION	Kaira Chowdhury
YEAR 1	Phoebe Williams
YEAR 2	Ava Whittle
YEAR 3	Frankeigh Morris
YEAR 4	Harry Harper
YEAR 5	Kaycie Taylor
YEAR 6	Olly Everall

Y5 Harvest Service—Monday 9th October

Please join us at Parish Church for the first church service of the year—led by Year 5. Service will start at 1.45pm and finish at around 2.15pm.



PE DAYS AUTUMN 1

MONDAY—YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

(YEAR 6 SWIMMING 9:30AM-10:30AM)

TUESDAY—YEAR 1, YEAR 3 & YEAR 4

WEDNESDAY—YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

THURSDAY—NURSERY, RECEPTION & YEAR 2

FRIDAY—YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

Full PE kit on these days.

Black tracksuit/shorts and plain white T.Shirt (logo optional)

NO SLOGAN/BRANDED T SHIRTS OR BRIGHT COLOURS. THIS IS PART OF SCHOOL UNIFORM AND EXPECTATIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED.



HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION

Please send your donations from Friday
29th September

WE ARE ASKING OUR COMMUNITY TO
COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT
ST HELENS FOODBANK BY DONATING
TINNED FOOD, CEREALS, DRIED PASTA,
RICE OR JARS



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

PEGI RATING

7+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.



Open Days

Reception 2024

Parish CE Primary School

Are you a parent or a carer with children starting school in September 2024 and beyond?

If so, come and see Parish Church of England Primary School in St Helens. We are a distinctly Christian one form entry school offering an excellent curriculum, a nurturing approach and wide ranging activities and opportunities for all of our children. We were judged to be '**OUTSTANDING**' in January 2022 by Ofsted.

You will have the chance to see the school and the classrooms in action, and speak to the children and staff. Please telephone the school office on 01744 678430 or email parish.sthelens@ldst.org.uk to book onto your preferred date.

Please also view our school website (www.parish.st-helens.sch.uk) and Twitter page (@parishschool1)

Dates

Monday 13th November—10am

**Wednesday 15th November—
4:30pm**

