



NEWSLETTER

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Learning and Growing Together in Faith, Hope and Love

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OUR VALUE THIS HALF
TERM IS:
HOPE THROUGH
JUSTICE

'Learn to do right. Seek justice.' Isaiah 1.17

A message from Mrs Young

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a busy week this week but it has honestly been a lovely week!

We had our SIAMs inspection on Wednesday as you know and I loved having the opportunity to show the inspectors around our wonderful school and introducing them to our amazing pupils! It was a wonderful day and I am so excited to share the report with you in the next few weeks.

Our 'Leapathon' yesterday was so much fun - every class worked collectively to complete 366 laps of the Parish Arena in recognition of 2024 being a leap year. Through your fantastic fundraising we managed to raise £1060.25 which will go towards sports and play equipment.

Y3 and Y5 wore pyjamas today as they completed their class recognition boards - did you know our Positive Relationship and Behaviour Policy plus our Parish Way Behaviour Curriculum are all available on our website?

Next week Y3 have their Pots of Gold trip to the Philharmonic and the Cathedral to look forward to and we all have World Book Day to look forward - one of our favourite days of the year! Mrs Flanders has sent out further information on this.

On Monday we have been informed that Saints will be visiting us - keep an eye out on X/Twitter to see who arrives!

Happy March - have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Young



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance

Whole School	94.8%
Reception	96.3%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	90.8%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	93.1%
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6	96.7%

Equates to:



179 pupils with perfect attendance this week!



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: 94.8%

Our attendance for the year so far is: 95.2%

Parish Pizza Challenge!



Our next Attendance Challenge is a yummy one!

If your child's class has attendance of above 97% each week, they will earn a slice of pizza for their class pizza chart. If they get 5 before the end of the half term (a 6 week half term) they will earn a pizza party for their class!

You've got to be in to win!!

Attendance Steps to Success:



- ★ Ring the school office as soon as possible to explain any absence.
- ★ Be on time! Remember that gates close at 8:50am. Any absence after 9:20am is unauthorised.
- ★ Provide evidence for any medical appointments.
- ★ Speak to a member of the attendance team if you need support with your child's attendance - we are here to help!
- ★ Read any information and letters (including the newsletter) carefully.

Diary Dates

4/3/2024 - Ducklings arrive in school

5/3/2024—Parish University Oracy Session

6/3/2024 - Year 3 Trip to Liverpool Philharmonic

6/3/2024—SATS Information Meeting Y6

7/3/2024 - World Book Day (see letter)

8/3/2024 - Year 1 Class Assembly

8/3/2024—Y3/Y4 Girls Football Competition

8/3/2024—Mothers Day Stay and Play

11/3/2024 - British Values Lesson for Parish University

12/3/2024—Family Learning Story Sacks sessions begin.

18/3/2024—Easter Service in Church led by Y3.

19/3/2024—Phonics Screening Check Parent Meeting for Y1.

19/3/2024—Family Learning Story Sacks session 2.

21/3/2024—Y5 to Jodrell Bank

21/3/2024—Parish Praise

22/3/2024—Y4 Class Assembly

22/3/2024—Y5 to Parish Church for Easter Prayer Space.

25/3 & 27/3/2024—Parents Evenings (Letters to follow)

Headteacher's Award WINNERS

Nurturing Curiosity

NURSERY	Rose Ellis
RECEPTION	Isabella Davies
YEAR 1	Issac Dolan Roylance
YEAR 2	Ethan Stirrup
YEAR 3	Oliver Curran
YEAR 4	Ellie Leyland Carter
YEAR 5	Oliver Owen
YEAR 6	Lily Mae Bacon

PE DAYS SPRING 2

TUESDAY—YEAR 1

WEDNESDAY—YEAR 2, YEAR 4, YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

THURSDAY—NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 3 & YEAR 6.

FRIDAY— YEAR 2, YEAR 3, YEAR 4 & YEAR 5

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.

School Uniform Reminders

Please see below a few reminders about our school uniform.

Our Uniform

The uniform is as follows:

- Grey v-necked jumper, grey tank top or grey cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- White polo shirt
- White shirt with green tie (KS2 only)
- Black trousers/Black Shorts
- Black skirt/pinafore (in summer, a green and white summer dress may be worn)
- Black, sensible shoes (not trainers)
- Grey, black or white socks (green frill permitted)
- Grey or black tights
- Green book bag (with or without the school logo)

Trainers, open-toed sandals and large, thick boots are not considered suitable footwear for school.

Sensible, plain black shoes must be worn by both boys and girls.

Our PE Kit

Children are asked to come into school on the day of their PE lesson wearing their PE kit. They can wear it for the full school day.

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child is dressed appropriately for PE.

The PE kit is as follows:

- Plain white T-shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Black zipped hoody or sweatshirt or normal school jumper (with or without school logo)
- Black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Black shorts (in summer)
- Plain, suitable trainers or black pumps

Jewellery

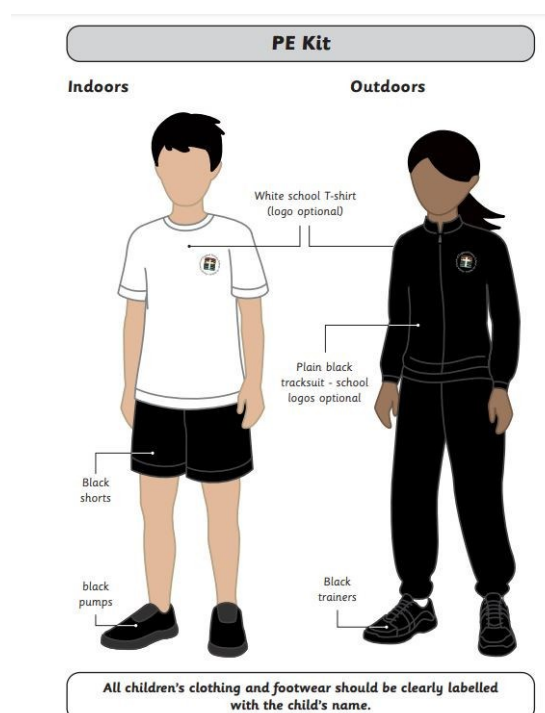
The only permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

- One pair of stud earrings (no other piercings are permitted)
- A sensible wristwatch (not a smartwatch)

School Bag

Pupils must use an appropriately sized green book bag. These can be with or without the school logo.

Large bags / large rucksacks are not permitted





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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, World Book Day will be held on Thursday 7th March and we hope you'll join us to celebrate across the school. This is an important day for us because we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading.

Reading for pleasure is a vital indicator of a child's future success and it is 'the beating heart' of our curriculum at Parish. We want to see all our children form a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and thus enjoy the improved life chances this brings them.



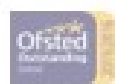
The theme for this year's World Book Day is 'Read Your Way!'. We are inviting children to come in dressed in their pyjamas or loungewear so they can SNUGGLE UP WITH A BOOK and a hot chocolate. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the day including an author visit, competitions, Reading buddies and our very own book shop!

We are asking for a donation of 50p per child to cover costs of the treats.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Flanders

English Leader

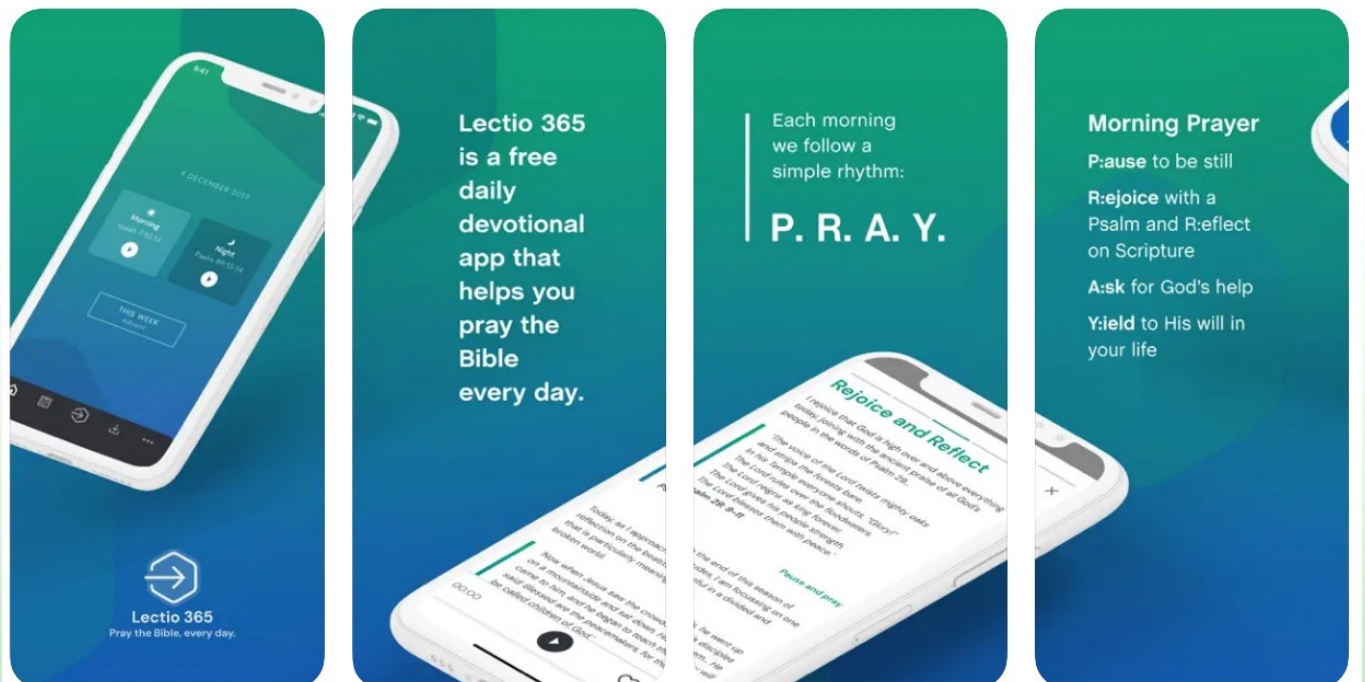


Lectio 365

Lectio 365 is a free daily devotional app that helps you pray the Bible every day.

Lectio 365 is a free daily devotional resource for adults that helps you pray the Bible every day.

Tune into God's presence and peace by slowing down, meditating on scripture, listening to God and praying for 10 minutes at the beginning and end of each day.



For iPhone

For Android



NEW PANTRY HOURS

We are now open for a daytime and evening pantry at our base in Wesley Church, St Helens, WA10 1DZ.
(Access the Pantry through the rear door)

Tuesdays 11:00am – 1:00pm

Thursdays 5:00pm – 7:00pm

For more information
please visit [hopecentre.org.uk](https://www.hopecentre.org.uk)

JUSTICE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value JUSTICE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT JUSTICE TOGETHER...

Justice means more than making things 'fair'. In order for people to live together well in a **just** community, it is important to have rules or laws that everybody sticks to. Imagine if there were no rules for people driving cars on the road!

As a family you may want to talk about:

- why it is important to have rules and laws
- rules or laws that you don't think are **just** (or fair)
- family rules that you think are important

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to **justice** everywhere."

Martin Luther King Jr



READ TOGETHER...

The Story of Jonah



Some folk always seem to be arguing or moaning and groaning. Sometimes they moan about the weather, sometimes they moan about their family, and sometimes they just moan. In fact, they are so busy moaning about EVERYTHING that they forget to be thankful for ANYTHING.

Jonah was just like that! He moaned all the time. So when God asked him to go to Ninevah and tell the people there that he was angry about their stealing, lying, fighting and their wicked ways, of course Jonah moaned and groaned. "Not Ninevah, please! Anywhere but Ninevah! We have never got on with that nasty bunch. Please Lord, send someone else." And just in case God asked him again Jonah, quick as his legs could carry him, ran to the dock and asked the captain of the nearest boat to take him to the furthest place from Ninevah. The nearest boat was the Jolly Dragon and her captain was called Wise Captain Silas. The Jolly Dragon set sail on a calm sea under a clear blue sky but within a day found herself caught up in a fierce and frightening storm. Captain Silas knew immediately that something was not right. He went to find his passenger, who, surprise, surprise, was below deck moaning to one of the sailors. "It's my fault," groaned Jonah. "Throw me into the sea and the storm will blow over." Wise Captain Silas knew Jonah was right and so to save his ship and all the crew, gave orders to toss Jonah overboard that minute. A huge fish saw Jonah sinking slowly to the bottom of the sea, and he opened his great mouth wide, and swallowed him whole!

Jonah had only just enough time to recover from the shock when he found himself shooting through the air and onto a beach very near to Ninevah. The great fish had spat him out and swum away.

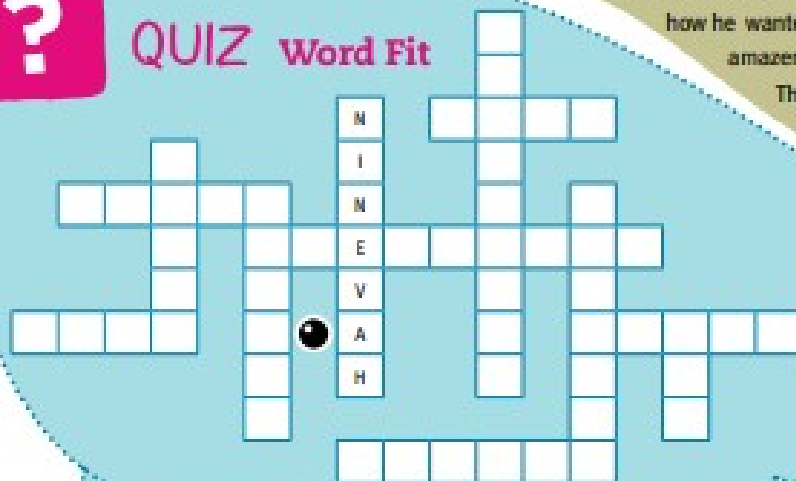
Even Jonah knew now that there was no way out. He picked himself up, shook off the seaweed and walked slowly into the centre of the city. There he did what God had told him at the start and explained to the people of Ninevah that God was sad about their **unjust** behaviour and how he wanted them to change their ways. To Jonah's amazement, that's exactly what they did.

They fasted, they prayed for God's forgiveness and even thanked him for sending Jonah.

Story based on Bible story of Jonah



QUIZ Word Fit



ANGRY
CALM
FISH
GOD
GROANED
JONAH
MOANER
OVERBOARD
PRAYED
STORM
SWALLOWED



HALL OF FAME

Lady Justice

Lady **Justice** is one of the most famous landmarks in London. It is a bronze statue that stands on the domed roof of the Old Bailey. This building houses the central criminal courts where people who are accused of breaking the law are tried by a judge and jury to find out if they are 'guilty' and should be punished or 'not guilty' and can go free.

Lady **Justice** was designed to be a symbol of **justice**: in her left hand she carries the scales of truth and fairness and in her right hand a double edged sword representing the power of reason and **justice**.



FAMILY FOCUS

Making a new law

New laws are passed every year by the government.

Ask each member of the family to think of a law which they think the government should pass. Talk about your ideas and how your new law would make a difference.



FASCINATING FACTS

The World Village

If the world was a village, with 100 people living in it:

- 61 people would come from Asia, 13 from Africa, 13 from the Americas, 12 from Europe and 1 from Australasia
- 27 of the people would be under 15 and just 7 of them over 64
- half of the people would speak one of just 8 languages – and the most common language would be Chinese
- 63 village people would not have running water in their homes
- 18 people would not be able to read or write
- 53 villagers would have less than £1.30 a day to live on
- there would be 18 cars in the village

Talk with your family about ...

- what you find surprising about these statistics
- what we take for granted in our lives that many people live without
- what you think is **unjust**
- what you think could be done to make the world a more **just** place for everyone

* Taken from current statistics by VG Business. Inspired by *If the World Were a Village* by David J. Smith, 1990.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Design a weighing machine

Before electronic weighing machines were invented, scales often had two pans that were balanced when each held an equal weight.

Design and make a simple balance from junk materials that can weigh small objects.



Mental Health Support Team

WELLBEING WEBINARS

Your MHST is running a series of webinars one Friday a month on a number of topics relating to mental health and wellbeing.

TOPICS AND DATES

- Worry Management - 19 January
- Parenting for Anxiety - 23 February
- Low Mood - 22 March
- Neurodiversity - 26 April
- Parent Skills for Behaviour - 17 May
- LGBTQ+ - 21 June
- Emotional Regulation - 19 July



WHEN

4pm to 4:45pm



WHERE

Zoom

(link will be emailed)



To register please email which webinar you want to attend to
events@merseycare.nhs.uk

Webinars will be recorded.
No chat function will be available
for safety purposes.

School Nurse Drop-In

If you have any questions relating to your child's health and wellbeing, please come and meet our school nurse Sam. She'll be holding a parent drop-in on Tuesday 23rd January between 3 and 4pm. Please go to the school office to see her.

NHS



ST HELENS
CARES

thesleepcharity.org.uk

Sleep Charity Referral for St Helens Sleep Pathway

Your chance to work directly with our sleep practitioners who are here to help you and your child sleep better



Use the following QR code or link to book one of our 1-2-1 sleep clinic appointments, available via telephone or video calls

<https://ecv.microsoft.com/C35gdvbYBj>

Why not book on our Foundation Sleep Workshop?

Free training that provides you with knowledge around sleep, some of the common reasons for poor sleep and how you can help to improve your child's sleep

To book, please contact brian@thesleepcharity.org.uk

For more information on the local St Helens sleep pathway and accessing support, or for any concerns you may have regarding your child's sleep patterns, then please contact your health visitor, school nurse, early help worker or children's centre

Children's information support available here:

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

 **03303 530 541**
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 5pm
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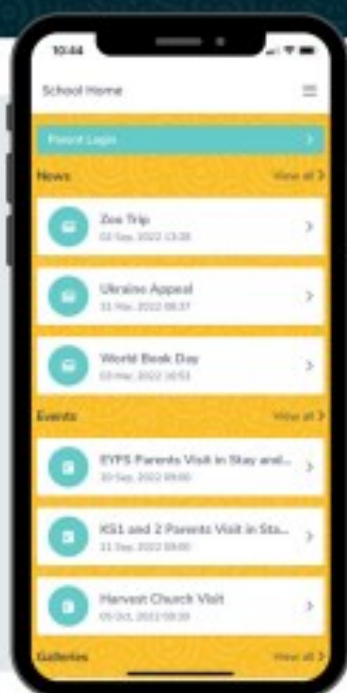


Guide to our app for parents & carers



School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and report absences.

Select your school to get started!



How to get started

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

You must have your email linked with the school!

Take a look around...

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child



Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:

- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

DOWNLOAD NOW





We will be regularly highlighting the support we can offer to Young Carers in our school. Please see the Young Carers page on our website for more, and to let us know in confidence if you know a young person who would benefit from this support.

Mrs Morris and Mrs Moore will be supporting children in school as Young Carer Champions. You can come and ask for confidential advice from us.



Mrs D Morris
Pastoral and Safeguarding Manager/
Deputy DSL/Young Carers Champion



Mrs H Moore
Inclusion Lead (SENCo) /
Young Carers Champion



You can now watch our Amazing dramatic movie "Hidden" about the life of a Young Carer and starring St Helens Young Carers Ambassador, Jude Riordan
(Sam from Coronation Street)