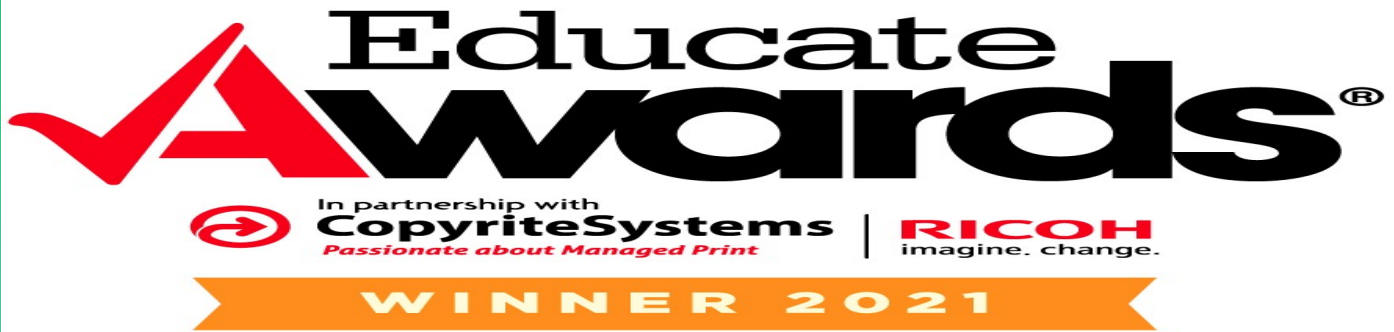




NEWSLETTER

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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 ...

The first week of Autumn at school has been delightful and we have had some wonderful activities taking place!

Year 6 have been enjoying their swimming sessions at Newton Leisure Centre and have been a credit to the school with their sensible and courteous behaviour. The sporting activity continued for Year 6 with participation in the Y6 St Helens Football Competition on Tuesday. Again the children selected to represent school were a credit to school - we will have a trophy for our cabinet in no time I'm sure!

Some Year 5 pupils enjoyed the first phase of Bikeability sessions this week - such an important skill! The next phase of children will be in January. It was great seeing the children becoming more and more confident and learning some key road safety tips for when out and about on bike rides.

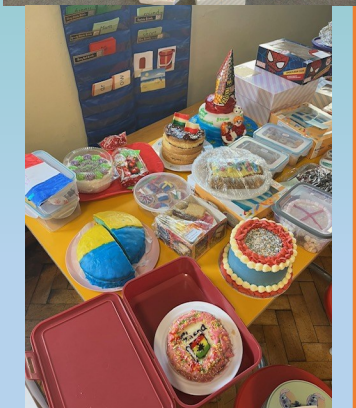
Huge thank you to all of the families who got involved in our European Day of Languages 'Great European Bake Off' competition. We were absolutely blown away by the number of entries and the creativity shown. Not only did they look good but they tasted even better! Staff and children enjoyed sampling them all and choosing the 'golden spoon' award winners was one of the most difficult decisions we have ever made! Over coming weeks, Mrs Flanders (Our Global Learning Leader) is going to ask for families to send in recipes for the cakes so that we can make our own Parish Cake Extravaganza recipe book which we will sell to raise funds for school. Did you know that there are 19 different languages represented in our school community? Amazing!

The EYFS Gruffalo Trail was a huge success this week too and again thank you for your support. You helped to raise over £600 which will be used towards much needed resources for our provision. Thank you soooo much!

Finally thank you to all who joined us for the 2nd coffee morning of the year today based around attendance and behaviour. Again, I hope you enjoyed hearing more about school approaches and having the opportunity to see your child at work in class.

Our next event is our Faith, Hope and Love Day afternoon on 20th October - more Information to follow.

Have a great weekend,



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance	
Whole School	97.6%
Reception	95.8%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	96.7%



134 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:

97.9%

Our attendance for the year so far is:

98.05%

Diary Dates—Autumn Term 1 2023

2/10/23—Harvest Prayer Space Event
4/10/23 - Flu Vaccinations 2023
5/10/23—Nursery and Reception Stay and Play
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)

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. Letters will come home with the children next week.



Headteacher's Award WINNERS

Showing Resilience and Perseverance.

RECEPTION	Harper Openshaw
YEAR 1	Michelle Osoba
YEAR 2	Arlo Hunter
YEAR 3	Agyapomah Kyei
YEAR 4	Ayena Kumaragama
YEAR 5	Millie Chowdhury
YEAR 6	Niall O'Shaughnessy

Communicating with Staff Outside of School Hours:

Please do not use Twitter (or other social media) as means of communicating with staff about concerns or issues.

Instead please phone the school office and ask for a teacher to call back, speak to the a member of staff at the school or email via the email address—support.parish@ldst.org.uk. Please note emails are monitored during school hours—you may not receive a response until the following day.

Thank you.

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.

Flu Immunisation eConsent—IMPORTANT EVEN IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE

To all parents/carers of children in reception to year 11,

Could you please complete your child's electronic flu consent form via this link ASAP.

econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk.

If you have any difficulties accessing the link please contact the corresponding immunisation team who will be happy to help.

Remember flu is a really unpleasant illness and having your child vaccinated with a quick, painless nasal spray is the best way to protect them, your family and friends.

We understand that some people may not want to take up this offer and we ask that you still complete the form and choose that you don't want your child to receive it to avoid our service contacting you.

Many Thanks—School based immunisation services



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

TWITCH

Twitch is a livestreaming service which tends to focus on gaming. Users can publicly broadcast their gameplay and commentary online for other users to watch. It's a community-driven platform where viewers can support their favourite streamers (channels) through financial donations, 'bits' and more. Each streamer or group creates their own community for fans to interact with each other. Twitch has more than 15 million daily active users and includes non-gaming topics such as music, cooking and art. Anyone can create a channel to livestream or watch videos.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNCENSORED STREAMS

Uncensored content obviously carries a greater risk of inappropriate language and behaviour (streamers can, however, list their broadcast as unsuitable for children). Twitch has strict rules for streamers to follow, but requires viewers to report any streams which breach these guidelines. Each livestream is accompanied by a text chat which it is the streamer's responsibility to moderate.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most people are already aware that some video games feature adult content such as violence, sexual content, profanity and so on. Twitch does prevent certain games from being streamed on the platform, but most are still allowed. It is relatively simple, then, for a child to find livestreams of games that aren't suitable for them – including horror games.

HIDDEN COSTS

Twitch is free to use because it's supported by advertisers. Removing the ads requires a subscription to Twitch Turbo – or the Twitch Prime package (free for anyone with an Amazon Prime account), which blocks the ads and offers additional goodies such as bonus games. Streamers earn most of their income by asking users for direct donations or gifts of the virtual currency Twitch Bits.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

As well as streamers talking directly to their audience, Twitch enables viewers to use text chat to speak to the person they're watching. It's a social platform which also allows viewers to interact with each other via text while they are watching livestreams – including exchanging private messages. This raises the possibility of a child being approached and messaged online by total strangers.

WEBCAM SHARING

It's common for streamers to use their live webcam footage. This allows better interaction with their viewers, but also adds risk: the stream might include sponsored content or product placement that isn't child-friendly. Using a webcam in livestreams increases the chance of malicious viewers finding out where the streamer lives and providing bullies with visual reactions to their harmful behaviour.

PRIVATE CHAT ROOMS

Twitch encourages streamers to create their own communities, which extend beyond its platform. Many create a public Discord group, for example, for viewers to join and communicate with each other. Discord is a completely separate entity to Twitch and offers a higher risk of predators, grooming and cyberbullying if your child gets involved in the voice or video chat with strangers.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EXPLORE IT YOURSELF

Twitch doesn't have any parental controls, but it is possible to block troublesome users if it becomes necessary. The best solution is to watch some Twitch channels by yourself or with your child to find some that are suitable. Watching some streams by yourself is also a good route to understanding the sort of content that your child would be consuming regularly on Twitch.

WATCH WHAT THEY WATCH

Twitch does have a lot of child-friendly content; some streamers use a 'family friendly' tag to highlight material that's suitable for children. However, anyone can use this tag – including users who (occasionally or otherwise) stream games with less appropriate adult themes. The best way to counter this is to view different streams and follow suitable channels for your child to watch.

LEARN HOW TO BLOCK

'Security and Privacy' in Twitch's settings lets your child block messages from specific users. Teaching your child how this works will help them avoid online abuse. If they livestream, knowing how to block people in the chat also helps to prevent cyberbullying or harassment. Evading online interaction is impossible, of course, so talk to them in advance about boundaries and safe online communication.

LIMIT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Reduce the chance of accidental purchases by ensuring your bank card isn't saved on Twitch or the Amazon account that Twitch Prime could be linked to. Restricting access to your PayPal account is also wise if your child watches Twitch on the device you use to make purchases. Explain to your child that they don't need to subscribe to channels to watch them and that donating or gifting 'bits' is optional.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Dodwin (a.k.a. Unwired) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2016, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Unwired Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing news/feature pieces.



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#WakeUpWednesday



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**

