



NEWSLETTER

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Learning and Growing Together in Faith, Hope and Love

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OUR VALUE THIS HALF
TERM IS:
LOVE THROUGH
FORGIVENESS

*'Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must
forgive others.'* Colossians 3.13

A message from Mrs Young

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term seems to be absolutely whizzing by and I can hardly believe that we are entering the 4th week of Summer 1 already!

We have had a lovely week yet again in school this week! Our Nursery children enjoyed a workshop with Christian Theatre company 'The BTales' on Monday and today we have waved them off for their Pot of Gold trip to Acorn Farm - what a fun week for our youngest Parishers!

We enjoyed working with teaching students from Liverpool Hope University also this week as they delivered science lessons to Y2 and Y5 as part of their studies. The children really enjoyed the sessions and the students commented on what a beautiful school and children we have.

Thursday was the 2nd week of our workshops with 'Hands' - Gemma and Ian are teaching British Sign Language to our Reception children in a very fun, engaging and interactive way. At the end of the project, Reception will perform what they have learned to parents and carers - date to follow.

Week beginning 13th May is Y6 SATs week and I have been so impressed with how hard our Y6 pupils have been working in preparing for their tests. They have been a true credit to themselves and their families and I know they will do so very well.

Have a lovely weekend - let's hope some sunshine comes our way,

Best Wishes,



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance

Whole School	94.6 %
Reception	95.4 %
Year 1	92.7%
Year 2	97.9 %
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	91.2 %
Year 5	100 %
Year 6	92.2 %

Equates to:



178 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: 94.6%

Our attendance for the year so far is: 94.9%

Summer 1 Important Dates

1st May – Year 5 – Money Mentors in school

1st May – Y2 SATS Assessments begin (will continue across the month)

6th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

11th May – Parish University – Sponsored walk

Week Commencing Monday 13th May – YEAR 6 SATS Week

20th May – Year 4 Pentecost Service at Parish Church

21st May – Year 5 visit to Jewish Museum

22nd May – Paul Delaney Poetry Buzz

23rd May -Parish Praise – More information to follow

23rd May - Year One Pots Of Gold Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

23rd May – Parish University trip to Edge Hill University.

24th May – English Coffee Morning

24th May – School closes for Half term

We have had a safeguarding alert that a TikTok account under @jay_jay123485 has been contacting children and encouraging them to meet up. Please be vigilant about your child's internet use, and see our TikTok guide below for more info.

Headteacher's Award WINNERS

British and Christian Values

RECEPTION	Thenuli Dahanaka
YEAR 1	Harlie Grimes-Boyd
YEAR 2	Laura Osoba
YEAR 3	Alicja Konczyk
YEAR 4	Lilah Chowdhury
YEAR 5	Lailia Darlington
YEAR 6	Ruby Atherton

PE DAYS Summer 1

Nursery & Reception—Thursday

Year 1—Wednesday and Friday

Year 2—Thursday and Friday

Year 3— Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4— Wednesday and Friday

Year 5—Thursday and Friday

Year 6—Monday and Wednesday

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.



Parent Survey

Thank you to all who completed our recent Parent Survey!

Based on your feedback we would like to let you know:

Next academic year we will be holding 2 Parents Evenings per year - one in the Autumn Term and one in the Spring Term.

If you would like to know more about what your child is learning and how subjects operate across school, all of the information you need is on our school website under the 'Curriculum' tab.

We know use School Spider as our main source of communication - please come to the main office at anytime and our office team will be able to help you to get fully set up on your mobile device.

Many Thanks for your support!

Attendance Challenge and Rewards

Summer Attendance Challenge

Win a fantastic bundle of summer garden games!
All you have to do is attend every day for the rest of the half term.
Be in school from 15th April—24th May to be in with a chance!



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.

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**

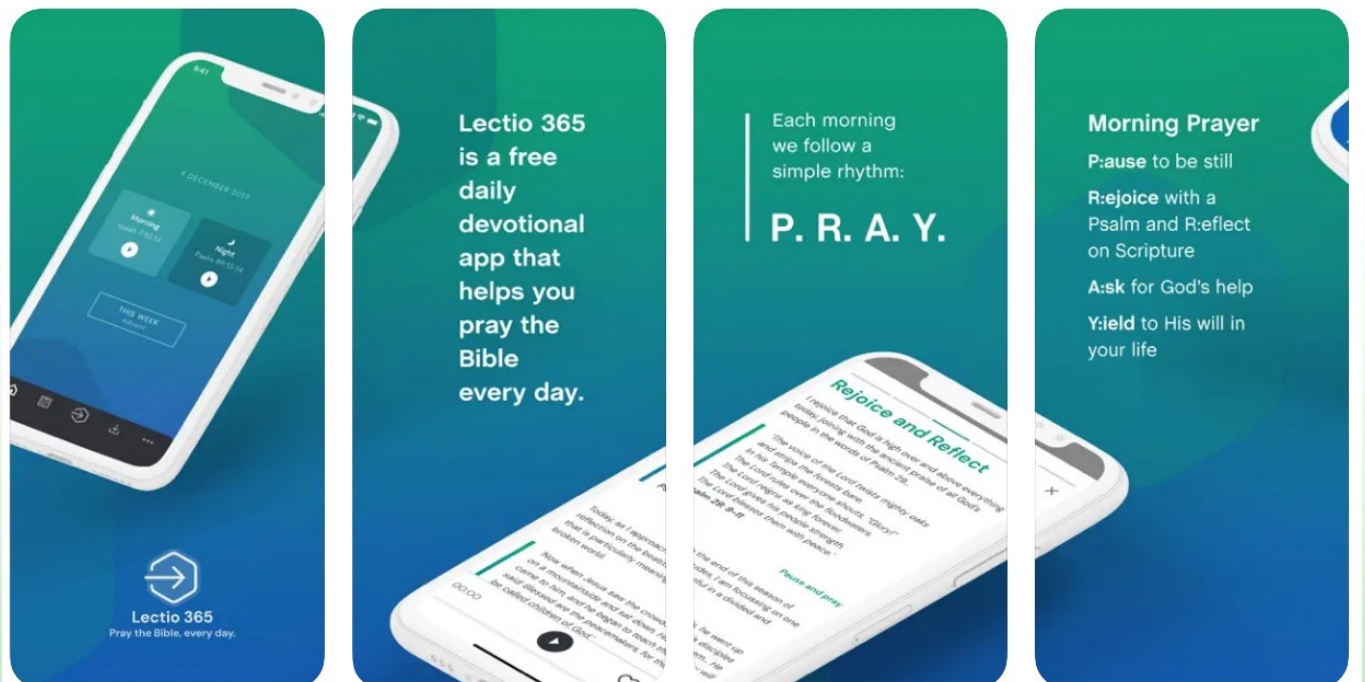
Webinars will be recorded.
No chat function will be available
for safety purposes.

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

OUR SERVICE OFFER – YOUNG CARER RESPITE PROGRAMME



We also have a Football group that runs on a Wednesday/Thursday!

Primary A (School Years 1-3)
Primary B (school years 4-6)

These groups run on alternative Mondays

Secondary A (School years 7-9)
Secondary B (School Years 10-11)

These groups run on alternative Tuesdays

Young Adult's (College years & above)

This group runs on alternative Wednesdays



Young Carers
Chattin 4 Action
Committee

Days out

Age tailored
Workshops

Residential Trips

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This term we have really been highlighting our support for Young Carers; you can find out lots of information about this on our website, and also at St Helens Young Carers.

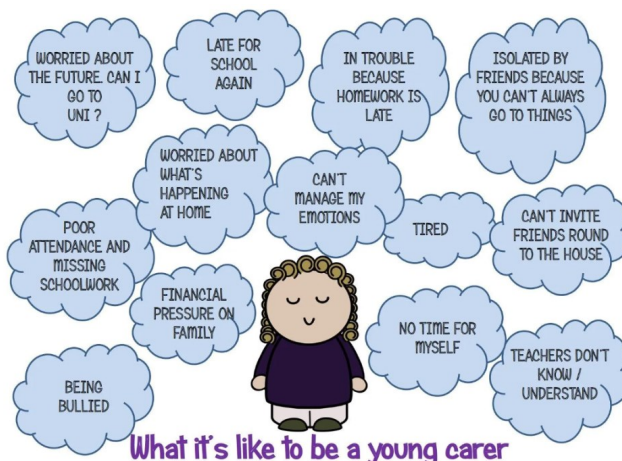
Mrs Morris and Mrs Moore will be supporting children in school as Young Carer Champions. You can come and ask for confidential advice from us.



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



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



TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-synching and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-synching and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

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TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become 'TikTok famous'. While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something *does* slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



SOURCES: TikTok.com



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