



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,

What a lovely week here at school! The sunshine has been most welcome and is certainly making us feel cheery.

Next week our Y6 pupils will sit their SATs tests and as such I ask you to wish them all the very best but Y6 remember ...

SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.
SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.
SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.
So sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.

Have a restful weekend one and all,

Best wishes,

Mrs Young



SPLASH Children's Art & Design 12h
Here's year 5 exploring Environmental
Conservation via Textile Design and Sculpture.
Regards
Mr C
@LDSTEducation @parishschool1



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance

Whole School	92.9%
Reception	91.7%
Year 1	94.3%
Year 2	86.7%
Year 3	91.4%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	97.7%

Equates to:



176 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: 92.9%

Our attendance for the year so far is: 94.7%

Summer 1 Important Dates

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

Headteacher's Award WINNERS

British and Christian Values

Nursery	Teddy Finney-Lovett
Reception	Otis Franklin-Jones
YEAR 1	Oliver Litherland
YEAR 2	Oscar Smeltzer
YEAR 3	Rhea Nealon
YEAR 4	Isabella Rogerson
YEAR 5	Antonis Gkavougiorgis
YEAR 6	Issac Mulla

Important-

Own clothes day is now on **Friday 17th May**

Photograph day for all pupils **Friday 24th May**

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.

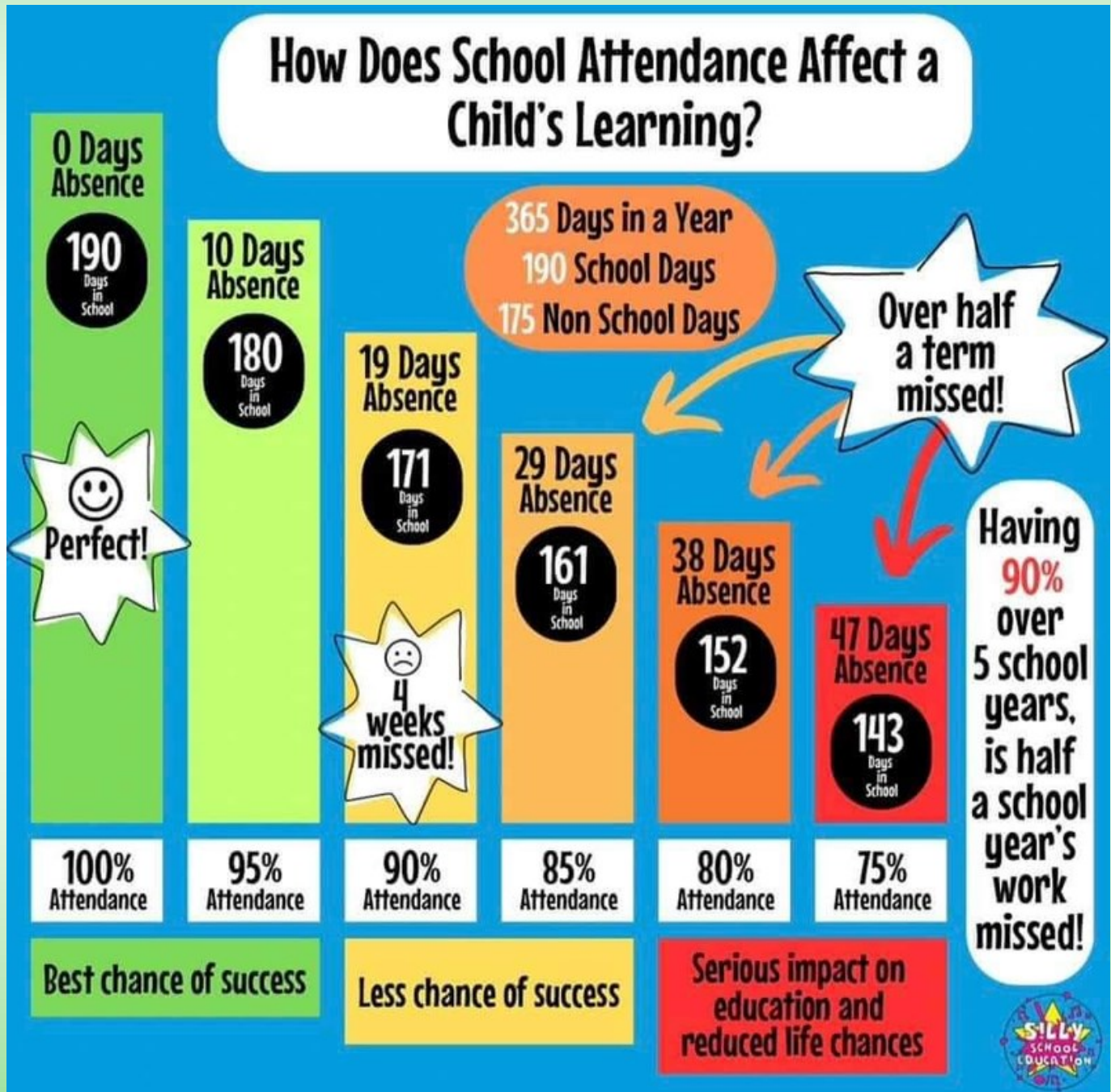
Black tracksuit/shorts and plain white T.Shirt (logo optional)

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

Absences

We have had lots of sickness and lots of holidays recently. It looks like our whole school attendance is improving, so you must all be feeling better!

Please can we remind parents that if your child is unwell, you must phone the school office to report this absence. If your child has unauthorised absences, you will be asked to meet with the Attendance Team so that we can support your child to attend school as much as possible.



PARISH ATTENDANCE TEAM



Mrs J Young
Executive Head Teacher



Mrs C Beechey
Deputy Head /Attendance Lead



Miss H Whitehead
Administration Assistant



Mrs D Morris
Pastoral and Safeguarding Manager



Mrs Judith Fowler
Education Welfare Officer

We will be helping you attend school regularly and on time. We may phone or visit your home to support you.



PERCENTAGE	DESCRIPTION	DAYS ABSENT PER YEAR	NO. OF LESSONS LOST	WEEKS LOST
100%	Excellent	0	0	0
98-99%	Very Good	2 - 4 days	Up to 20	Almost 1 week
97%	Good	5.5 days	Up to 27.5	Just over 1 week
96%	Satisfactory	7.5 days	Up to 37.5	1.5 weeks
93 -95%	Cause for Concern	9.5 - 13 days	Up to 65	Almost 2.5 weeks
91 -92%	Unsatisfactory	14 - 17 days	Up to 85	Almost 3.5 weeks
90% and below	Persistent Absence	19 days or more	More than 95	4 weeks and over

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!



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.



Listen 4 Change would like to invite you to their **evening** get-together!

For parents and Carers of Children and young people with **SEND**.

Why not Come along? No need to book.

From 18.30-20.00

Tuesday 21st May 2024

@ Wonderland Community Centre C.I.C., Reflection Court,
Canal Street, St Helens WA10 3JQ

Free parking is available at Wonderland - drive straight up
Close to the barrier for it to open.

This will be an opportunity to meet other parent Carers in a
relaxed setting for a Cuppa, Cake and a Chat. |

For further information please contact us at

Listen4change@outlook.com



Listen 4 Change St Helens Parent Carer Forum

Are you a Parent Carer of a child or young
person with Special Educational Needs and/or
a Disability (SEND) aged 0-25 in St Helens?

If yes, this is your Parent Carer Forum. It is run
by Parent Carers for Parent Carers.

Together our voice is stronger

Contact us today:

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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.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

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.



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