



The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

Philippians 4: 13

7th July 2023

Respect

Compassion

Resilience

What a busy week at the Juniors this week. We have really appreciated your support with everything that has been going on.

Y2 visit

We welcomed our Y2 children on Tuesday. They had a tour of the school, met their new teachers and teaching assistants and have settled in already. We welcomed our parents on Tuesday evening, where Y5 ambassadors showed our visitors around and answered questions about what the juniors is *really* like.

Millionaire readers' tea party

Our millionaire readers and their parents were invited to school on Tuesday afternoon for a celebration of their reading. The families shared book recommendations, enjoyed a quiz and cake and chose a book to mark their success. Thank you to all our families who attended the event.



Poetry Buzz

Isobel, Penelope, Morgan and Tomás represented St Mary's at the inaugural Poetry Buzz event at Queen's Park on Thursday evening. Our staff at the event were blown away by the standard of St Mary's and felt we were the best school by far! The children's poems have been published in a book 'Out of this World' and will be available in our library from next week.






Well done to past pupils Owen Guest and Sarah Kelly who will be deputy head prefects at St Edmund Arrowsmith from September. We are very proud!



Award Winners

	Star of the Week	Bee Award
3Ri	Isla	Payton
3Ro	Lexi	Jack
4W	Cole	Tomás and Morgan
4M	Jack	Penelope and Isobel
5R	All of 5R	Lucy
5HQ	Harrison	Ava S
6W	Thomas	Hollie
6D	William Mi	Sophie

	School Values Award	Olivia L, Olivia R, Oliver C, Gill, Conor, Sophia, Chrystal, Jorgie and Gracie-May
	Millionaire Reader	
	Rock Hero	

Dates for your diary

Dates for your diary – Summer 3 – St Mary's Catholic Junior School	
Wednesday 12 th July	Spanish Day
Monday 17 th July	Y6 Production 2pm/6pm Non-uniform day for all children who have not had the opportunity to wear birthday clothes.
Tuesday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers Mass 2pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers assembly 2.00pm - Parents/carers welcome Finish for Summer 3:30pm



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts...

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 Days off school	100%	perfection!
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent!
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned

PE days

Y3	Monday
Y4	Tuesday
Y5	Wednesday
Y6	Thursday



OPEN WATER: DON'T TAKE THE RISK



Swimming in or playing near rivers and canals may seem like a great idea, particularly on a warm day, but it could all end in tragedy. **DON'T take the risk.**

THE WATER IS COLD...
...even on very warm days, rivers and canals contain water barely above 10 degrees. Sudden immersion can lead to cold water shock, which can cause gasping and intake of water.
This can be deadly in a matter of seconds.

DID YOU KNOW?
Even the narrowest of rivers can be considerably deep. Rivers are subject to strong flow and **hidden currents** which can trouble even the strongest of swimmers.

WHAT LIES BENEATH?
The water is untreated and can make you ill.
Canals and rivers contain pollutants, sewage and often unseen underwater obstructions and snag hazards.
Debris under the water such as shopping trolleys, broken glass and cans can cause injury or trap you.

Remember, there are no lifeguards to help you at your local river, lake, canal or dam.

Rivers can be very difficult to climb out of, especially with steep or slimy banks. **Stay clear of rivers with steep or unguarded banks.**

IN AN EMERGENCY...NEVER enter the water to try and help a person or animal. You could get into difficulty yourself. Instead, dial 999 and use any water rescue equipment that is available.

If you fall into the water unexpectedly, fight your instinct to thrash around. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs & float.



www.merseyfire.gov.uk




BEACH SAFETY: KNOW THE DANGERS

MUD AND QUICKSAND
Large areas of the coast can have mud and quicksand which can cause you to get trapped and risk drowning.

REDUCE THE RISK
Check tide times
Follow warning sign advice
Avoid crossing estuaries and mud where there can be hidden channels or fast water
If trapped, **sit back and spread your weight evenly across the surface**
Stop others from trying to help you as they may get stuck
Call **999** immediately and ask for the **Coastguard**

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE STRUGGLING:
CALL 999
TELL the struggling person to float on their back
THROW them something that floats

DO NOT USE INFLATABLES
Strong currents can sweep inflatables and people out to sea

FOLLOW THE FLAGS
There are lifeguards in the area. Swim between the two flags.
Do not enter the water. There could be unseen dangers such as currents.
No swimming in this area. There may be non-powered watercraft such as surfboards, kayaks, etc. in this area.

TOP TIP
ALWAYS GO TO A BEACH WITH A LIFEGUARD




6 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTFA

FOR THE CHILDREN

BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO
SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU
VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.

THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL
IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S
SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.



FOR YOU

VOLUNTEERING IS A
REWARDING EXPERIENCE

WE PLAN TO HOST MANY
SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE
MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY
EACH OTHERS COMPANY.



FOR THE SCHOOL

HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE
FUNDS.

HAVE A VOICE IN THE
PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE
TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



BE CONNECTED

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF
KNOWING WHAT'S
HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.

MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE
THE SAME COMMON GOALS
TO HELP IMPROVE THE
SCHOOL.



IT IS FUN!

WE AIM TO ENJOY
OURSELVES IN ALL OUR
ROLES.

FROM PLANNING EVENTS
TO RUNNING A STALL IS
EXCITING!



KEEP THE PTFA GOING!

AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL
WE NEED TO KEEP THE
COMMITTEE GOING.

COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY
TEAM AS MANY HANDS
MAKE LIGHT WORK!



*"I work full time and
help when I am able."*

*"I really enjoy seeing my
grown up help out at events"*

*"I didn't realise how rewarding
it would be"*

"I've made life long friends"



S4K FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP!

@ ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL,
NEWTON LE WILLOWS

LEARN NEW SKILLS
PLAY FUN TOURNAMENTS
MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

9am - 3pm
£25 / Day
Ages 5-13

BOOK NOW

Our All Day Kids Football Camp provides safe fun filled all day childcare every weekday from 9:00 am to 3:00pm for 5 to 13 year olds. Bookable as individual days or a week at a time, our enthusiastic and caring sports entertainers make sure every child is making new friends, trying different things and learning new skills.

WWW.SPORT4KIDS.BIZ 0300 303 3866



WEEK 1 SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP

ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWTON LE WILLOWS

TIME

9:00-9:15
9:15-9:30
9:30-10:00
10:00-10:45
10:45-11:00
11:00-11:45
11:45-12:15
12:15-12:30
12:30-13:15
13:15-13:30
13:30-14:30
14:30-14:45
14:45-15:00

TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

EARLY CLUB - INCLUDES FREE PLAY SPORTS AREA, TABLE FOOTBALL, COLOURING STATION AND MORE

MORNING WELCOME / SAFETY BRIEFING

WARM UP / SKILL WARM UP / SKILL WARM UP / SKILL

DRIBBLING DEFENDING PASSING

MORNING BREAK / SNACK & SCORE UPDATE

11:00-11:45

11:45-12:15

12:15-12:30

12:30-13:15

13:15-13:30

13:30-14:30

14:30-14:45

14:45-15:00

STRUCTURED FREE TIME & SCORE UPDATE

ATTENDING & FOOTBALL GAMES CHALLENGES

AFTERNOON BREAK / SNACK & SCORE UPDATE

MATCHES MATCHES MATCHES

AWARDS CEREMONY

LATE CLUB - INCLUDES FREE PLAY SPORTS AREA, TABLE FOOTBALL, COLOURING STATION AND MORE

9am - 3pm
£25 / Day
Ages 5-13

15% OFF FOOTBALL CAMPS
USE CODE: "NEWTONBIZ1"
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Scan the QR Code below to book now ...





PARENT CARERS

Listen 4 Change would like to invite you to their parent carer coffee mornings!

These are an opportunity to meet other parent Carers in a relaxed setting for a Cuppa, Cake and a Chat. You Can also enjoy a game of Bingo!

No need to book, just Come along for the whole morning or drop in anytime between 10am – 12pm

@ The Carers Clubhouse, 18 Cotham Street,
St Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1SJ (opposite Town Hall)

On
Friday 7th July 2023
Friday 8th September 2023
Friday 6th October 2023
Friday 10th November 2023
Friday 1st December 2023

For further information please Contact Sara Dolan on 01744 675615
or Saradolan@sthelenscarers.org.uk



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

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 11th July 2023
Tuesday 12th September 2023
Tuesday 14th November 2023

@ The Carer Clubhouse, 18 Cotham Street,
St Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1SJ (opposite Town Hall).

This will be an opportunity to meet other parent Carers in a relaxed setting for a cuppa, a Chat and a game of bingo.

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CARERS TRUST
St Helens Carers Centre

Coffee Mornings -Our regular Coffee Morning is a great opportunity to meet other Parent Carers in a relaxed setting. Come along for a chat over a cuppa and a pastry.



Parent Representatives - Be a parent carer who represents the views of families at meetings, workshops and events, working with practitioners to ensure that services meet the needs of those families.



Members of
NNPCF
National Network of Parent Carer Forums
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St Helens Parent Carer Forum

Are you the Parent Carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND) in St. Helens?

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

RUMBLE

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

on the App Store;
Teen on Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBTQ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared from some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

Meet Our Expert

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NOS
National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Source: <https://www.pewresearch.org/journalism/2022/10/06/prominent-accounts-on-alternative-social-media-sites-mostly-are-individuals-not-organizations/>

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This is our game.

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Join us at:
Newton - le - Willows Cricket Club, WA12 9XE

Session dates:
Friday evenings, 19th May - 7th July 2023, for all children aged 8-11

Session timings:
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Contact:
ianwalky112@gmail.com



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Sessions are all about playing together and developing new skills, teamwork and friendship.

Every child that registers will receive their very own Dynamo Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number on the back and have access to a brand new digital app, packed with exclusive cricket content, unlockable skills challenges, quizzes and activities.

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U9 GIRLS
JOIN US FOR THE 23/24 SEASON!

WE ARE LOOKING TO RECRUIT A COUPLE OF PLAYERS FOR THE NEW SEASON!

GIRLS IN YEAR 3 OR 4 FROM SEPTEMBER



Contact Us

07707157233
enquiries@nlwfc.co.uk
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JOIN THE STORM!

Newton Storm, your local community Rugby League club, are currently on the look out for new players and volunteers.

With age groups from Reception to Open Age, and continued success both on and off the field, it's a great time to get involved.

If you'd like to know more find us on Facebook or Twitter.

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U8S **COME ALONG & JOIN THE STORM!**

Calling Y3 boys & girls to join our U8s team.

Training:
Mon 6-7pm
Wed 6-7pm
Newton Sports Club

For more details, contact:
Matt 07827 921707
Jacob 07780 435526




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Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre.

Join us at: Earlestown Cricket Club, Earle Street, Earlestown WA12 9NU

Session dates: Monday evenings, starting 8 May 2023 for all children aged 5-8

Session timings: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Contact: earlestowncc@hotmail.co.uk





SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY
SUMMER GAMES 2023

4 **FREE** EVENTS FOR CHILDREN OF NEWTON LE WILLOWS, AGED 5-16
at Viaduct Sports and Earlestown cricket grounds.

Lunches are provided.

THESE EVENTS ARE OPEN TO A MAXIMUM OF 80 CHILDREN

24TH JULY 1-4 PM

RAINBOW DAY

Games and activities with
Some of our trusted groups in support



31ST JULY 1-4 PM

ENVIRONMENTAL DAY + Creepy crawlies

A walk over to Lyme and wood country park for a picnic and
some environmental activities.

14TH AUGUST 10-4.30 PM

FARM VISIT DAY TRIP (MAX 56)

21ST August
FUN DAY

Our usual fun and crazy games day

Collect and return a registration form at,

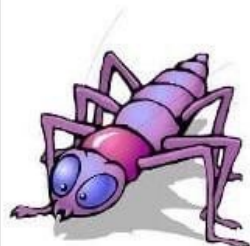
CROWNWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

12 QUEENS DRIVE

127 Acorn St

E-mail businessforyouth.nlw@gmail.com

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