



The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

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

Philippians 4: 13

22nd September 2023

Respect

Compassion

Resilience



What a week at the Juniors this week! We have had visitors from the Archdiocese in school, inspecting our Catholic life and mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship. Once the report is published, we will share it with all of our families. Thank you to all who contributed to the surveys: parents, staff and children.

This week has had a science focus. Please ask your child what they know—we know they will amaze you!

This week has also seen the first of our school sports tournaments. Y3 and Y4 attended a dodgeball tournament and Y5 and Y6 girls attended a football tournament. As always, the children's sporting behaviour and attitude was exemplary. Well done!

Class Dojo

Thank you to all who have signed up to Class Dojo. If you haven't signed up yet, it isn't too late. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Pick up and pray

Year 4 parents are invited to a short prayer and liturgy session on Wednesday at 3.00pm. Please come in through the office and join your child's class for this short worship. Thank you to all Year 5 parents who attended this week's prayer and liturgy.

Action short of strike action

Teachers in the NASUWT will be taking action short of strike action, commencing Monday 18 September. For this reason, there will be no after school clubs run by school staff up until at least October half term. Private sports clubs who are offering extra-curricular activities will be running as normal.

Preloved Boutique

Both schools have lots of preloved uniform that need a new home. Please call into either office and help yourselves to any of our uniform that you might need.




Apples

Once again, our apple trees are plentiful. Please help yourself to any either at the front of the school or in the garden itself.

Thanks to all who attended the pop-ins at both the infants and the juniors. We hope to hold our next pop-in in December.

Award Winners

	Star of the Week	Bee Award
3Ri	Daisy G	Dodge
3Ro	Sam M	Luca
4W	Freya	CeeCee
4M	Shelby	Rosa-Maria
5D	Penelope	Amelia S
5HQ	Enrique	Amelia
6W	Korbyn	Madeleine D
6R	Hettie	Leo
6M	Daniel D	Marcel

	School Values Award	Olivia L
	Millionaire Reader	Tomás
	Rock Hero	



TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER THROUGH LOVE

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 27th September 2023

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Leadership Presentations 5:00pm & 6:30pm
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

OPEN MORNINGS

Wednesday 18th October 2023 9:15am – 10:00am

Wednesday 25th October 2023 9:15am – 10:00am

Online booking required as spaces are limited

01744 671930
www.hopeacademy.org.uk



LINK TO PROSPECTUS

Hope Academy
Ashton Road
Newton-le-Willows
WA12 0AQ



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 27 September 2023

4.30pm - 7.30pm

All parents and prospective pupils very welcome

There will be an address by the Headteacher at
4.30pm, 5.30pm and 6.30pm

Please log onto the school website to book your time slot

BOOKINGS ONLY: www.arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk

Rookery Avenue, Ashton-in-Makerfield, WN4 9PF



*"Pupils are happy at St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School.
They feel safe and well looked after"*



HOME START
St Helens

first five festival

Friday 29th September

Peter Street Centre, Peter Street, St Helens WA10 2EQ

- Free entry for families
- Free pre-school activities
- Free goody bag for every child

9:30am - 12:30pm

Home-Start
01744 737400



WALK & TALK

The sessions are designed to reduce isolation, help parents like you and your children to meet new people and to improve your overall wellbeing.

Meeting every Thursday, at
Newton Children's Centre, Patterson Street,
Newton-le-Willows WA12 2PZ

Come along and meet the Home-Start St Helens Team

Free Nutritious Snack

Join us
9:45am - 11:30am

For more information call 01744 737400



S4K

SPOOKY SEASON CAMPS

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-13

30TH OCT - 2ND NOV 2023

15% OFF

USE CODE "S4KEARLY15" AT CHECKOUT

OFFER ENDS: 22ND SEPT 2023

0300 303 3866 | WWW.SPORT4KIDS.BIZ



S4K

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-13

30TH OCT - 2ND NOV 2023

BROOK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL, RAINFORD

ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWTON

Book individual days or a week at a time, our flexible and convenient holiday childcare gives children the opportunity to try new activities, meet new friends and make lasting memories.

From themed arts and crafts and team games to sports and outdoor splash activities, there is something for all children to enjoy at our October Holiday Camps.

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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



@MarysPTFA

The Federation of
St Mary's PTFA

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"



Updated Safeguarding Shout out, link for parents and attendance info.

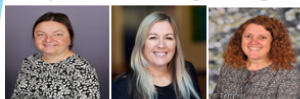
During our SEND and Pastoral coffee morning and afternoon in Juniors and Infants earlier this week parents had asked about current services available in St Helens. This is a link from the St Helens Gateway website : [A community hub of information - St Helens Gateway](#) Click on 'Organisations' for all a link to all the current services in the area.

Safeguarding Shout-out!

Who can my child speak to about a concern?

We would like each child in our school to be able to identify a trusted adult they could seek out and talk to as their 'go to person' in school. This adult is usually someone they have a good relationship with and may be an adult based in their class. This could be the class teacher or teaching assistant. Ask your child who they would speak to if they were upset or had a worry?

We have a Designated Safeguarding Lead in school. This is Gill Curley. Mrs Kellett and Mrs Follin are Deputy Safeguarding Leads. Miss McCormack and Mrs Whitfield are also part of our safeguarding team. There will always be one of us available to support you with any issues you may have.



Who can I speak to about a concern or a safeguarding issue?

What do the school do to keep my child safe?

- We develop positive and trusting relationships between safe adults and children to enable children to trust us and feel that they can share any concerns or worries.
- We have comprehensive and appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures in place and a PHSE curriculum that teaches the children about safeguarding and personal safety.
- We have vigilant and tenacious staff in school who have your child's best interests and safety at the heart of everything we do.
- A clear and consistent behaviour policy that is applied fairly across school.
- A safe and secure site.



Newton-Le-Willows Primary School Attendance Information for Parents/Carers



Excellent 99%-100%	Good 97%-98%	Average 95%-96%	Cause for Concern 94%-90%	Of Great Concern Below 90%
Well Done! This is amazing keep it up! Your child is in school learning and getting their entitlement to an education.	Your child's attendance is good and they will be accessing school to the levels they need to make progress with their learning.	Let's Get this percentage higher! Your child may well start to fall behind with their learning and ability to build on previous learning.	Your attendance really needs to improve. There will be a significant impact on your child's acquisition of skills and knowledge. Over time this will result in your child underachieving.	Your child will not be working at their full potential, and this will have a significant negative impact on their future in school and beyond.

Why is attendance important ?

- It is a legal requirement for your child to be in school on time every day.
- Poor attendance will have a negative effect on your child's learning, outcomes and overall mental health and wellbeing.
- We want our children to make the most of their experiences in school and reach their potential.

What is an example of an authorised absence?

- Your child is too ill to attend school (*proof of illness from your may be requested*).
- An unavoidable medical appointment in school time (*proof of all appointments will be required*).
- A leave of absence agreed by the headteacher

What is an example of an unauthorised absence?

- A family holiday in term time
- Staying off school because a sibling or parent is unwell
- Taking the day off because it is your birthday, you have a wedding or other day out planned

What do I do if my child is unwell?

- Please notify the school EACH DAY that your child is ill, by ringing the school office on 01744 678390. Please leave a voicemail if no-one is available to answer your call.
- If you have not contacted the school by 9.30am then the school office staff will telephone you. If we are unable to get in touch then a member of the school pastoral team or the Education Welfare Officer may visit your home.

Attendance Matters



When attendance becomes a concern

If your child's attendance falls below 90%, school will send you a letter and monitor their attendance closely. You may also be contacted by school to attend an Attendance Awareness Meeting to discuss the reasons why your child has been absent. Following this, if your child's attendance does not improve then school may make a referral to the Education Welfare Service.