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Advent Prayers: Week Two

# Peace

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*Jesus, Prince of Peace,  
through your power and inspiration,  
may all peoples welcome each other  
to their hearts as sisters and brothers.  
And may the peace they long for  
ever flower and ever reign among  
them.*

*Amen.*

## Progress Awards



Each term, class teachers identify a pupil in their class who has made significant progress during the term. This might be in a subject or in personal development.

We held our termly Progress Award Ceremony this week and parents came in to school to celebrate their child's achievement with us.

We are so very proud of our winners.

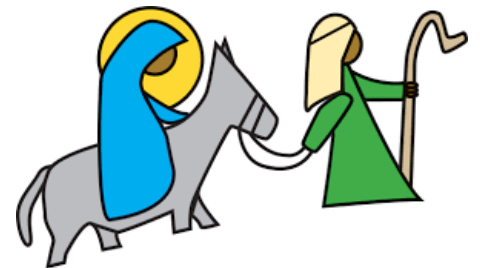
*We Care, We Share, We Value.*

# Advent Service



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On Wednesday, some y4 and y6 children went to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral to take part in their advent service. It was a beautiful afternoon 🌟 ⭐ 🎄



We had a great afternoon 🎄 ⭐ ❄️  
@lpoolcatholic



## ANATOMY OF AN ADVENT WREATH

Candles, because  
Jesus is the  
Light of the  
World, the Light  
in the darkness  
of winter

Red holly  
for the  
blood of  
Christ

Evergreen, a plant that lives  
through the winter when all else  
dies, because God's love is  
everlasting

Purple for  
royalty,  
anticipation,  
repentance

Pointy leaves  
to remind us  
of the crown  
of thorns

Pink for Joy

Arranged in a circle  
because like a circle, God  
has no beginning or end

@LittleWayChapel

# Learn & Share



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Reception had a great learn and share session with families this morning. We talked about how we can look after our mental health and shared some ways in which we might take time to relax 🧘🏻📖🖍️



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Year 1 had a wonderful Learn and Share session this morning. Thank you so much to our visitors who joined us.





# Christmas is coming!!



Our Christmas fayre is on **Thursday 14th December** -

**After school** for parents and carers to attend and

**Friday 15th December** will be a Christmas Fayre for all children **in school time** (children to bring in money to spend at the fayre on this day. No more than £5).

IN THE RUN UP TO CHRISTMAS WE ARE HOLDING 3 WEEKS OF GIVING. ON THESE DAYS YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THESE ITEMS TO CLASS WITH YOU WHERE YOU WILL RECEIVE A STAMP ON YOUR DONATION CARD FROM YOUR TEACHER. WHEN THE CARD IS FULL YOU CAN EXCHANGE IT FOR A FREE TURN ON A STALL AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR. *HOOK A BAUBLE, TOMBOLA, CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA AND MANY MORE,*  
**NO CARD WITH 3 STAMPS, NO FREE TURN,**

## THE ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS -

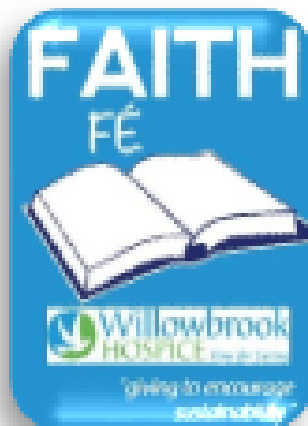
Week 3 **14.12.23 (Thursday)** Christmas Fayre (after school) - Bring in **Posh (alcohol) bottles or cakes. OWN CLOTHES DAY**

**15.12.23 (Friday)** Christmas Fayre in school time for children - No donation needed **MAXIMUM £5** to spend at the Fayre - **OWN CLOTHES DAY.**



This Christmas, we are again supporting Chris Lamb with the Chocolate Orange Challenge. Chocolate oranges donated will be distributed to NHS staff across the borough as way for the people of St. Helens to show their thanks for the work of our NHS staff. We are taking collections up to 14th December. On 15th December our choir will perform Christmas Carols outside the Town Hall which will be a drop-off point for last donations.

# House Teams Weekly Points



8,226

8,157

8,137

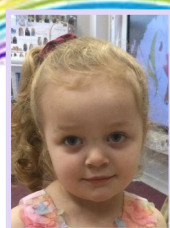
8,138



## Leader Board this week

Charity	Hope	Faith	Peace
726	784	841	739

## STARS OF THE WEEK



# Attendance

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance this week is

**95.5%**

The Government set target is 97%.

Well done to

**Year 5**

for having the best attendance this week with

**98%**

## Attendance this week

Nursery	97%
Reception	93%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	91%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	97%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>98%</b>
Year 6	97%

## Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



### Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

<b>5 Minutes</b>	<b>3.5 Days from School</b>	<b>20 Lessons</b>
<b>10 Minutes</b>	<b>7 Days from School</b>	<b>41 Lessons</b>
<b>15 Minutes</b>	<b>10 Days from School</b>	<b>55 Lessons</b>
<b>20 Minutes</b>	<b>14.5 Days from School</b>	<b>82 Lessons</b>
<b>30 Minutes</b>	<b>22 Days from School</b>	<b>123 Lessons</b>

**Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance**

*Happy Birthday!*

On this special day,  
we celebrate how blessed the world  
became when God gave us you.



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Dacia Sears  
Lola Clough

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## Y4 Brass—Friday

Year 4 must bring their instruments to school each Friday.

## Swimming—Wednesday's

Y6 need their swimming kit in school every Wednesday—the coach leaves at 9.00am

## School clubs

Monday: Y4-Y6 Football 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday: Y1-3 Dodgeball 8.00-8.45am

Thursday: Y3-Y6 Board Games 3.30-4.00pm

### SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023/2024

Term	School opens on:	School closes on:
Autumn term 2023	5th September	27th October
	6th November	22nd December
Spring term 2024	8th January	9th February
	19th February	28th March
Summer term 2024	15th April	22nd May
	5th June	23rd July
Inset days	<p><del>4th September</del> 23rd May &amp; 24th May 3rd June &amp; 4th June</p> <p><u>Bank Holidays</u> 29th March 1st April 6th May</p>	

Year Group	Homework
N	Library book read to them (each night) Talking task – phase one phonics (weekly) Practical maths (weekly)
R	Reading (each night) Reading & spelling tricky words practice (weekly) Number (weekly)
KS1	Reading (each night) Times Tables (each night) Reading & spelling tricky words practice (weekly) Maths (weekly) English comprehension (weekly)
KS2	Reading (each night) Times Tables (each night) Reading & spelling tricky words practice (weekly) Maths (weekly) English comprehension (weekly)

**CYPMHS Crisis Response** service as they have had some updates.

This service is for Children & Young People who are in need of immediate assistance for their **mental health or behaviour.**

<https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/our-services/warrington/child-and-adolescent-mental-health-service-crisis-response->



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WAS

promoting  
wellbeing  
and mental  
health

in partnership with



NATIONAL  
CHILDREN'S  
BUREAU

# Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS)

## Promote emotional wellbeing and mental health across your school

Make your school a place of emotional wellbeing and support by improving mental health provision for all pupils and staff.

This whole-school award offers a supportive and developmental process using an evidence-based framework to drive change.

Undertaking this Award will ensure that mental health and wellbeing sit at the heart of your school life now and in the future, as well as helping you to demonstrate your outstanding provision to key stakeholders.

## What's in the Wellbeing Award for Schools framework?

### Positive culture

Ensure that emotional wellbeing and mental health is regarded as the responsibility of all.

### Stakeholder participation

Work with the whole-school community to support emotional wellbeing and mental health.

### Staff wellbeing

Actively promote emotional wellbeing and mental health for your staff.

### Training for staff

Offer high-quality, ongoing professional development so your staff feel confident responding to pupils' needs.

### Vision and strategy

Commit to a clear strategy that promotes and protects emotional wellbeing and mental health.

### Supportive networks

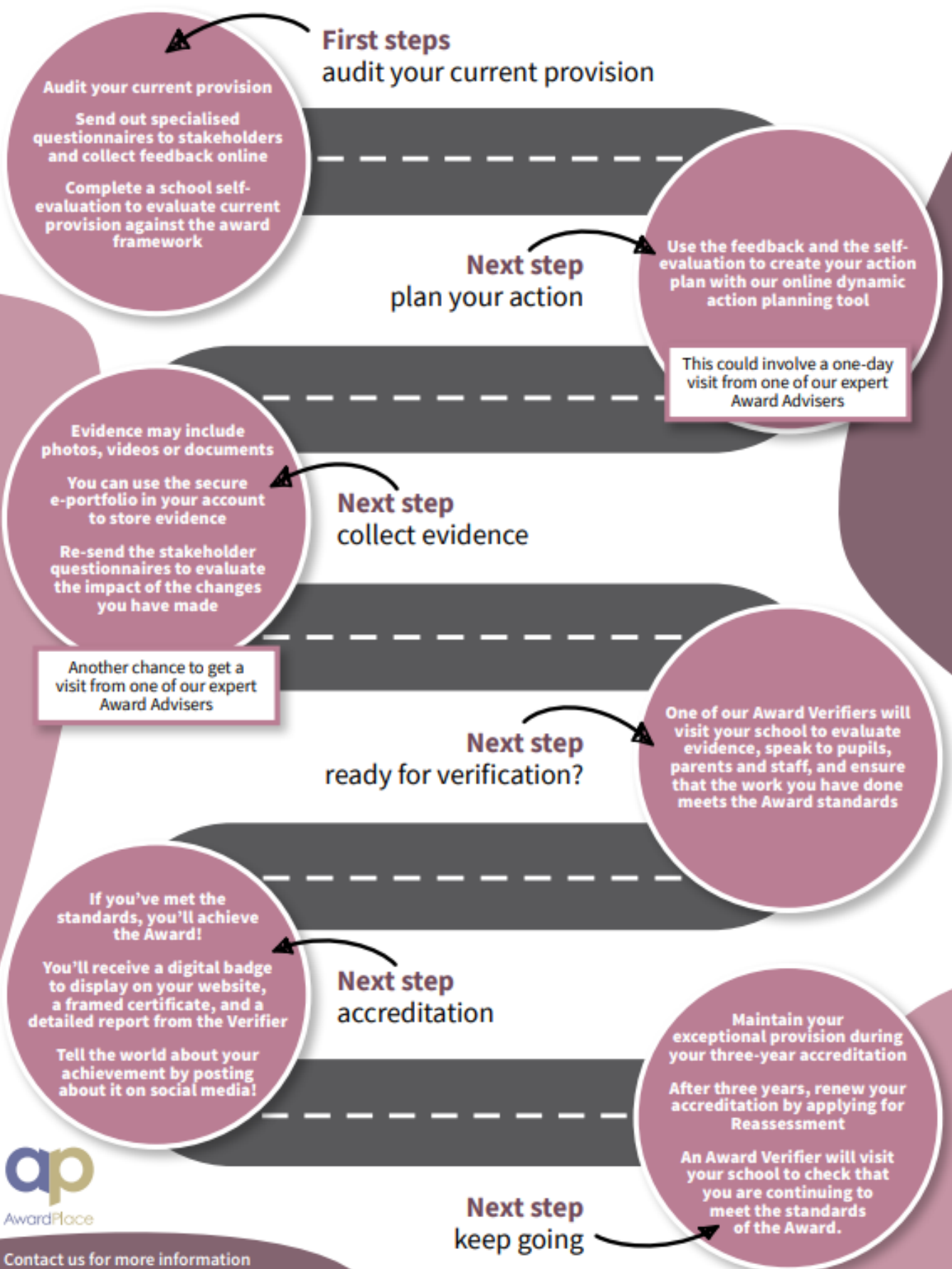
Ensure systems and external partnerships are in place to support different types of emotional and mental health needs.

The Award has a focus on 'impact and outcomes' for pupils, so that schools can demonstrate specific and wider impacts of wellbeing policies and interventions.

## In partnership with the National Children's Bureau

For more than 50 years the National Children's Bureau (NCB) have been making a huge difference to the lives of children and young people, especially the most vulnerable. We have partnered with NCB to create an award that helps schools to mitigate and prevent mental health and wellbeing issues in schools and their local community.

# How do schools achieve the Wellbeing Award for Schools?



# December Kindness 2023



MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY



4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2024



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

# St Helens Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

## Who are we?

St Helens MHST is a free NHS service providing support for young people in Holy Corss who may be struggling with worry, low-mood or finding it difficult to regulate their emotions. Please scan the QR code below for more info.

## How can we help?

We provide 1:1, group or parenting intervention for young people at their school. These typically run for 6-8 sessions. If you would like your child to be referred, please speak to their class teacher or the school's pastoral manager.

Please scan below for more information.



**NHS**

Mersey Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

# MUSIC SERVICE ENSEMBLES AT ST HELENS TOWN HALL

## 2023 -24 FREE!



INSPIRING MUSICAL CREATIVITY

FOR EVERY CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON WE MEET HERE



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### TUESDAY...

VOCAL GROUP

4.30PM - 5.50PM

### WEDNESDAY

WIDER  
OPPORTUNITIES BAND

4PM - 5PM

### WEDNESDAY

INTERMEDIATE  
WIND BAND

4PM - 5PM

### WEDNESDAY

INTERMEDIATE  
STRINGS

4PM - 5PM

### TUESDAY...

ROCK & POP BAND

4.30PM - 5.50PM

### WEDNESDAY

MUSIC THEORY CLUB

4PM - 5PM

### WEDNESDAY

YOUTH WIND  
ORCHESTRA

5.15PM - 6.30PM

### WEDNESDAY

SINFONIA

5.15PM - 6.30PM

### WEDNESDAY

MUSIC THEORY CLUB

5.15PM - 6.30PM

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SCAN THE QR CODE  
BELOW TO JOIN AND  
REGISTER TODAY





See Miss Davies for more information on main meals for the family for £4 per week.

Wesley Methodist Church  
Vincent Street, St Helens WA10 1LF

For **a small weekly fee** local residents can join up as members and access a whole range of benefits.

Entrance to a weekly shop at the Pantry

Meet new people or volunteer

Free welcome gifts

Pay by cash or standing order

There are no qualifying rules for joining and we also give out tea/coffee and toast while you wait.

A limited number of memberships available

Opening times:

**Tuesday**



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