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We very sadly said goodbye to Miss Gore today as she begins a new career outside of education.

Miss Gore has been with us almost 4 years and her passion for teaching and dedication to the school have been instrumental in the success we have achieved during this time; helping our school family through tough times during the covid pandemic, taking a leading role alongside staff to write a new curriculum, raising standards for our children and helping us to achieve a 'Good' Ofsted grading.

Miss Gore, you may not be at school each day after the half term, but you will always be a part of our school family!



Sporting Events

Well done to our pupils who took part in the recent events. They represented Holy Cross extremely well and we are very proud of their sportsmanship. They also looked very smart on our new kit that Ms Birch secured funding for.

A fantastic effort from this incredible group during the Year 5 and 6 football tournament. We came 4th place overall 🥳 Thank you [@StHelensSG](https://www.facebook.com/StHelensSG)

What a team!!! We may not have got a medal but our honesty and team work were outstanding!! Thank you to [@StHelensSG](https://www.facebook.com/StHelensSG) for a wonderful afternoon.



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CLASS

dojo

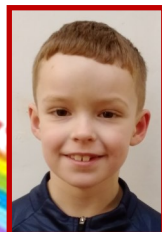
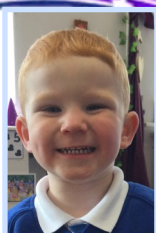


Dojo Champions



Take a look at our Dojo Champions. What a line up of super stars!
These children have achieved the highest number of Dojo points given this half term for their year group.

STARS OF THE WEEK



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What a lovely afternoon at @LucemHouse 🎥 ⭐



Each half term we have a reward day to recognise and celebrate the positive choices our pupils make in taking ownership of their own behaviour.

Children, we are so very proud of you and the positive contribution your behaviour and choices make to those around you.

From all of your teachers — thank you for being a shining example of what makes a family!

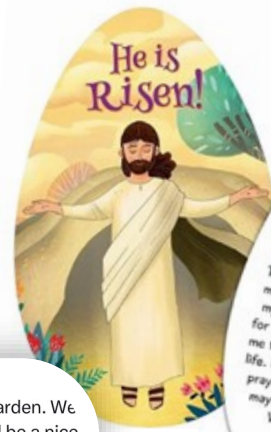
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WALKING WITH CHRIST

EYFS are loving our new prayer garden with its brand new artificial grass...thank you to a superstar parent in Reception for helping us out!



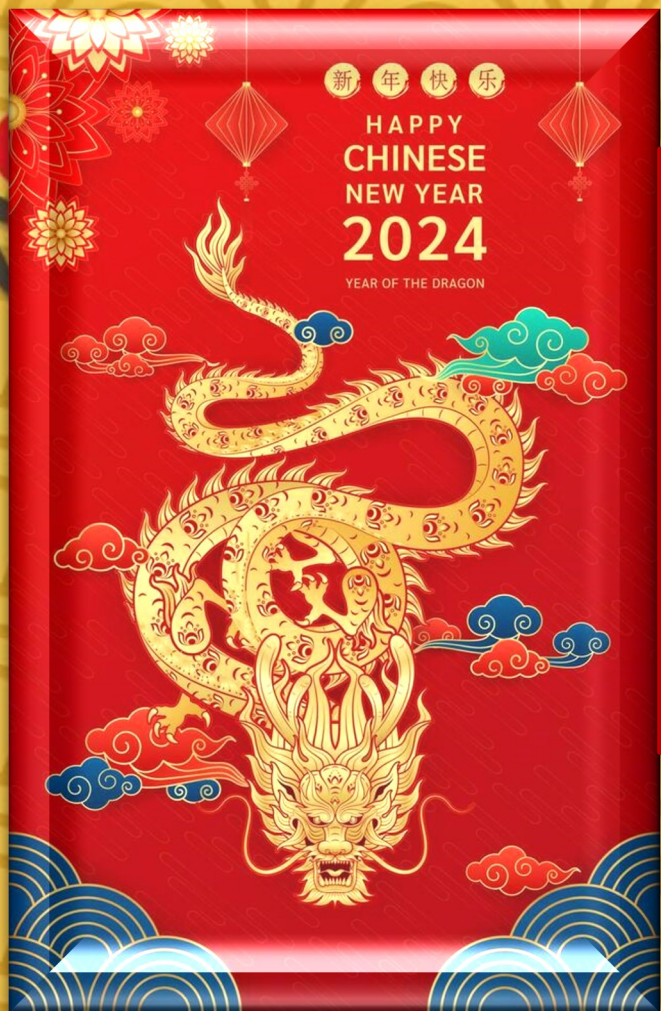
💜💛 We're making an EYFS prayer garden. We made a start today, we're hoping it will be a nice area for the children to reflect 💜💛



Walk with Me

Calendar for Lent 2024

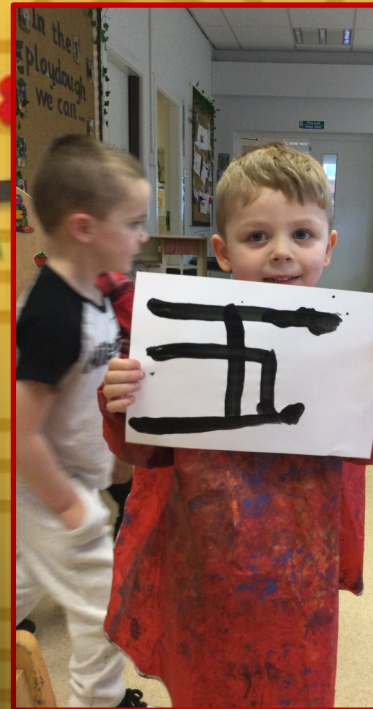
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 1st Sunday of Lent (B) Don't be tempted to stay in bed. Get up and come to church.	19 F---y How many days was Jesus in the desert being tempted? (Mark 1:13)	13 Feb Enjoy pancakes today. Fast tomorrow!	14 Ash Wednesday Pray: 'Lord, may you find your home in me this Lent'	15 Choose a charity, food or clothes bank to support this Lent	16 i love you Start each day of Lent with the words: 'Jesus, I love you'	17 Make Saturdays 'do good deed days'
25 2nd Sunday of Lent (B) Listen to God speak in your heart. He wants to share his love with you.	26 How many tents did Peter want to make for Jesus? (Mark 9:5)	20 Do your schoolwork eagerly and with care	21 When you're happy, be so happy that you make those around you feel happy too	22 The Chair of St Peter Let us be a Church for the Poor	23 St Polycarp Drink only water today. No pop, tea or juice!	24 Tidy your toys and clothes away
3 3rd Sunday of Lent (B) Come to church and say your prayers	4 How many days will it take Jesus to raise the sanctuary of his body? (John 2:19)	27 Play fairly. Don't leave anyone out	28 God favours the poor and the weak	29 Trust in God. He can do all things	1 March St David St David, pray for us Cut out biscuits today. Try fruit instead	2 Spring is coming! Help out in the garden
10 4th Sunday of Lent (B) Make a fuss of mum today. Pray for her at church	11 What did Moses lift up in the desert? The s---p---t (John 3:14)	5 Don't hold on to anger, it only brings unhappiness	6 Be saint-like today. It means being humble and kind	7 St Perpetua and Felicity Pray for peace in our broken world	8 Give chocolate a miss	9 Help plant some seeds to attract the bees and the butterflies
17 5th Sunday of Lent (B) Enjoy being together as a family	18 St Patrick Wear something green to celebrate St Patrick	12 Being forgiving rains down a shower of roses	13 God loves you whoever you are	14 Pray for the homeless and those displaced by war	15 Make Fridays no-meat days. Try eggs, cheese, soya or fish	16 Bake some bread together
24 Palm Sunday Get your Palm at Mass today	25 Wave your Palm and shout, 'Hosanna in the highest!'	19 St Joseph, Husband of Mary Parents: love your children by loving each other	20 I AM SO GRATEFUL Name two things you can be grateful for	21 Pray for all those wounded in war	22 Don't waste electricity. If you're not using it, switch it off	23 Spread a little sunshine - offer a helping hand
31 Easter Sunday He is Risen. Amen! Alleluia!		26 Pray for those who have died - that they may enjoy the glory of heaven	27 'Lord, teach me, guide me, lead me, love me'	28 Holy Thursday Christ is Servant of All. Be like him	29 Good Friday This is true love: Jesus laid down his life for us	30 Holy Saturday Say the 'Our Father' whilst we wait in joyful hope for the celebration of Easter



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Year 6 looked at Chinese Blossom Scrolls to celebrate #ChineseNewYear. These represent happiness, luck, longevity and peace. Don't they look beautiful! 🇨🇳 🇬🇧 🇺🇸





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Nursery have celebrated Chinese New Year today by painting numbers, creating lanterns and trying some new and exciting f



Attendance

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance this week is

95%

The Government set target is 97%.

Well done to

Y6

for having the best attendance this week with

97%

Attendance this week

Nursery	95%
Reception	94%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	95%
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...

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

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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Y4 Brass—Friday

Year 4 must bring their instruments to school each Friday.

Swimming—Wednesday's

Y5 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

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>4th September 23rd May & 24th May 3rd June & 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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SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.



M

MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.



A

ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



R

RELIABLE

Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.



T

TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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KNOW
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www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART



Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.



ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1

MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2

CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3

CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4

CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5

SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6

LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8

LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9

KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10

SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

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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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