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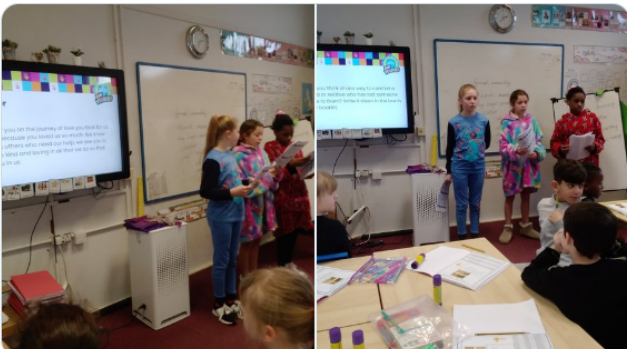
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Year 3 enjoyed taking part in Stations of the Cross presented by our Minnie Vinnies today.



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The Mini Vinnie's delivered Stations 4-6 of the Cross to Year 1 and delivered an amazing message of how we can support others in their time of need. We discussed ways that we can comfort and support others. #stationsofthecross #StVincentDePaul



## Journey with the Cross

### Mini Vinnies' Stations of the Cross


Stations 1-3: See, Think, Do



# Priority

This Lent, help us Make Poverty a Priority.

## Station 4




St Vincent de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action


### Jesus meets his mother

**Leader:** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**All:** Because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Mary loved Jesus very much, so it must have been extremely difficult for her to see her son in so much pain. Jesus knew that his mother was sad to see him suffering, but he was happy that she was with him in that moment. Although she couldn't change the situation, being there by his side would have meant so much to him.



## Station 5




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England and Wales  
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### Simon helps Jesus carry his Cross

**Leader:** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**All:** Because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Simon was coming into the city from the countryside when he was forced by soldiers to help Jesus carry his cross. He had no choice, but his actions helped Jesus in that moment. By then, Jesus was very tired and in so much pain he would have been grateful for Simon's help.



## Station 6




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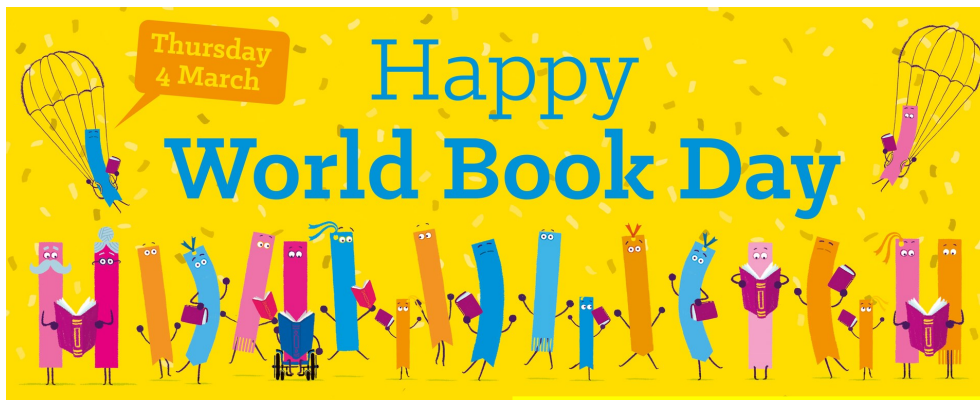
### Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

**Leader:** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**All:** Because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Veronica stepped forward to wipe the blood, sweat and dust from Jesus' face. She risked getting into trouble with the soldiers, but without fear, she still stepped forward to show compassion when Jesus needed it most.



We Care, We Share, We Value.



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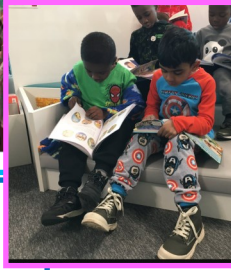
Year 1 have had a fantastic visit to the library this afternoon. We completed our BASH votes and got to enjoy a World Book Day Treasure Hunt!!

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Year 5 are having a fantastic #WorldBookDay2024! We have been enjoying lots of bedtime stories and have read more of our class test Charlotte's Web!

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A big thank you to @Saints1890 @CommunitySaints and George Delaney for coming in and speaking to Reception this morning! We really enjoyed meeting you and hearing about your favourite book 📖🍰



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We had an exciting visit today from George Delaney @Saints1890 @CommunitySaints who discussed one of his favourite stories from when he was a child. We are feeling very inspired ready for World Book Day on Thursday 📖📚📖📚📖 Thank you for coming #COYS #WorldBookDay



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Bedtime Stories for World Book Day 📖🌙 #WorldBookDay2024

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Year 3 have enjoyed celebrating World Book Day by redesigning front covers of their favourite books!

# LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST

During Lent, people often give up something they really like as a way to remember Jesus not being tempted for forty days when in the desert.

Jesus gave his life for us, but rather than give something up, what can we give to Jesus as way to remember what He did for us?

How can we walk with Jesus this Lent?



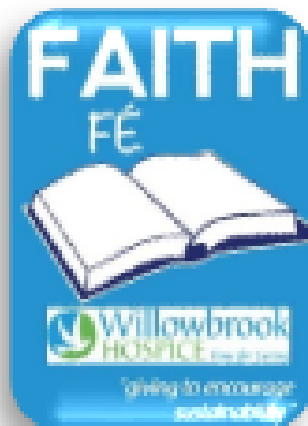
## Walk with Me

# Calendar for Lent 2024

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

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# House Teams Weekly Points



15,555

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15,724

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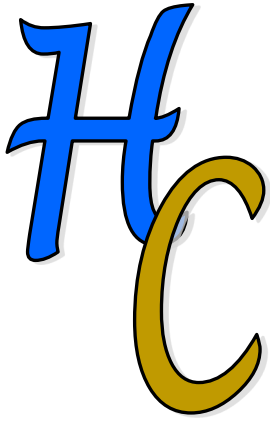


## Leader Board this week

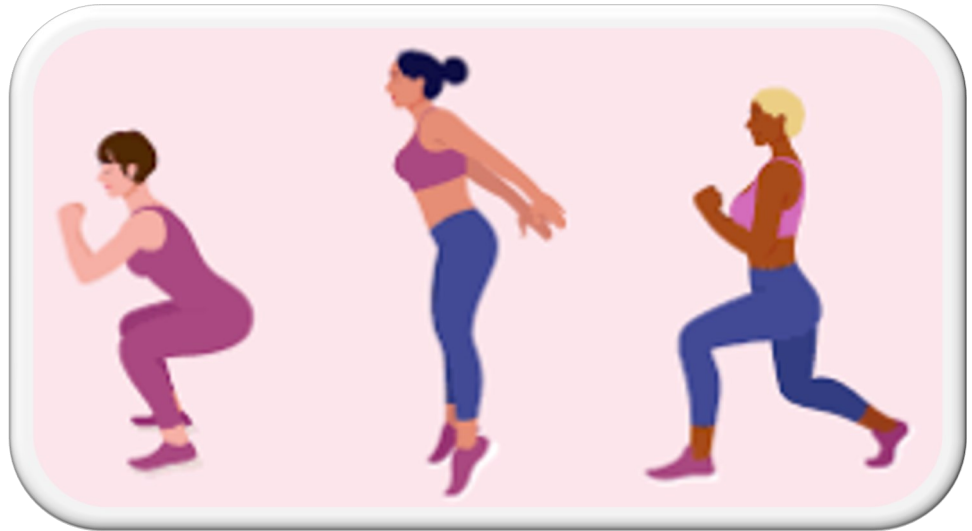
Charity	Hope	Faith	Peace
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## STARS OF THE WEEK





# Holy Cross Health Club



Come and join us for our  
**adults only** fitness class.

**Every Tuesday in the school hall**

**3:30 - 4:15**

**£1 entry**

# Attendance

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance this week is

**95.7%**

The Government set target is 97%.

Well done to

**Year 2**

for having the best attendance this week with

**99%**

## Attendance this week

Nursery	95%
Reception	96%
Year 1	96%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>99%</b>
Year 3	90%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	92%

## 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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Aiola Walsh  
Chrisa Shine  
Filip Stawczyk  
David Devdas

*We Care, We Share, We Value.*

## 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

Tuesday: Parents & Teachers adult fitness class £1 entry

Wednesday: Y1-3 Football 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><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->



Do you have the skills to foster?  
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Supporting  
Your Community



# EASTER EGGS WANTED

**Our Easter Bunny is currently in need of some Easter eggs to help less fortunate families in St.Helens.**

**Donations can be dropped of at the following donation points:**

- **Teardrops Hub, 110 Crab Street, St.Helens, WA10 2DJ**  
Monday – Friday (9:30am – 4pm) and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings (6:30pm till 8:30pm)
- **Tesco, St.Helens Linkway Store (Katie's Project Trolley)**
- **Mellor and Black Enchanted Tea Gardens, 22 Duke Street, WA10 2JP**

**THANK YOU!**

# Family Fiesta



Sat 16 March | 1-4pm



BJ's Disco

Dance - Music - Limbo

Party games - Magic show

Prescot Cables Football Club

Eaton Street, Prescot, L34 6HD

Tickets on sale - 12th February

£6 per person - U18's must be accompanied by an adult

For more info, contact us via our socials



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# 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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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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