



# Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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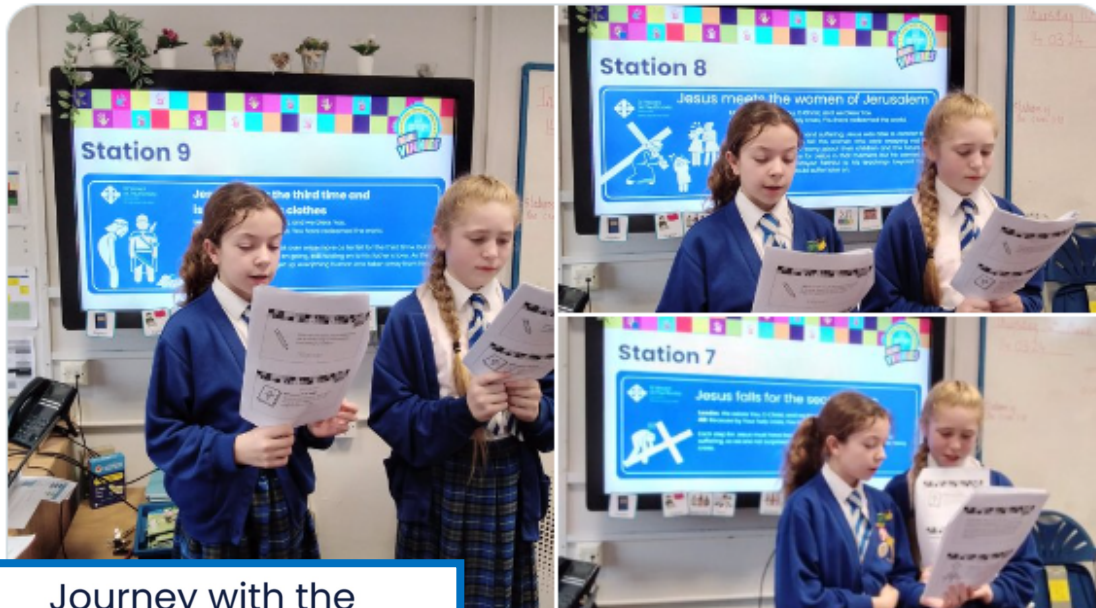
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Thank you Mini Vinnies for supporting us to reflect and pray during Lent.



## 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 10

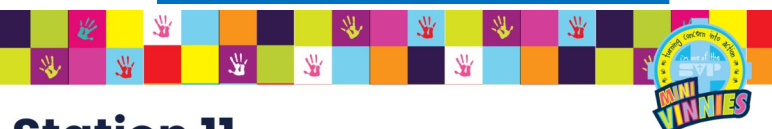


### Jesus is nailed to the cross

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

The soldiers drove nails through Jesus' hands and feet as he was stretched out in pain on the cross. They lifted up the cross and put it in place. Even in all that pain and knowing he was going to die, Jesus' never complained, but prayed to God repeatedly: "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing."



## Station 11



### Jesus dies on the cross

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Even in the final moments of his life, Jesus' eyes and heart were fixed on his father in heaven. He didn't plead to be let down, or ask to be saved by those watching, but trusted in God's plan for him, saying: "Father, I give up my spirit into your hands." When Jesus died, the sky went dark and the ground shook. Those watching knew that they had made a mistake.



## Station 12



### Jesus is taken down and laid in the tomb

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

All: Because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

It was Joseph of Arimathea who bravely asked Pilate to give him Jesus so that he could bury him in his own tomb. Although he was at risk himself, his love and compassion was greater, and he was able to perform this final act for Jesus. To the rest of the world that day, Jesus had died and was buried, and had gone for ever. For us, the cross still stands before us as a symbol of our faith in Jesus Christ.



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# 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 I AM SO GRATEFUL</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



Y5 had a fantastic time during yesterday's Career Carousel - they were fascinated to find out about so many professions! Thank you  
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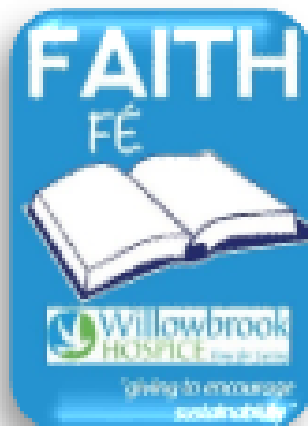


A huge thank you to St. Helens Rotary for organising a careers Fayre for our Y5 children. Another big thank you to all of the professionals who gave time out of their busy working week to volunteer and talk to our Y5 about the different career opportunities available to them.





# House Teams Weekly Points



17,228

17,387

17,292

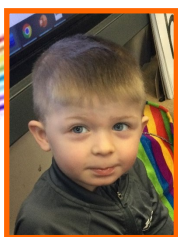
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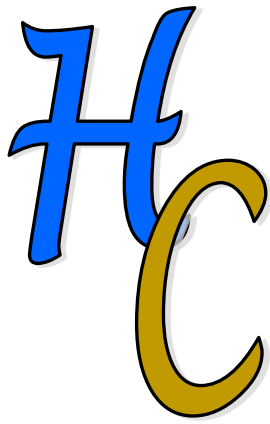
## Leader Board this week

Charity	Hope	Faith	Peace
816	808	783	841

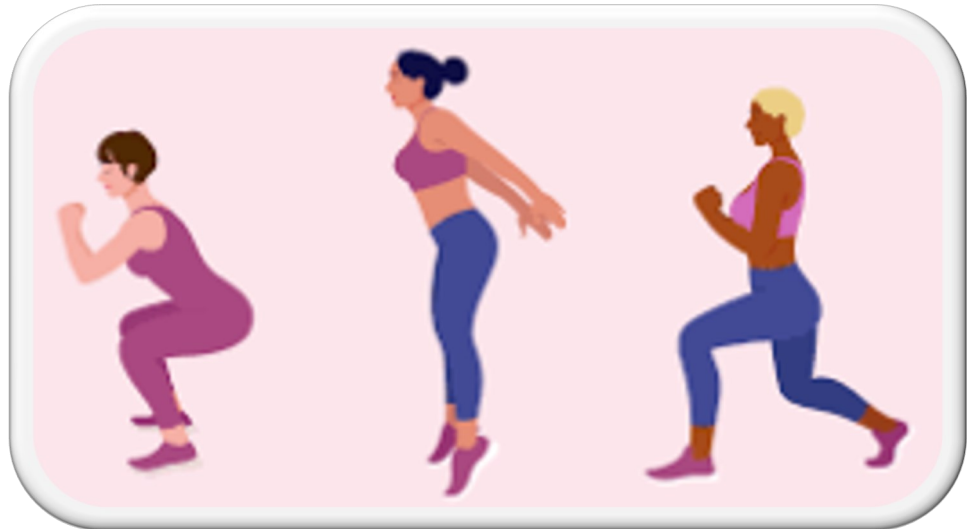
## STARS OF THE WEEK







# 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

**94.6%**

The Government set target is 97%.

Well done to

**Reception**

for having the best attendance this week with

**97%**

## Attendance this week

Nursery	90%
<b>Reception</b>	<b>97%</b>
Year 1	95%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	94%

## 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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George Fairclough  
Luke Short-Ratcliffe  
David Manu Thomas  
Pirajith Mugunthan  
Emmanuel Farayola  
Kayden-Lee Lamb  
Evie Doran  
Adam Rinson  
Lillyrose Stanley

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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

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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# EASTER FAYRE

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024  
11AM - 4PM

MELLOR AND BLACK ENCHANTED  
TEA GARDENS  
22 DUKE STREET, ST.HELENS, WA10 2JP

STALLS  
LIVE MUSIC  
FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS  
EASTER GAMES AND RAFFLE  
MEET THE EASTER BUNNY!

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# ST HELENS LIBRARY SERVICE

## St Helens Library

What's On in March 2024 for **children**

Speak to library staff for more information

<p><b>Read and Rhyme</b> Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10.15am</p> <p>Join us for fun rhymes, songs and stories.</p> <p>Drop in</p>	<p><b>Baby Rhyme Time</b> Fridays at 10.30am</p> <p>A 6-week block of sessions commenced 23rd February</p> <p>A soothing, sensory Rhyme Time for you and your baby.</p> <p>Bookings only</p>	<p><b>Opening hours</b> Monday 10am – 7pm Tuesday 10am – 5pm Wednesday 10am – 1pm Thursday 10am – 5pm Friday 10am – 5pm Saturday 10am – 1pm</p>
<p><b>British Science Week</b> Creative activity</p> <p>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Decorate a plant pot and plant some seeds to welcome Spring</p> <p>Drop in</p>	<p><b>World Book Day Party</b></p> <p>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Join us for a Gruffalo craft activity, fun treasure hunt. Juice and biscuits provided. Take home activity pack</p> <p>Drop in</p>	<p><b>Mother's Day Card making</b></p> <p>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 – 12.30pm</p> <p><b>Easter Craft Session</b></p> <p>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am – 12.30pm</p>
<p>St Helens Library, Chalon Way East, Wa10 1bx Contact: 01744 676954 or email <a href="mailto:sthelenslibrary@sthelens.gov.uk">sthelenslibrary@sthelens.gov.uk</a></p>		



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# MUSIC SERVICE ENSEMBLES AT ST HELENS TOWN HALL

## 2023 -24 FREE!



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REGISTER TODAY



### TUESDAY...

ROCK & POP BAND

4.30PM - 5.50PM

### WEDNESDAY

INTERMEDIATE  
STRINGS

4PM - 5PM

### WEDNESDAY

INTERMEDIATE  
WIND BAND

4PM - 5PM

### WEDNESDAY

WIDER  
OPPORTUNITIES BAND

4PM - 5PM

### TUESDAY...

VOCAL GROUP

4.30PM - 5.50PM

### WEDNESDAY

MUSIC THEORY CLUB

5.15PM - 6.30PM

### WEDNESDAY

SINFONIA

5.15PM - 6.30PM

### WEDNESDAY

YOUTH WIND  
ORCHESTRA

5.15PM - 6.30PM

### WEDNESDAY

MUSIC THEORY CLUB

4PM - 5PM





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

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Meet new people or volunteer

Free welcome gifts

Pay by cash or standing order

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*Opening times:*

**Tuesday**



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