



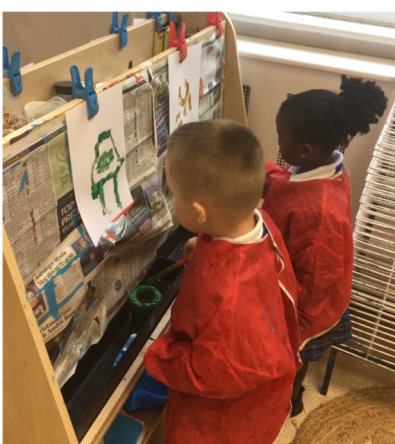
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

Charles Street, St. Helens, WA10 1LN

06/09/2024

What a week!

Well, what an amazing first week back - our children have shone bright in the world for all to see. Each and everyone of them is an absolute credit to their family. Our new Reception class have settled quickly and shown us that the home corner is their favourite part of the classroom! How lucky we are to such an amazing school!



We Care, We Share, We Value.

Attendance

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance this week is

92.6%

The Government set target is 97%.

Well done to

Nursery

for having the best attendance this week with

100%

Attendance this week

Nursery	100%
Reception	92%
Year 1	89%
Year 2	86%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	88%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	96%

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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Rayanna Rinson

Penelope O'Neill

Miss Basley

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Gurseerat Deol

Leo Blohm

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Swimming—Wednesday's

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

School clubs

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024/2025

Term	School opens on:	School closes on:
Autumn term 2023	3rd September	25th October
	4th November	20th December
Spring term 2024	6th January	14th February
	24th February	4th April
Summer term 2024	22nd April	23rd May
	2nd June	16th July
Inset days	2nd September 17th & 18th July 21st & 22nd July <u>Bank Holidays</u> 18th April 21st April 5th May	

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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What's on in St Helens

Autumn 1 Half Term 2024



ADDvanced Solutions Community Network

is an open access offer that supports the emotional health and wellbeing of neurodivergent children and young people, their families and the professionals that work with them. Below you will find the learning programmes and workshops for St Helens families. No diagnosis or referral is needed to access ADDvanced Solutions Community Network.

Community Network Groups

Delivered weekly during term time, an informal, open access learning opportunity to seek advice and support around challenges you may be facing at all stages of your journey. Drop in, no need to book, to meet the team and visiting professionals.

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Online Learning Workshops

Supporting Sleep: Our trained sleep practitioners will present a workshop on how to support sleep difficulties faced by neurodivergent children and young people, and offer strategies and advice on how to improve their sleep routine.

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Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme

Six-session learning programme for parents and carers to increase understanding of neurodevelopmental conditions and build skills and confidence to better support their child or young person's presenting needs.

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Autism Learning Programme

Designed to support and empower parents and carers, following their child's diagnosis, in their understanding of how autism is experienced by children and young people, providing learning, guidance and strategies to better support you and your family.

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Professionals Neurodevelopmental Conditions Awareness Raising Training

Funded training for professionals to increase understanding of neurodevelopmental conditions and the impact on children, young people and their families - upcoming training date in September!

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What is a Community Network Group?

Community Network Groups, delivered weekly during term time, offer an informal learning opportunity to seek advice and support around any challenges you may be facing at all stages of your journey - no referral or diagnosis needed. Drop in, no need to book, to meet the team and visiting professionals, for learning and strategies to better support your child or young person.

St Helens Community Network Group

Where?

Wonderland Community Centre, Unit 4
Reflection Court, Canal Street, St Helens,
WA10 3JQ.

The community centre is based around a 10 minute walk from St Helens Central train station and St Helens bus station. It is located opposite the Chapel House car showroom.

[Get directions](#)



When?	Topic
Tuesday 10th September 12:30pm-2:30pm	Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions: An open session to come along and discuss any difficulties you may be experiencing with your child or young person and explore strategies to support them.
Tuesday 17th September 12:30pm-2:30pm	Choosing a school: Navigating and supporting the challenges of choosing the appropriate school for neurodivergent children and young people.
Tuesday 24th September 12:30pm-2:30pm	Autism and Girls: Exploring the differences between autistic boys and autistic girls, and identifying specific ways to support autistic girls.
Tuesday 1st October 12:30pm-2:30pm	Preparing for a Meeting with Professionals: Exploring what we can do to prepare for a meeting with professionals to gain the best outcomes for neurodivergent children and young people.
Tuesday 8th October 12:30pm-2:30pm	In partnership with Early Help Partnership: Providing information about how they provide extra support for those families who may need it in St Helens.
Tuesday 15th October 12:30pm-2:30pm	Understanding and Supporting Behaviours that Challenge: Recognising underlying causes of behaviours that challenge and identifying strategies to support.
Tuesday 22nd October 12:30pm-2:30pm	Communicating with Your Child: Exploring different forms of verbal and non verbal communication and identifying strategies for improving communication with neurodivergent children and young people.

Monday All Area Online Community Network Group

[Please join us online by clicking here to register your details.](#)

Only one registration is required to join any of the topics listed below and you will receive a reminder each week, which includes the link to join. Our online offer is delivered via Zoom for Healthcare.

When?	Topic
Monday 9th September 9:30am-11:00am	Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions: An open session to come along and discuss any difficulties you may be experiencing with your child or young person and explore strategies to support them.
Monday 16th September 9:30am-11:00am	Encouraging Independence: Discussing what independence may look like for neurodivergent children and young people, offering practical strategies to support.
Monday 23rd September 9:30am-11:00am	Choosing a school: Navigating and supporting the challenges of choosing the appropriate school for neurodivergent children and young people.
Monday 30th September 9:30am-11:00am	Preparing for a Meeting with Professionals: Exploring what we can do to prepare for a meeting with professionals to gain the best outcomes for neurodivergent children and young people.
Monday 7th October 9:30am-11:00am	Barriers to School Attendance: Exploring what can make it difficult for neurodivergent children and young people to attend school and how we can work with schools to remove these barriers.
Monday 14th October 9:30am-11:00am	SEND Jargon Buster: Increasing confidence and reducing confusion around Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) jargon and terminology.
Monday 21st October 9:30am-11:00am	Theory of Mind: Exploring 'Theory of Mind' and how it can impact on neurodivergent children and young people in their understanding of how other people think and feel.

What is the Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme?

The Neurodevelopmental Conditions (ND) Learning Programme provides an opportunity for parents and carers to gain understanding of neurodevelopmental conditions, specific learning difficulties and associated mental health needs and gain strategies to support the difficulties that may present, including:

- **Neurodevelopmental Conditions - Including Autism, ADHD, Sensory Processing Difficulties, Specific Learning Difficulties.**
- **Managing everyday challenges and behaviours - Including sleep, toileting and eating difficulties.**
- **Your Local Offer, disability welfare rights and SEND, Early Help and Education Health Care Plans.**

Online Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme

If you are unable to join us face to face, Please join us online by clicking [here to register your details.](#)

Our ND Learning Programme will be delivered online, once a week, over six weeks - only one registration is required to attend all of the six sessions and you will receive a reminder for each session.

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
Monday 9th September 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Monday 16th September 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Monday 23rd September 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Monday 30th September 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Monday 7th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Monday 14th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm

What is a Online Learning Workshop?

Online learning workshops provide parents and carers with an understanding of a particular topic around neurodevelopmental conditions. The workshop provides strategies to support children and young people at home and in school, with an opportunity to interact with our team via the chat and Q&A function.

Supporting Sleep

Sleep is essential to function on a daily basis. Poor sleep can impact a child or young person's ability to focus and learn. Neurodivergent children and young people may struggle with sleep. During the workshop, our trained sleep practitioners will offer strategies and advice on how to improve sleep routines.

When?	Where?
Friday 27th September 9.30am - 12.00pm	Please join us online by clicking here to register your details.

Our online offer is delivered via Zoom for Healthcare, and you will receive a reminder with the link before the session via your email.



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

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OPPORTUNITIES BAND**

4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY

**INTERMEDIATE
WIND BAND**

4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY

**INTERMEDIATE
STRINGS**

4PM - 5PM

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

