



# Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

Charles Street, St. Helens, WA10 1LN

20/09/2024

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#### Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

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#### Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

**3**

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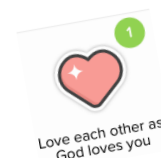
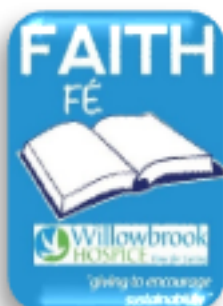
**Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.**

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.



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# House Teams Weekly Points



1592

1538

1517

1605

## Leader Board Totals

Charity

Hope

Faith

Peace

683

702

645

671



## 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 4**

for having the best attendance this week with

**98%**

## Attendance this week

Nursery	96%
Reception	92%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	97%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>98%</b>
Year 5	97%
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...

<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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Santa Waka  
Sofia Twist  
Nathania Bibin  
AJ Muldoon

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## Swimming—Wednesday's

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

### Lunch Clubs

Rosary Club—Monday 12.30-1.00  
 Minnie Vinnies—Tuesday 12.30-1.00  
 Rota Kids—Thursday 12.30-1.00  
 Young Carers—Thursday 12.30-1.00

### School clubs

KS2 Dodgeball—Monday 3.30-4.15pm  
 Y1-Y6 Mindfulness—Tuesday 3.30-4.00pm  
 Choir Y3-Y6—Wednesday 3.30-4.00pm  
 Multi-Skills Y1—Wednesday 8.00-8.40am  
 KS2 Books on film—Wednesday 3.30-4.00pm

### SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024/2025

Term	School opens on:	School closes on:
Autumn term 2023	<del>3rd September</del>	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	<del>2nd September</del> 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
<b>Tuesday 10th September</b> 12:30pm-2:30pm	<b>Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions:</b> 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.
<b>Tuesday 17th September</b> 12:30pm-2:30pm	<b>Choosing a school:</b> Navigating and supporting the challenges of choosing the appropriate school for neurodivergent children and young people.
<b>Tuesday 24th September</b> 12:30pm-2:30pm	<b>Autism and Girls:</b> Exploring the differences between autistic boys and autistic girls, and identifying specific ways to support autistic girls.
<b>Tuesday 1st October</b> 12:30pm-2:30pm	<b>Preparing for a Meeting with Professionals:</b> Exploring what we can do to prepare for a meeting with professionals to gain the best outcomes for neurodivergent children and young people.
<b>Tuesday 8th October</b> 12:30pm-2:30pm	<b>In partnership with Early Help Partnership:</b> Providing information about how they provide extra support for those families who may need it in St Helens.
<b>Tuesday 15th October</b> 12:30pm-2:30pm	<b>Understanding and Supporting Behaviours that Challenge:</b> Recognising underlying causes of behaviours that challenge and identifying strategies to support.
<b>Tuesday 22nd October</b> 12:30pm-2:30pm	<b>Communicating with Your Child:</b> 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
<b>Monday 9th September</b> 9:30am-11:00am	<b>Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions:</b> 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.
<b>Monday 16th September</b> 9:30am-11:00am	<b>Encouraging Independence:</b> Discussing what independence may look like for neurodivergent children and young people, offering practical strategies to support.
<b>Monday 23rd September</b> 9:30am-11:00am	<b>Choosing a school:</b> Navigating and supporting the challenges of choosing the appropriate school for neurodivergent children and young people.
<b>Monday 30th September</b> 9:30am-11:00am	<b>Preparing for a Meeting with Professionals:</b> Exploring what we can do to prepare for a meeting with professionals to gain the best outcomes for neurodivergent children and young people.
<b>Monday 7th October</b> 9:30am-11:00am	<b>Barriers to School Attendance:</b> 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.
<b>Monday 14th October</b> 9:30am-11:00am	<b>SEND Jargon Buster:</b> Increasing confidence and reducing confusion around Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) jargon and terminology.
<b>Monday 21st October</b> 9:30am-11:00am	<b>Theory of Mind:</b> 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
<b>Monday 9th September</b> 6.30pm - 8.30pm	<b>Monday 16th September</b> 6.30pm - 8.30pm	<b>Monday 23rd September</b> 6.30pm - 8.30pm	<b>Monday 30th September</b> 6.30pm - 8.30pm	<b>Monday 7th October</b> 6.30pm - 8.30pm	<b>Monday 14th October</b> 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?
<b>Friday 27th September</b> 9.30am - 12.00pm	<b>Please join us online by clicking <a href="#">here to register your details.</a></b>

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.

Wesley Methodist Church  
Vincent Street, St Helens WA10 1LF

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**Tuesday**



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REGISTER TODAY**



## **TUESDAY...**

**ROCK & POP BAND**

**4.30PM - 5.50PM**

## **WEDNESDAY**

**WIDER  
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**

