



# Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

Charles Street, St. Helens, WA10 1LN

20/12/2024

Advent Prayers: Week Four

Love



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*Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love - shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless us in our prayer. Help us to hear and do your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.*

*Amen*



## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

*Franciscus*



Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope 2025 has been declared a Jubilee Year by Pope Francis. The theme of the Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope. Over the year, we will play our part in the Jubilee through wider events and our own reflections in school. For more information on the Jubilee year, you read [Archbishop McMahon's recent Pastoral Letter Feast of Christ the King](#) | Pastoral Letter. You can also find more information on the [archdiocese website](#).

*We Care, We Share, We Value.*



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Thanks to all our kind parents & Carers we managed to fill 33 shoe boxes for children in Africa this Christmas. We could not have done this without the amazing support of @SHelensRotary, who are always supporting our school with community and charity work. THANK YOU



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We are so lucky that Santa decided to stop by our school today and see our children. A big thank you to Paul Winstanley @SHelensRotary for being amazing and helping us make Christmas. Also look how amazing our staff made his grotto.



We supported St. Helens Rotary with the Shoe Box Appeal—we are extremely grateful to our families and staff for the kind donations.







## Celebrating Events in the Liturgical Year

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Key Stage two looking festive today on Christmas jumper day 🎅👤🎄  
#ChristmasJumperDay



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Reception are ready to perform in the Nativity this morning! ⭐



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Year 6 enjoyed their Christmas party this afternoon 🎅🎄🎁

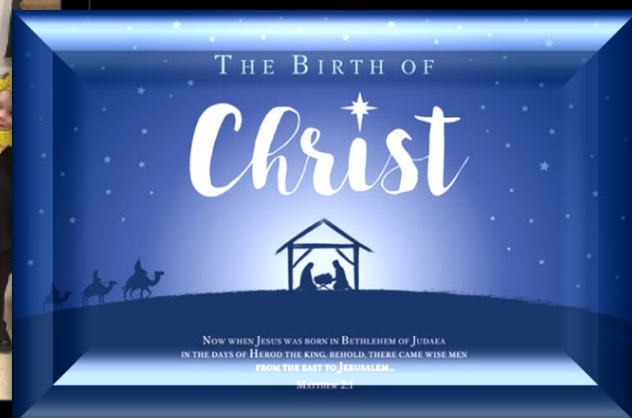


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🎅👤🎄 Christmas dinner day today! 🎅👤🎄



or them 🌟🌟🌟





Our whole school Nativity play has been a huge success with THANK YOU emails and messages from parents and carers.

Our staff team has been moved by your lovely, kind comments.

Miss Chauveau organised the nativity this year, and it is the first time we have attempted any play with more than two classes.

**Miss Chauveau, you have truly orchestrated a masterpiece!**





# 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.

Our Dojo champions received certificates and a prize and will enter the end of year Dojo Master Competition.



*Congratulations to our Bronze Badge winners.*

**We are so proud of you—well done!**





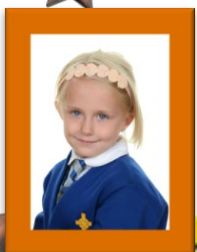
**We are so proud of you—well done!**





*Congratulations to our Bronze Badge winners.*

**We are so proud of you—well done!**





**Congratulations to our Silver Badge winners.**

**We are so proud of you—well done!**





# Attendance

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance this week is

**94.1%**

The Government set target is 97%.

Well done to

**Year 2 & Year 4**

for having the best attendance this week with

**98%**

## Attendance this week

Nursery	78%
Reception	88%
Year 1	91%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>98%</b>
Year 3	91%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	90%

## 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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Mr Gilchrist  
Ms Goodier  
Riley Lever  
Keyisha Lee  
Gloria Afolabi  
Maia-loana Rizoio  
Ella Wiseman  
Yenuja Rankoth Pedige  
Noah Bailey  
Jeniffer Lenard Edmon  
Al-Amin Arowolo  
Edward Ward  
Rory Westhead  
Liliana Stefan  
Nala-Faith O'Brien  
Alysia Matthews  
Muthmainah Adelowo

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## Swimming—Wednesday's

Y5 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—Friday 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>	<del>25th October</del>
	<del>4th November</del>	<del>20th December</del>
Spring term 2024	<del>6th January</del>	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->





# December Kindness 2024



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2025



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# Is my child too ill for school?

## Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

## Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Does your child need care this winter?

If your child is ill it can be a worrying time, but lots of childhood illnesses can be treated quickly and effectively at home or by accessing the right healthcare service. Here is our handy guide to services available in your area. By choosing the right service you can help your little one feel better, quicker.

### Online symptom checker

Our friends at Alder Hey have created an online symptom checker with lots of useful advice on common symptoms in children. Visit the website: [www.alderhey.nhs.uk/symptom-checker](http://www.alderhey.nhs.uk/symptom-checker)

You can then decide where best to get the right care for your child.

### When to go to a pharmacy

Your local pharmacy can offer advice and has a wide range of over-the-counter medicines that can help treat common illnesses. Make the pharmacy your first stop to help with:

- Coughs and colds
- Upset tummy
- Minor cuts, bumps and bruises
- Minor stings and bites

### When to go to walk-in centres

If your GP surgery is closed, or your child's condition is more urgent, but not life-threatening, then your local Urgent Treatment / Walk-in Centre has specialist nurses and doctors that can help. Many local centres have x-ray equipment too, which means you don't always need to attend A&E. Common conditions that can be treated here include:

- Minor burns
- Minor breathing difficulties (asthma / group / bronchiolitis)
- Suspected fractures
- Uncontrolled fever

### When to go to a doctor

If you are worried about your child's health, then you should speak to your GP first. Out of hours, you can call 111 who will help to decide whether your child needs to be seen right away or if the issue can wait to be treated the next day by your own family doctor.

Common illnesses that can be treated by your GP are:

- Persistent coughs
- Skin infections
- Minor infections
- Eye infections
- Ear pain

### When to go to A&E

Accident and Emergency is for people with life-threatening illness or injury, so if you think your child needs immediate attention, then you should attend A&E. Conditions that require immediate attention include:

- Shortness of breath or working hard to breathe
- Resulting in drawing in of the chest when breathing or making a grunting noise
- Seizures
- Severe bleeding or burns
- Head or eye injuries
- Allergic reactions causing swelling of the face, lips, eyes or tongue, fainting or trouble breathing
- Serious animal bites
- Infants under 2 months of age with a fever
- Blue or purple lips, skin or fingernails
- Uncontrolled pain

### If your child is struggling to breathe or loses consciousness, you should call 999

### Urgent Treatment & Walk-in Centres

Your local centre is closer than you think.

Open 365 days a year, including bank holidays, to treat all sorts of urgent illnesses and injuries.

### St Helens Urgent Treatment Centre

Monday to Saturday 7am-10pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 9am-10pm

### Widnes Urgent Treatment Centre

Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm

### Huyton NHS Walk-in Centre

Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm

### Runcorn Urgent Treatment Centre

Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm

### Kirkby NHS Walk-in Centre

Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm

### Halewood NHS Walk-in Centre

Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm

# IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?



CHICKENPOX	At least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING	48 hours after their last episode.
HIGH TEMPERATURE	If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
IMPETIGO	Their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics.
MEASLES	4 days after the rash first appeared.
MUMPS	5 days after their swelling started.
SCABIES	They've had their first treatment.
SCARLET FEVER	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics.
WHOOPING COUGH	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics.

NO



CONJUNCTIVITIS	You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.
COUGHS & COLDS	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.
HAND, FOOT & MOUTH	If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.
HEAD LICE	There's no need to keep your child off school. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing your GP.
THREADWORMS	Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend treatment.
SORE THROAT TONSILLITIS	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.
SLAPPED CHEEK	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.



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

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 [www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk](http://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk)

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You can also call us on 01744 264 14

# Could you foster?



## Together we can help change the life of a child.

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Email: [Enquiry@foster4.co.uk](mailto:Enquiry@foster4.co.uk)



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Borough Council

[sthelens.gov.uk/fostering](http://sthelens.gov.uk/fostering)

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

**2**

### 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.



# MUSIC SERVICE ENSEMBLES AT ST HELENS TOWN HALL 2024 - 25 FREE!

## 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

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5.15PM - 6.30PM



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