



# Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

Charles Street, St. Helens, WA10 1LN

14/02/2025



# CLASS

dojo



**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.

*We Care, We Share, We Value.*

JUBILEE 2025



### A Prayer for Unity

Holy Father,

Keep my neighbours and loved ones safe despite our differences.

I pray that everyone I know will be in unity forever.

Fill us with peace, kindness and love in all of our hearts.

Father Keep them close to you and to each other.

I pray for the future believers to love you as much as I do.

Amen



During this Jubilee Year, school staff and pupils, along with their families and parish communities, are asked to remind themselves that Christ, and the values he taught, are central to who we are and what we do. Following Christ makes us pilgrims of hope.

Pope Francis identified 'the first sign of hope' is 'the desire for peace in our world'. As Pilgrims of Hope, Year 6 have written prayers for unity.

### A Prayer for Unity

Heavenly Father,

Let us be in peace and unity.

Bring us together as one, keep us safe during night and day.

Give us forgiveness and love.

Let the Holy Spirit guide me on this wonderful journey.

Give everyone strength for us to be united.

Amen.



### Our Father - A Prayer for Unity

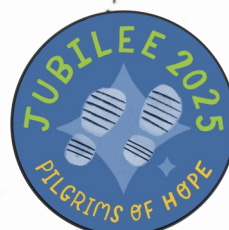
Help us all come together even though we have differences.

Help us see the beauty in each other's hearts so we can work together to form a world of peace.

Fill us with your great love, understanding and kindness so we can unite for the greater good.

Let your spirit guide us in harmony and strengthen our bond as a global family.

Amen







# Virtues to Live by: Love—Charity

**Charity** is love, a virtue through which we love God above all else and we love our neighbour as we love ourselves. You accept someone as they are, you care for them, and care what happens to them. You always think about the other person rather than thinking about yourself. When you love you put into practice the "golden rule", to treat others with the respect and kindness that you want for yourself. You show love for people you do not know by simple acts of kindness and by wanting the best for them.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:9)

*Year 2 presented their learning to the whole school in assembly, about the virtue of Love through Charity. They spoke about how this virtue is key to the Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope. Year 2 shared how we can show love for others.*

Our Virtue to Live by:

**Love**

I show my love for God through my loving concern for everyone especially those in need of my help.

I treat others with the respect and kindness that I would want for myself.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:9)



Virtues to Live by

**I show love**

when

I treat everyone as I would like to be treated.

I do simple acts of kindness to show my love.

I show my love for God by caring for others.

I give my time to help others.

I share what I have with others.



# Dojo Behaviour Reward



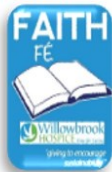
Each half term we have a reward day to recognise and celebrate the positive choices our pupils make in taking ownership of their own behaviour.

Children, we are so very proud of you and the positive contribution your behaviour and choices makes to those around you.

From all of your teachers — thank you for being a shining example of what makes a family!



# Wednesday Winners



Autumn 1

Autumn 2

Spring 1

Spring 2

Summer 1

Summer 2



Each half term, the house team with the most Dojo points are named as the **Wednesday Winners**.

They win additional playtime as a further reward for their hard work and positive choices and behaviour.

Well Done  
**Faith House**  
Team!

## CLASS

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250 Dojo's = Bronze Badge



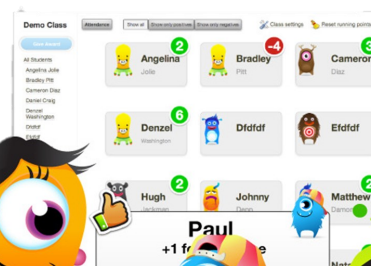
450 Dojo's = Silver Badge



800 Dojo's = Gold Badge

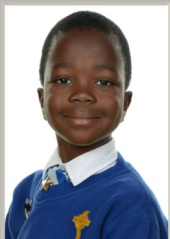


1250 Dojo's = Platinum Trophy



**Congratulations to our Silver Badge winners.**

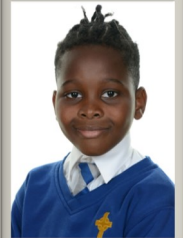
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Congratulations to our Gold Badge winners.

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Demo Class

Quick Award

All Students

Angelina Jolie

Bradley Pitt

Cameron Diaz

Daniel Craig

Denzel Washington

Dustin Diamond

Eddie Redmayne

Attendance

Show all

Show only positive

Show only negative

Class settings

Reset running points

Angelina

Jolie

2

Bradley

Pitt

-4

Cameron

Diaz

3

Denzel

Washington

6

Dustin

Diamond

Eddie

Redmayne

Hugh

Jackman

2

Johnny

Depp

Matthew

Diamond

2

Paul

+1 for

Natasha

Malchenko





Each week a pupil achieves 97% or more for their attendance, they will earn a ticket for the Attendance Arcade.

The Attendance Arcade was a hit and children loved trading their tickets today for prizes.

# Attendance

## ARCADE





# Attendance

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance this week is

**94.5%**

The Government set target is 97%.

Well done to

**Year 2**

for having the best attendance this week with

**98%**

## Attendance this week

Nursery	93%
Reception	86%
Year 1	94%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>98%</b>
Year 3	89%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	91%

## 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 Beech

Heidi Drought

Veronica Devdas

Miss Davies

Emmanuella Afolabi

Bobby Lever

Mirabel Adeogun

Miracle Adeogun

Daniel Adeogun

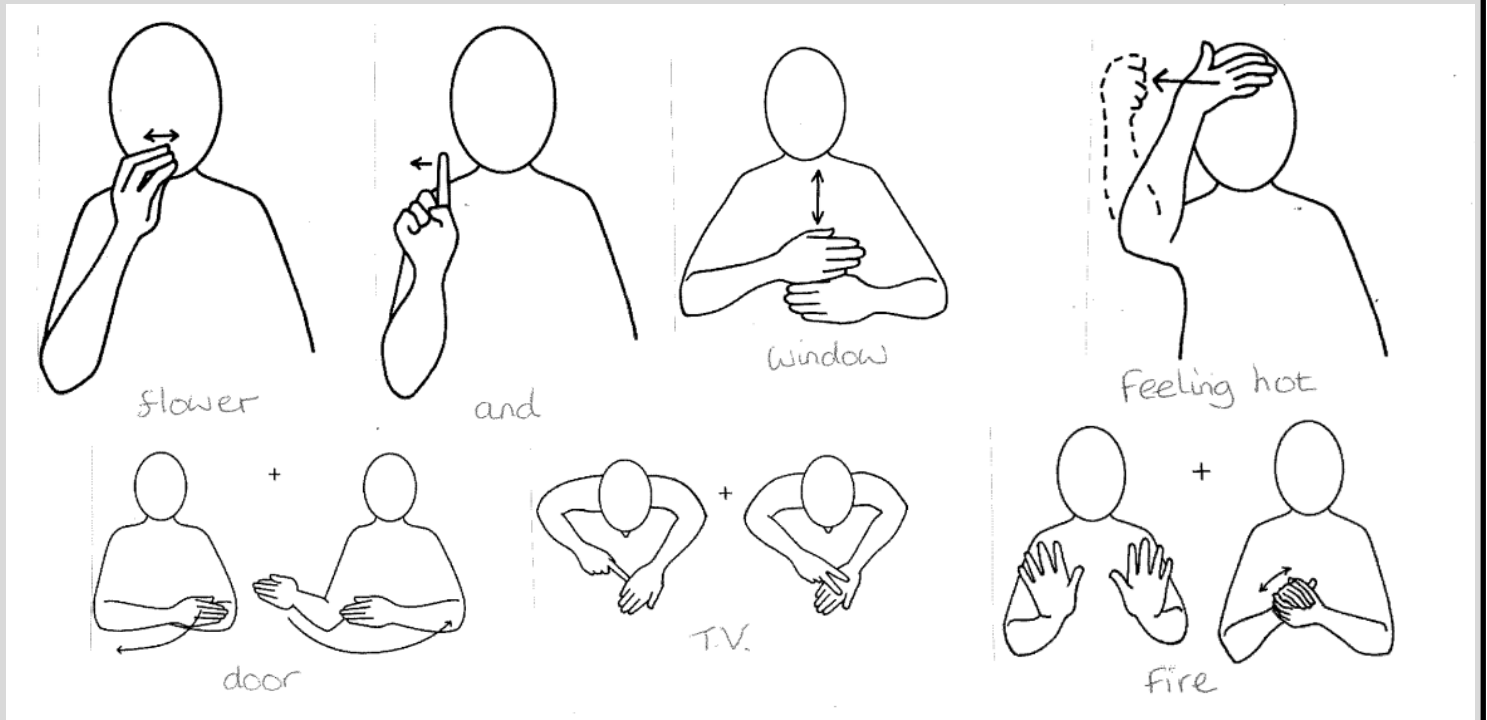
Olivier Dydak

Tyler Freeman

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# Sign with us!

Each week children develop their basic sign language skills so that as a school family we can all communicate with members of our school who use BSL and Makaton.



## Language of the Month: Malayalam

We have 17 languages spoken amongst our school family. Each month we explore a different language from our diverse school community.

English Words	Pronunciation	Malayalam Words
Yes!	ate	അതെ
Sure!	uṛappāṇ	ഉറപ്പാണ്
Here you go!	iviṭe ārambhikkunnu	ഇവിടെ ആരംഭിക്കുന്നു
You got it!	ninakk manas'silāyi.	നിനക്ക് മനസ്സിലായി.
Ok!	śari	ശരി
No, thanks.	vēṇṭa, nandi	വേണ്ട, നന്ദി
No, but thank you.	illa, pakṣē nandi	ഇല്ല, പക്ഷേ നന്ദി
No way.	oru vajiyumilla	ഒരു വഴിയുമില്ല



## 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->



# BE SMART ONLINE



## S

### SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



## M

### MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.org.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.org.uk)

THINK  
U  
KNOW  
online

## A

### ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



## R

### RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



## T

### TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)



## BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.





# 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 urgent treatment / 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:

- Cuts and scrapes
- 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
- 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
- On 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



### 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

#### Wildes 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?

yes *until...*

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.
WHOOPIING 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.





# ASDA Cashpot for schools

If you shop at ASDA, please consider selecting us as your chosen school as this will help our school cashpot to grow.

**you scan,  
we donate  
££s TO  
SCHOOLS.**



## Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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**1**

### 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'.

**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**

### Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

**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

## WEDNESDAY

MUSIC THEORY CLUB

5.15PM - 6.30PM



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**SCAN THE QR CODE  
BELOW TO JOIN AND  
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.



Opening times:  
**Tuesday**

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

 @Hopesthelens  @Hopesthelens

You can also call us on 01744 264 14

# Could you foster?



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

Foster with St Helens Borough council, we are **OFSTED** graded **GOOD** and judged to be **OUTSTANDING** for our care leavers

Tel: 03456460098

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



**FOSTER**

St Helens  
Borough Council

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

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