



# Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

Charles Street, St. Helens, WA10 1LN

16/05/2025

## We are so proud of you Year 6!

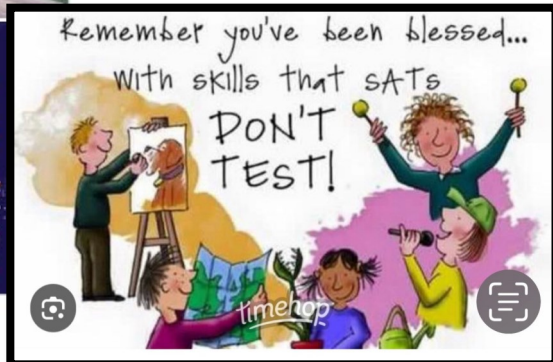
### Remember!

The SATs don't  
measure your  
creativity or your  
kindness. Stay positive.  
You've got this!

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So  
Proud  
of you



We Care, We Share, We Value.





# POPE LEO XIV

8 MAY 2025

Resource



Read through the information found below all about the new pope and the work he does.

## Who is the new pope?

Full Name: Robert Prevost  
Pope Name: Pope Leo XIV

Age: 69 years old

Country of Birth: United States (Chicago)

Fun Fact: He is the first American Pope and also has Peruvian nationality!

His Message: Pope Leo wants people to be kind, help migrants and the poor, and take care of the Earth.

First Words as Pope: "Let's stay united and hand in hand with God as we move forward together."

Special Work: He worked with poor and marginalised people in Peru, helping local communities and teaching in churches.

## What is the role of the pope?

The Pope is the leader of the Catholic Church, which has millions of people all around the world. He helps teach people about being kind, loving, and caring for others. The Pope also travels to different countries to meet people and share messages of peace and hope.

Pictured left: The white smoke coming out of the Sistine Chapel showed that a new pope had been chosen.



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## PRAYER for the NEW POPE

Faithful God,  
You guide us on the path of life  
and your goodness is our constant companion.

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,  
in his service of the Church.

Fill him with the power of your Spirit,  
the peace of your presence  
and the compassion of Christ.

May he walk with you,  
in wisdom and humility,  
and lead us, together with all God's people  
to embody your love for the world.  
Amen.



# May Procession & Crowning



All families are invited and encouraged to attend  
Mass at Holy Cross Church on

**Sunday 18th May at 10am.**

This is followed by the  
**May procession at 11am,**  
**to celebrate Our Lady.**

After this there will be tea and cake in the church  
hall. We would like to see as many children there as  
possible please.



# Spanish Day



**holycross@sthelens**  
@holycrosssthel1

In the year 6 classroom we were making Spanish fans. P  
glorious hot weather ☀️







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@holycrosssthe1

For Spanish Day, Y3 have been looking at Gaudi's style of art and recreated lizards using his trencadís technique with paper. We know that Gaudi came from Reus in Spain too. We've also tasted traditional Roscón de Reyes (3 Kings cake) #VivaEspana #ArtMFLMashup



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EYFS have been celebrating Spanish day by watching some Spanish videos and singing Happy Birthday, in Spanish, to our very own Mrs Brown! 🎂🇪🇸



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A wonderful, fun filled day for Spanish day. Year 4 spent the day creating art, making crafts, tasting food, singing and dancing 🇪🇸



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Nursery have been looking at Frida Kahlo today and how she created beautiful art work! We then made our own maracas and had a lovely dance 🇪🇸 #spanishday



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Reception got into the Spanish spirit today, trying different foods and creating beautiful fans 🇪🇸 #spanishday



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Year 5 had such a great time celebrating Spanish day!

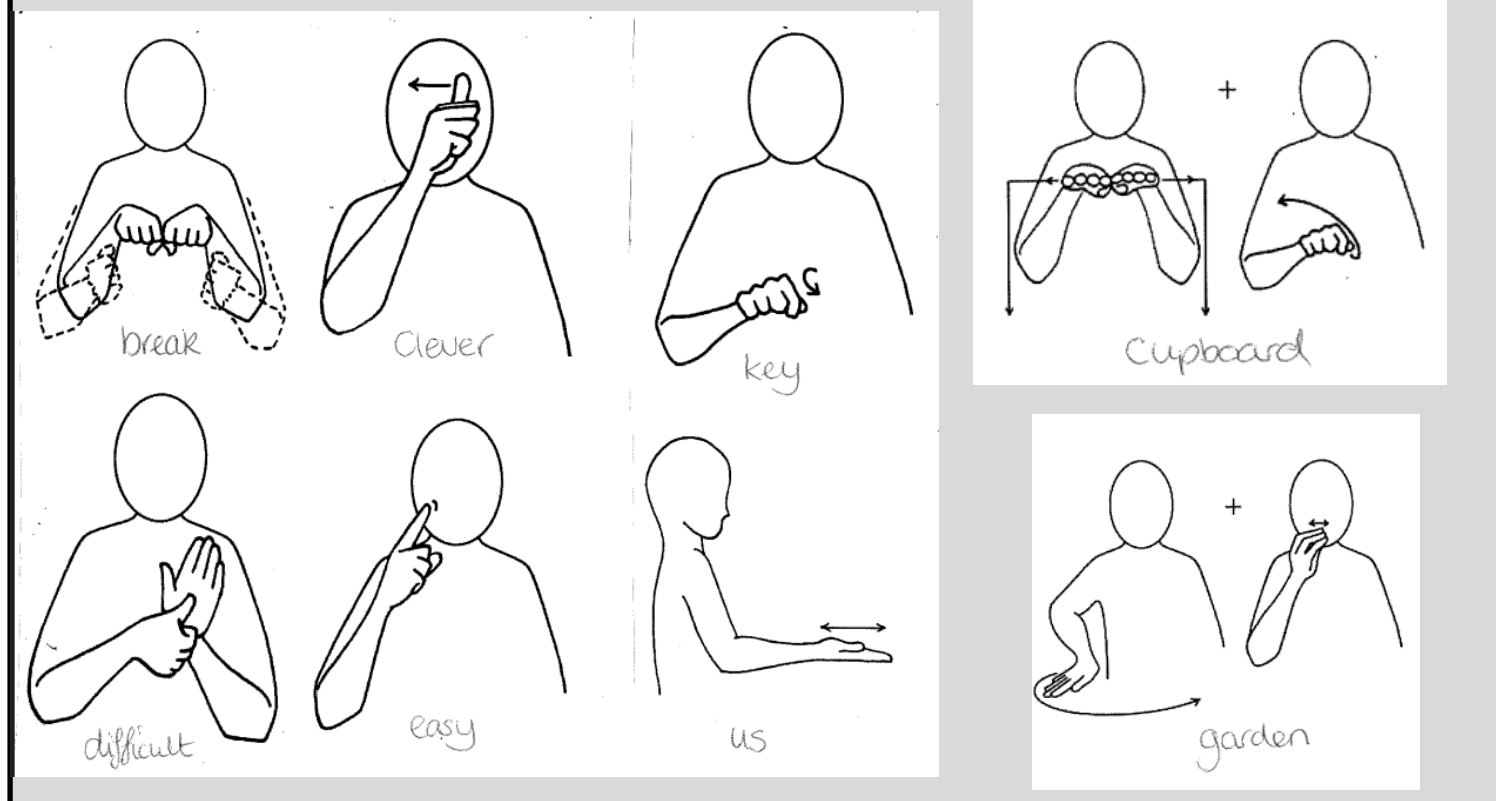
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# Sign with us!

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: Portuguese

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

Welcome	Bem vindo
Hello	Olá
Goodbye	Tchau
Yes	Sim
No	Não
Thank you	Obrigado (m) /Obrigada (f)

One	-	Um
Two	-	Dois
Three	-	Três
Four	-	Quatro
Five	-	Cinco
Six	-	Seis
Seven	-	Sete
Eight	-	Oito
Nine	-	Nove
Ten	-	Dez



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

### SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

### GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

### ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

### PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

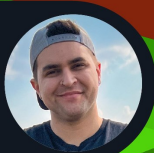
Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

### PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



# Attendance

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance this week is

**95.2%**

The Government set target is 97%.

Well done to

**Year 2 & Year 5**

for having the best attendance this week with

**100%**

## Attendance this week

Nursery	90%
Reception	93%
Year 1	94%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>100%</b>
Year 3	92%
Year 4	93%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>100%</b>
Year 6	93%

## 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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Santi Pontes  
Jack Hargreaves  
Mrs Palacio  
Mrs Brown  
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*We care, We share, We value.*



## 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 2024	3rd September	25th October
	4th November	20th December
Spring term 2025	6th January	14th February
	24th February	4th April
Summer term 2025	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->



MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

FRIDAY

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

SATURDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

SUNDAY

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

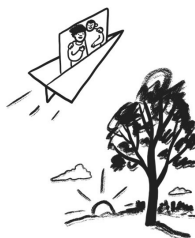
27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future



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# 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



ST HELENS COUNCIL  
MUSIC SERVICE

INSPIRING MUSICAL CREATIVITY  
FOR EVERY CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON WE WORK WITH



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SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO JOIN AND REGISTER TODAY





## Respite Programme



Our activity sessions give young carers a chance to have a break from their caring role and the opportunity to meet with other Young Carers.

We offer a wide variety of activities. These include:-

- Team games
- Multi sports
- Music
- Baking
- Arts & crafts
- Or just simply a place to chill out and relax!

All activities are free of charge but are on a first come, first served basis.

Our activity groups are split into ages, so you'll meet Young Carers of a similar age to you.

Group A - School Years 1-3

Group B - School Years 4-6

Group C - School Years 7-9

Group D - School Year 10 - till 18th Birthday

“Young Carers are always there to listen and give the best advice according to the situation. This helps me to improve my caring role and my day-to-day life challenges.”

“At the Young Carers Centre, you can have 1 to 1 sessions and events where you get free time from caring responsibilities. This is good for me because it gives me respite.”

## Office Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday  
9:30am - 16:30pm  
Friday  
9:30am - 16:00pm

St Helens Young Carers Centre  
Fishwick House,  
Coatham Street,  
St Helens  
WA10 1SJ



If you are a Young Carer or think you may be one you can contact us directly or ask someone to make a referral on your behalf.



Between 6-18 (referrals to be made before 18th birthday)



A St Helens Postcode



Care for somebody due to a physical, mental health condition, disability or substance misuse



## Contact Us

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info@sthelenscarers.org.uk  
www.sthelensyoungcarers.org

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# CARERS TRUST

St Helens Carers Centre  
ST. HELENS YOUNG CARERS



## Young Carers Service

Helping Hands, Caring Hearts.

Providing support to Young Carers ensuring that they are recognised and have the same opportunities and life chances as other children and young people of a similar age.

## Who are Young Carers?



A Young Carer is someone aged 6 to 18, who provides regular or ongoing care and emotional support to a family member who is ill, disabled, has a mental health condition or misuses drugs or alcohol.

They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult and the cared for would not be able to cope without their support.

Young carers undertake a range of tasks to support their family member. This might include:

- Shopping
- Cooking
- Cleaning
- Managing medicines
- Managing money
- Providing personal care
- Helping people get out the house
- Keeping an eye on someone
- Providing emotional support

## Our Service Offer



### Young Carers registered with our service can access:



Young Carers can become heavily impacted by their caring role and face unexpected challenges. Therefore we will support in any way we can to reduce the impact of caring and any obstacles that you may face. Please contact us for any support you feel you need.

## Wellbeing Support



Our Wellbeing Team offer support & guidance to Young Carers.

This is initially done through our 'assessment', This is just to go through your current situation, get to know more about you and your caring role. From this we can make sure we are the right service for you and offer you a package of support.

When you are registered with us, you will be able to access the following ongoing support as and when you need it from our Young Carer wellbeing team:

- Reviews of your caring role
- Ongoing wellbeing Support
- Signposting & Referrals

If you are unsure, just contact us and we can see how we can support you!

# Young Carers Newsletter

Spring – Summer Edition

The Young Carers Centre has been bustling with activity—take a look inside to see what we've been up to! We also have plenty of fun and exciting events coming up for all age groups. Check out what's on and make sure you're taking a well-deserved break from your caring role!

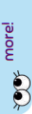
**Footy is back!**  
See page 11 for more details!

**Activities**  
Head to pages 12-15 to see what exciting activities we have to offer!

We are on TikTok! See the back page to follow us!

**Young Carers Action Day 2023!**  
See Page 4 to find out more!

**Mayor of St Helens**  
Charity of the Year  
See Page 3!



## Football is back!

Group C & D football at Sutton Leisure Centre on:

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Meet outside the leisure centre for 4:45pm.  
Football to start from 5pm-6pm.  
Spaces are limited!

To book on to activities please go to our website: <https://www.sthelensyoungcarers.org/> activities or scan the QR Code!  
Or call 01744 677279



## Group A (School Years 1-3)

Date	Time	Location	Activity	Details
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	5pm-7pm	Young Carers Centre	Lego Building & Decorating	Have a go at different Lego designs and decorate your own cupcake!
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	5pm-7pm	Young Carers Centre	LEGO Arcade Night	A fun evening of arcade games and LEGO building. The most tickets?
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	5pm-7pm	Young Carers Centre	Make your own slime & Messy Arts	Enjoy getting messy with slime making and messy arts!
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	5pm-7pm	Young Carers Centre	All Around The World - Spain	Celebrate Spanish traditional!
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	5pm-7pm	Young Carers Centre	Hill Vole Animals	A fun, interactive afternoon with a wide range of animals!
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	5pm-7pm	Young Carers Centre	Den Building	Work together to build the biggest den!
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	10am-4pm	Farmer Teds	A Fun Day at Farmer Teds UNITED SPACES	Meeting at Young Carers Centre, Transport & lunch provided!
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	2pm-4pm	Victoria Park	Outdoor Games	Meet at the park! A fun evening playing outdoor games!
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	2pm-4pm	Young Carers Centre	Playdough Creations	Create your own masterpiece!

## Group B (School Years 4-6)

Date	Time	Location	Activity	Details
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	5pm-7pm	Young Carers Centre	Pizza, Paint & Pajamas	Enjoy a pizza whilst getting creative!
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	5pm-7pm	Young Carers Centre	Sand Art Creations	Get creative using sand!
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	5pm-7pm	Victoria Park	Outdoor Activities	Meet at the park! A fun evening playing outdoor activities!
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	5pm-7pm	Young Carers Centre	All Around The World - Spain	Celebrate Spanish traditional!
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	5pm-7pm	Young Carers Centre	Dylan's Reptiles	Would you like to meet some reptiles? If so, book on!
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	5pm-7pm	Young Carers Centre	Tie-Dye T-shirt Making	Design your own t-shirt!
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	10am-4pm	Blue Planet Aquarium	A Fun day at the Aquarium!	Meeting at St Helens Young Carers, Transport & Lunch provided!
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	2pm-4pm	Young Carers Centre	Character Creations!	Bring your favourite characters to life!
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	130pm-4pm	Roll Model Arcade & Games	A Fun Afternoon at the arcade!	Meeting at Arcade Unit 41, Gerards Park, WA10 1FZ. Transport not provided!

## Contact Us

If you would like to speak to a member of our team, please don't hesitate to get in touch! Our team is dedicated to providing support to all of our Young Carers and their families.

**Opening Times:**  
Monday – Thursday  
9:30am – 4:30pm  
Friday  
9:30am – 4:00pm

To find out more visit our website!

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TO HELP

The St Vincent de Paul Society Reg Charity No. 1053992



## CHANGE FOR CHANGE

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CURRENCY CAN HELP US  
TRANSFORM THE LIVES  
OF OTHERS

Please take your coins and banknotes to your Local Appeal Coordinator:.....

- ✓ All foreign coins & banknotes
- ✓ Current UK coins and banknotes
- ✓ Any old British & Irish money
- ✓ Even obsolete currency!

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££s TO  
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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'.

**2**

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

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**3**

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



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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.



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You can also call us on 01744 264 14