

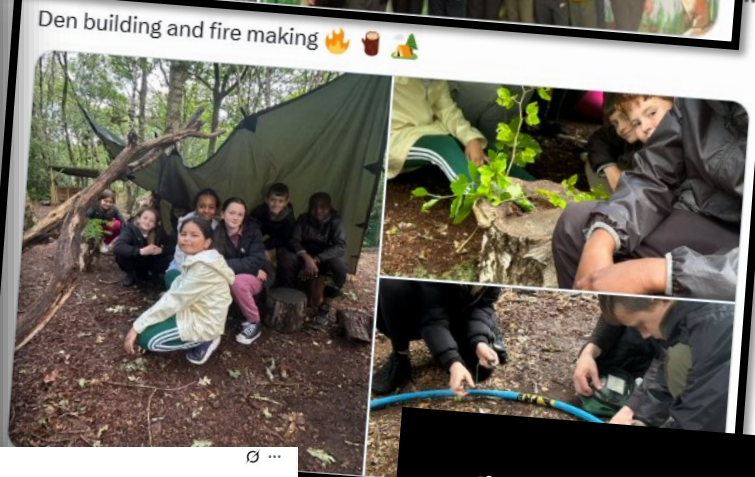


Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

Charles Street, St. Helens, WA10 1LN

06/06/2025

Y6 Residential



Thank You
Miss Basley, Miss Osuna and Miss Chauveau for giving up your time and helping Y6 to create wonderful memories in their last term at Holy Cross.

We Care, We Share, We Value.



Virtues to Live by: Honesty

Definition of Honesty

HONESTY – is telling the truth. It is speaking the truth without exaggerating or omitting things, but also with kindness and tact. It is having the courage to admit the truth even when it is hard to do. When you are honest you can be trusted. When you are trustworthy you can be relied upon to do something and to keep the promises you have made. You have integrity when you are honest to others and to yourself; you do not try to be like someone you are not, you are your true self. When you are honest your actions match your words: you practise what you preach.

"May my goodness and honesty preserve me, because I trust in you." (Psalm 25:21)



Well done to our Virtues winner this week, for living out our virtue and being a shining example of honesty.

Our Virtue to Live by:

Honesty

I tell the truth.

I am reliable and trustworthy.

My actions match my words.

I am honest with myself and others even when it is difficult.

"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body." Ephesians 4:25



Virtues to Live by

I am Honest

when

I tell the truth.

I can be trusted.

I am honest about my words and actions.

I make promises I can keep.

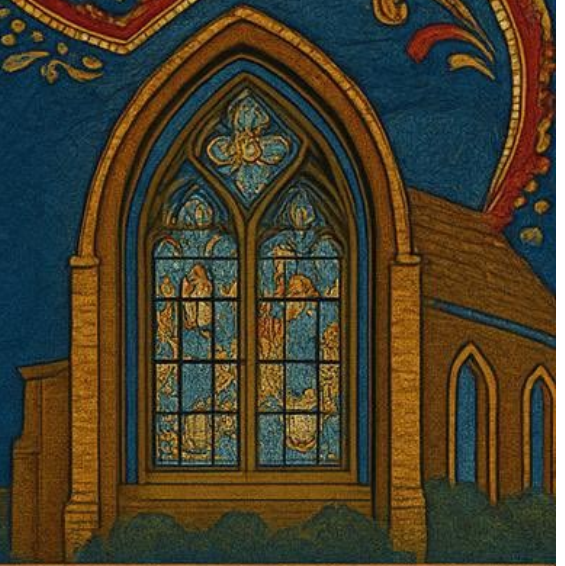
My actions match my words.

I am true to myself and follow what I know to be right.

In Year 4, students have been learning about the Christian virtue of honesty. They explored what it means to be truthful in their words and actions, understanding that honesty helps build trust and strong relationships. Through Bible stories, discussions, and role-play, they learned how Jesus taught and lived out honesty, and how they can follow His example in their everyday lives. This learning helps them grow not just in faith, but also as kind and responsible members of their community.



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AND ST HELEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH,
ST HELENS



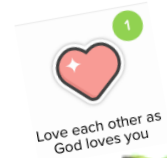
CURRY NIGHT

INDIAN FOOD FESTIVAL



on Sunday, the 29th June 2025
from 05.00pm to 08.00pm
at Holy Cross Pariah Hall
You are most cordially welcomed

House Teams



33,733

33,496

34,957

34,076

Weekly Dojo Point Score

Charity

Hope

Faith

Peace

809

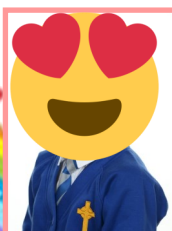
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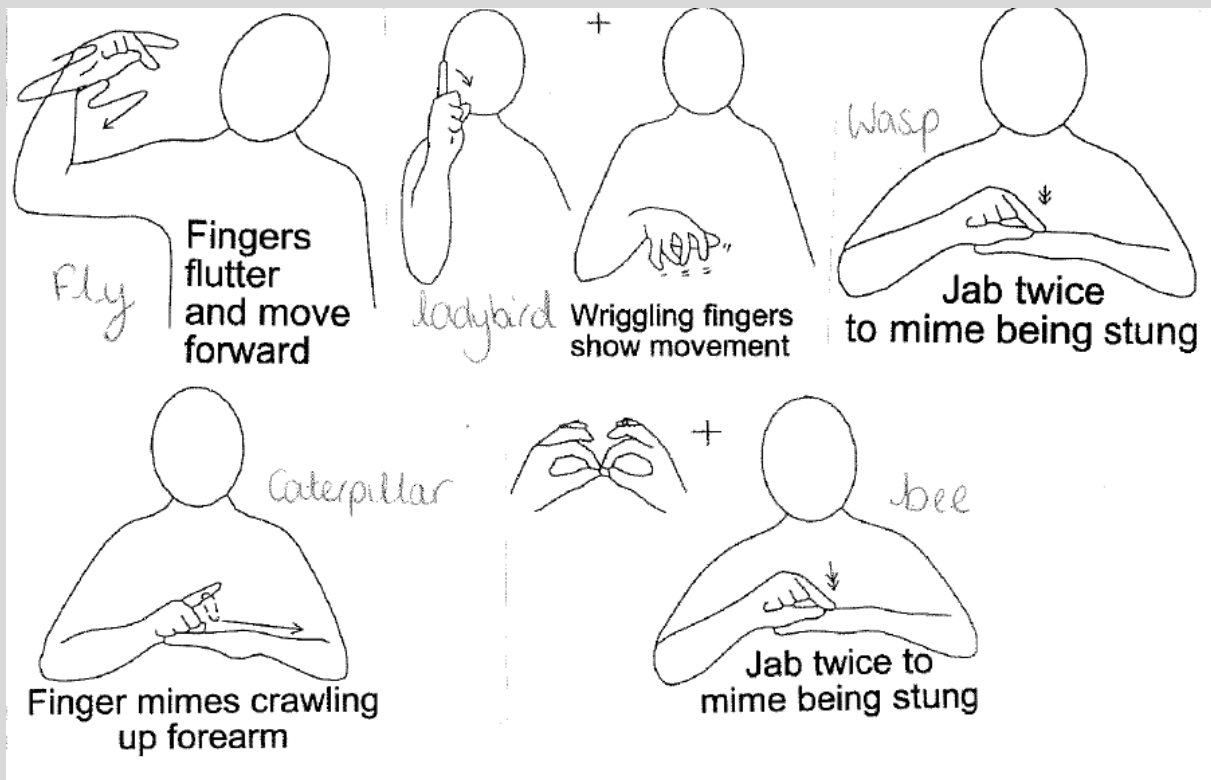


STARS OF THE WEEK



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:

Tagalog

We have 20 languages spoken amongst our school family. Each month we explore a different language from our diverse school community.

Good morning

Magandang umaga

Thank you

Salamat

Good afternoon

Magandang hapon

Please

Pakiusap

Goodbye

Paalam

Well Done

Magaling!

Isa

1

Dalawa

2

Tatlo

3

Apat

4

Lima

5

Anim

6

Pito

7

Walo

8

Siyam

9

Sampung

10

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 🍌 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌸 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🧃 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

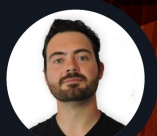
🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	🥰 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
😍 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
😐 (Moai) Stone-faced, unbothered	💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🌸 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🔑 (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



The National College

Attendance

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance this week is

95.7%

The Government set target is 97%.

Well done to

Year 2

for having the best attendance this week with

100%

Attendance this week

Nursery	94%
Reception	91%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	91%
Year 4	96%
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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Deborah Olonade
Neyash Sivakumar
Chriswin Shine
Jamal Ogundimu
Mrs Bowen
Miss Dilsworth

We care, We Share, We value.

Swimming—Wednesday's

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->



Joyful June 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month

2 Say positive things in your conversations with others

3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it

4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings

7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good

8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share

9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently

10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

18 Look for something good in a difficult situation

19 Get outside and find the joy in being active

20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to

24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today

30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

Our Mini Vinnies are asking for your kind help to support their fundraising for the St. Vincent de Paul Charity.



The SVP currently support our school through an annual funding for library books and with donations for household items and specific needs for families who find themselves in difficult times.

The SVP charity has supported over 38% of our school community this year and 100% of our pupils.

DONATE

YOUR OLD OR FOREIGN COINS & BANKNOTES

TO HELP

The St Vincent de Paul Society Reg Charity No. 1053992

CHANGE FOR CHANGE
YOUR OLD AND FOREIGN CURRENCY CAN HELP US TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF OTHERS

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