



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

Charles Street, St. Helens, WA10 1LN

04/07/2025

CHAMPIONS

Year 6 Dynamos Cricket Champions!!

A group of Year 6 children attended a cricket tournament. They were undefeated in all games becoming the Champions of the St Helens schools. They have now progressed into the Dynamos County Finals competition on Tuesday 8th July. They are the first team at Holy Cross to advance to the next level in a competition. What an achievement!



Years 3/4 Crazy Rounders Competition

A group of children attended a Rounders competition where they won all but one match and finished in the silver medal position. Their sportsmanship and team work throughout was exceptional. Well done!



Years 5/6 Netball Tournament

With a challenging group, the children in the Netball team were a little nervous starting off. As the competition progressed, they got better and better showing such discipline, determination and sharp passing and shooting skills. We finished our group in 3rd place and battled it out in our final match. We won 6-0 resulting in a 5th place finish. Well done!

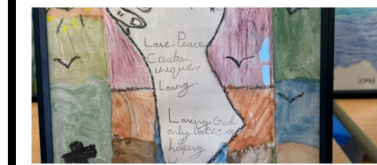
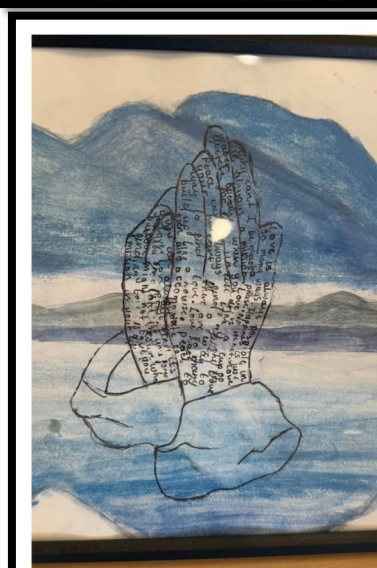


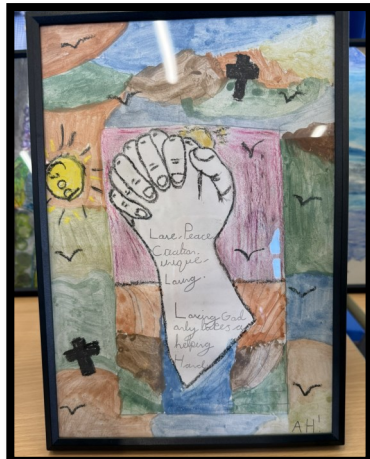
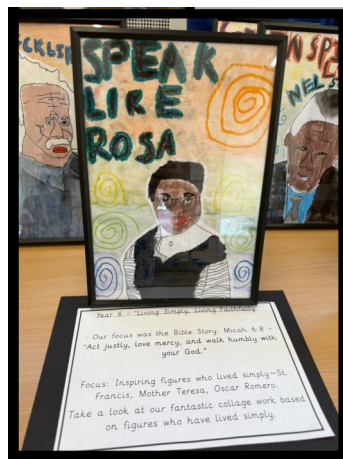
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AWE & WONDER ART EXHIBITION

We welcomed families to our 'Awe and Wonder' Art Exhibition last week.

A big round of applause goes to Miss Basley & Miss Chauveau for organising Learn & Share family sessions for RE and producing amazing art work that was sold to raise money for CAFOD.





SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE DATES 2025

 Bargain Lovers and Deals 

M&S

20% off all uniforms. Predicted Tuesday 1st July.

Aldi

£5 uniform bundle confirmed. Sunday 29th June.

Tesco

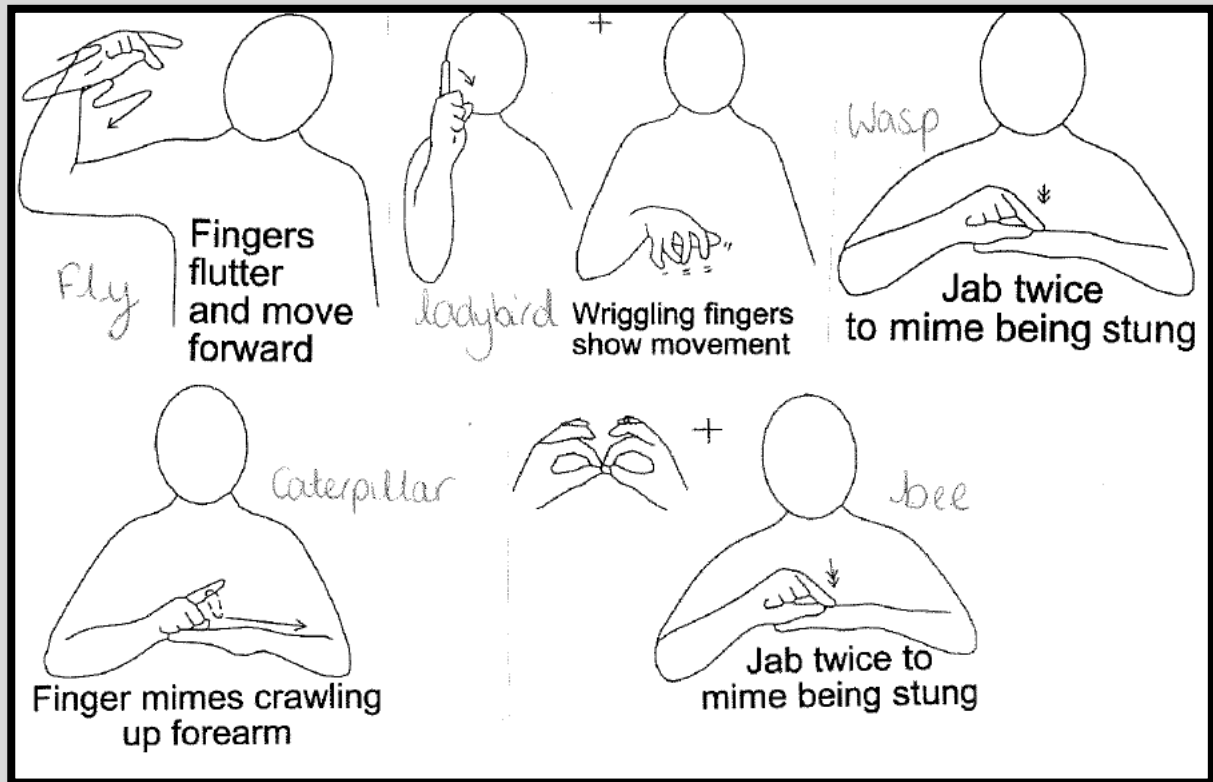
25% off all uniform. Predicted Monday 21st July.

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

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Walo

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Siyam

9

Sampu

10

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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Attendance

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance this week is

95.3%

The Government set target is 97%.

Well done to

Year 2

for having the best attendance this week with

98%

Attendance this week

Nursery	95%
Reception	96%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	93%
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...

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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Phoebe Chuma

Lulea Jones

Mrs Andrew

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->



MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry

2 Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"

3 Be willing to ask for help when you need it

4 Find something to look forward to today

5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground

7 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy

8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today

9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture

10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them

11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation

12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'

13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation

14 Get outside and move to help clear your head

15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step

16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts

17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today

18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter

19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it

20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself

21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life

22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down

23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time

24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong

25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead

26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath

27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)

28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem

29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right

30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support

31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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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

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3

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