

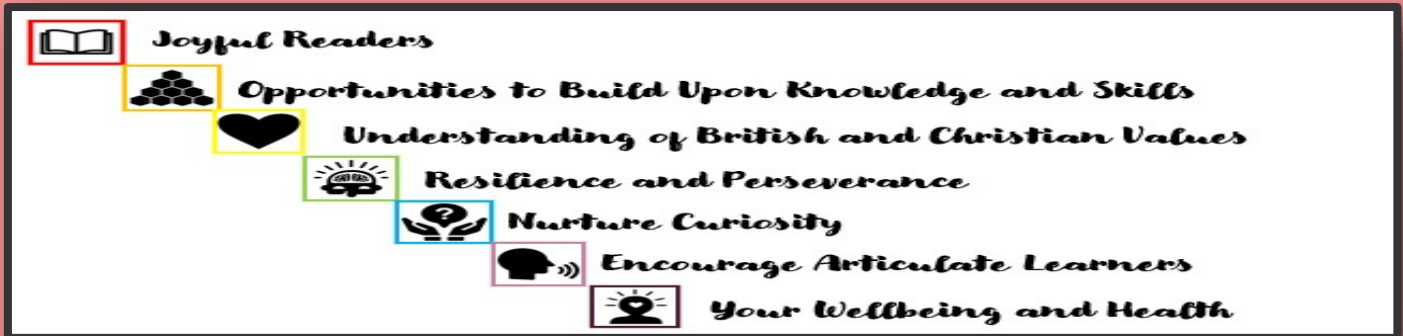


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Learn, Laugh and Live with the Love of God



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OUR VALUE THIS
HALF TERM IS:
JUSTICE



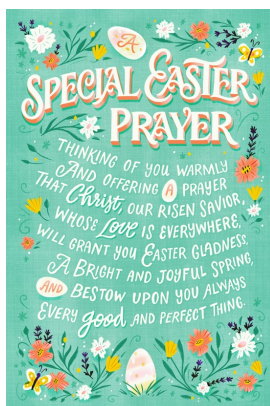
A message from Mrs Young



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful week and wonderful term we have had finishing with lots of Easter fun including our annual Easter services, Easter bingo and visiting Prayer Spaces at Parish Church.

Today we joined together online with schools across our Academy Trust for our Easter worship. We celebrated Easter through song and prayer. It was lovely to see all of our schools together as our LDST Family.



I hope you all have a restful Easter break and we will see you back in school on Wednesday 10th April.

Mrs Young

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance

Whole School	92.9%
Reception	97.2%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	94.2%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 4	86.1%
Year 5	91.74%
Year 6	92%



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME



139



pupils

with perfect attendance this week.

Can we beat this next week?

Attendance Matters



Attendance Update

We need to try really hard each and every week to make sure every year group is beating our **97% target**—this will help us to succeed!

Our attendance this week is:

94.7%



Spring Attendance Competition

At St James we place huge importance on regular school attendance—the research speaks for itself and proves that those with the highest levels of attendance achieve great things!

We therefore now invite you to take part in our Spring Attendance Challenge.

What do you need to do?

Come to school on time, everyday, this half term!

How can you win?

Those children that come to school every day, and on time, will have their name put in a prize draw to be carried out on the morning of Thursday 28th March (the final day of this half term).

What can you win?

An Easter Eggstravaganza!



Well done to all of those children who attended school everyday this half term! Your names all went into the prize draw for the Easter Eggstravaganza. We are pleased to announce that the winner was

Zoe Hilton

90 Children achieved 97% and above for Spring term! Well done to all of those children. Keep it up.

19 Children are still on 100% this year! This is amazing and they are still in with a chance of winning a fantastic polaroid Instant Camera.

The class with the best attendance this half term is **Year 5**. Well done! They will enjoy a movie and popcorn afternoon next half term.



Journey Driver Focus:

Resilience

and

Perseverance

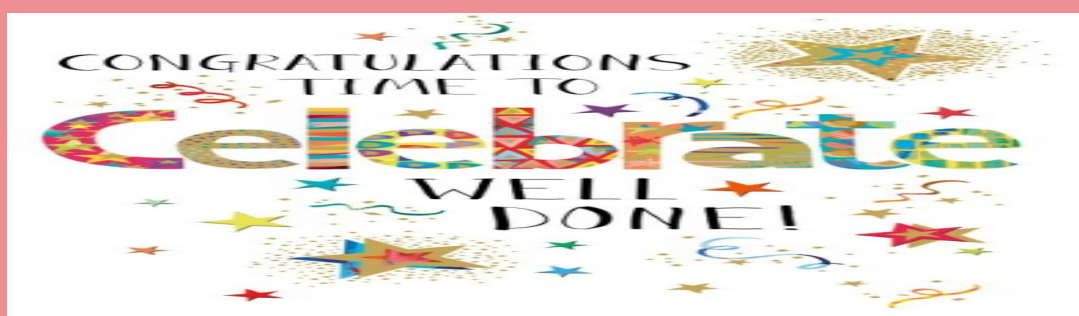
RECEPTION	Jacob O'Brien
YEAR 1	Stephanie-Mae Smith
YEAR 2	Kleopatra Lee
YEAR 3	Mason Cliffe
YEAR 4	Noah Jackson
YEAR 5	Andrew Inglis
YEAR 6	Taylen Baker-Wilson

Half termly

Christian Value Focus:

Trust

RECEPTION	Risin Ekanyake
YEAR 1	Elijah Smith
YEAR 2	Olivia Nelson
YEAR 3	Elliot Lee
YEAR 4	Charlie Hand
YEAR 5	Dulagee Dias
YEAR 6	Thomas Abbott





Whole School events Summer 1

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
10/04/24	School opens 8.40am
15/04/24	World Art Day
16/04/24	School photographs. Class groups and Year 6 leavers
16/04/24	Confirmation class 3.20pm
17/04/24	Year 5 school trip - Jodrell Bank
23/04/24	Confirmation class 3.20pm
30/04/24	Confirmation class 3.20pm
06/05/24	Bank Holiday Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED
07/05/24	Confirmation class 3.20pm
13/05/24	SATS start
14/05/24	Confirmation class 3.20pm
19/05/24	Confirmation ceremony - St James' the Great 10.30am
23/05/24	Year 1 school trip - Knowsley Safari Park
24/05/24	Coffee morning - English
24/05/24	School closes for half term 3.20pm

Easter Bingo



Thank you to all of the families that came and supported our Easter Bingo. We raised a whopping **£589.80**. This will go towards helping to buy new tables and blinds for our classrooms.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT

PE Days Summer 1

Children are to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

Monday	Year 1 and Year 6
Tuesday	Year 3 and Year 6
Wednesday	Reception, Year 1 and Year 5
Thursday	Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5
Friday	Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

Seashells



From the 10th April, we will be opening our Seashells breakfast club from 7.45am.

The cost will be £5.00 per session.

This will be on a trial basis until the end of May to help support those parents who require a slightly earlier start time.

If it proves popular then we will make this a permanent arrangement.

As with our current provision it will be on a first come first serve basis and booked via the School App.



Clubs

We are running the following after school clubs next half term:

Booking is now available on the app

- **Monday**-Fun Fusion Club for Y1 and Y2 with the Sports Coach
- **Tuesday**-FAB Club YR, Y1 and Y2 with Miss Barratt
- **Thursday**-Nature Club for YR with Mrs Bibby
- **Thursday**- Football Club for Y4, Y5 and Y6 with Mr Moon

In addition to these clubs , Y1 children are also invited to attend Mrs Lister's Phonics Club on Thursday and Y4 children are invited to join Mrs Bond's TT Rockstars's Club which will be in a Wednesday. There are Confirmation lessons for some children with Father Michael on Tuesdays.

Safeguarding Tip of the Week



This week our safeguarding focus is on young carers. The term young carer is used to describe someone aged under 18, who helps look after a relative who has a disability, illness, mental health condition or a drug or alcohol problem. Most young carers look after one of their parents or care for a brother or sister. They do extra jobs around the house such as cooking, cleaning or helping someone to get dressed or move around.

The pressure of looking after a family member can affect the young carer academically and socially, as they know they have extra responsibilities. If you feel that your child is a young carer or you know of another child who may be one, please make us aware so that we can help and support or visit <https://www.sthelensyoungcarers.org/>



National Online Safety Tip of the Week

What parents need to know about Clickbait

Around one in five headlines online are clickbait. That's an estimate from experts at Stanford University, who conducted a study into this phenomenon which has gradually extended its reach to almost every corner of the internet – powered by a strategy of snagging users' attention by any means necessary rather than a legitimate desire to inform or enlighten.

As that statistic indicates, this manipulative marketing strategy is difficult to avoid online. There's still plenty that can be done though to limit its influence – especially in relation to young people, who are often more susceptible to sensationalist headlines. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide details the potential hazards around clickbait and has expert tips for avoiding them.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users' emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

HARMFUL MISINFORMATION

Clickbait tends to play fast and loose with the truth, opting for eye-catching content over objectivity. This is particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are generally more susceptible to that type of material. A child could be presented with fake news, misleading articles and – in some cases – outright lies without fully understanding what they're viewing and why it's harmful.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Due to the misleading nature of many examples of clickbait, what may seem to be innocuous and child friendly could actually contain age-inappropriate material such as extremist political views or violent, pornographic or sexually explicit content. This is clearly a hazard for young people, who could be upset, disturbed or influenced by exposure to such subject matter.

HIDDEN MALWARE

While most clickbait is simply trying to promote engagement to earn companies additional revenue, some of it does redirect to dubious sites with the potential to infect devices with viruses or malware. This could put a child's sensitive data – such as their name, their location and their date of birth – at risk of being accessed and exploited by malicious hackers.

PRIVACY PROBLEMS

Some clickbait leads to sites which could coax a child into volunteering their personal data – using pop-ups to ask them for their email address and phone number, for example, in exchange for accessing additional content or subscribing to various services. Normally, this harvested information is then sold to third parties, who often utilise it for targeted adverts and other sales schemes.

A DRAINING DISTRACTION

Clickbait encourages spiralling consumption of online content, which could easily result in a young person spending hours scrolling aimlessly instead of doing something productive or interacting with family and friends. This can leave them tired, asocial and lacking focus – and, in the long term, can negatively impact their social skills, education and mental wellbeing.

IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR

Depending on the type of clickbait a child is interacting with, you might notice negative changes in their behaviour. Weight loss scams, for example, are common among clickbait and have the potential to influence eating habits and body image – while deliberately inflammatory 'rage bait' articles can leave impressionable young people feeling irritable, restless or argumentative.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It's vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they encounter online, so that they understand the risks of engaging with clickbait. If you're still concerned, it may also be wise to keep an eye on children's online activity to ensure they're not being tempted by clickbait headlines.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and too-good-to-be-true promises will help them to become savvier online – and far less likely to be drawn in by clickbait content. These critical thinking skills will also serve to protect them in other areas of the digital world where misinformation is becoming increasingly common.

SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS

There are certain common elements in clickbait, including headlines and images that use shock and outrage to grab people's attention – as well as numbered lists, such as '8 Facts You Won't Believe Are True'. Some clickbait combines several of these tactics to snag users' interest. Learn to recognise these techniques for yourself so you can teach children to notice them as well.

TAKE CONTROL

Many parents opt to place limits on how long their children can spend online each day, which obviously reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Alternatively, most internet-enabled devices have built-in controls that allow parents to manage what sort of online content their child can access – including filtering by age, which can screen out a percentage of inappropriate material.

Meet Our Expert

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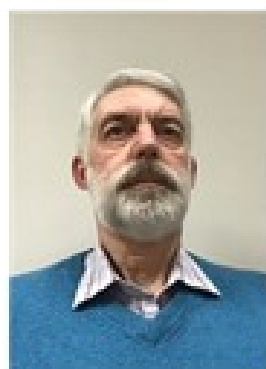
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William Wisniewski
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Learning Support Assistant
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Mrs. G Evans
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YEAR 6 TRANSITION FREE ONLINE PARENT / CARER SESSIONS

If your child has an SEN or significant worries and is due to transition to secondary school in September 2024, we would love you to join us on our online sessions to share preparation tips and advice.

By 31st October 2023 you will have submitted a secondary school application to name your 3 preferred schools.

We are delighted to offer you some advice and support to be able to effectively plan the next steps of your child's journey.

Many of the strategies will work for most children who require that little bit of additional support.

Sessions will be delivered online through TEAMS directed to parents/carers (not to children); if you can attend all four it would be more beneficial.

For further information please email us on LASCstransitions@sthelens.gov.uk so we can send you a TEAMS link to the sessions

Session One - The Year Ahead	Friday 1 st December 2023 12:30 - 1:30pm	- Differences between Primary & Secondary - Independence & Preparation - Travel to school - Next Steps
Session Two - Building Blocks	Friday 2 nd February 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	- What is a transition? - Managing change - Developing independence
Session Three - A Helping Hand	Friday 22 nd March 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	- Managing worries & nerves - Emotions Scales - Looking for the positives
Session Four - The Finish Line is in Sight!	Friday 10 th May 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	- Being Prepared - One Page Profiles - Communication - Preparation & Practice

Mental Health Support Team WELLBEING WEBINARS



Your MHST is running a series of webinars one Friday a month on a number of topics relating to mental health and wellbeing.

TOPICS AND DATES

- Worry Management - 19 January
- Parenting for Anxiety - 23 February
- Low Mood - 22 March
- Neurodiversity - 26 April
- Parent Skills for Behaviour - 17 May
- LGBTQ+ - 21 June
- Emotional Regulation - 19 July



WHEN
4pm to 4:45pm



WHERE
Zoom
(link will be emailed)



To register please email which webinar you want to attend to events@merseycare.nhs.uk

Webinars will be recorded.
No chat function will be available for safety purposes.



EASTER TECH CLUBS

CODING-LEGO ROBOTICS-GAME DESIGN-MINECRAFT & MORE

ST HELENS

OPEN TO ALL-

ComputerXplorers Tech Club

 Rainford High School
Higher Lane, Rainford, WA11 8NY

 2nd-11th April 2024

 9am or 11am-3pm

Join us to embark on a fun-filled journey into the world of coding, gaming, and creativity! Both paid and funded* places are available to book for kids aged 5-15.

**FREE
PLACES***

Computer Xplorers

Leading the way in
providing tech-based
activities that are both
inspirational and
educational!



HAF EXCLUSIVE*-

Minecraft Big Biome Builds!

 St Helen's Library
World of Glass, Chalon Way, WA10 1BX

 3rd-5th April

 10am-2pm

 Newton Le Willows Library
Crow Lane E, WA12 9TX

 10th-12th April

 10am-2pm

Build, explore and create with us this Easter. Funded* places only available to book for kids aged 5-15.



*FREE places available to those eligible for and receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM), and their families. Children who are in receipt of a support plan via Early Help, Child in Need or Children We Look After, EHCP, or if your child receives additional hours at school.

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FOOTBALL CAMP





TUESDAY 2ND APRIL
FRIDAY 5TH APRIL
9AM - 3:30PM £20 DAY
AGES 5 - 13 £70 WEEK

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Camp Schedule



AM

- 9:00-9:30 Fun warm up
- 9:30-10:00 Agility
- 10:00-10:30 Skillzone
- 10:30-11:00 Break
- 11:00-11:30 Technical drills
- 11:30-12:00 Technical games
- 12:00-13:00 World Cup

PM

- 13:00-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-14:00 Coaches Challenge
- 14:00-14:30 Kids Challenge
- 14:30-15:30 Mini Tournament

**Break & lunch will include
fun football
activities**