



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
LIVE, LOVE, LEARN. TOGETHER WE WILL SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

Holy Spirit Weekly

Friday 31st March 2023

Dear Parents,

As we approach the Easter break, it has been a very busy term for our staff and children and we now look forward to this chance to relax and re-energise. I can't believe that when we return it will be the summer term. We have had a really lovely end to our Spring term last week with our Easter bonnet parade for EYFS and Key Stage One, thank you for your support with your child's bonnet creations, they were all amazing. Thanks also to Mrs Bretherton for organising and leading the parade. It was wonderful as always to have so many of our parents and grandparents attend the bonnet parade. Well done to all of the children in Key Stage Two who designed a spectacular egg – the designs were all amazing and so creative!

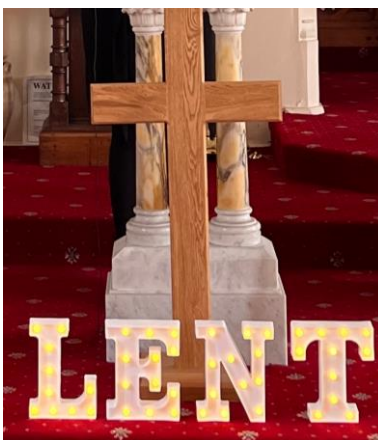


During Lent we have reflected on the work of Mission Together and Teardrops in caring for those most in need in our world and especially in our local community St Helens. Teardrops are so grateful for the generous food donations we collected throughout our 40 days of giving for Lent. We have sent a donation to Mission Together from our own clothes day on Friday.



Last Thursday we walked with Jesus as we reflected upon the Stations of the Cross in St Vincent de Paul Church. It was a really moving and prayerful service led by all of our staff and children in Year 3, 4 and 5.

The children were so respectful as we sang, prayed and reflected on Jesus' final moments before he died on the cross.



Wishing you all a happy and holy Easter break, I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 17th April. It is lovely seeing the children's photos shared on our school Twitter page so please feel free to share photos throughout the Easter break.

*Kindest regards
Miss Sinead Walsh
Headteacher*

Attendance and Punctuality



Has your child been an attendance and punctuality **HERO this week?**

Here

Everyday

Ready

On Time!

Here is an overview of our class attendance to date. It is important that your child is in school each day if they are well enough. Holidays in term time are not authorised and could result in a fixed penalty fine to both parents. Please book holidays during our school holidays.

Reception	95%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%
Whole school attendance	94.2%

Please also try and ensure that your child is in school on time – the school gates open at 8:45am. We have breakfast club open from 8am each morning.

Term dates for the rest of this academic year 2023

Term	Opens on	Closes on
Summer Term 2023	17 th April 2023	26 th May 2023
	7 th June 2023	19 th July 2023

Bank holidays during term time

Monday 1st May 2023

Monday 8th May 2023

Please make note of our Term dates for next year – these are important when booking holidays. Please do not book holidays during term time as these will not be authorised.

Term dates for 2023-2024

Term	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2023	4 th September 2023	27 th October 2023
	6 th November 2023	21 st December 2023
Spring Term 2024	8 th January 2024	9 th February 2024
	19 th February 2024	28 th March 2024
Summer Term 2024	15 th April 2024	24 th May 2024
	6 th June 2024	23 rd July 2024

Bank holidays during term time

Monday 6th May 2024



I will be having a meeting with parents of the children signed up for our London Residential – this meeting will be Tuesday 9th May at 3:05pm in the school hall.



Summer uniform

When we return on Monday 17th April children can wear summer uniform. For girls this is a yellow or light blue gingham dress with their school cardigan or school Holy Spirit hoodie. I know there are lots of different styles of summer dresses available in the shops for you to choose from. Girls' hair accessories must be blue, yellow or white please.



For boys a yellow, blue or white polo shirt with long or short grey trousers and their school jumper or school Holy Spirit hoodie.



Black school shoes must be worn with uniform, not trainers. Trainers can only be worn on school PE days.

Thank you for your support. If the weather is cold, children are welcome to wear their winter uniform.



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PE in Holy Spirit – Summer term 1st half 2023 (Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May 2023)

On PE days Children to come to school in their PE Kit.

PE top in house colours with shorts or navy/black plain tracksuit bottoms and trainers/PE pumps. Children should wear their school cardigan / jumper or their Holy Spirit PE hoodie with PE kit.

You can still buy the school hoodie online <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/pe-zipped-hoodie30857a11506.html>



Forest school Your child will have 1 session of Forest School on a Tuesday this term. Children should come to school in uniform not PE kit or own clothes and can bring a pair of wellies/old shoes to wear at Forest school. Please make sure they have a warm/waterproof coat as this activity takes place outdoors in all weathers.

Monday	PE for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, & Year 6 Swimming for Year 5 (Year 5 can wear their PE kit to school for swimming days as it is easier for getting changed)
Tuesday	FOREST SCHOOL 25.04.23 <u>Year 1 and 2</u> (No Wednesday PE this week) 16.05.23 <u>Year 3 and 4</u> (No Wednesday PE this week) 23.05.23 <u>Year 5 and 6</u> (Y6 No PE on Monday this week)
Wednesday	PE for Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4
Thursday	Dance for Year 5 and 6 Please wear PE kit.

Year 6 SATs week – Tuesday 8th May – Friday 12th May 2023

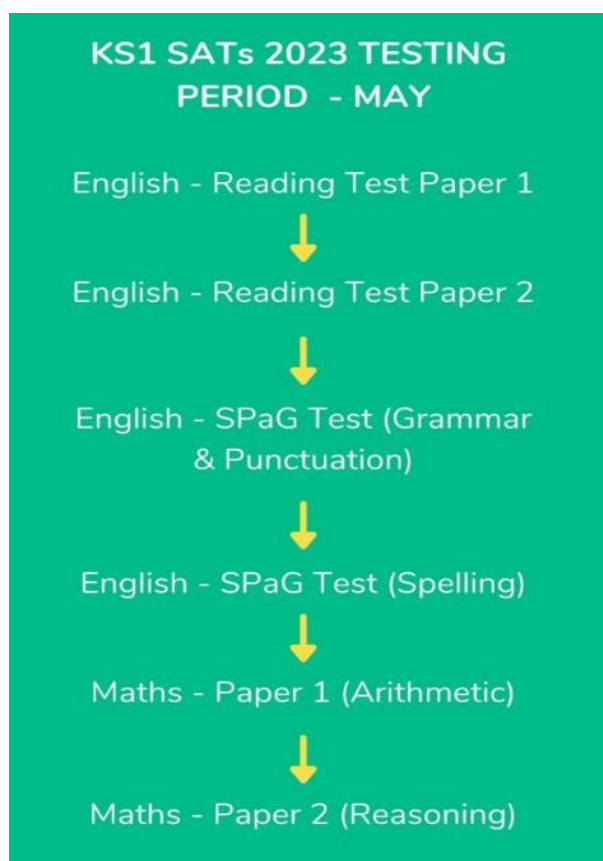
It was brilliant to have so many children attend our Easter Fun SATs club last Monday. The children are working really hard preparing for their SATs in Year 6. There will be free breakfast club during the week of SATs for Year 6 which I encourage you to send your child to. Miss Walsh, Ms Devaney and Mr Bradley will be running this with the children. It is a great way to settle any nerves and help the children be with their friends before school starts.

Year 6 SATs 2023 schedule			
Tuesday 9th May	Wednesday 10th May	Thursday 11th May	Friday 12th May
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SPAG Test (Grammar and Punctuation) 45 minutes• SPAG Test (Spelling) 20 minutes <p>20-word aural test</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Test 60 minutes <p>One paper with questions based on 3 passages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) 30 minutes• Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) 40 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) 40 minutes

Please continue to support your child over the next three weeks as they complete their revision towards their Year 6 SATs tests. Reading Plus, Times Table Rockstars, SPAG.com and Monster SATs are brilliant resources for the children to use daily at home. We will also be sending home some practice papers with the children.

Year 2 SATs will begin on Monday 15th May 2023

Mr Platt has been working hard with Year 2 preparing for their KS1 assessments and we know that the children will do their very best. Please continue to support your child at home with any homework Mr Platt sends home.



Important event dates for your diary

Week beginning 17th April 2023	17.04.23	Start of Summer Term 1 st half Breakfast club open from 8am	8:45am Try and be an attendance HERO this week – Here, Every day, Ready, On time!
	17.04.23	Year 5 swimming	Year 5 Year 5 children can wear PE kit on a Monday and bring swimming kits with them for their lesson
	18.04.23	Year 2 to Allotments for banner reveal from Mental Health week work with Cath Brooks, our LA governor	Year 2, Miss Walsh and Mr Platt
	18.04.23	One amazing day play and dance performance from St Helens College and as part of St Helens Borough of Culture	All children
	19.04.23	Black Brook Rugby League Festival	Team from Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Mr Platt, Miss Green, Miss Johnson
	20.04.23	Year 5 Ready, Steady, Go memorable experience in class led by St Helens Chamber	Miss Green and Year 5
	21.04.23	Whole school collective worship on Respect and celebration assembly	Parents of children who will be receiving an award
Week beginning 24th April 2023	24.04.23	Year 5 swimming	Year 5 Year 5 children can wear PE kit on a Monday and bring swimming kits with them for their lesson
	24.04.23	Headteacher superstars ice lolly treat with Miss Walsh	Selection of children from each class chosen for living out our April value of the month – Respect.
	25.04.23	Forest school Year 1 and Year 2	Year 1 and Year 2
	26.04.23	Phonics Learn and Share Year 1 and parents	Year 1 Mrs Lamble and Mrs Martin
	27.04.23	World Daily Mile day	All classes and staff to complete The Daily Mile today
	28.04.23	Whole school collective worship on May the month of Our Lady and celebration assembly	Parents of children who will be receiving an award
Week beginning 1st May	School closed Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday		
Week beginning 8th May	School closed Monday 8th May – King's Coronation		