



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

LIVE, LOVE, LEARN. TOGETHER WE WILL SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

Holy Spirit Weekly

7th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we had so many successes to celebrate as a Holy Spirit School Community. On Monday 3rd July we were assessed for our Leading Parent Partnership award and I am delighted to tell you that we have been given this incredible award for the next three years. This is a great achievement and recognises the close partnership we have with all of our parents and carers to ensure that your child receives the very best education whilst at Holy Spirit.

On Tuesday we welcomed Mrs Tina Cleugh, who is our School SIP. She visits our school each term and works alongside myself and our staff. Mrs Cleugh was so impressed with our children, especially their phonics and reading which she was focusing on during her visit. Mrs Cleugh also visited our EYFS and was delighted with our new Adventure Island which Mrs Bretherton and Miss Ashton have designed and created for our indoor and outdoor environment for EYFS. We know that our children get nothing less than the best in their education at Holy Spirit. I was a very proud headteacher on Tuesday throughout Mrs Cleugh's visit with us.

Wednesday morning our amazing Reception had a fantastic celebration assembly with Mrs Bretherton—they are such a lovely class and we know that they are excited to start in Year 1.



Myself, Mrs Lambie and Miss Green attended the St Helens Poetry Buzz festival on Thursday evening, congratulations to Jaheim and Aurelia in Year 3, Leah, Olivia and Jakub in Year 5 for your incredible contributions. I hope you have seen the lovely photos from this amazing event on our school Twitter page.

It has been lovely listening to our Year 6 children share their positive experiences of their visits to their new high schools last week. They will be a credit to their new school and we know that they are more than ready for this new chapter. On Thursday afternoon Year 6 will perform their leaver's play 'I'm an 11 year old—get me out of here!'. We hope that as many of our Year 6 parents and carers can join us. Tickets are on sale for £1 at the school office.

On Monday 17th July our children will be taking part in a transition day to their new classes for September. Year 6 on this day will be supporting their buddies and our youngest children on this day, as well as getting ready for their leaver's assembly which is on Tuesday 18th July in the school hall at 1:30pm for Year 6 parents and carers.

I know lots of you have been asking me on the gate at the beginning and end of the day so I can finally share the staffing arrangements for September.

Nursery - we welcome Mrs Prior who will be new to our school and will cover Mrs Bretherton's maternity leave. Mrs Prior is visiting school on Thursday to meet her new class for September.

Reception - Miss Ashton

Year 1 - Mrs Martin (Mrs Lambie will teach Year 1 on a Monday)

Year 2 - Mrs Bradshaw

Year 3 - Mrs Hodgson (Mrs Lambie will teach Year 3 on a Friday)

Year 4 - Mrs Sharrock

Year 5 - Mr Platt

Year 6 - Ms Devaney

I know that our transition day on Monday 17th July will be a great success. The children's class teachers for next year will also be visiting them this week to read a story to them and start to get to know them.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, see you bright and early on Monday morning at 8:45am when the school gates open. I hope that many of you can join us for Sports day on Monday. I have sent a Marvellous Me about this.

*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 so far this year. 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.

Reception	92.5%
Year 1	93.8%
Year 2	91.7%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	92.1%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	94.2%
Whole school attendance this week	93.3%

Overall attendance have been really affected by families taking holidays in term time which is really disappointing, as we have worked so hard as a school this academic year with keeping our attendance above national average. Your child is missing key learning in school when you take them out to go on a holiday. Please book holidays during our school holidays. Let's try and improve attendance and punctuality this week!

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, St Helens are running Holiday Clubs
Sign your child up via the link below

[HAF Summer Programme 2023 - St Helens Borough Council](https://sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun)



100 Square Raffle

We have all these wonderful prizes to be won ! We will make the drawer was the squares have all been filled.

£1 a go.



Year 6 Parents / Carers

Y6 Production

Thursday 13th July.

Doors open at 1pm.

Performance begins at 1.15pm

Tickets cost £1 available from the School Office

Diary Dates



10.07.23	Sports Day	Whole School
10.07.23	Year 5 Swimming—pm	Year 5
11.07.23	PATHS Parent and Carers Session 9am—10am	Whole School
13.07.23	Year 6 Production for Parents and Carers 1.15pm	Year 6
17.07.23	Progressive Sports—Activity for All treat for all classes	Whole School
18.07.23	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm for Parents and Carers of Year 6	Year 6
18.07.23	Year 6 Tea Party with Parents and Carers after the Leavers assembly	Year 6
19.07.23	Last Day of Term—school closes at 1.30pm	Whole School
04.09.23	School returns from the Summer break	Whole School

PATHS

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Come and join us to find out what PATHS is and how it benefits your children.

Tuesday 11th July 2023

9.00am – 10.00am

We are a PATHS Model School

SPORTS DAY MONDAY 10th JULY

EYFS (Nursery & Reception) 9:05am until 9:30am.

KS2 9:45am (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6)

KS1 1:45pm (Year 1 and Year 2)



PE in Holy Spirit—this week

Monday Sports Day for all classes

Monday Swimming for Year 5

Wednesday PE for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4

From Monday 4th September 2023

Our school gates will open at 8:35am for school to start at 8:45am.

Morning Nursery will be 8:45-11:45am

Afternoon Nursery will be 12:00-3pm (not 3:15pm as it has been this year)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

No more After School Clubs now until September. New Clubs will be offered. You will get an opportunity to sign up after the holidays.