



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

# Holy Spirit Weekly

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents,

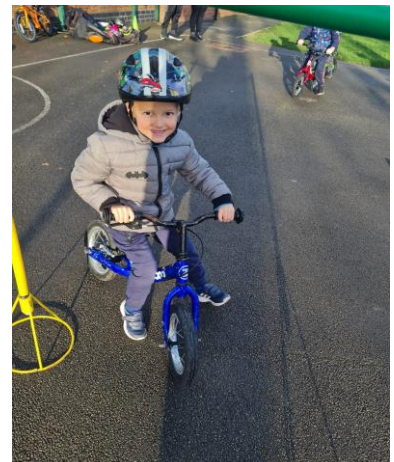
On Friday we lit the first candle on our beautiful Advent which Mrs Ravey kindly made for us. The first candle, the candle of HOPE reminds us to try and live out HOPE in all that we do this week.

***"The Advent journey: HOPE becomes PEACE, PEACE becomes JOY, JOY becomes LOVE and LOVE becomes Christ on Christmas day."***



It would be lovely for you to spread HOPE with everyone this Advent by sharing a photo of your Christmas tree on our school Twitter page. Wishing you all a wonderful ADVENT – please look at our school Twitter page throughout the week.

Thank you to Mrs Hughes and Bikeability for their amazing Balance bike training for Reception and Year 1 this week – the children had a wonderful time!





*Throughout the month of November we have been taking part in Non-fiction November where we have been enjoying sharing a love of Non-fiction texts with our children. This week I had a lovely time reading a Non-fiction book all about the jungle to our Rainforest nurture camp.*



*We hope that Mrs Martin enjoys her special birthday on Sunday. Congratulations to Mr Bradley who has recently got engaged to his partner.*



*Thanks again for all your kind donations on Friday for our fayre. We hope that you can join us for it at 3pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – children can wear their Christmas t shirt/jumper with their uniform on Friday for the fayre. The children will be visiting the fayre on Friday afternoon so please send in their money to spend in an envelope on Friday morning.*

*Kindest regards  
Miss Sinead Walsh  
Headteacher*



## ***Our weekly award winners – we are so proud of you all!***

Congratulations to all of our Value of the month winners this week! Our value of the month for November was RESPECT. Our Assistant head boy Finnley and Assistant head girl Jessica proudly awarded the children their certificates in assembly on Friday, along with the class teachers. Well done to Miss Green and Miss Caton for being nominated for our staff value of the month award.

### ***Our staff value award winners***



***Year One***

### ***Nursery and Reception***



***Year Two***



***Year Three***



***Year Four***



***Year Five***



***Year Six***



## Attendance and Punctuality



Here  
Everyday  
Ready  
On Time!

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

**Green** 97%+   **Yellow** 94%+   **Red** 93.9% & below

Week 10. 14.11.22-18.11.22

Class	%
Reception	90%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	93.2%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	92.6%
Whole School	93.9%

**Our whole school target for attendance is 97%. For the week ending the 18.11.22 our attendance dropped due to some illnesses that are around at present. Please see the NHS poster on the next page for some support with this. Unfortunately some attendance percentages are lower due to some children receiving a U code. This means they have arrived to school after 9:30am. Please try and access our school breakfast club which is open from 8am each morning or make sure that your child is in school for 8:45am.**

**Our new Education Welfare Officer Mrs Hayley Hewitt will be completing some late gates over the next few weeks and will be speaking to parents of children who are frequently late. It is unsettling for the child arriving to school late and they are missing important learning. Please support us with making an improvement with attendance and punctuality this week.**

**Ms Riley has had several meetings last week and has made phone calls to parents of children whose attendance is currently below 90%, this means that these children are classes as persistent absentees. Over the next 4 weeks if no improvement is shown, these children will be referred to the EWO. Medical evidence must be provided if your child is off ill and your child's attendance is currently being monitored in school.**

**It is important to highlight and celebrate the positives with attendance and punctuality this week too!**

**SHOW UP TO GLOW UP (100% attendance and no lates)**

Monday	Well done to: Year 2
Tuesday	Well done to: Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6
Wednesday	Well done to: Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday	Well done to: Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2
Friday	Well done to: Year 1 and Year 2

# Does your child need care this winter?

**NHS**  
St Helens and Knowsley  
Teaching Hospitals  
NHS Trust



**Urgent  
Treatment  
Centre**



**GP  
Surgery**



**Pharmacy**

**Choose the  
right service**



**111.nhs.uk**



**Call  
NHS 111**

If your child is ill it can be a worrying time, but lots of childhood illnesses can be treated quickly and effectively at home or by accessing the right healthcare service. Here is our handy guide to services available in your area. By choosing the right service you can help your little one feel better, quicker.

## Online symptom checker

Our friends at Alder Hey have created an online symptom checker with lots of useful advice on common symptoms in children. Visit the website: [www.alderhey.nhs.uk/symptom-checker](http://www.alderhey.nhs.uk/symptom-checker)

You can then decide where best to get the right care for your child.

## When to go to a doctor

If you are worried about your child's health, then you should speak to your GP first. Out of hours, you can call 111 who will help to decide whether your child needs to be seen right away or if the issue can wait to be treated the next day by your own family doctor.

Common illnesses that can be treated by your GP are:

- Persistent coughs
- Eye infections
- Skin infections
- Ear pain



## When to go to A&E

Accident and Emergency is for people with life-threatening illness or injury, so if you think your child needs immediate attention, then you should attend A&E.

Conditions that require immediate attention include;

- Shortness of breath or working hard to breathe resulting in drawing in of the chest when breathing or making a grunting noise
- Seizures
- Severe bleeding or burns
- Head or eye injuries
- Allergic reactions causing swelling of the face, lips, eyes or tongue, fainting or trouble breathing
- Serious animal bites
- Infants under 2 months of age with a fever
- Blue or purple lips, skin or fingernails
- Uncontrolled pain



## When to go to a pharmacy

Your local pharmacy can offer advice and has a wide range of over-the-counter medicines that can help treat common illnesses. Make the pharmacy your first stop to help with;

- Coughs and colds
- Upset tummy
- Minor cuts, bumps and bruises
- Minor stings and bites



## When to go to urgent treatment / walk-in centres

If your GP surgery is closed, or your child's condition is more urgent, but not life-threatening, then your local Urgent Treatment / Walk-in Centre has specialist nurses and doctors that can help. Many local centres have x ray equipment too, which means you don't always need to attend A&E. Common conditions that can be treated here include:

- Cuts and scrapes
- Minor burns
- Minor breathing difficulties (asthma / croup / bronchiolitis)
- Suspected fractures
- Uncontrolled fever



**If your child is struggling to breathe or loses consciousness, you should call 999**



**Urgent Treatment  
& Walk-in Centres**

**Your local centre is closer than you think.**

Open 365 days a year, including bank holidays, to treat all sorts of urgent illnesses and injuries.



### St Helens Urgent Treatment Centre

Monday to Saturday 7am-10pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 9am-10pm

### Widnes Urgent Treatment Centre

Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm

### Huyton NHS Walk-in Centre

Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm

### Runcorn Urgent Treatment Centre

Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm

### Kirkby NHS Walk-in Centre

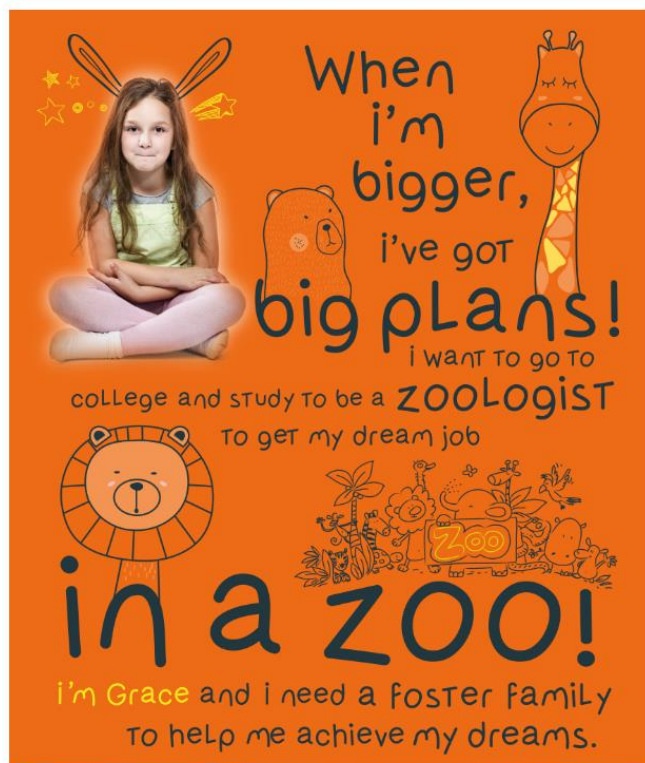
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### Halewood NHS Walk-in Centre

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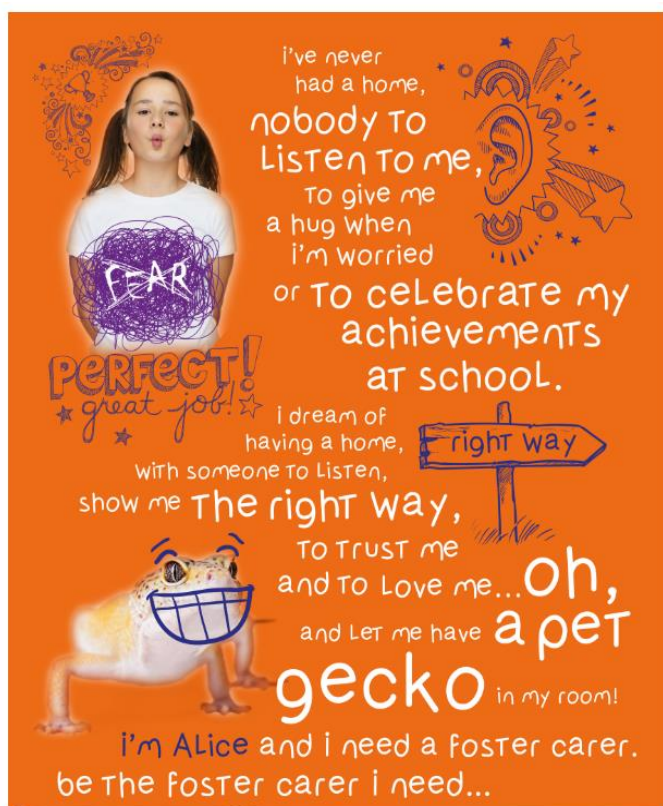
## Could you be a foster carer?



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## Our School Twitter page

I hope you have been able to look at our school Twitter page over the week, it is filled with so many incredible photos showing memorable learning from your child's class over the past week! Please have a look if you haven't already!

## Donations

Have you any Christmas jumpers or Christmas t shirts that your children have grown out of? Please donate these to the school office. Thank you so much for your kindness.

## Marvellous Me app

Please can you make sure that you have signed up and downloaded Marvellous Me,



as this is the main form of communication between school and home. Please ask the school office for your child's Marvellous Me code if yours has stopped working. We will also Marvellous Me out the Holy Spirit Weekly newsletter each week and once a month we will have our Fruit of the Spirit newsletter to share with you all.

## PE in Holy Spirit for Years 1-6

<b>Monday</b>	Year 4 with Progressive Sports  Year 3 with Progressive Sports
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 5 <b>Forest school Year 3 and 4</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 6
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 2 Dance with Mrs Jones  Year 1 Dance with Mrs Jones  Year 5
<b>Friday</b>	Year 3  Year 4

**Important diary dates for this term**

28.11.22	Year 2 Learn and Share experience African Art 9am	Year 2
28.11.22	Parent governor reading visit to school 1pm	Parent governors and Mrs Woods
28.11.22	Leading Parent Partnership Award meeting with parent working party 2:15pm	Parents and Mrs Woods
29.11.22	Parents online safety information session with Ms Devaney	KS2 parents welcome
29.11.22	Forest school Year 3 and Year 4	Year 3 and Year 4
30.11.22	Y5 Reading for Pleasure with Parents 2.30pm	Year 5
01.12.22	Mouse Club EYFS – 9am	EYFS
01.12.22	Choir singing carols at Madison Court	Choir
02.12.22	Christmas Enterprise Fayre – Children may wear a Christmas Jumper with their uniform	Whole School
05.12.22	Whole School Santa Dash Fundraiser – please send £1 in for this	Whole School
05.12.22 – 09.12.22	Bikeability – Learn to ride a bike with Year 3 and Year 4	Year 3 and Year 4
05.12.22	Choir singing at the lighting of the Christmas tree at Parr	choir
05.12.22	EYFS where in the world project: Christmas around the world 2pm	EYFS
05.12.22	Glow in the dark dodgeball enrichment day with Progressive Sports	All classes
07.12.22	Reading For Pleasure Y6 – 2.30pm	Year 6
08.12.22	Y5 Weekday Mass at St Vincent de Paul Church 9.05am	Year 5
08.12.22	First Holy Communion preparation session 3 3.05pm	Holy communicants

09.12.22	Christmas jumper and dinner day	Whole School
11.12.22	Family Mass 9.30am St Vincent de Paul Church	All welcome
12.12.22	Breakfast with Santa – Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2
13.12.22	EYFS Nativity 9.15am	EYFS
14.12.22	KS1 Nativity 9.15am	Year 1 & Year 2
15.12.22	Y6 Panto at Everyman Liverpool	Year 6
16.12.22	9am Carol Service at St Vincent de Paul Church	Year 2, 4, 5 and 6
19.12.22	Christmas Party Day – party clothes	Whole School
20.12.22	School Closes 1:30pm	Whole School

\*All dates and times are subject to change

## LPPA Leading Parent Partnership Award

We achieved this award in 2018, but due to the Covid Pandemic haven't been able to make use of it. We now have to re-apply for the award. This is a valuable award that supports us with working in partnership with all parents and carers. We are already a school that values our community and our relationship with parents, but always want to try to improve ourselves. We want you to be involved in your children's learning as much as possible. Please support us in our journey to achieving the LPPA.

Finding homework tricky then head over to our Parent/Carer Support section on the website. We've included some really useful websites that you can use to support your child with their homework.

[Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School - Homework support](#)

We'd love to hear what you have to say. We will be having a couple of meetings over the next few weeks in order to get your views. If you'd like to support us on our journey, then please contact school on [holy-spirit@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:holy-spirit@sthelens.org.uk) or chat to Mrs Woods.

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### HOMEWORK HELP FOR PARENTS

Struggling to get your child to complete their homework. Here's a handy video with some great tips.

(2254) How To Help Your Child Complete Their Homework - YouTube

[Supporting your child with Phonics at home](#)

Please click the link below to find out about our phonics scheme that we use in school.

ELS Parent Presentation

Information about the scheme we follow

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[Current teaching methods & helping with homework | nn.org](#)  
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