



A welcoming family of God.
 Growing and achieving together with Jesus by our side.
 "I am the vine, you are the branches".

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Attendance is everybody's business

Congratulations to Year 5 for **almost perfect** attendance this week 99.5%

129 pupils achieved 100% attendance this week – keep up the good work!!

School Target – 96%

School Attendance – **93.4%**

As you can see from the table above, we are already below our target attendance. It is vital that your child attends school on time, every day.

If your child cannot attend school, their absence needs to be reported to the school office before 9:30am. In some cases, medical evidence will be required in order to approve the absence.

Holidays during the school year will NOT be authorised and, parents may receive a Penalty Notice Fine.

Please be aware, from the 2025 to 2026 school year, penalty notices are considered where there is an unauthorised absence of **10 sessions (5 school days) within a rolling 10-week period.**

Penalty Notice Fines can be issued to each parent for each child concerned.

As a school we encourage children to achieve good attendance in a manner of ways:

Punctuality Prize Draw – weekly

Class Trophy highest % attendance – weekly

Termly certificates & rewards

Term Dates for the school year are available on the school website - [Term Dates | St Teresa's Primary School \(st-teresas.st-helens.sch.uk\)](#)

Rock Kidz Day

Today we welcomed Rock Kidz into school. The children had a wonderful day and learnt some valuable lessons about kindness, friendship and being the best we can be!!



Attendance Ladder



Meet the Teacher Wednesday 17th September 3:15pm & 4:15pm

There will be a drop-in session in the school hall, for ALL year groups.

All our teachers will be available to greet you and answer any questions you may have about day-to-day arrangements for your child's class.

Year group expectation information will be available on each class page on our website from next week.

Homework – This year we are trialling a new approach to homework which moves away from worksheet-based tasks to online research and extended projects. There will still be a big emphasis on reading, as this is the gateway to all other learning. More details to follow next week.

Mini Vinnies – Congratulations to our new Mini Vinnies Group for 2025-2026, they are the youngest members of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) which is dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms. Our Mini Vinnies have pledged to live out the mission of *see, think, do*, and we look forward to seeing the difference they can make this year.

Lost Property – On Monday 15th September we will be displaying all the 'lost property' outside under the shelter. Please come and check if any of the items belong to your child/children. Any unclaimed items will be sent to the SVP charity shop.

Reminders:-

PE Kits – Year groups 1 to 6 should all now have a PE kit in school. Our PE coach, Faye, joins us on Thursdays and class teachers may choose to do sessions on another day during the week so it is important to have kit readily available for both lessons and after school activities.

PE kit should be brought to school in a drawstring bag for easy storage and clothing clearly labelled.

Kit: Navy/black shorts

Pale blue t-shirt (school logo t-shirts are available)

Indoor black pumps

Navy/black joggers and jumpers for outdoor wear

NO FOOTBALL, RUGBY OR BRIGHTLY COLOURED TOPS

Outdoor Coats - Please ensure you send your child to school with an outdoor/waterproof coat as the weather is very unpredictable at the moment.

SchoolMoney – Please ensure you have downloaded our SchoolMoney app and cleared any outstanding amounts. Click the link to download edsp.co/app

Breakfast and After School Club - £3.00 & £5.00 respectively, payment should be paid in advance or on the first day of attendance.

Milk - £6.00 per year for Infant children.

School Levy - £10.00 per family, paid annually.

After School Sports Clubs - £2.50 per week.

Trips & Activities – will be added to your child's account prior to each event.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Friday 26th September – 2:45pm to 3:45pm

In support of Macmillan, we will be hosting a cake sale and raffle in the school hall. Any donations of shop bought cakes will be gratefully received and can be brought to school the morning of the 26th.

We are pleased to be able to re-instate the infamous St Teresa's Bake-Off Competition, this is open to all ages. Please bring your entries, clearly marked with your name, to the school office on the morning of the 26th. All families welcome to come along and support this great cause.

Primary/Secondary School Admissions 2025 – The online portal for Secondary School Admissions September 2026 is now open. Please use the following link to apply [Admissions](#) . The deadline for completed applications is 31 October 2025.

Primary School Admissions online portal opens on Monday 15th September and closes on Thursday 15th January 2026.

If you have any queries, please contact School Admissions on 01744 671030, or email schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk

Ongoing Sessions		
	7:50am to 9:50am	3:15pm – 4:15pm
Monday		Rugby - KS2
Tuesday		Choir practice
Wednesday		Cheerleading & Dance
Thursday		Fun & Fitness Years 1 & 2
Friday		

Dates for Your Diary		
Friday 26 th September	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	2:45pm – 3:45pm School hall
Wednesday 8 th October	Nurse drop-in	8:45am
Wednesday 15 th October	Spooky Sponsored Walk	More details to follow
Thursday 24th October	School Closes – 3:15pm	

Education Sunday Prayer

We pray that as a church family who are starting the new term together, we will all work hard to look after each other, particularly those who most need our care.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**