



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

Newsletter 8th November 2024

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Attendance:

There have been lots of children absent this week due to viral infections, coughs and colds. This has affected our overall attendance which is 89.7%.

Well done to Year 2 with our best attendance this week!

As the weather is changing and is much more autumnal, please ensure your child brings a warm waterproof coat to school each day and additional hats, scarves and gloves when appropriate.



Remember to share all your Odd Socks Day activity, photos, and videos on social media on Tuesday 12th November and use the hashtags #OddSocksDay and #AntiBullyingWeek.



ABOUT ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Odd Socks Day forms part of Anti-Bullying Week. Anti-Bullying Week 2024 is happening from Monday 11th to Friday 15th November and has the theme 'Choose Respect'. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau.

Our Anti-Bullying Week 'Choose Respect' call to action:

From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives.

This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives - it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'. What will you choose?



MAKING ODD SOCKS DAY INCLUSIVE OF ALL CHILDREN!

It is important to consider how we can make Odd Socks Day as inclusive as possible.



Make sure you:

- Consider if there are any children in your school who might not be able to wear odd socks? Some children may find changes in uniform difficult or might need a different approach. Could you ask them to wear odd socks in a different way e.g. pinned to their uniform or through a display?
- Have some pairs of socks on hand in case some children don't have odd socks on.
- Give lots of warning about holding Odd Socks Day so you can prepare for any children who may find changes difficult.

School Photos: Tuesday 12th November

Photos will be individual and with siblings – full uniform please! (except for odd socks which won't be seen on a head and shoulders shot!)

School Immunisation Program: Wednesday 13th November

All children are invited to have their flu immunisation in school. Please complete consent online by Wednesday <https://econsent.mersecare.nhs.uk/> We do have a limited number of paper copies in the office. See the attached letter for more information.

Uniform – There are still several children persistently not wearing correct uniform for school including ties, shoes and incorrect PE kit. We have several items of pre-worn uniform in school, particularly bigger sizes, as well as a selection of winter coats. Uniform can be bought from various stores in St Helens including Jamax and Whitakers for branded clothes with the school logo, or local supermarkets for non-branded items. Our official school tie can be bought from the school office for £4.50 and can be bought online in the School Money App shop. The elasticated tie that is available in shops is not our official tie.

If you are having difficulties providing full school uniform for your child, please get in touch with the office.

Children who are not wearing correct uniform, are wearing earrings or have not got their long hair tied back sufficiently will receive a reminder slip/text and you are requested to action this as soon

as possible. If you need any more information, please read the following guidance on the school website. [new-uniform-policy-2022.pdf](#)

Head lice – please check your child's hair over the weekend as we have had notification of some current cases across school. All long hair must be tied back for all children, regardless of gender.

Year 5 Maths Lesson – We would like to invite the parents of our year 5 children to join in with a maths lesson on Tuesday 12th November at 2:15pm. It would be great to see many parents, carers/grandparents to see their children's maths learning in action! Please to come to the main office.

Fun & Fitness - Sessions will continue on Thursdays after half-term until Christmas for the children in Yrs 1 & 2. If your child does not attend the afterschool session, but you feel they would like to, please contact the office. Sessions cost £2.50, payable on the School Money App.

Swimming Lessons - Swimming lessons will continue for Year 4 until Christmas.

School Money – Please can you ensure all your accounts are up to date on return to school. Payments for the Cinderella performances need to be made by 11th November 2024.

Sponsored Spooky Sports fun event - We have raised an incredible total of £1000 so far!!

Sponsored Spooky Sports – a huge thank you to all who brought donations in from your many sponsors! We have raised £1000 so far. If you have any more sponsor money, please send into school. All children who have brought money have received a small certificate of thanks with their returned sponsor forms today.

Ongoing Sessions		
	7:50am to 9:50am	3:15pm – 4:15pm
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		Sports Club Yrs 1 & 2
Friday		

Dates for Your Diary		
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying week	Whole School
Tuesday 12 th November	School Photos	Whole School
Tuesday 12 th November	Maths Lesson	Year 5
Wednesday 13 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations	Whole School
Monday 18 th November	M&M Productions - Cinderella	£5.00 per child
Monday 2 nd December	Beginning of Advent	Whole School

Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Friday 20th December	School Closes – 3:15pm	
Monday 6th January 2025	School Re-opens – 8:50am	
	Please see the separate dedicated Christmas newsletter attached	