



## St Mary and St Thomas CE Primary School Newsletter

**w/b: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

### KS2 SATs RESULTS!

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, the annual SATs results were released and we are absolutely astounded with our pupil's efforts. Our results were as follows:

	% of children achieving ARE in Reading, Writing & Maths	% of children achieving GD in Reading, Writing & Maths	% of ch achieving ARE in Reading	% of ch achieving GD in Reading	% of ch achieving ARE in Writing	% of ch achieving GD in Writing	% of ch achieving ARE in Maths	% of ch achieving GD in Maths	% of ch achieving ARE in SPAG	% of ch achieving GD in SPAG
<b>St Mary &amp; St Thomas</b>	83% (59%)	20%	93% (73%)	30%	87% (71%)	20%	97% (73%)	63%	93% (72%)	43%

**ARE:** Age-related expectations **GD:** Greater depth

The national average figures are in brackets. So, as you can see the staff and children have absolutely SMASHED IT! We are so proud of all their efforts and achievements. Of course, it also goes to show how incredible our staff are; results like these simply can't happen by accident. They are a product of hard-work, dedication and our secret ingredient...love!

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

They're finally here! We're going to miss you all but hope you enjoy a well-deserved rest over the summer, have opportunity to spend quality time together as families and then are ready to return for another year of adventure together as a family of faith. There are a number of fantastic local services and events happening whilst school is closed; there are plenty of flyers attached to this newsletter detailing some. Remember, you can always check out our school website, or our other newsletters which are on there too, for details on any other local services that may be able to help you and your family over the break. Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you on our return in September.

### DUNELM GIFTS

Thank you so much to the team from Dunelm who donated so many beautiful gifts and toys for some of our children. Some lucky children received hand-made gift bags filled with things we know they'd love simply because we think they're amazing! We hope families enjoy playing with them at home.

### SO LONG, FAREWELL!

Some of our staff are moving on to pastures new in the coming months and sadly won't be returning in September. So good luck and best wishes to Miss Wright and Miss Richardson! You will be missed by staff and children alike; may God bless you and keep you.

### CONFIRMATION LESSONS

A big thank you to Reverend Michelle for delivering the sequence of confirmation lessons to our UKS2 children. A date will be arranged soon for the confirmation ceremony for those who have chosen to be confirmed, and shared with you as soon as possible.

### SMST FEST!

Glastonbury, eat your heart out! SMST Fest was a blast and there *ain't* no DJ like a DJ Lacey, right? Thank you to all the families who joined us for our annual fun day event. We were so pleased to raise over £1000 for school and we had such fun whilst doing so. Huge thanks to all our parents and carers who supported us in the day.

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**MHST EVENT AT CINEWORLD**

The Mental Health Support Team are having a free celebration event at Cineworld for children that have been open to them over the last year. So, this is any child who has worked with Emma Thomason, our MHST nurse this year. The event is completely free, and parents/carers do not need to stay, but will be required to drop off and collect. They'll have the screen to themselves, so there will not be any members of the public present, meaning that children are free to move around/talk etc throughout the film. Please see the attached invitation on this newsletter. There is no need to book, you can just turn up!

**WRAPAROUND LATE FEES**

Please could we remind families that our after-school wraparound care runs until 5.30pm. If a child is not collected by this time, we have to implement a late fee as this service is run by our school staff. The late fee for collection is £1 per minute late.

**SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE**

Due to the rising costs nationally, our school meals providers, Mellors, have informed us that they must increase the price of schools meals from September 2023. The new price will be £2.50 per meal, £12.50 per week.

**CATCH APP- COMMON APPROACH TO CHILDREN'S HEALTH**

Our school nurse, Laura, has informed us of the above app CATCH (please see the attached flyer). The app is designed to empower you to manage your family's health and wellbeing. It is a free app providing local NHS-approved support and information to parents and carers of children aged 0-5. Please have a look.

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## FAMILY OF FAITH

### A reflection from... Mrs Lewis

I was personally challenged by this week's school bible verse. I think this is an extremely powerful scripture to end our school year on. Let me tell you why... How thankful I am that my staff are so dedicated, so passionate and so loyal! This makes our school so warm, so full of joy and such a successful place. How thankful I am that I will be spending quality time with my beautiful sons and my wonderful family over the coming weeks! Connection to those we love is truly the source of happiness, don't you think?

It is easy to be thankful in these circumstances. But as the Lord teaches, giving thanks cannot be isolated just to those things which are easy to be thankful for. We must be thankful through hard times, for the fire moulds and shapes us. Whatever comes your way over the coming weeks, whatever has come your way over this academic year, give thanks to God and trust in his will. You are loved, treasured and chosen. So even when it's hard, remember this, and give thanks.

### St Thomas Church

Peter Street, St Helens, WA10 2EB  
01744 732463 / stthomaseccleston@gmail.com

#### Sunday Services

Parish Mass: 9.30am – 10.30am  
Evening prayer: 6.30pm

*"Seeking to love God and neighbour in the community of which we are part."*

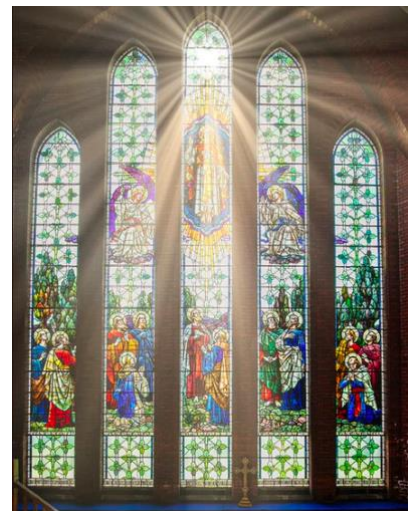
Our **Christian value** focus this half term is...

## Thankfulness

Our school **bible verse** of the week is...

### 1 Thessalonians 5:18

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*



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# Paediatric Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Drop in Sessions

Come along and speak to one of the team about any questions you have about your child's therapy, get help with completing a referral form, or ask any questions you have about Physio or OT-Children welcome

All Sessions run 1.30-3.30pm-No need to book.

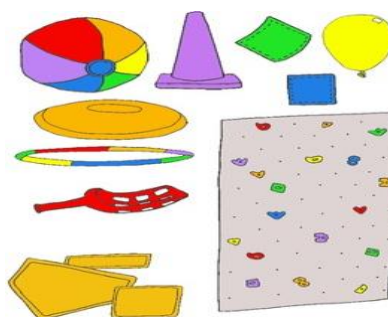
## Knowsley Sessions

First floor, Manor Farm Primary Care Resource Centre, Manor Farm Road,  
Huyton, L36 0UB-Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> August and 17<sup>th</sup> August

## St Helens Sessions

Sutton Children's Centre, Ellamsbridge Road, St Helens, WA9 3PY-Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>  
July, 10<sup>th</sup> August and 24<sup>th</sup> August.

For more information, call 0151 351 8800



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# MINECRAFT

Building Tournament

Charity Event

Sat July 29th 2023

At the Gaming Suite Rainford Village Hall

£10 per Player

1st Prize A Gaming PC

Raffle with Various other Prizes

Tournament entry only available in advance from

[www.thegamingsuite.co.uk](http://www.thegamingsuite.co.uk)

Minimum Number required 72

In Support of The Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia  
Support Group



# THIS SUMMER

at **MARTIN MERE**

Wetland Centre



## Summer wetland adventures



*Quentin Blake*  
Drawn to Water



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**Endless blue skies, warm sunshine and thriving wildlife – a trip to Martin Mere in the summer is always unforgettable.**

We've got lots of amazing animals from elegant flamingos and adorable otters, to white storks and magnificent southern screamers.

For little explorers, visit our huge adventure playground for zip wire screams, scramble net laughs, tree-house trailblazing and water zone wonders.

**Share your visit with us – we're on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @WWTMartinmere.**



### Wild Walk play area

An extra adventure now awaits at our popular 'Wild Walk'. Test your balance on the balance weaver and balance beam, take on the swinging steps, and brave the rickety bridge.



### Talks and feeds

**Daily:**  
Join our team of friendly volunteers for our daily talks and feeds. Meet our otters, Kemo and Penny, as they forage for their food and play around their enclosure. You can also get up close to our flamingos and touch real skulls, feathers and feet and learn interesting facts about these flamboyant birds.



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## Summer wetland adventures

**Sat 22 July – Sun 3 Sep**

**Collect your FREE activity guide and start your wetland adventure.**

View our wetlands through the eyes of the UK's best loved illustrator, Quentin Blake, as part of our Drown to Water troll.

- Step back in time at our Mere Tun Village and see how wetland materials were used.
  - Get your defenses ready with weapons training to protect our village
  - Forage for wetland materials and have a go at your own wetland crafts.
  - Set sail on our award-winning canoe safari or guided boat tour
  - Dive deep into our ponds and discover creatures under our waters
- And much more!**

**Complete at least 6 activities and come along to our daily ceremony at 4pm to get your Drown to Water badge!**

## Gorgeous gifts and yummy treats

Enjoy warming lunches, freshly-brewed teas and coffees, and delicious cakes overlooking Swan Lake in our Mere Side Café. In our shop, we've gorgeous gifts, books and toys for you – and every penny you spend in our shop and café goes to support our vital conservation work.

## Everything you need for an unforgettable day out...

### How to find us

**Our address** – Fish Lane, Burscough, Lancashire, L40 0TA.

**By car** – follow the brown duck signs from Junction 8 on the M61, Junction 3 on the M58 and Junction 27 on the M6.

**By bike** – use New Lane Circuit and A Grand Tour of West Lancashire routes.

**By train** – Burscough Bridge Interchange (2 miles), New Lane (0.8 miles) and Burscough Junction (3 miles).

### We're open

Visit us **364 days a year** – that's every day except Christmas Day.

You can visit us between **9.30am – 6pm** (4.30pm in winter and 3pm on Christmas Eve) and our last admission is one hour before closing.

### We're buggy and wheelchair friendly!

### Get in touch

Call us on 01704 895181

Email us at [info.martinmere@wwt.org.uk](mailto:info.martinmere@wwt.org.uk)

Visit [wwt.org.uk/martin-mere](http://wwt.org.uk/martin-mere)

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WWT is the leading conservation charity that protects, preserves and promotes wildlife and wetlands. Come along, explore, get close to the animals, enjoy unique experiences and learn about these amazing habitats.

WWT reg. charity in England & Wales, no. 1010884 and Scotland, no. SC039410



Common Approach To Children's Health

# Empowering you to manage your family's health and wellbeing

A free app providing local NHS-approved support and information to parents and carers of children aged 0-5

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# Celebration and Feedback event



Mersey Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Thursday 10 August

Cineworld, Chalon Way West,  
Town Centre, St. Helens  
WA10 1BF

**10am** Arrival and feedback session with the Mersey Care Team

**11am** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles film

**1pm** Finish

Popcorn and drinks will be available

If you would like to book a place please email [events@merseycare.nhs.uk](mailto:events@merseycare.nhs.uk) with how many places you would like to book and child's name, school and age.

# ST HELENS FOOD PANTRIES

## **STATIC COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY - £4 per visit**

St Matthews Centre Pantry, St Matthews Grove, Thatto Heath, St Helens, WA10 3SE Wednesday 9am to 11.30am

St Marks (TANGO) Pantry, Park Street, Haydock, St Helens, WA11 0BH Thursday 8.50am to 11am

Hope Pantry, Wesley Methodist Church, Corporation Street, St Helens, WA10 1LF Tuesday 11am to 1pm

St Lukes Pantry, Knowsley Road, St Helens, WA10 4PU Wednesday 3.30pm to 5.30pm

St Michaels Church Pantry, Gartons Lane, Sutton, St Helens, WA9 2RA Sunday 1.30pm to 3.30pm

## **MOBILE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY - £5 per visit**

Wargrave Big Local Community Hub, 143 Alder Street, Newton le Willows, WA12 8HR Monday 10.30am to 12.30pm

Sutton Family Centre, Ellamsbridge Road, St Helens, WA9 3PX Tuesday 10.30am to 12.30pm

Park Farm Community Centre, 54 Kentmere Avenue, Carr Mill, St Helens, WA11 7PG Thursday 10.30 to 12.30pm

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**Well done to the following children, who have won the Headteacher's Award this week!**

Year	Head Teacher's Award	
N	Florence	For being a fabulous friend
R	Luke	For always doing the right thing
1	Dottie	For excellent science work
2	Celina	For exemplary behaviour and hard work
3	Everyone in Y3	For being the best first class Miss Sudlow could ever ask for!
4	Sonny Blyth	For super effort in class
5	All of Y5	For an amazing year and doing so well
6	All of Y6	For an Amazing Leavers Service!

Year	Lunchtime Award
R	All of Reception
1	All of Year 1
2	Summer and Elissa
3	Harvey
4	Lucas S
5	Sophie-Louise
6	All of Year 6!

Year	Attendance this week	ATTENDANCE AWARD
R	95.6%	Whole school attendance this week was <b>96.9%</b> Well done to <b>Year 6 with 97.1%</b> , they have won the class attendance award this week! Well done everyone!
1	95.5%	
2	95.3%	
3	92%	
4	95.5%	
5	95.17%	
6	97.1%	

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