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Journeying Together to Live, Learn and Laugh with the Love of God


 **Joyful Readers**


 **Opportunities to Build Upon Knowledge and Skills**

 **Understanding of British and Christian Values**

 **Resilience and Perseverance**

 **Nurture Curiosity**

 **Encourage Articulate Learners**

 **Your Wellbeing and Health**

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**OUR VALUE THIS
HALF TERM IS:
GENEROSITY**



This week at St James

What a fantastic half term it's been! The children have worked so hard, and I, along with the entire St. James' team, am immensely proud of everything they've achieved. They've truly given their best in all areas.

This week has been *Safety Week*, and it's been filled with important lessons and exciting visits. Every year group completed work from the NSPCC on consent, and we've had some wonderful visitors, including the road safety team, the police, and the fire brigade. The children have learned so much about bonfire safety, sun safety, rail safety, and even first aid!

On Tuesday we also came together for a *Trust-Wide Collective Worship*, which is always a special time for us to join our LDST family of schools.

There was great excitement as all classes with over 97% attendance enjoyed an extra playtime as a reward! And on that note-thank you all so much for your continued support with attendance. As of today our attendance as a whole school for the year to date is over 97%!!!!!! Well done everyone.

On Thursday, our school received high praise from the SIAMS inspector, and it was lovely to hear such positive feedback about our school. We look forward to sharing their report with you in due course.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe half term break! We look forward to welcoming you back to school on *Monday, 4th November* we journey together to live, learn, and laugh with the love of God.

Take care and enjoy the time with your families!

Mrs Briers

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance Updates

We need to try really hard each and every week to make sure every year group is beating our **97% target**—this will help us to succeed!

Our Whole School attendance to date is 95.8%

The class with the highest attendance this week, and the winner of the virtual £5 is Reception

There were 138 pupils with perfect attendance this week. Can we beat this next week?

Weekly Attendance	
Whole School	96.4%
Reception	99.3%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	98.2%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	91.5%



Attendance Steps to Success:



LDST
Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust

- ★ Ring the school office as soon as possible to explain any absence.
- ★ Be on time! Remember that gates close at 8:50am. Any absence after 9:20am is unauthorised.
- ★ Provide evidence for any medical appointments.
- ★ Speak to a member of the attendance team if you need support with your child's attendance - we are here to help!
- ★ Read any information and letters (including the newsletter) carefully.

HSC Public Health Agency

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox

At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhea &/or Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

Respiratory Illness

(e.g colds & flu)
Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough

Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Measles

4 days from onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

German Measles (Rubella)

5 days from onset of rash

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Scabies

Until after first treatment

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed

Whooping Cough

48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

Term Dates

2024-2025

Autumn Term		Days
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Friday 18 th October 2024	33
Monday 4 th November 2024	Thursday 19 th December 2024	34
Spring Term		
Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025	30
Monday 24 th February 2025	Wednesday 9 th April 2025	33
Summer Term		
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025	23
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	37
		190



Whole School events Autumn 2

Date	Event
4/11/24	School re-opens 8.40am
5/11/24	Light Night Party in school
6/11/24	Year 3 Hinduism Workshop
6/11/24	Flu Vaccinations
6/11/24	Year 6 Swimming begins
6/11/24	Sean Perkins Author Visit
6/11/24	St James' Open Evening 4.30pm
7/11/24	St James' Book Fair
7/11/24	School Photograph Day
7/11/24	St James' Open Evening 4.30pm
11/11/24	Remembrance Day
11/11/24	Fencing Club begins
11/11/24	Parents' Evening
12/11/24	Remembrance Service in church 9.30am
12/11/24	Parents' Evening
13/11/24	World Kindness Day
15/11/24	Own Clothes Day - in exchange for selection box
15/11/24	Coffee Morning - Opening Worlds 9.00am
25/11/24	Reception B-Tales Workshop
27/11/24	Christmas Bingo
29/11/24	Own clothes Day - in exchange for gift
4/12/24	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight checks
5/12/24	Christmas Fair
16/12/24	Christmas Dinner Day
17/12/24	Nativity Afternoon
18/12/24	Nativity Morning and Afternoon
19/12/24	Christmas Party Day
19/12/24	School Closes for Christmas

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

At St James, we believe that every child has the right to be heard, especially when it comes to their safety and wellbeing. Listening to children is key in safeguarding them and ensuring they feel supported and protected. By giving children the space to share their thoughts, worries, or experiences, we can better understand how to keep them safe.

We encourage children to speak up in a variety of ways. Through regular discussions with teachers, open class conversations, and dedicated wellbeing sessions, children are given the opportunity to express themselves.

We also provide confidential ways for them to share concerns if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Their opinions and feelings matter, and we take them seriously in all safeguarding decisions.

Together, we can create a safe environment for all pupils. For more information, please contact a member of the Safeguarding Team.

Online Safety Tip of the Week



**National
Online
Safety**

Horror Films and Age ratings

Ofcom's latest Media Use and Attitudes Report states that most children can watch streamed films on a mobile device both in and out of the home, with 80% of UK children watching films on phones, tablets or laptops. That's a lot of youngsters who might be using their own gadgets to watch something suitably spooky this Halloween season or perhaps, something a little too frightening.

With older children in particular, it can be difficult knowing how to manage their increasing interest in more mature content – including horror films, in many cases – let alone knowing how best to safeguard them from inappropriate material. This week's guide offers expert advice not only on the risks of exposure to horror films and other potentially upsetting content, but also on preventing young viewers from seeing this material or protecting them from being too deeply affected by it if they do.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above

18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.



CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.



REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them: this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.



DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.



USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

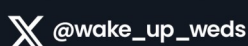


Meet Our Expert

John Inslay is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/horror-films-and-age-ratings>



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Spirituality Spotlight

As a school community we want to be:

**“Journeying together to Live,
Learn and Laugh with the Love of
God”**

DO
EVERYTHING
in love
1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

Miss Barratt's favourite bible verse is:



*Christ died for sins, once for all, the righteous
for the unrighteousness, to bring you to God.
Peter 3:18*

Miss Barratt says:



*This verse reminds me that Jesus died to swap places with
me.
He died for our sin (when we say, 'Shove off God, I'm in
charge, No to your rule')
So that we could have his righteousness and be God's friend
forever.*



Joyful Readers

*"And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete."
[1 John 1:4]*

RECEPTION	Esmay Royle
YEAR 1	Michael Piorkowski
YEAR 2	Vincent Piorkowski
YEAR 3	Joel Lyon
YEAR 4	Matilda Smith-Pilling
YEAR 5	Emmanuel Meza
YEAR 6	Ellie-Mai Long

Journey Driver Focus:

Generosity

Each half term, one child from each class is nominated by their class teacher for 'living out' our value of the half term. The value for this half term is 'Generosity'

RECEPTION	Daisy Hind
YEAR 1	Betty Rotherham
YEAR 2	Thomas Hunter
YEAR 3	Olivia Nelson
YEAR 4	Grace Lea
YEAR 5	Florence Davies
YEAR 6	Dulagee Davies

THANK YOU
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PE Days

Monday	Year1, Year 2 and Year 3
Tuesday	Reception and Year 4
Wednesday	Reception Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday	Year 3 and Year 4
Friday	Year 1 , Year 2 and Year 5 and Year 6



Clubs

We are running the following after school clubs next half term.

- **Monday (8am)**-Fencing with Coach Phil (see letter sent)
- **Tuesday**-Golf for Y3 and Y4 with Mr Moon and Mr Ratcliffe
- **Wednesday**-Lego Club for Y1, Y2 and Y3 with Miss Hunter
- **Thursday**– Multi skills for Y1 and Y2 with the Sports Coach

If your child is in Y2, you may receive a letter inviting them to attend a Reading Booster

SWIMMING

Y6 will have Swimming Lessons this half term. Their lessons will be on Wednesday afternoons. Letters have been sent out.

Remember:

- Full PE kit on PE days.
- PE kits: Black tracksuit/shorts and plain white T.Shirt (logo optional) and black trainers,
- No slogan/branded TShirts or Tracksuits or bright colours.
- Earrings must be taken out or covered with plasters.

THIS IS PART OF SCHOOL UNIFORM AND EXPECTATIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED.

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TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

LIGHT NIGHT PARTY

14:00 TO 15:15

This will take place during school time!

Own clothes to be worn for the day.
Bright, sparkly clothing encouraged!

For a £1.50 contribution, children will take part in games, crafts and snacks will be provided.

They will then leave for home at the usual time at the usual collection point.



*You are
the Light
of the world.*
MATTHEW | 5:14



Dear Parents/Carers,
**WOOHOO... TUESDAY
12TH NOVEMBER IS
ODD SOCKS DAY!**

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Tuesday 12th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are partnering with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, 'Choose Respect'.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy! ☺ Here's what you do:

1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school.
2. Donate £1 (or whatever you can afford) to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work.
3. If you want to, you can share a photo or video online and feel free to add the 'Choose Respect' audio to your posts! Don't forget to tag us using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @ABAonline and @AndyOddSock on X. Or @AntiBullyingAlliance and @AndyandtheOddSocks on Instagram.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the odd socks on Tuesday 12th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:



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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



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Open Days

Reception 2025

St James CE Primary School

Are you a parent or a carer with children starting school in September 2025 and beyond?

If so, come and see St James Church of England Primary School in Haydock, St Helens. We are a distinctly Christian one form entry school offering an excellent curriculum, a nurturing approach and wide ranging activities and opportunities for all of our children. We were judged to be **'GOOD'** in 2023 by Ofsted.

You will have the chance to see our beautiful school environment and meet some of our amazing staff. Please telephone the school office on 01744 678545 or email stjameshaydock@ldst.org.uk to book onto your preferred date.

Also visit our X page @StJamesCEsth and school website:

<https://www.stjamesceprimary.co.uk/>

Dates

**Wednesday 6th November -
4:30pm**

**Thursday 7th November—
4:30pm**



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APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

If your child turns 4 between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025, he or she will transfer to primary school in September 2025. From Monday 16 September the website www.sthelens.gov.uk/admissions is open for parents who wish to apply online.

You will be notified on 16 April 2025 confirming your child's school place.

The closing date for you to submit your application is 15 January 2025.

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

If your child turns 11 between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025, he or she will transfer to secondary school in September 2025. From Monday 2 September the website www.sthelens.gov.uk/admissions is open for parents who wish to apply online.

You will be notified on 3 March 2025 confirming your child's school place.

The closing date for you to submit your application is 31 October 2024.

Coming Soon!



Love Learning Childcare

We will be offering
both Funded and Non
Funded places, for
children aged 12
Months – 4 Years Old.

Holiday Club!
Children Aged 2 – 11 Years.

Opening
Hours

7.30am – 6.00pm

123



Contact Information:
Lisa.lovelearning79@gmail.com

07749873295

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Food banks provide emergency food and compassionate, dignified support to people locked in crisis. There are 10 food banks available to residents in St Helens Borough, five of which are managed by The HOPE Centre charity in St Helens and require a voucher from a relevant local agency.

St James are registered with St Helens Foodbank and are able to issue Food Bank Vouchers (subject to conditions). If you feel like you are struggling to put food on the table, please contact Mrs Maloney, in the School Office, for more information. We can also provide long term support through Early Help which Miss Moore, Mrs Briers and Mrs Conant organise.

Community food pantries

Pantries operate as a member-led neighbourhood hub and are just like a shop, in that you choose the food you want from the shelves. Members pay a small subscription each week they visit, and in return can choose groceries worth many times more, often saving up to £1,000 a year on shopping bills.. How it works.:

Step one: Find your nearest pantry (you must live in the area in which it is based).

Step two: Go along and join on the day it is open, remembering it is open to everyone in that community.

Step three: Pay your £5 membership each time you visit. Sit and have a cuppa while you wait for your turn.

Step four: Choose your shopping, which will always be worth more than your weekly membership fee.

Step five: Tell your neighbours and get them to join too.

For more information please see <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/6987/Food>

IN OTHER NEWS

FOOTBALL CAMP



Steve's October - November football camp is designed for beginners who are just starting out right the way to more experience players who are already in a team. Great way to make new friends.

- Skills & ball techniques
- Confidence building
- Penalty shootout
- Fun games & matches
- Shin pads & water essential
- Packed Lunch required



31ST October
Ages 6 - 9yrs | 10.00am - 1.00pm

1ST November
Ages 10 - 13yrs | 10.30am - 1.30pm

DBS ENHANCED

For more information contact Steve Pagendam on 07492091999 or on Facebook Steven Pagendam

**Thatto Heath
Barn WA95JA**



SPOOKTACULAR!

TECH ~~OCTOBER~~ HALF TERM CLUB



Leading the way in providing tech-based activities that are both inspirational and educational!

ST HELENS

Rainford High School
Higher Lane, Rainford, WA11 8NY

30th & 31st October
Wednesday & Thursday

9am-3pm
half days available



Providing fun, educational activities-
Wednesday- Digital Game Design & Minecraft
Thursday- Lego Robotics & Minecraft

BOOK! Visit the link or scan the code-
bolton.computerexplorers.co.uk



@CompXBolton

IN OTHER NEWS



WATCH LFC WOMEN

Bring your school, grassroots team or community club to watch LFC Women play at St Helens Stadium. Enjoy a thrilling day filled with pre-match entertainment that's fun for the entire family – including music, games, competitions and more. Make it loud, support LFC Women this season.



20 OCT



10 NOV



15 DEC

ST HELENS STADIUM

Tickets just ~~£4 Juniors and £10 Adults~~
£2.80 Juniors and £7 Adults

30% off use code: **LOCALSCHOOLS30**



LIVERPOOLFC.COM/WOMEN



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IN OTHER NEWS

FOOTBALL SHARKS 2 DAY HALLOWEEN SOCCER SCHOOL Monday and Tuesday (28th and 29th October)



- 📅 09:30 drop off - 14:30 collection ☠️
- 📍 Sutton leisure centre 3G Astro
- ⚽ Ages 5 - 13 Boys & Girls welcome
- 💎 Fully qualified and experienced coaches
- 🏆 Medals and certificates on final day



Billy Flynn
07710434186



Football_Sharks_

"At Football Sharks soccer schools, your child isn't just here to kick a football around a pitch and our coaches aren't just here to babysit. Your child will be coached by our top class, highly experienced and well qualified football coaches and I can guarantee they will go away from the soccer school having learned things, gained confidence and had as much fun possible at the same time! Yes we care about your child having fun and keeping active, but we thrive on also helping your child develop as a footballer and also as a person"

Breakfast with Santa!

£10
Per Child

Price Includes:

- Fun Festive Breakfast!
- Visit to Santa in his Grotto,
- Gift from Santa!

Location:
St James Church,
Haydock,

Suitable for Children aged 2-11 Years

Saturday 14th December
10am – 11.30

IN OTHER NEWS

GIRLS FOOTBALL CLASSES

FREE FIRST TASTER CLASS

Steve's Football Academy girls classes are designed for all ability levels, from newcomer to those already playing with a team.

All sessions include fun games, mini matches, skill building & much more. Prizes are regularly awarded for achievements.

These classes are a great way to gain confidence and meet new friends while enjoying the beautiful game.

I am DBS approved and an FA qualified coach. I have over 15 years experience in coaching both in the UK and overseas.



Course Details

Ages 9 - 11 years
Mondays 5 - 6pm

Ages 6 - 8 years
Tuesdays 6 - 7pm

De La Salle School
WA10 4QH

For more information on prices and availability contact - Steven Pagendam on 07492091999 or message me on facebook Steven Pagendam

Water, shin pads & indoor trainers essential.

OCTOBER SPOOKTACULAR MULTI ACTIVITY CAMP



Unlock your child's potential with our exciting Full of Beans holiday camp! Designed to enhance personal growth and collaboration, each child gets individual attention to develop their unique skills. Through thrilling spooky-themed activities, they'll grow, learn, and have fun in a safe, supportive environment.

Our camp encourages teamwork and friendship, helping children build confidence and learn valuable life lessons through imaginative games.

Join us for an unforgettable adventure—register today and watch your child thrive!

Bookings can be made via our website
www.fullofbeansfitness.co.uk

Email: camps@fullofbeansfitness.co.uk
Telephone: 0151 374 0454
Facebook: FOBWirral Twitter: FullOfBeansFit



COST

£25 per day Standard day /
£35 Extended day
automatic 10% sibling discount



LOCATION

Birchley St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Billinge, Wigan WN5 7QJ



DATE

Tues 22nd, Wed 23rd & Thurs 24th Oct
8.30am until 5.30pm Ext opt /
Standard 9.30-4pm



Our staff all hold professional qualifications and an enhanced DBS.
We go out of our way to ensure a personal and special day.





Family Hub

MAKING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACCESSIBLE



Scan for everything you need to support children aged 0-19 (and up to 25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) in St Helens, including registration services, school & education advice, childcare, health and wellbeing and more.

Visit: sthelensfamilyhub.sthelens.gov.uk