



*For the word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does.'*

*Psalm 33:4*

### *Winmarleigh Hall*

This week, our Year 5 children attended an exciting residential trip to Winmarleigh Hall. An enjoyable time was had by all!



Follow SMMJ on X for more fantastic photos.

### ***Award Winners***

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure (Please refer to key later in the newsletter)
3CF	Sofia	Ayla	Kendal	96.5%
3GT	Vogue	Teddy	Santanna-Marie	97%
3HM	Nevan	Francis	Arthur	97.9%
3ST	Joseph	Felicity	Theo	97.6%
4CD	Grace	Sebastian	Aiden	95.9%
4HW	James M	Poppy	Oliver	94.8%
4KH	Hayden	Noah	Nolan	98.4%
4SC	Eva	Finley H	Ivy	95.5%
5AH	Archie E	Isaac	Evie	99.3%
5JK	Faith	Jennifer	Abdullah	96.8%
5KL	Ruairi	Amelia M	Archie	96%
5PS	Kai	Delilah-Jae	Thomas	94%
6AC	Logan	Leon	Pranav	92.9%
6JP	Elijah	Daniel	Florence	97.1%
6LT	Daisy	Maisy	Connie	92.4%
6SA				95%

Attendance for the whole school is 96.1%

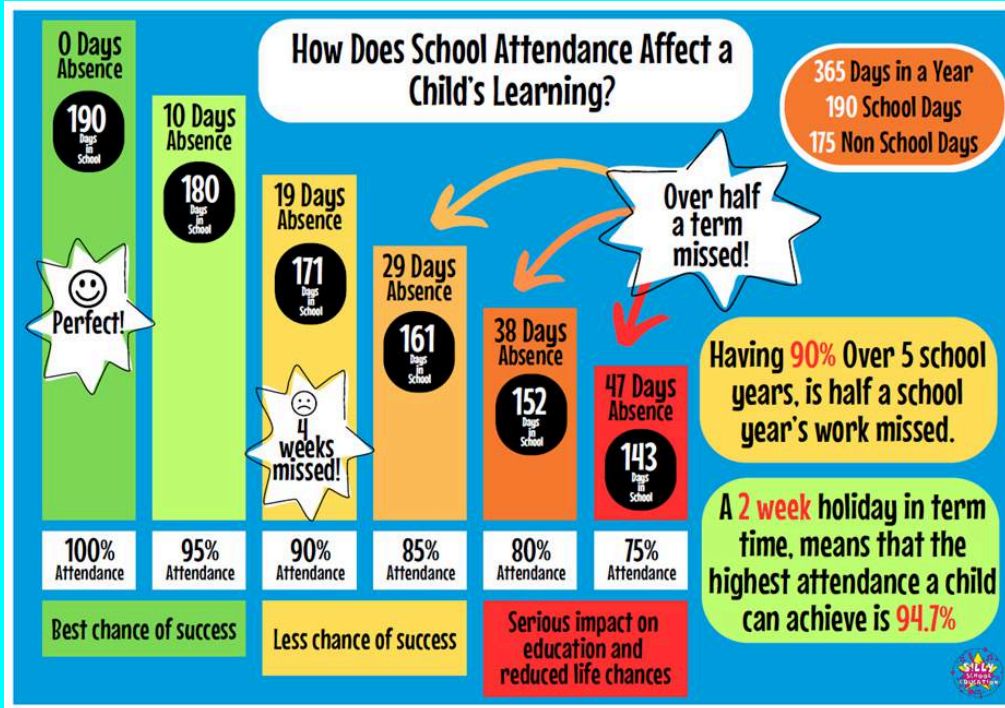
Dinnertime winners: 3ST, 4SC, 6JP

### Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Highest number of minutes on TTRS</b>	Gabrielle	Karthik	William	Diya
<b>Class with the best engagement</b>	3HM	4CD	5JK	6SA
<b>Most Improved</b>	Ethan	Max	Scarlett	Poppy

**HOUSE POINTS -**

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	329	198	56		
St David	363	201	49		
St George	306	197	55		
St Patrick	341	201	61		



## Congratulations



Aimee received star of the week at Liverpool Singing Group, she received it for growing in confidence and putting herself forward for a solo part.



## FUNDRAISING

As a school, we are keen for our pupils to be exposed to as many experiences as possible in the hope that this will open their eyes to the world around them and will help to raise their aspirations. We want to ensure that no child misses out on any experience due to lack of finances and therefore we want to raise as much money as possible in order to subsidise our Cultural Capital Offer. We also need to raise funds to support Liv Fest (Pink Day) to ensure that it is as successful as possible as a tribute to Olivia on what would have been her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. If any parent/friend of the school is in a position to help us with our fundraising efforts, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for:-

- Raffle Donations
- Sponsorship (ie if any parent knows of any business that would sponsor an event/ a year group/a class)
- Support at events
- Business/Community links (ie if any parent is in a position to signpost us to people who would like to hold a stall/assist at an event (eg. face painters/nail artists/ ice cream vans/ bouncy castles/assault courses etc)
- Match funding (any parent who has connections with a bank so that we can match fund any funds raised)
- Support in promoting our fundraising efforts on social media.
- Bid writers

Every little helps and every penny raised will be put towards ensuring that your child has the best experience while in school.

Please get in touch if you are in a position to help.

## Parental Conflict

Research tells us how it is significantly harmful to children when they witness and are aware of **frequent, intense and unresolved** disagreements and arguments between their parents/carers, understandably affecting the child's ability and capacity to access their learning, thrive and reach their full potential, when they are faced with adverse circumstances.

Please find attached Reducing Parental Conflict flyers provided by Knowsley's Early help Team for online courses available to parents/carers to access. If you have any concerns or worries please contact Mrs Culley or Mrs Perry in confidence as we would be happy to support you accessing relevant support.



**An online course for new and expectant parents**

## Me, You and Baby Too

Having a baby can be an exciting time but it's also one of the biggest changes you and your partner are likely to go through. You'll both be tired and stressed, and you may argue more.

**Me, You and Baby Too** is a free online course that can help you navigate these changes and keep moving forward together.

**You will learn:**

- What your baby picks up, even before they are born.
- Why stress should be a shared burden.
- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.

Register at this address [www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents](http://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents) or scan the QR code

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**An online course for separating parents to help manage conflict and minimise the impact on children**

## Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

**Getting it right for children** is a free online course designed to help you parent co-operatively. It can help you to develop positive communication skills, so that you can sort out disagreements and find solutions together.

**You will learn:**

- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view.
- What to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

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**FREE resources on debt and relationships**

## Debt and relationships

Online materials to help you with debt and the impact it has on your relationships

Debt and money troubles are among the biggest causes of relationship stress.

In these short animations, real couples tell their stories of being in debt and the steps they took to get things back on track.

If you're worried about debt, watch these clips to see why it's best to act as soon as possible, and why it's always a good idea to talk to your partner about what's happening.

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## Power of Parenting Programme

Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat and meet other parents in a relaxed informal setting

Venue St Mary's Junior School

**Session 1 Friday 12th April 2024 9 – 11am**

**Session 2 Friday 19th April 2024 9 – 11am**

**Session 3 Friday 26th April 2024 9 – 11am**

**Session 4 Friday 3rd May 2024 2-3pm**

***Group run by Learning Mentors Carmel Perry & Jackie Harris***

Being a parent is one of the toughest jobs in the world.

Parents are teachers, carers, guides, leaders, protectors, providers and motivators for their children.

POPP group aims to build on parenting skills, increase confidence and further develop strategies to guide, nurture and encourage positive behaviours in children.

**On Friday 3rd May (4th session) your child will accompany you in taking part in some fun practical activities to reduce stress and anxiety and feel a sense of calm.**

If you are interested in attending the **Power Of Parenting Programme** please contact Mrs Perry or your child's class teacher no later than - **Wednesday 10th April 2024.**

***Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis***

***We look forward to welcoming you to POPP and working alongside you.***

## Easter Raffle

Have you bought your raffle tickets yet for the Easter Raffle? Our prize draw will take place on Wednesday next week. Tickets will be on sale each dinner time at the cost of £1 a strip. They will also be on sale after school (outside the Year 6 block) on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd March. Prizes include: 14 Easter hampers. Each hamper is packed with multiple prizes such as easter treats, vouchers for local business and even adult treats too!



## Sport News

This week, a group of pupils took part in a cross country event held at KGV Playing fields. Well done to all runners!



Our football team also had a league match

Well done to the Year 5 boys who represented school in the Huyton League this week. The boys finished fourth in the league, qualifying for the finals in May.





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**Value of the Week**  
**Faithfulness**

**Newsletter Issue 24**  
**Week ending Friday 22nd March 2024**

## **SHINE**

This week's SHINE lessons have linked to News  
The children have been focusing upon the latest news stories.

## **Greatest Week Assembly**

As we enter Holy Week next week, our children will take part in 'The Greatest Week' assembly



## Drumming Workshop

This week our pupils were treated to a drumming workshop led by Jeff Rich, the drummer from Status Quo.



## SUMMER TERM DATES FOR DIARY

Dates are subject to change in certain circumstances-in the case of changes, we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible

### April

9<sup>th</sup>-Year 3 First Aid sessions

11<sup>th</sup>-PTA Disco

12<sup>th</sup>-Year 3 PTA Disco

Week Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Swimming Sessions

16<sup>th</sup>-Parent Forum 9.30am

17<sup>th</sup> and -18<sup>th</sup> Bikeability (Year 5/6)

25<sup>th</sup> Governor Morning

19<sup>th</sup>-6SA and 6LT Coastlines Trip

Week Beginning 22<sup>nd</sup>-Year 3 Swimming Sessions

22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Bikeability Year 5 and Year 6

22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Year 4 trip to Colomendy

23<sup>rd</sup>-St George's Day-Pupils in Year 5 may wear their own clothes

25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Year 5 and 6 Bikeability

25<sup>th</sup>-Governor Morning

Year 2 Zoom Transition Meeting  
26<sup>th</sup>-Coffee Morning-Culture Celebration  
Power of Parenting Course to Commence

## May

2<sup>nd</sup> Buildings, Staffing and Finance Meeting  
Week Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup>-Year 4 Swimming  
9<sup>th</sup>-Full Governor's Budget Meeting  
Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup>-Year 6 Assessment Week  
13<sup>th</sup>-PC White-The Trial of Goldilocks (Y4)  
17<sup>th</sup>-Break Up for the Half Term Holiday

## June

Week Beginning 3<sup>rd</sup>-Year 6 Bikeability  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>-Year 6 Residential Kingswood Colomendy  
4<sup>th</sup> Parent Forum  
10<sup>th</sup>-Year 6 'Imagine My Future'  
11<sup>th</sup>& 12<sup>th</sup> School Revue 2.30pm and 5.30pm  
12<sup>th</sup>-Year 4 Sports Day  
13<sup>th</sup>-Liv Fest  
14<sup>th</sup>-Non Uniform Day raising money for Knowsley SHARE  
Year 5 trip to Edge Hill College  
15<sup>th</sup>-Holy Communion Masses  
Week Beginning 17<sup>th</sup>-Assessment Week (Years 3-5)  
Refugee Week  
Year 6 Child Centred Reviews  
17<sup>th</sup>-Year 5 Sports Day  
Liverpool Athletics  
20<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Sports Day  
Governors' Curriculum Meeting (5pm)  
21<sup>st</sup> Sports Day Year 3  
22<sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion Masses  
Week Beginning 24<sup>th</sup>-Year 5 Child Centred Reviews  
24<sup>th</sup>-Wavertree Athletics Competition  
25<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Holy Communion Celebration Day  
Year 5 Reserve Sports Day  
26<sup>th</sup> SMMJ University Celebration  
27<sup>th</sup> Gullivers' World Trip  
Reserve Sports Day Year 3  
28<sup>th</sup> Gullivers' World Trip  
Reserve Sports Day Year 4

## July

Week Beginning 1<sup>st</sup>-Transition Week  
1<sup>st</sup> Meeting for Year 2 Parents (5pm)  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Meet the Year 4 Teacher (for Year 3 Parents)  
Central Collaborative Awards Ceremony  
3<sup>rd</sup>-Meet the Year 5 Teacher (for Year 4 Parents)  
4<sup>th</sup>-Meet the Year 6 Teacher (for Year 5 Parents)  
Week Beginning 8<sup>th</sup>-Year 6 Production Week (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>)-time TBC  
11<sup>th</sup>-Year 6 Leavers' Disco  
12<sup>th</sup>-School Reports out to parents  
15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Quidditch Experience for classes  
Year 6 Reserve Sports Day  
16<sup>th</sup>- Year 3-5 Awards (9.30-10.30)  
Year 6 Awards (5pm-6pm)  
19<sup>th</sup>-Year 6 Leavers' Mass  
19<sup>th</sup>-Break Up for Summer-1.30pm (Year3-5)  
1.45pm (Year 6)

**Easter Holiday**

School will finish for the Easter Holiday next Wednesday (27<sup>th</sup> March)  
We return to school on the morning of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



We're working towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts Council England

