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St Mary and St Thomas Weekly Newsletter

Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father.
–Matthew 5:16

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Thank you to everyone for another fantastic week at school. A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for their hard work, resilience and positive attitude throughout the week — we are incredibly proud of you all.

We would also like to say a sincere thank you to all parents, carers and families for your continued support and encouragement. It makes such a difference and is greatly appreciated by all staff.

A reminder that we break up for the half-term holiday on **Thursday 21st May.** We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Summer 2 on **Monday 1st June.**

We hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Pow' Golden Book

Each week, staff celebrate children who have truly gone above and beyond by adding their names to Mr Pow's Golden Book. It's always a special moment when these names and the reasons behind them are shared during our celebration worship.

Headteacher's Award Winners

Nursery	Daisy for growing in confidence
Reception	Nayeli for trying really hard with her writing
Year 1	Bobby for working hard all week
Year 2	Sienna for super effort in maths
Year 3	Wynter for always doing the right thing
Year 4	Wamidi for excellent effort with her work
Year 5	Harry S for being a role model all the time
Year 6	All of Year 6 for an amazing SATs week!

Lunchtime Award Winners

Reception	Zain
Year 1	Adam
Year 2	Amelia
Year 3	Mard
Year 4	Kenzo
Year 5	Rina
Year 6	Isla

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts!

Our school day starts at 8.45am; that's when the doors open! Children should arrive at school on time, so they don't miss any learning! Regularly missing lessons can have a negative impact on wellbeing and on your academic achievement too. Being on time is such an important skill and sets you up for a life of success and positive wellbeing! Children should be in school EVERY DAY... unless you're poorly. Every day counts! Every minute in school is a learning minute. The research tells us that children who are in school every day achieve more, and their wellbeing is better too! Please let school know if you'll be absent before 9.15am or we'll have to contact you to check in.

Whole school attendance this year to date... **93.8%**	**Class Attendance Last Week** Nursery- **96.1%** Reception- **93.2%** Year 1- **93.9%** Year 2- **92.9%** Year 3- **98.3%** Year 4- **92.1%** Year 5- **91.2%** Year 6- **98.2%**
Whole school attendance last week **94.5%**	
Class attendance winners last week... **Y3 with 98.3%**	

Information

NURSERY MORNING PLACES

STILL AVAILABLE

STARTING SEPTEMBER 2026

We currently still have morning places left in our nursery for September 2026 and would love to welcome new families into our school community. Our nurturing environment provides a fantastic start to your child's learning journey, helping them grow, explore, and thrive.

📌 Interested?
Please collect an application form from the school office.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Important Date or Events

PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK

All meetings take place in the school hall so please come to the main entrance at your booked time slot. Slots can be booked via Class Dojo.

Monday 18th May - Nursery / Reception / Y1 / Y4

Wednesday 20th May - Y2 / Y5 / Y6

Y4 SLEEPOVER FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

We are pleased to announce that the Year 4 sleepover will take place on Friday 5th June. The sleepover will be held at school, with activities starting at **5:30pm on Friday**. Children should be collected by **10am on Saturday** morning. The cost is **£10 per child,** which includes an evening meal, breakfast and all activites. Payment can be made in the usual way via Arbor under Trips and needs to be paid by **2nd June 2026**.

We encourage all Year 4 children to attend. It is a great opportunity for them to enjoy an overnight stay with friends, build independence, and develop important life skills linked to the Forest School curriculum.

Please note that the event is **NOT** compulsory, and children may choose to attend the evening activities only.

Your child will have brought home a letter today with full details and a list of items needed.

RECEPTION VISION SCREENING 12TH JUNE

The 0-19 team will be in school on Friday 12th June at 9:30AM to complete a vision screening with the Reception class. A letter has been sent out to all Reception parents which contains all the relevant information. Please note this is an opt out format, so parents do not need to respond unless they would like to opt their child out of the Vision screening.

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HEALTH UPDATE

We are currently experiencing a sickness and diarrhoea bug across school, predominantly in Year 2, but also affecting some children in Year 1. To help prevent further spread, we are carrying out a deep clean of the affected areas and reinforcing the importance of good hand hygiene with all children, especially before and after communal times such as lunchtime and before and after eating.

We kindly ask parents to continue supporting this at home and to keep children off school for **48 hours after their last episode** of sickness or diarrhoea, in line with health guidance.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

BARTON CLOSE CLOSED TO CARS

Once again, we would like to remind parents and carers that Barton Close is closed to cars during drop-off and pick-up times. This is to ensure the safety of everyone, but particularly the children travelling to and from school. Unfortunately, we do not have sufficient staff available to reinforce the closure at these times. The matter has been highlighted to the police, who support us whenever possible. We ask all parents and carers to respect these restrictions and help us keep our children safe.

BIKE SAFETY ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

To ensure the safety of all pupils, staff, and visitors, we kindly remind families that children must dismount their bikes at the school gate. Parents and carers are asked to supervise their child when arriving on site. If a child is not accompanied by an adult, they must stand with their bike and walk it onto the premises.

Please note that any child found riding a bike on school grounds will not be permitted to bring their bike onto site in future. This measure is in place to prevent accidents and support a safe environment for everyone.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in maintaining high standards of health and safety.

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CHANGES TO SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS STARTING SEPTEMBER

All children from Reception to Y6 should have brought home a few weeks ago regarding the new school day timings **starting 2nd September 2026**.

There will be no change to the start of the school day (8:50am) but there will be a new **collection time of 3:20 for Reception to Y6.** This is to align ourselves to the DFE guidelines for a 32.5 hour school week. The letter you received will provide full details.

FAMILY HUB SPRING HALF TERM OFFER

Check out the the family hub spring sent out with this newsletter. All activities are free, and everyone is welcome.

BEST START IN LIFE Family Hub

WRAP AROUND COLLECTION

Due to a recent incident on site the wraparound collection for parents will go back to being **Y2 class room door.** A member of staff will always be there to ensure this is possible. If the weather is good and children want to go outside the group will be split up into 2 to ensure there is always a member of staff in the Y2 classroom and parents are able to easily collect.

STAFF CAR PARK

Please remember the car park is for use by staff only unless you are a diabled badge holder, in which case there are resticted times it is available to ensure the safety of all children, staff and families. If you are a disabled badge holder and would like more information on these restrictions please make yourself know to the school office.

Adult £12
Child £5
Family of 4
£29

4K ROUTE

Run for fun… raise money for Willowbrook

St Helens Colour Run

Saturday 4th July 2026

Arrive from 11.15am & Start 12pm

Victoria Park, St Helens, WA10 2UE

Organised in partnership with

ST HELENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Registered Charity No. 1020240

www.willowbrook.org.uk

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UNIFORM LIST

UNIFORM

- Black trousers, shoes, skirt or pinafore
- Navy round neck sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo. If you would like the school logo, you can purchase these from Price & Buckland's website)

- Blue and white checked dress/ pinafore and or black shorts (summer term only)

- White polo shirt (with or without school logo. If you would like the school logo, you can purchase these from the Price & Buckland's website)

- Black or white socks
- Black tights
- Black shoes, low heels, not boots or trainers
- No jewellery is permitted
- Due to restricted space in school we do not allow backpacks.

PE UNIFORM

On the day your child has PE they can come to school in their PE kit so long as it is correct as re-iterated below. From Tuesday 6th June, if your child does not have the correct colour PE kit they will need to come into school in their normal school uniform and bring their PE kit into school to get changed into before their PE lesson. After their lesson they will then get changed back into their school uniform. PE kit should be kept in a small school PE bag labelled with your child's name if they are getting changed in school. For After School Sports clubs the PE uniform still applies.

- White T-Shirt

- Black shorts/black leggings/black jogging bottoms

- Pumps
- Trainers can be worn for sport outside

LABELLING

All uniform and PE kit should be clearly labelled with child's name and class.

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025/2026

Term	Open on:	Close on:
Spring Term	Monday 5th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026
	Monday 23rd February 2026	Friday 27th March 2026
Summer Term	Monday 13th April 2026	Thursday 21st May 2026
	Monday 1st June 2026	Friday 17th July 2026

Easter Bank Holidays:

Good Friday: 3 April 2026

Easter Monday: 6 April 2026

Bank Holidays during term time:

May Day: Monday 4 May 2026

CPD Days:

22nd May 2026 2025

20th July 2026 2025

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Term	*Open On:	*Close On:
Autumn term 2026	2nd September 2026	23rd October 2026
	4th November 2026	18th December 2026
Spring term 2027	5th January 2027	12th February 2027
	22nd February 2027	25th March 2027
Summer term 2027	12th April 2027	28th May 2027
	7th June 2027	21st July 2027

Bank Holidays during term time:
May Day: Monday 3 May 2027

CPD Days

1st September 2026

2nd November 2026

3rd November 2026

20th November 2026

4th January 2027