



SHERDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



## A note from Mr Gawne ...

Dear Families,

I can hardly believe I am already writing the penultimate newsletter of the year. How quickly has the time gone since September. As ever, the term is flying by, but it certainly isn't short of the exciting events and memorable moments that make Sherdley such a wonderful place to be.

This term, I am delighted to formally welcome Mrs Kerr back to school following her maternity leave. She has rejoined our Reception team and is currently covering for Miss Furnival, who has now begun her own maternity leave. We also welcome a number of new families in to Sherdley across the school - it's lovely to have you with us.

Staying with the theme of new arrivals, I am thrilled to share the lovely news that both Miss Furnival and Mrs Clayton have welcomed their babies into the world. Miss Furnival has had a little girl and Mrs Clayton a baby boy, and I'm pleased to say that all are doing well. I know you will join me in congratulating both families and wishing them every happiness in the months and years ahead.

As you will know, the country has experienced exceptionally hot weather this week. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community safe. It was with regret that we had to cancel our planned Sports Days, but with limited shade on the field and temperatures peaking during the scheduled times, we felt this was the safest decision for children and spectators alike.

**Sherdley's Whole School Attendance Target for this Academic Year:**

**96%**

**Sherdley's Whole School Attendance since returning in September:**

**94.8%**

**ATTENDANCE HERO**  
Here, Every day, Ready,  
On time

*Congratulations*



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Family

## A note from Mr Gawne ... Continued

Despite the heat, our Year 1 children were still able to enjoy their trip to Acorn Farm, and they had a fantastic—if rather warm—day out. We have also been pleased to welcome LFC back into school this half term to work with groups of children, and our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an immersive Viking Workshop Day to support their history learning. We are still looking forward to several upcoming trips, including the Year 2 visit and the Year 5 trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium.



Next week marks our Transition Days, taking place on Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July. I will be writing to you shortly with details of your child's class teacher for next year. Our transition theme this year is "No Outsiders – Everyone is Welcome Here", and you can find further information in the newsletter.



You will also see an update on the incredible £6000 raised at our Colour Run. Every penny will go towards our playground renovations. We are currently awaiting timeframes for the drainage work on the school field, after which we can begin replacing the astroturf and updating some of our equipment. We will keep you posted as soon as we have more details. We also plan to use some of the funds to enhance playground games and EYFS play areas. Recently, we have purchased several life-size Guess Who? games for children to enjoy at break and lunchtime.



I would also like to congratulate our Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 pupils who have now completed their statutory assessments. They have worked tremendously hard throughout the year, and we are incredibly proud of them. We will share outcomes with families once they are available. Our other year groups are also working extremely hard as they begin their end-of-year assessments, and we wish them all the very best.

Finally, a reminder that our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will take place on Thursday 16th July at 9:00am. We look forward to celebrating their achievements and giving them the send-off they deserve.



Transition Days - 01.07.26 - 03.07.26

**ALL CHILDREN WILL MOVE UP TO  
THEIR NEW CLASS FOR 3 DAYS.**

**TRANSITION**



**1<sup>st</sup> July**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> July  
2026**

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July - children go to their **current** class as normal.

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July - at the end of the day, parents / carers and family members should collect from the **NEW** class.

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> & Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> - Children to start and end the day in their new class.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - children return to their current class until 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## Spotlight on success



Meet George. He is currently in year 5. He started kickboxing at HSKA in St Helens early 2019 when he was just 3. He started fighting competitively at tournaments in 2022 when he was 6. He trains consistently 3-4 times per week, runs for fitness in between training sessions, and travels up and down the country to compete at least once per month. This year alone he's competed in Birmingham, Doncaster, Barnsley, Coventry & Lincolnshire.

In 2025 he competed in -30kg division winning 17 medals: 6 gold, 8 silver & 3 bronze. He ended the competitive year fighting on the England Team at the WKO World Championships in Trier, Germany, getting to the quarter finals & just narrowly missing on the podium places by just 1 point.

In 2026, he has moved up a weight division to -35kg and has already won 3 golds, 1 silver & 2 bronze. His dedication, hard work & talent has resulted in him being selected to represent his country again at this years WKO World Championships in Berlin, 3rd – 9th August.

We are all wishing you the VERY best of luck George!! We can't wait to hear how you got on!


## COLOUR RUN 2026



We rounded off Summer 1 in a spectacular burst of colour! Thank you to everyone who supported our second Colour Run — it was a fantastic success. The event was filled with fun, laughter and clouds of bright colour, and it was wonderful to see our school community come together.

As well as being great fun, the Colour Run had a brilliant impact on the children's wellbeing, giving them the chance to be active, joyful and outdoors with their friends.

You have helped us to raise almost £6000 this year and we will use this money to upgrade and develop the EYFS outdoor space and playground.



# The Sherdley Oscars - Nominations

Staff across school have been busy voting for this year's Oscar Awards. This is a very special, annual event that takes place in July. The following children have been nominated in the following categories (overall winners are shared only with parents and invited to an evening of celebration).

## You've got a friend in me:

Rowan L	Indie H
Darcy C	Julia
Darcy N	Jake D
Betsy F	Josie J
Zara A	Emilia B
Hallie W	Liv E
Rhys G	Isabelle G
Max Wi	Natalie S
Louie E	Lottie L
Delilah G	Evelynn Mi
Rosie F	Jessica G
Electra K	Dolly Mo
Bobby G	Thomas O'H

## Picasso Oscar

Imogen C	Ava D
Lucas C	Molly D
Ella Joy W	Albie A
Chester P	Izzy B
Daisy W	Tyler M
Phoebe A	Beatrice T
Henry H	Archie Pr
Louie E	Mabel H

## Resilience Oscar

Nathaniel Ath	Connie G
Laiken P	Finlay G
Sofia Me	Layla R
Bella Ma	Mollie Cr
Carter Br	Layla Ro
Lianna P	Walter K
Eva Ch	Isla Th
Betsy Fo	Chester Mc
Luca B	Theo Sm

## Broadway Oscar

Walter K	Connie G
Sophie G	Izzy B
Lacey-Mae L	Tyler O
Evelyn Ha	Delilah G
Luchiana J-B	Flo B
Autumn W	Archie C
Finley O	



# The Sherdley Oscars - Nominations

## Following the Script

Amelia D	Jayden M
April K	Lena K
Archie C	Logan W
Beatrice T	Louie E
Blessing D	Matilda D
Eleanor Sm	Mia D
Elliot K	Minnie H
Florence B	Mollie C
Grace H	Noah T
Hallie W	Roman U
Tommy A	Patrick A
Rosie F	Scarlett H

## Best Director

Aaron A	Amelia T
Aneni M	Charlie B
Darcy N	Dolly M
Emmie K	Evelyn H
Finlay G	Flo B
Grace H	Louie E
Luchiana J-B	Rory W
Rosie F	Sofia M
Thea H	Zara A



## Sports & Well-being Oscar

Alfie P	Bobby G	Cohen E
Dylan P	Ellis L	Finley R
Fox H	George F	Henry S
Jack H	Jake H	Lexie S
Noah M	Oliver Q	Ruby Dr
Scarlett H	Sophia H	Thomas McM.
	Tommy J	

## Pythagoras Oscar

Alex V	Alfie B
Atalya R	Ava D
Daisy Co	Harry E
Harry F	Jayden M
Joe Sm	Kane Cl
Leonie P	Owen F
Riley Mu	Ruby D
Sam H	Theo Sm
	Zachary H

# The Sherdley Oscars - Nominations

## Bookworm Oscar

Alex V Alice Co  
Arabella Wa Archie Hu  
Ethan W  
Hallie W Imogen Il  
Isaac Th Lena K  
Logan W Luca Ba  
Maeva E- E  
Oliver F Orlagh S  
Patrick B Rose Bu  
Walter



## Eureka Oscar

Archie L Ashton T  
Barnaby P Brandon O'M  
Caleb O Eva D  
Henry H Hunter D  
James V Jona J  
Logan W Louie Sa  
Max W Noah S  
Oliver F Sophia H

## Oscar Jack Lawrence Scott

### Oscar

Alfie B Archie A  
Corey De Daniel T  
Elsie C Flo B  
George F Harper Ha  
Henry H Hunter Du  
Joseph F Josie J  
Luca Ba Molly F  
Phoebe A Walter



# Sherdley Primary School - Proposal To Academise

Today I have written out to families to explain the proposal of Governors at Sherdley Primary School to join a multi academy trust.

The Governors have agreed to explore the possibility of academisation and joining a multi-academy trust – specifically, TCAT (The Challenge Academy Trust). Many of you may already be familiar with TCAT, as it is the same family of schools that includes The Sutton Academy.

There are a number of benefits for schools who choose to join a multi-academy trust, and this is something the Department for Education has actively encouraged through the recent Schools White Paper. This isn't a new conversation for Sherdley; Governors and school leaders have considered this path before, and over the past few months we have been looking into it in greater depth. You may also be aware that several local schools, including many Catholic schools, are beginning similar explorations and consultations.

Attached within the message sent is our consultation letter, which outlines the potential benefits for our children, staff and wider community. It also explains how you can share your views as part of the consultation process.

I wholeheartedly believe that joining a trust such as TCAT could bring meaningful advantages to our school family, and I look forward to the opportunities this may open up should Governors decide to move forward following consultation. I would also like to reassure that this would mean very little day to day change for the school. School staff, leaders, uniform and name etc. would all remain the same.



## Attendance: Health Advice

# Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

**YES** Keep them off school until it goes away.

**NO** Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
<p><b>A cough, cold or sore throat</b></p> <p>Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.</p> <p><b>Threadworms</b></p> <p>Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.</p>	<p><b>Cold sores</b></p> <p>Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.</p> <p><b>Conjunctivitis</b></p> <p>Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.</p> <p><b>Head lice &amp; nits</b></p> <p>You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.</p> <p><b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth disease</b></p> <p>If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.</p> <p><b>Slapped cheek syndrome</b></p> <p>Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.</p>	<p><b>Impetigo</b></p> <p>They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.</p> <p><b>Ringworm</b></p> <p>See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.</p> <p><b>Scarlet fever</b></p> <p>They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.</p> <p><b>Chickenpox</b></p> <p>Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.</p>	<p><b>Ear infection</b></p> <p>If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.</p> <p><b>Measles</b></p> <p>They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.</p> <p><b>Vomiting &amp; diarrhoea</b></p> <p>Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).</p>

**Feeling worried or anxious:** It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search [www.NHS.uk](http://www.NHS.uk) for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

# YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

In early June, several staff took 50 children on residential to Barnstondale for a 2 night, 3 day stay. We had an amazing time. We completed activities such as archery, shooting, smores around a camp fire, disco and many others. The children developed independence skills, flexibility and built new relationships as well as enhancing existing ones. We slept very little but it was absolutely worth it.



ADVENTURE THAT SPARKS SOMETHING MORE!

## Welcome to Barnstondale

It's our mission to make what we do available to as many young people as possible!

34% of our visitors are disadvantaged, having limited opportunities.

1 in 4 of our visitors have a disability

33% of visitors access our Barnury scheme.

CAN YOU HELP US SUPPORT MORE CHILDREN? CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING IDEAS ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.BARNSTONDALE.ORG](http://WWW.BARNSTONDALE.ORG)

TAG US IN YOUR #BARNSTONDALEADVENTURE

@BARNSTONDALE



## Water Safety - Merseyside Fire



### OPEN WATER: DON'T TAKE THE RISK



Swimming in or playing near rivers and canals may seem like a great idea, particularly on a warm day, but it could all end in tragedy. **DON'T take the risk.**

#### THE WATER IS COLD...

...even on very warm days, rivers and canals contain water barely above 10 degrees. Sudden immersion can lead to cold water shock, which can cause gasping and intake of water.

**This can be deadly in a matter of seconds.**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Even the narrowest of rivers can be considerably deep. Rivers are subject to strong flow and **hidden currents** which can trouble even the strongest of swimmers.

#### WHAT LIES BENEATH?



**The water is untreated and can make you ill.**

Canals and rivers contain pollutants, sewage and often unseen underwater obstructions and snag hazards.

Debris under the water such as shopping trolleys, broken glass and cans can cause **injury** or **trap** you.



Remember, there are no lifeguards to help you at your local river, lake, canal or dam.



Rivers can be very difficult to climb out of, especially with steep or slimy banks. **Stay clear of rivers with steep or unguarded banks.**



**IN AN EMERGENCY...NEVER** enter the water to try and help a person or animal. You could get into difficulty yourself. Instead, dial 999 and use any water rescue equipment that is available.

**If you fall into the water unexpectedly, fight your instinct to thrash around. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs & float.**



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# Water Safety - Merseyside Fire



## BEACH SAFETY: KNOW THE DANGERS



### MUD AND QUICKSAND

Large areas of the coast can have mud and quicksand which can cause you to get trapped and risk drowning



### REDUCE THE RISK

Check tide times

Follow warning sign advice

Avoid crossing estuaries and mud where there can be hidden channels or fast water

If trapped, **sit back and spread your weight evenly across the surface**

Stop others from trying to help you as they may get stuck

Call **999** immediately and ask for the **Coastguard**



Strong currents can sweep inflatables and people out to sea

### FOLLOW THE FLAGS



There are lifeguards in the area. Swim between the two flags.



Do not enter the water. There could be unseen dangers such as currents.



No swimming in this area. There may be non-powered watercraft such as surfboards, kayaks, etc. in this area.

### IF YOU SEE SOMEONE STRUGGLING:



**PHONE** 999

Tell them to **FLOAT** on their back

**THROW** them something to help them float

**TOP TIP**  
ALWAYS GO TO A BEACH WITH A LIFEGUARD





## Safeguarding - mobile phones

### Mobile Phone Legislation Update

We are writing to update you on new government legislation that came into effect on 1st June 2026, which strengthens the expectation that all schools operate as mobile-phone-free environments. As you know, we already have a mobile-free policy in place, and we believe it has had a positive impact on pupils' learning and wellbeing.

The Children's Wellbeing & Schools Act 2026 now makes this guidance a legal requirement.

Under this legislation, staff are legally permitted to:

Confiscate mobile phones

Search for them when necessary

The vast majority of our pupils continue to follow the rules extremely well by handing in their phones each morning. Usually, if a child forgets, they let a member of staff know straight away.

We kindly ask parents and carers of pupils in Years 5 and 6 to continue reminding them that phones must be switched off as soon as they enter the school grounds. Pupils must not play games, take photos or use their phones in any way once on site. We have noticed this slipping slightly in recent weeks.

Please note:

If a pupil is found using a phone during the school day, it will be confiscated and must be collected by a parent/carer before 4pm.

If a pupil refuses to hand over their phone, this will be recorded and followed up by the Senior Leadership Team, with appropriate consequences.

Our aim is for every child to learn in a calm, focused environment free from unnecessary distractions. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

# SAFEGUARDING AT SHERDLEY



## Designated Safeguarding Leads



**MRS BENNETT**



**MRS ECCLESTON**

## Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



**MR GAWNE**



**MRS STROUD**



**MR DAVIES**

Contact us: [sherdley@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:sherdley@sthelens.org.uk)  
01744 678683

DSLs and Deputy DSLs are outside, around school most mornings. If you have any worries or concerns, please speak to one of us. We can also be contacted via the Sherdley email - [sherdley@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:sherdley@sthelens.org.uk) or the Parent App. If you would rather not share information with the office team, you can request a call back regarding a safeguarding worry.



## Next Year's Term Dates - 26-27



### Term Dates for September 2026– July 2027

#### Autumn Term:

Open on the morning of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026  
Close on the afternoon of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

Open on the morning of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026  
Close on the afternoon of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

#### Spring Term:

Open on the morning of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027  
Close on the afternoon of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027

Open on the morning of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027  
Close on the afternoon of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

#### Summer Term:

Open on the morning of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027  
Close on the afternoon of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027

Open on the morning of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027  
Close on the afternoon of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2027

#### Easter Bank Holiday:

Good Friday: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027  
Easter Monday: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2027

#### Bank Holiday During Term Time:

May Day: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027

#### Inset Days:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2027  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

## Sherdley Shares

# Family Hub and Children's Centre Offer



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## Sherdley Shares

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A PLACE FOR CALM MOMENTS, IMAGINATIVE PLAY, AND NURTURING CONNECTIONS.

SEND SPECIFIC SENSORY BAGS FULL OF IDEAS - EASY TO RECREATE AT HOME

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CALL 01744 673 420  
BOOK A 45 MINUTE SLOT, JUST FOR YOUR FAMILY



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# Summer Events Calendar



## Summer Term Events



Event	Date
School opens for Summer Term 1	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
School Nurse Drop In – 9am	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 5 Debt Awareness Workshops	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
2F Class Assembly – 2:40pm	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
RR Class Assembly – 2:40pm	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
Parent's Evening – 2:00-6:30pm	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 3 Trip to Chester - Romans	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Year 6 Parent Residential Meeting – 3:20pm	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 6 SATs	w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> May
5R Class Assembly – 9am	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 5 & 6 Trip to The Sutton Academy for Panto – pm	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May
Sherdley Colour Run – 1:30pm Gates Open	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May – 1:30pm Gates Open
<b>School closes for half term</b>	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>
School Opens for Summer Term 2	1 <sup>st</sup> June
Multiplication Tables Check – Year 4	w/c 1 <sup>st</sup> June – over 2 weeks
School Nurse Drop In – 9am	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Year 6 Residential	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Phonics Screening Check – KS1	w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> June – over 2 weeks
Sherdley Fest	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
3W Class Assembly – 2:40pm	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Days	w/c 21 <sup>st</sup> June – Days & Times TBC
2E Class Assembly – 2:40pm	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Transition Days – taster days in new class/school	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – 3 days
Sherdley Oscars Night – Invitation Event – 5:00pm	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Reports go home	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 5 Trip to Blue Planet Aquarium	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Pre-School Graduation Day	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for Parents – 9am	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>School closes – end of term – 1:30pm</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>

## Recycle and Raise Money



The 'Sherdley Blue' Clothing Bin positioned near to KS1 playground has arrived. We have received our first payment of £48. Thank you. Please continue to send in your clean, unwanted clothes and shoes.

## Sherdley Shares



### **HENRY in St Helens:**

**Free HENRY programme and workshops are running in different venues across the**

**borough for families with children aged 0-5.**

**Join us for the 8-week HENRY Healthy Families:**

**Right from the Start group programme. Free creche spaces are available to support families attending.**

**Contact Information – for details about HENRY programme and workshops, please contact:**

**Email: [publichealth@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:publichealth@sthelens.gov.uk)**

# Sherdley Shares

**ps Parr Sports & Community Centre**

**WILDCARD-ABC**  
EST. NOV 2009

**PARR Family FESTIVAL**

A DAY OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY!

**SATURDAY 18TH JULY** | **12PM - 5PM**

**PARR SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE**

AMAZING FOOD & DRINKS | LIVE MUSIC | GAMES & ENTERTAINMENT | BOXING DISPLAY | EXOTIC ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

**FREE HOT DOGS & POPCORN FOR EVERYONE!**

FUN • COMMUNITY TOGETHERNESS MEMORIES

FUNDED BY **CRADLE TO CARE PARR**

SUPPORTED BY **WILDCARD-ABC**

**Play & Stay Sessions**  
at Parr Sports & Community Centre

Is your child starting school this September?  
Join our fun sessions to get ready for school!

**Every Wednesday in August**  
10:00am - 12:00 noon

**SHOP**

- ✓ Play nicely with other children
- ✓ Tell an adult when they need the toilet
- ✓ Learn to wash hands after the toilet, after play & before eating.

Light snacks provided at the end of each session!

**LEARN • PLAY • GET SCHOOL READY!**

[elens.gov.uk/article/1816/childrens-services](http://elens.gov.uk/article/1816/childrens-services)

# Sherdley Shares

## FREE SUMMER MULTI SPORTS CAMP

@ PARR SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE

**SUPPORTED AND FUNDED BY** torus foundation

**A 4 WEEK SUMMER PROGRAMME**  
RUNNING WED - FRI DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Providing consistent, engaging and healthy activities for local children.

**1 HOUR FOOTBALL**  
Build skills, have fun and stay active.

**1 HOUR MIXED SPORTS**  
Enjoy a variety of sports that encourage teamwork and skill development.

**1 HOUR BOXING**  
Non-contact boxing activities to build fitness, discipline and confidence.

**EVERY PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE:**

- LUNCH EVERY DAY
- PARR SPORTS SPORTS WATER BOTTLE

**22 SPACES EACH DAY**

**TO BOOK YOUR CHILD ON:**  
CALL 01744 753627

**WILDCARD ABC**

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## SMART BOX

**FITNESS SESSIONS**  
AT WILDCARD ABC  
@ PARR SPORTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

**FREE TO TAKE PART!**  
FUNDED BY **ST HELENS HAF**

**2 HOURS SESSIONS 4-6 PM**  
28<sup>TH</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
4<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

**15 PLACES AVAILABLE PER SESSION**  
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID MISSING OUT!

**TURN UP, GET INVOLVED, FEEL GREAT!**

**FRIENDLY, QUALIFIED BOXING COACHES**  
teaching the basic boxing skills

**FITNESS CIRCUITS FOR ANY LEVEL**  
fun, challenging and suitable for all abilities

**HEALTHY EATING & DECISION MAKING ADVICE**  
practical tips for a healthier you

**BUILD SKILLS BOOST CONFIDENCE BE YOUR BEST**

**ps Parr Sports & Community Centre**  
**WILDCARD ABC EST. NOV 2009**  
**ST HELENS BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## EXCITING NEW GAMING SESSIONS!

AT PARR SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE  
DERBYSHIRE HILL ROAD, ST HELENS, WA9 2LH

**FREE SESSIONS!**  
FUN, GAMES & GOOD TIMES!

**JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

JULY	15 <sup>TH</sup> • 22 <sup>ND</sup> • 29 <sup>TH</sup>
AUGUST	5 <sup>TH</sup> • 12 <sup>TH</sup> • 19 <sup>TH</sup> • 26 <sup>TH</sup>
SEPTEMBER	2 <sup>ND</sup> • 9 <sup>TH</sup> • 16 <sup>TH</sup> • 23 <sup>RD</sup>

**6:00PM - 8:00PM**

**HOW TO BOOK:**

CALL US 01744 753627 AND SPEAK TO SOMEONE IN THE OFFICE OR EMAIL US parrsportscommunitycentre@outlook.com

**EACH SESSION INCLUDES:**

- 1 HOUR GAMING SESSION
- EXPERT GAMING HOST ON SITE TO HELP WITH ANY QUESTIONS
- BLUETOOTH SPEAKER WITH PARTY MUSIC
- A DRINK AND SNACK INCLUDED

ADDITIONAL REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM OUR ON SITE CAFE

SESSIONS ARE FREE & BASED ON FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

EXTENDED SESSIONS MAY BE AVAILABLE IF THEY ARE NOT BOOKED

**DON'T MISS OUT! COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND LEVEL UP YOUR EVENINGS!**

**PARR SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE**

# Sherdley Shares



**School Ready - Meet a Mate Party Sessions!**  
Starting school soon? Come along to our

**Parr Sports Community Centre**

**Broad Oak Primary School**  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July | 12:00pm – 2:00pm

**Holy Spirit Primary School**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July | 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Fun crafts Games & activities Tasty party food

A perfect chance to make new friends, build confidence, and get ready for the first day at school!

**Parr Sports Community Centre**

 Spaces may be limited – early booking recommended!

Any dietary requirements must be shared at the time of booking.



**Wildcats Girls Football**

Mondays 6 - 7pm | Ages 5 - 11  
[thelens.gov.uk/article/1816/children-s-services](http://thelens.gov.uk/article/1816/children-s-services)

# Wildcats Girls Academy

Parkdale FC, Elton Head Road, St Helens, WA9 5XT

**Have Fun! Make Friends Play Football**

#LET GIRLS PLAY

CONTACT DAVE SHIELDS davidshields1@sky.com 07894148684

# Sherdley Shares

**THATTO HEATH CRUSADERS**  
ST. HELENS

**THATTO HEATH CRUSADERS**  
**RUGBY LEAGUE TRAINING**

**TOTS & CUBS**  
LEARN • PLAY • GROW

**TOTS**  
(AGE 2-4)  
FUN, ACTIVE & SOCIAL

**CUBS**  
(AGE 4-6)  
LEARN SKILLS & BUILD CONFIDENCE

**EVERY SATURDAY 10-11**

THE BARN, THATTO HEATH CRUSADERS, CLOSE STREET, ST HELENS, WA9 5JA

CONTACT: **BECKY KNOWLES**  
**07713974260**

BE PART OF THE CRUSADERS FAMILY

## FOOTBALL SUMMER CAMP



Steve's summer football camp is designed for beginners who are just starting out, to more experienced players who are already in a team. Have fun, learn new skills and make friends!

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



### Pick and choose dates:

**Ages 5-9 yrs - 10-2pm**  
 July - 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30  
 August - 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27, 28

Walmsley Road Football Field, Eccleston, WA10 5JR

**Ages 10-13 yrs - 10-2pm**  
 July - 31  
 August - 7, 14, 21, 28

Steve Pagendam - Over 15 years coaching experience  
07492 091999  
facebook.com/steven.pagendam.9

# Sherdley Shares

**WEST PARK RFC**  
**UNDER 9s**  
**TIME TO TACKLE**

**SCHOOL YEAR 3**

**TRAINING STARTS BACK 17TH JUNE EVERY WEDNESDAY 7-8PM**

**LEARN. PLAY. GROW. BELONG.**

**TEAMWORK RESPECT ENJOYMENT**

**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!**

**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME | MAKE FRIENDS | HAVE FUN**

**COACHES: PHIL 07931 793829 | KIE 07891 996723**

[www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/1816/children](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/1816/children)

## Sherdley Shares

### Children and Young People's Mental Health Services



#### Drop in

A safe space to ask questions or seek advice if you have any worries about mental health.



The Mersey Care team will offer advice and support and can help with referrals.

[www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/1816/children-s-service](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/1816/children-s-service)

**Every Friday 2pm to 4pm  
at Sutton Family Hub**

**Ellamsbridge Road, Sutton, St Helens, WA9 3PY**

For children and young people under 18 and their families or carers no appointment needed.

If you have any questions you can call the St Helens team on **01925 579 405**.

# Advanced Solutions – Summer dates

## What's on in St Helens

Summer Term 2026



### ADDvanced Solutions Community Network

supports the emotional health and wellbeing of neurodivergent children and young people, their families and the professionals that work with them. **No diagnosis or referral is needed to access the offer.**

#### ST HELENS Community Network Group

**Tuesday afternoons during term time**



Join us from **12:30pm-2:30pm**

**Venue:** Willowbrook Hospice, The Living Well, Borough Rd, St Helens WA10 3RN

**No booking needed, just come along**

Come along and meet our team, to learn more about neurodiversity from those who can share lived experiences and practical strategies. Our groups create a welcoming, accepting and relaxed environment for parents and carers, you are not on your own.



The Living Well is located on Borough Road, reachable via the 10 bus routes from St Helens town centre.

#### Topics this term:

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Introduction to Autism
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Developing Theory of Mind in Neurodivergent Children
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	No Session due to Venue Closure - join us on Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Sharing a Diagnosis of a Neurodevelopmental Condition
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	We will be joined by <b>Independent Travel Training</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Tantrums V Meltdowns - what is the difference?

#### Half Term Break

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Introduction to ADHD
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	We will be joined by the <b>0-19 Team SEND Lead</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Preparing for Meetings with school and relevant professionals
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Encouraging Friendships for Neurodivergent Children
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Preparing for the Summer Holidays
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Encouraging Independence and Building Confidence



## Advanced Solutions

### If you can't make it face-to-face, join us online...

Online opportunities to learn more about neurodiversity from the comfort of your own home! With your camera and microphone off for your privacy, you can interact using the chat/Q&A feature to ask any questions you may have. Come along, learn more and get some strategies.

#### Monday Online Community Network Group

Mondays during term time



9:30am - 11:00am  
Online via Zoom

[Click here to register](#)

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Open Session</b> seek advice around any problems
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Supporting Organisational Skills and Planning</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Using Music to Support Neurodiversity</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>No Session due to BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Preparing Neurodivergent Young People for the Future</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Developing Theory of Mind in Neurodivergent Children</b>

#### Half Term Break

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Supporting Transition and managing changes</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Supporting Neurodivergent Children to Access Learning</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Autism with a Demand Avoidant Profile (PDA)</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Choosing a School making an informed choice</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Preparing for the Summer Holidays</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Encouraging Independence and Building Confidence</b>

#### Wednesday Online Community Network Group

Wednesdays during term time



5:00pm - 6:30pm  
Online via Zoom

[Click here to register](#)

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Developmental Delay Supporting Areas of Need</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Tantrums V meltdowns what is the difference?</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Using Music to Support Neurodiversity</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Preparing Neurodivergent Young People for the Future</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Supporting Transition and managing changes</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Specific Learning Difficulties</b> Including dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia

#### Half Term Break

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Supporting Neurodivergent Children to Access Learning</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Open Session</b> seek advice around any problems
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Using Social Stories to support understanding</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Neurodiversity and Mental Health</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Preparing for the Summer Holidays</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>ADHD, Autism and Masking</b>

If you are using a phone, you will need to download the Zoom app beforehand. Please be mindful of your data usage. If you do not have an unlimited data plan, you may need to connect to a Wi-Fi connection to prevent charges.

## Neurodevelopmental Drop in

### neurodevelopmental pathway drop ins

**Mersey Care**  
NHS Foundation Trust

Come along to one of our drop in sessions in St Helens.

Our team will answer questions you have about the neurodevelopment pathway process.

You don't need to be using our service, you can drop in if you have any questions to ask about this.

We look forward to meeting you.

Tuesdays at Parr Children's Centre and Central Link Family Hub  
See details and times below

**14 July** at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

**8 September** at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

**10 November** at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

**28 July** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**22 September** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**24 November** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**11 August** at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

**13 October** at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

**8 December** at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

**25 August** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**27 October** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**22 December** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

We work with children and young people with complex neurodevelopmental difficulties, who need an assessment to gain a better understanding of their needs.

Parr Children's Centre, Ashtons Green Drive, St Helens, WA9 2AP

Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street, (off Peter Street), St Helens, WA10 1QF

If you need more information you can contact us on **01744 415 608** or email: [mcn-tr.sthelensneuropathway@nhs.net](mailto:mcn-tr.sthelensneuropathway@nhs.net)



## Sherdley Shares

# Warm Connections Community Cafe



If you have suffered a bereavement, come along for a chat with people who have similar experiences. Refreshments provided.

**Make connections in your community. Free event - all welcome!**

Sat 3rd January 2026	11.00am – 12.30pm
Sat 7th February 2026	11.00am – 12.30pm
Sat 7th March 2026	11.00am – 12.30pm
Sat 11th April 2026	11.00am – 12.30pm
Sat 2nd May 2026	11.00am – 12.30pm
Sat 6th June 2026	11.00am – 12.30pm
Sat 4th July 2026	11.00am – 12.30pm
Sat 1st August 2026	11.00am – 12.30pm
Sat 5th September 2026	11.00am – 12.30pm
Sat 3rd October 2026	11.00am – 12.30pm
Sat 7th November 2026	11.00am – 12.30pm

We are supporting this year's National Grief Awareness Week created by The Good Grief Trust. For signposting to a choice of bereavement services, please visit: [www.thegoodgrieftrust.org](http://www.thegoodgrieftrust.org)

**Venue:**

Sunrise Ceremony Hall, St Helens Crematorium, Rainford Road, St Helens WA10 6DF

**Hope & help in one place**

Supported by the Friends of St Helens Cemetery, the Bereavement Services Team and other support organisations.

**ST HELENS**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Advanced Solutions

### Additional Online Workshops

Short, online webinars to help you better understand a topic related to neurodevelopmental conditions. Interact via the chat and Q&A with any questions.

#### Introduction to Autism

An introductory session to autism, how it presents in children and young people, and strategies to support at home and in school.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** - 9.30am - 12.00pm

[Click here to register](#)



#### Introduction to SEND Process and EHCPs

An introduction to navigating the SEND Process to ensure relevant, appropriate support is in place for your neurodivergent child or young person in their educational setting.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May** - 9.30am - 12.00pm

[Click here to register](#)

#### Sensory Processing Difficulties

Exploring how our bodies receive and process sensory information, and the common challenges experienced by children and young people who have difficulty processing this information.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** - 9.30am - 12.00pm

[Click here to register](#)



#### Executive Functioning Difficulties

Discussing how to support neurodivergent children and young people to develop their executive functioning skills - providing strategies to support organisation, sequencing and time management.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - 9.30am - 12.00pm

[Click here to register](#)

If you are using a phone, you will need to download the Zoom app beforehand. Please be mindful of your data usage. If you do not have an unlimited data plan, you may need to connect to a Wi-Fi connection to prevent charges.

[See Page 6 for our upcoming Professionals Training](#)

## Sherdley Shares

# Community Food Pantries

### St Helens Mobile Community Food Pantry

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 1**

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

**STEP 2**

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

**STEP 3**

Pay your membership each time you visit.  
Sit and have a cuppa while you wait for your turn.

**STEP 4**

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

**STEP 5**

Tell your neighbours and get them to join too.

## Sherdley Shares

**There are five community food pantries available to residents in St Helens town centre, Thatto Heath, Haydock, West Park and Sutton.**

### **HOPE Pantry Wesley**

Wesley Methodist Church,  
Corporation Street, St Helens WA10 1LF  
Opening times: Tuesday, 11.00am - 13.00pm

### **St Mark's T.A.N.G.O. Pantry**

Park Street, Haydock, St Helens WA11 0BH  
Opening times: Thursday, 8.50am - 11.00am

### **St Matthew's Centre Pantry**

St Matthews Grove, Thatto Heath, St Helens WA10 3SE  
Opening times: Monday, 6.30pm - 8.00pm  
& Wednesday, 8.45am - 11:30am

### **St Luke's Pantry**

Knowsley Road, St Helens WA10 4PU  
Opening times: Wednesday, 3.30pm - 5.30pm

### **Sutton Pantry St Michael & All Angels Church**

Gartons Lane, St Helens WA9 2RA  
Opening times: Sunday, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

**There are also four mobile community food pantries available to residents in Sutton, Newton-le-Willows, Moss Bank, and Peasley Cross.**

### **Sutton Family Hub**

Ellamsbridge Road, Sutton, St Helens WA9 3PY  
Opening times: Tuesday, 10.00am - 12.00pm

### **Cross Lane United Church**

Earlestown, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9PT  
Opening times: Monday, 10.00am - 12.00pm

### **Park Farm Community Centre**

54 Kentmere Avenue, Carr Mill, St Helens WA11 7PG  
Opening times: Thursday 10.00am - 12.00pm

### **Peasley Cross URC**

Beaufort Street, St Helens WA9 3BQ  
Opening times: Friday 8.45am - 10.15am



## Sherdley Shares

### SOCIAL CARE

Tell us about a child being abused or neglected

Get help, support or social care

Children's services

Contact Cares

Adult Social Care Strategy

Protecting vulnerable adults

Emergency Duty Team

Care homes

Adults with additional needs

Occupational therapy

Supported Living

Living independently at home

Help with visual problems

Pause

Mental health support

Adult Social Care Market Position Statement

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Concerned about a child's safety or welfare?

Adoption, fostering and special guardianship

Care leavers

Family Hubs

Why join St Helens Children's Social Care?

St Helens Children We Look After Council

Commissioning services for children's social care

Disabled children and young person's register

Oral health for ages 0-19

