

SHERDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



A note from Mr Gawne ...

I can't believe we are at the penultimate week of the school year and whilst I have only been a part of the Sherdley family for a short period of time, the last half term has certainly gone quickly. This week, school has continued to be a hive of activity as our Year 6 children have been busy practising for their Leavers' Assembly, Pre-School have been getting organised for their Graduation Ceremony next week and our EYFS children have been off exploring Victoria Park on their school trip. It was certainly a hot day for them but I believe the Ice Creams helped to keep them cool! A big thank you to our families that were able to support and give up their time to also attend. We hope you had fun too!

Across school, we have also had the chance to celebrate some of the successes of this academic year and we hope that on Wednesday, you were able to receive and celebrate the progress your children have made through their end of year reports. Year 6 children have also received their SATs results this week and we are sure you will join us in congratulating them all on their success, resilience and determination from across the year. We are very proud of you all!

Have a great weekend. Mr Gawne

Attendance Year to Date:

94.3%

Our Attendance
HERO's last week:

Class

96.5%

*Here, Everyday,
Ready, On time*

Family

Attendance at Sherdley

Important Reminder:

Term-Time Holidays and Fixed Penalty Notices in line with National Legislation

Please be aware that holidays taken during the school term are classed as unauthorised absences unless there are exceptional circumstances, which must be approved in advance by the Headteacher. If a child accumulates 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days), the Local Authority may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice.

The current charges are:

- £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days
- Increasing to £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days

Additional important information:

- A second holiday in a 3-year period will not qualify for the reduced (£80) rate and will result in the full fine (£160) immediately, per parent, per child.
- A third offence within 3 years may result in legal prosecution, which could lead to a criminal record and a significantly larger fine.

We have noticed an increasing number of families taking holidays during term time. We ask all parents and carers to please check the school term dates carefully before booking any travel. These dates are published well in advance on our school website and available from the school office.

We strongly encourage families to plan holidays during the designated school breaks to avoid disruption to children's education and unnecessary fines.



Sherdley Term Dates 2025–2026



Term Dates for September 2025– July 2026

Autumn Term:

Open on the morning of

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Close on the afternoon of

Friday 24th October 2025

Open on the morning of

Tuesday 4th November 2025

Close on the afternoon of

Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term:

Open on the morning of

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Close on the afternoon of

Friday 13th February 2026

Open on the morning of

Monday 23rd February 2026

Close on the afternoon of

Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term:

Open on the morning of

Monday 13th April 2026

Close on the afternoon of

Thursday 21st May 2026

Open on the morning of

Monday 1st June 2026

Close on the afternoon of

Friday 17th July 2026

Easter Bank Holiday:

Good Friday: 3rd April 2026

Easter Monday: 6th April 2026

Bank Holiday During Term Time:

May Day: Monday 4th May 2026

Inset Days:

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Congratulations to...

Our students who received the following awards this week:

	Hardworker Award	Golden Pupil Award	Writer of the Week
RR	Louie	Ruby D	Florence
RE	Lena	Thomas G	Sienna
1K	Dolly	Carter W	Elektra
1W	Dante	Alfie	Charlotte
2F	Kaison	Carter	Olivia
2S	Iris	Jack	Hayden
3H	Harriet	Alfie B	Daniel
3W	Rosie M	Dylan	Alfie F
4O	Harry	Minnie H	Zak H
4W	Arabella W	Thomas D	Amelia T
5M	Cooper G	Bella L	Josh C
5R	Sophie G	Joshua W	Heidi
6C	Ellie C	Matilda	Bella
6J	Scarlett	Finley N	Teddie H

We are super proud!

Sports' Day Results

EYFS



Rose Park



Collierdream

Swandam

CONGRATULATIONS



KS1 children have continued to take part in Sports' Day activities and shares Rounders activities as a Team due to unfortunately not being able to go ahead with their Sports' Day slots earlier this term.

KS1

KS2



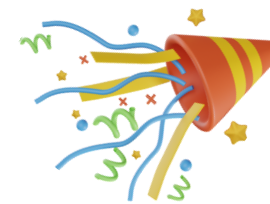
Leatree



Collierdream



Rose Park



Congratulations!

Dates for your Diary

17th July – Y6 leavers assembly doors open 9:15, start 9:30am –
max 2 people per family

18th July – School closes for Summer at 1:30pm – No BLAST

Autumn Dates

Tuesday 2nd September – School reopens Autumn 1

Meet the Teacher Events – Parents / Carers meet staff and Mr
Gawne for an overview of the year in the hall. Then move to
classes for 10 minutes with children to see their new classrooms.

Thursday 4th September – Y6 9am

Thursday 4th September – Y2 2:30pm

Friday 5th September – Y5 9am

Friday 5th September – Y1 2:30pm

Monday 8th September – Y3 9am

Tuesday 9th September – Y4 9am

Please share with friends and family who may be thinking of
joining Sherdley in the future:

Thursday 2nd October – EYFS Open Evening for Reception 2026

Monday 13th October – EYFS Open Evening for Reception 2026
(Timings to be shared)

Thursday 16th October – Bikeability starts Y5 only

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AUTISM AND ADHD HELP IN ST HELENS



What's Going On With Autism and ADHD Help in St Helens?





July 2025 Update

Why is this being shared?

Parent Carers have told us how important communication is about the local Neurodevelopmental Pathway. So, here are some things you and your family may want to know!

How Long Will it Take?

Autism Pathway

	Time for reply after referral	Within 4 weeks
	Speech & Language Assessment	Within 18 weeks
	Paediatrician Assessment	About 45 weeks
	Whole Process	About 25 months

What Help Can You Get?

In St Helens, you can get the same support before, during and after a referral to the Pathway.



Help at School: Adaptations & support in can be given regardless of a diagnosis. Speak with your SENCO or Teacher.



SEND Info Hub: Visit the [Hub](#) for information about the [Local Offer](#), including support in [Family Hubs](#).



Learning & Peer Support: Access a range of support with [Advanced Solutions](#) Tel: 01744 582 172







Emotional Wellbeing: Visit [Thrive](#) for CYP MH support including [MHST](#) in Primaries and [Resilience Service](#) in High Schools.



Sleep: For support with sleep, first contact the 019+ Service on Tel 01744 411 277 or your local Family Hub Tel 01744 673 445

How Long Will it Take?

ADHD Pathway

	Time for reply after referral	Within 4 weeks
	Qb Test	Within 18 weeks
	Paediatrician Assessment	About 45 weeks
	Whole Process	About 18 months



Let's Clear Up some Myths!



"Having a diagnosis will give my CYP access to new areas of support."



Nope! Let's of help is there before, during or after being on the Pathway.



"School won't help without a diagnosis."



Schools in St Helens will support based on individual needs using the graduated response.



"My child's referral was rejected by the Pathway, because school doesn't see the differences or didn't fill it in properly."



Non-acceptance is usually due to the Pathway believing that more helpful work can be done with the young person first.



"A diagnosis will mean that my young person can access specialist educational provision."



Access is based on need and not a diagnosis.



"Having a diagnosis of Autism or ADHD will allow my child to access medication."



Medication should be a last resort option and will only be considered after other strategies have been trialled.



"A diagnosis will mean my child can get an EHCP."



Also based on need rather than a diagnosis and many CYP, including those with a diagnosis, can be fully supported and understood under their schools universal and SEND provision.



The next update will come Sept 2025

THE MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY PRESENTS

HOLIDAY CLUB



The
Martial Arts
Academy

AGES 5 TO 14

£25 PER DAY

WEEK 1

JULY 28th - AUGUST 1st

9am - 4pm

WEEK 2

AUGUST 18th - AUGUST 22nd

FUN ACTIVITIES & GAMES

Contact Us NOW to book your child's place

info@sthelensmartialarts.co.uk | 07904552685

The Dojo, 288 Gartons Lane, St Helens, WA9 4RR

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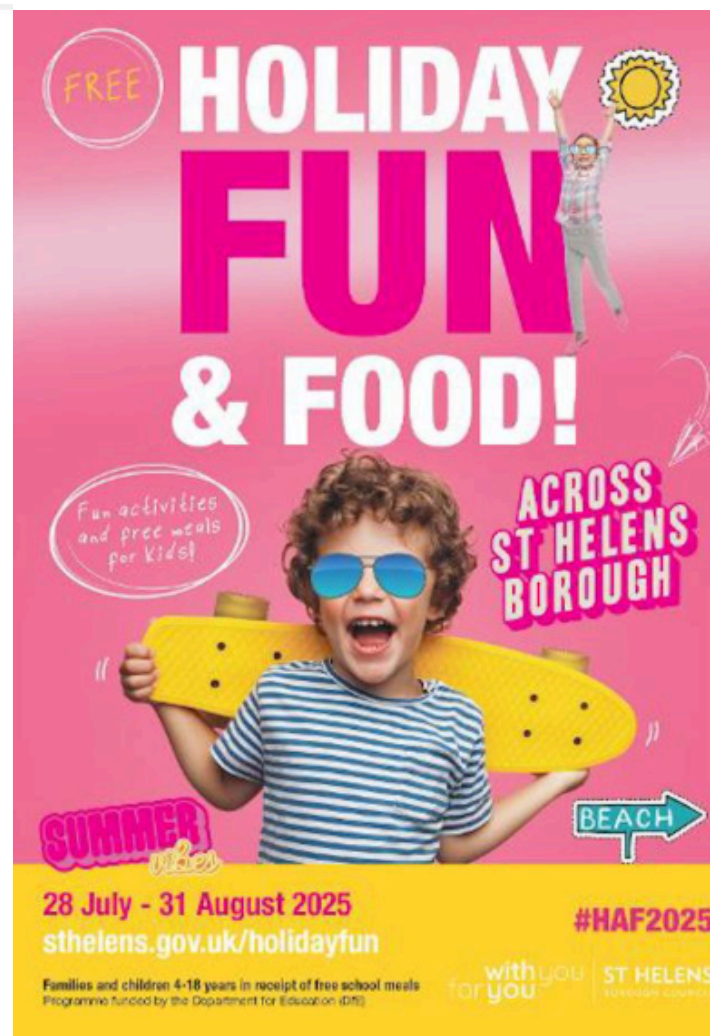
catch NHS
Common Approach To Children's Health

Empowering you to manage your family's health and wellbeing

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

catchapp.co.uk
@catchapp_uk
search for catch app

Family Hub



FREE HOLIDAY FUN & FOOD!

Fun activities and free meals for kids!

ACROSS ST HELENS BOROUGH

SUMMER

28 July - 31 August 2025
sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun

#HAF2025

Families and children 4-18 years in receipt of free school meals
Programme funded by the Department for Education (DfE)

with you for you ST HELENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

0-19+ Service Launches Instagram

Health Services

0-19+ Service Instagram page



The [0-19+ Service St Helens](#) Instagram page is packed full of service information, updates and news. The page is aimed at parents and carers and shares public health messages and promotes the service offer across the borough. The team has also produced video content to help service users feel at ease when accessing clinics.

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ONE CHILD A MONTH DROWNS AT HOME IN ENGLAND - Royal Life Saving Society UK

Charity issues safety warning, as new data shows one child a month drowns at home in England.



The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a leading charity in water safety, and following recent findings, is urging healthcare professionals and others working with families to help raise awareness of the risks associated with water in the home, with an initial focus on bathtime.

The charity's warning comes as its latest **Child Drowning Update** reports that a total of **125 children have drowned** in the last four years, including 51 at home.

The report also highlights that 2 out of 3 drownings that occurred at home did so in the bath, and that most of the children affected were aged under five years.

Analysis of the drowning cases identified several factors as contributing to these deaths. The most common was a lack of adult supervision, where in 86% of cases, the child was unsupervised at the time of the incident. The charity has also undertaken some research amongst parents of children aged under five, to understand more about the behaviours typically seen around water at home.

What are the messages we need your help to deliver?

1. **Always keep young children within arm's reach in the bath.** Always keep children under constant adult supervision in the bath. If you need to leave the bathroom, take the child with you. In our survey, 59% of parents of children under five admitted to leaving the child unattended in the bath at least once in the past month – and for most, this was down to them forgetting something, such as a towel.
2. **Never leave your child under the supervision of child siblings in the bath.** If you need to leave the bathroom, take the child with you. We found that 2 in 5 parents (41%) think it's safe to leave a baby in the bath with an older sibling, as long as it's not for too long.
3. **Drowning can happen quickly and silently – in a matter of minutes. You won't hear that something is wrong.** Parents often don't realise that drowning happens quickly and silently. In our survey, 55% of parents believe they would hear thrashing and a lot of noise if their child was struggling in the bath.

Where can parents seek advice?

In response to the report findings, we've launched a fun and engaging water safety awareness campaign named Splash Safety at your Pad.

The campaign offers free hints, tips and advice for families, to help parents and carers alike learn more about the risks posed by bathtime and how to stay safe.

Families can access the bath time safety resources here: www.rlss.org.uk/splash-safety



How can I contact RLSS UK?

Professionals can get in touch via marketing@rlss.org.uk
Parents and carers can visit the website at www.rlss.org.uk

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Summer water safety

Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment and here are our tips to staying safe in the water during the summer:

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

- Enter slowly and carefully
Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water. 49% of those who lost their life were classified as swimmers*. Are you really a good swimmer?
- Stay within reach
Don't go too far and stay within a standing depth.
- Always be supervised
Over 70% of fatal accidents occur in the absence of professional supervision. Seek life guarded areas and always make sure some one is available to raise the alarm.

Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents.

Rivers and Lakes/Lochs pose the greatest statistical risk as there are often hazards that the average person is equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision.

In an emergency...

- Call 999
If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Don't enter the water to rescue.
- If you're in trouble FLOAT and call for help
Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



STOP AND THINK



STAY TOGETHER



CALL 999



FLOAT

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St Helens Family Hub & Children's Centres

Our Family Hub offer:

- Early education
- Family friendly support and advice on pregnancy, child development and family health
- A seasonal timetable of activities for children
- Parenting programmes
- Speech and language support
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Help with access to employment - support with work or training
- Half term holiday activities and food programme

SUTTON FAMILY HUB

Ellamsbridge Road
Sutton
St Helens
WA9 3PY

Telephone: 01744 671788
Email: childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk
Opening hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm

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Confidential text messaging service for young people in St Helens.



[ChatHealth](#) is new confidential text messaging service for young people aged 11-19 in St Helens.

Young people can access confidential advice and support from their local [School Nursing Service](#) by text, on a range of health and wellbeing issues, including anxiety, bullying, relationships and emotional health.

This service, a winner of the NHS Innovation Challenge Award, provides advice, information and guidance, and signposting to other services if needed. It does not replace face-to-face services, but it does make it easier for a young person to get in touch with a school nurse confidentially and anonymously. It also offers a way to get in touch for those who feel reluctant to talk about difficult or sensitive issues.

Young people can access a range of advice and support around:

- Anxiety and stress
- Relationships
- Healthy eating
- Puberty and sexual health
- Mental wellbeing
- Sleeping
- Feelings and emotions

How ChatHealth works

ChatHealth is available between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday (including school holidays, excluding bank holidays) and accessed by texting a dedicated number. Anyone sending a text outside these hours will receive an automated message with advice on where to get help if they require it urgently. When the service reopens, the sender will then receive a reply to the message.

For more information about ChatHealth visit www.wchc.nhs.uk/chathealth

Aged 11-14?

Chat about feelings and emotions, changes to your body, relationships, healthy eating and bullying - there are lots of things the team can help with.

Text our School Nurses on:
07312 263250

 ChatHealthStHelens



ChatHealth is...
confidential, anonymous and
non-judgemental.
Visit: wchc.nhs.uk/ChatHealth

Aged 15-16?

Looking for advice and support around anxiety, body image, relationships, emotional wellbeing or staying healthy?

Text our School Nurses on:
07312 263250

 ChatHealthStHelens



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confidential, anonymous and
non-judgemental.
Visit: wchc.nhs.uk/ChatHealth

Children and Young People's Mental Health Crisis - Crisis Response Team

A mental health crisis is unique to the individual. If the Child or Young Person, or you, believe they are in a mental health crisis, call the Mersey Care Crisis Response team for help. The Mersey Care Children and Young People's Mental Health Service (CYPMHS) Crisis Response Team launched the 24/7 crisis service in August 2023 – with a four hour assessment timeframe from receiving the emergency referral (for all accepted referrals).

The Crisis Response Team can provide:

- Emergency referral screening, providing advice and consultation
- Emergency assessment and follow up
- Brief intervention and home treatment.

If an emergency referral is made, please inform the family or young person to expect a call and an appointment from us within that four-hour timeframe and it is really important they engage with this.

If you are unsure on whether a referral is an emergency or not - you can contact the team on **01744 415 640** – 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Children and Young People's Mental Health (CYPMH) Thrive



In St Helens Borough, we have a wide range of services available to support children and young people's emotional and mental wellbeing.

Support is available within the community as well as in local education settings. A new resource has been developed to help you to identify what support is available that best meets your needs.

Please visit [THRIVE](#) or scan the QR code.

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WE ARE RECRUITING

**ST HELENS ROVERS IS RECRUITING GIRLS &
BOYS FOR NEW TEAMS AS WE CONTINUE
TO GROW IN 2025-26!**

**PLAY IN THE WARRINGTON LEAGUE
SUPPORTIVE & DEVELOPMENT LED
UEFA & FA LICENSED COACHES
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**LITTLE ROVERS (RECEPTION & YEAR 1)
UNDER 7'S (YEAR 2)
UNDER 8'S (YEAR 3)**



**GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE INFO:
WWW.STHELENSROVERS.CO.UK**

CLAIRE: 07738 740882 STEVE: 07938 135648

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The poster features two photographs of young girls playing football. The left photo shows two girls in purple and orange 'Wildcats' bibs running. The right photo shows two girls in yellow bibs, one holding a yellow ball. The background is a dark blue gradient with white and yellow swooshes. The 'Wildcats' logo is prominently displayed in the center, featuring a cat face and a football. Below it, the text 'Wildcats Girls' Football' is written. The Parkdale Football Club logo is on the left. The text 'Mondays 6 - 7pm | Ages 5 - 11' is in the middle. The main title 'Wildcats Girls Academy' is in large white letters. Below it, the address 'Parkdale FC, Elton Head Road, St Helens, WA9 5XT' is listed. At the bottom, three phrases 'Have Fun!', 'Make Friends', and 'Play Football' are written in a playful, bubbly font. The bottom left corner has the hashtag '#LET GIRLS PLAY' and the bottom right corner has the word 'Family'.

 **Wildcats** GIRLS' FOOTBALL

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Mondays 6 - 7pm | Ages 5 - 11

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

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Have Fun! **Make Friends** **Play Football**

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FOOTBALL CAMP

Steve's summer 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.

SUMMER CAMP

- Skills & ball techniques
- Confidence building
- Penalty shootout
- Fun games & matches

- Shin pads & water essential
- Packed Lunch required



**Mondays / 28th July / 4th, 11th,
18th, 25th August / 5 - 9yrs**

**Wednesdays / 23rd, 30th July /
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August
9 - 12yrs**

**Thursdays / 24th, 31st July / 7th,
14th, 21st, 28th August
5 - 9yrs / 10am - 2pm**

**Walmsley Road Football
Field Ecclestone
WA105JR**

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