



SHERDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



A note from Mr Gawne ...



Welcome Back To Summer Term!



We are delighted to welcome everyone back for the Summer term. It's hard to believe we've only been back for two weeks—school life is already in full swing and there has been so much happening across Sherdley. As we return for Summer, please know that children can now start to wear their Summer uniform but we politely request that families support children in wearing the correct uniform items to school, particularly on PE Days.

Earlier this week, we were pleased to welcome the families of 2F into school for their class assembly. The children shared their learning about the Great Fire of London with such confidence and enthusiasm. It was clear just how much they have enjoyed exploring this topic, and we are incredibly proud of them.

Yesterday, we were joined by Lancashire Cricket, who delivered exciting cricket workshops for children across KS1 and KS2, following a whole-school assembly in the morning. With the sunshine finally making an appearance, it was wonderful to see the children outdoors, active, and enjoying sport together.

Since returning, we have also welcomed several new families who have joined us across different year groups. We are delighted to have you as part of our Sherdley Family and hope you enjoy many happy moments with us throughout your children's educational journey.

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

96%

Sherdley's Whole School Attendance since returning in September:

95%

ATTENDANCE HERO
Here, Every day, Ready,
On time

Family

A note from Mr Gawne ... Continued

On the theme of new beginnings, last week was also Primary Offer Day, and we are thrilled to be welcoming our new Reception families for September. We received a large number of applications this year—from both our pre-school setting and the wider community—which is a testament to the strong reputation Sherdley continues to build. We can't wait to welcome you all officially later in the year and look forward to starting this exciting journey with you in September.



Year 6 Practice SATs and Upcoming Key Dates

This week has also seen our Year 6 children completing their final round of practice SATs assessments before the statutory tests in May. As a school, we are incredibly proud of their resilience, commitment, and positive attitudes. They have worked so hard and are well prepared for the real thing next month. Well done, Year 6—you should be very proud of yourselves.

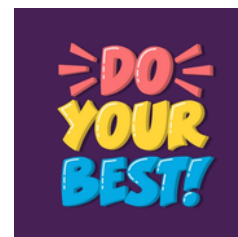
You should also have received your Parents' Evening invitations for next Wednesday, 29th April, along with the opportunity to sign up for an appointment. In addition, your children's curriculum maps for this final term have been sent home so you can see the learning ahead.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find a list of key dates, including the upcoming statutory assessments taking place across May and June:

KS2 SATs

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check



We kindly ask for your support in ensuring strong attendance during these weeks as we continue our journey towards our whole-school target of 96%.

We must also advise that we have noticed a rise in term-time holiday requests. Wherever possible, please ensure holidays are taken outside of school time. Schools are unable to authorise holidays except in truly exceptional circumstances, and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

We look forward to welcoming you into Sherdley next week for Parents' Evening.

Best wishes, Mr Gawne



COLOUR RUN 2026



£3 per child - deadline 23rd May. Sponsorship forms will be with you by Wednesday 14th May. Forms and any raised money to be returned by Friday 6th June.

Order of the day:

- 1:30pm - gates open to visitors - max of 2 spectators per child
- 1:45pm - Children will start to enter the field - all children, including those who do not want to take part, should sit with their class. This supports our risk assessment to keep everyone safe
- **1:40pm - Gates will be closed AND LOCKED with no further entry. This will ensure children are safe and secure in the grounds.**
- 2:50pm - Estimated time the event will end, but please be patient with us!
- After the event, parents should make their way to their child's playground to collect them
- Children can go home after the event. Children will be dismissed from their playgrounds. **CHILDREN WILL NOT BE DISMISSED FROM THE FIELD**
- No children / parents can re-enter school after the event.
- The school office will be closed between 1:15-3pm



The event:

- Children will sit with their classes and staff - they will not be allowed to go to parents.
- We are aiming for all children to run the course at least once. If there is time, KS2 will run again. KS1 and Reception will be invited to run a second time, but little legs may be tired. We will review this as we go.
- There will be a dedicated space and member of staff for children who are overwhelmed during the event
- Remaining paint will be used to cover Y6 at the very end! Have your cameras ready





COLOUR RUN 2026



Colour Run 2026

Thursday 21st May from 1.30pm

Things to consider:

- Getting home – will you walk? Go in the car or cycle? Children will be wet and have wet paint on them – covers for car seats may be needed or a dressing gown to put over them. I say this from experience!!!
- Consider bringing a towel or baby wipes for the end of the event.
- No Jelly shoes. No Crocs. Children must have shoes on that can be secured, tied or laced. This reduces trips or falls when completing the run.
- Please take photos but do not post on social media if other children are present.
- Children can wear sunglasses / swimming goggles and / or shower caps.



Spotlight on Year 1

**Year 1 have been very busy since returning from the Easter Holidays!
Take a look at what we have been up to.**



Our new English text is Meerkat Mail. So far, we have made predictions, described Sunny and explored the first person. Our outcome is to write our own post card



In art, we have started looking at a new artist called Anthony Gormely. We looked at his sculptures and chose our favourites based on how they made us feel. We also looked at the different materials he uses and his inspiration.



In geography, the class loved using an Atlas to find the continents and oceans in our world. Our new unit looks at the different hot and cold places in our world.

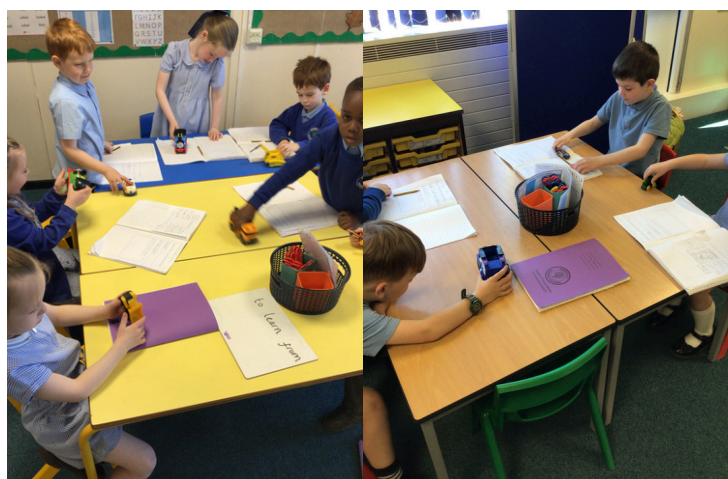
Children have been increasing their independence reading stories. Lots of children are spotting digraphs and trigraphs and sound talking unfamiliar words.

Reading is very important to Y1!

Spotlight on Year 1



In Science, we began our new topic about plants. We retrieved knowledge from our seasons topic and went to find different wild plants and tree types. We found lots of daisies and deciduous trees but only one buttercup. We love learning in the sunshine!



Y1 played with different toy vehicles in DT. We were investigating what makes them move and how they are similar. Over the next few weeks we will be designing and creating our own toy vehicle inspired by our history topic, Stephenson's Rocket.



In PE, we have started learning about Net and Wall games. We have been throwing and catching and even using rackets to hit balls. We were even lucky enough to have a cricket session with Darren from Lancashire Cricket. Darren has delivered sessions with Sherdley in the past, he was excited to share some opportunities for girls cricket in area. Keep an eye out for more information!



Parent / Carer Questionnaire



Thank you for completing our recent behaviour questionnaire for parents and carers. Below you will see a breakdown of your responses. Thank you for your honesty. Clearly there are elements that are very strong and it is important that we continue with those, but we recognise there are areas to improve too.

I am now in the process of gathering the views of the staff across school and the children. This will take some time.

We expect this review to take several months. and with the Summer holidays rapidly approaching, it is unlikely to be complete before September. We don't want to rush into changing things, or changing the wrong things. I will reach out with further questions and views, and hope to gather more views about specific areas that have been scored lower than others.

It is crucial that the children and staff also share their views and are able to contribute to the bigger picture.





Parent / Carer Questionnaire

Parent / Carer Questionnaire – April 2026

1. How confident are you that your child understands the <u>Sherdley's</u> behaviour expectations?	Very confident 68%	Confident 26%	Somewhat confident 5%	Not Confident 2%
2. Our behaviour expectations are clearly communicated to your child / children across different school settings, for example in the classrooms, playground, dinner hall, corridors.	Strongly agree 53%	Agree 43%	Disagree 4%	Strongly agree 0
3. Your child understands what is expected of them AND how to meet our behaviour expectations.	Strongly agree 8%	Agree 87%	Disagree 3%	Strongly agree 2%
4. Behaviour management procedures are applied consistently across the <u>school</u> ?	Strongly Agree 43%	Agree 44%	Disagree 11%	Strongly Disagree 2%
5.The 'Track-it-light' system is an effective strategy for <u>the majority of</u> pupils?		Agree 89%	Disagree 11%	
6.Sherdley's reward systems effectively promote positive behaviour?		Agree 91%	Disagree 9%	
7.Our rewards motivate a wide range of pupils, including those with additional needs?	Always 54%	Frequently 30%	Occasionally 15%	Never 1%
8.Behaviour consequences are proportionate and appropriate?	Strongly agree 38%	Agree 47%	Disagree 13%	Strongly disagree 2%
9.The consequences we apply, support children to reflect on their behaviour and make better choices?		Agree 87%	Disagree 13%	
10.Our behaviour policy supports positive relationships between pupils and <u>staff</u> ?		Agree 94%	Disagree 6%	
11.In my opinion, pupils feel safe, respected and listened to <u>as a result of</u> the policy.		Yes 87%	No 13%	
12.Communication with parents regarding your child's unacceptable behaviour is shared in good <u>time</u> ?		Yes 87%	No 13%	
13.At Sherdley, parents are effectively involved as partners in supporting positive behaviour.	Strongly agree 14%	Agree 55%	Disagree 6%	Strongly disagree 25%
14.Overall, how effective is Sherdley Primary School's behaviour policy?	Very effective 53%	Somewhat effective 42%	Somewhat ineffective 3%	Very ineffective 2%

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

Half Term Break

Tuesday 2 nd June	Introduction to ADHD
Tuesday 9 th June	We will be joined by the 0-19 Team SEND Lead
Tuesday 16 th June	Preparing for Meetings with school and relevant professionals
Tuesday 23 rd June	Encouraging Friendships for Neurodivergent Children
Tuesday 30 th June	Preparing for the Summer Holidays
Tuesday 7 th 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 th April	Open Session seek advice around any problems
Monday 20 th April	Supporting Organisational Skills and Planning
Monday 27 th April	Using Music to Support Neurodiversity
Monday 4 th May	No Session due to BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 11 th May	Preparing Neurodivergent Young People for the Future
Monday 18 th May	Developing Theory of Mind in Neurodivergent Children

Half Term Break

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

Wednesday Online Community Network Group

Wednesdays during term time



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

[Click here to register](#)

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

Half Term Break

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

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.

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Additional Online Workshops

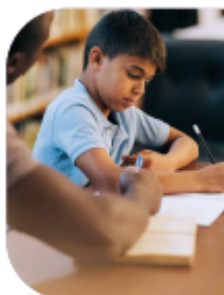
Short, online webinars to help you better understand a topic related to neurodevelopmental conditions. Interact via the chat and Q&A with any questions.

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 21st 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 12th 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 23rd 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 3rd July - 9.30am - 12.00pm

[Click here to register](#)

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

Safeguarding


Safety around dogs


The bond between your child and dog can bring fun and happiness to family life. We don't expect our own dog to bite, but any dog can bite if they feel they have no other option.


Children are most likely to be bitten at home, by a familiar dog. Luckily most bites are preventable and close supervision is key.


-  **A calm, happy dog** is less likely to react unsafely to children's natural exuberance.
- Give your dog a safe space of their own where they can go if they need time out. Have a rule to leave them alone when they're there.
 - Keep them occupied – physical exercise and mental activity help keep your dog happy.
 - Teach your child to be calm and kind with your dog. Avoid shouting, teasing or restrictive cuddles.



-  **Close supervision** is the most important thing to keep children safe.
- Watch, listen and remain close when your child and dog are together.
 - If either your dog or child seems unhappy, positively and calmly separate them. You can throw your dog a treat or toy, or lead your child away.
 - **Understand your dog's body language** so you can spot signs they feel uncomfortable or stressed.
 - When you know you'll be distracted during busier times, use safety gates to keep children and dogs separate. Or, take your child or dog with you.

-  **Your growing child** – as your child changes, the risks can change too.
- Teach the rules to your child from an early age and keep explaining them as your child understands more.
 - As your child becomes more mobile, review changes needed, like adding safety gates.
 - Think ahead about your changing family life and new risks that can emerge. Read our fact sheet on bringing baby home.

-  **Trigger times** – teach your child to leave your dog alone when they are:
- Sleeping – no-one likes to be woken up suddenly.
 - Eating or having a treat – they might think you're going to take their food.
 - Have a toy or something else they really like – they might not want to share!

-  **Still worried?**
- If you're worried by the way your dog is with your child, talk to your vet. They'll check your dog's health and can refer you to a qualified animal behaviourist.
 - Visit the **Animal Behaviour and Training Council** website to find a qualified behaviourist near you.



Safeguarding

The Safeguarding team at Sherdley are frequently reviewing our safeguarding systems and practices to ensure they remain effective. I am writing to inform you of a change which we believe will tighten up the safeguarding of visitors into our school for events such as celebration assemblies, class assemblies and other school events.

We will continue to invite you to these events via the school app. Going forwards, you will receive an image which will be your 'ticket' to gain entry. This will be attached to the app message. We ask that you take a screenshot of this image and bring it with you on the day. You will be asked to show this image to gain access to school.

We understand that at times, you may not be able to attend yourself and may send a family member. Again, we ask that you give them the image so that they can attend on your behalf.

If you have any questions, please speak to the office or any senior staff.

Mrs Bennett

Oral Health

ORAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN

ST HELENS WELLBEING



TOOTHBRUSHING

- Teeth should be brushed as soon as they appear in the mouth.
- An ideal toothbrush should have a small head with soft/medium textured bristles.
- There is no fluoride in the local water supply.
- For children under 3, use a smear of ordinary family fluoride toothpaste (1350-1500 ppm). Fluoride helps to make teeth stronger.



- For children over 3, use a pea-sized blob.

PEA-SIZED



- Brush teeth and gums last thing at night before bed and one other time during the day – ideally for 2 minutes.
- Children need help with toothbrushing up to the age of 7.
- Your child should spit out after brushing and not rinse. This helps the fluoride to work for longer on the teeth.

SUGAR FREE MEDICINES

- Always ask for sugar free medicines for your child and check with the doctor if they need a prescription.
- If they contain sugar, they can cause tooth decay.
- Medicines are often given at intervals during the day and may be given at night.

VISITING THE DENTIST

- Your child should visit the dentist to have regular check ups.
- Take your child as often as the dentist recommends.
- In agreement with national guidelines, dentists offer fluoride varnish applications 2 – 3 time per year to every child and young person aged 3 – 16 years.
- A list of local dental practices is available from <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist>



Recycle and Raise Money



The 'Sherdley Blue' Clothing Bin positioned near to KS1 playground has arrived. Help us to fill the bin and raise money for school every month. The company accepts lots of clothes, however they do not accept badged uniform.



Sherdley Shares

DYNAMOS CRICKET

INTROS

**Here's your free
Dynamos Cricket place**

QR CODE HERE

We play at:

Sutton St Helens CC

Contact:

suttonsharks@gmail.com

Service details: www.gov.uk/article/15/sutton-helens-services

11/05/2026

Your unique voucher code:

Z3PUQ

Event timings:

18:00pm

dynamoscricquet.co.uk



0-19 School Nurse Support



Download our School Nurse
Service information leaflet



**Support children from Reception to 19th
Birthday (25 for young people with SEND)**



Summer Events Calendar



Summer Term Events



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



Next Year's Term Dates - 26-27



Term Dates for September 2026– July 2027

Autumn Term:

Open on the morning of
Close on the afternoon of

Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026

Open on the morning of
Close on the afternoon of

Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term:

Open on the morning of
Close on the afternoon of

Tuesday 5th January 2027
Friday 12th February 2027

Open on the morning of
Close on the afternoon of

Monday 22nd February 2027
Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term:

Open on the morning of
Close on the afternoon of

Monday 12th April 2027
Friday 28th May 2027

Open on the morning of
Close on the afternoon of

Monday 7th June 2027
Friday 16th July 2027

Easter Bank Holiday:

Good Friday: 26th March 2027
Easter Monday: 29th March 2027

Bank Holiday During Term Time:

May Day: Monday 3rd May 2027

Inset Days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Monday 19th July 2027
Tuesday 20th July 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

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
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 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.

Sherdley Shares

Sutton Family Hub Offer

Monday

- 1.00pm - 3.00pm **IASS (Information Advice Support Service) Parent Coffee Afternoon (Term time only)**
- 1.30pm - 2.30pm **Little Wizz Kids (6-36 months)**

Tuesday

- 9.30am - 11.30am **Healthy Child Clinic (0-19+ Service)**
- 9.30am - 11.30am **Sleep advice drop-in**
- 9.30am - 11.30am **Family Library Time**
- 10.00am - 11.00am **Sensory Baby group (0-12 months)**
- 10.00am - 12.00pm **Stepping Stones (0-12 years, by invitation)**
- 10.00am - 12.00pm **St Helens Mobile Food Pantry**
- 10.00am - 2.00pm **Breastfeeding Support Group drop-in**
- 10.00am - 2.00pm **Mill Green Hangout Cafe (term time only)**
- 1.00pm - 2.00pm **Baby Massage (Please call to book)**

Wednesday

- 9.00am - 5.00pm **Speech and Language Therapy (by Invitation)**
- 9.30am - 11.30am **Coffee/Tea Tots**
- 9.30am - 11.30am **Specialist Infant Feeding Clinic (please book)**
- 10.00am - 12.00pm **PAACES (Adults)**
- 2.00pm - 4.00pm **PAACES (Children/Young People)**
- 3.30pm - 5.00pm **Family Matters group (5-11 years)**

Thursday

- 9.00am - 12.30pm **Developmental Checks for 0-5 years (by Invitation)**
- 9.30am - 10.30am **Little Wizz Kids (6-36 months)**
- 2.00pm - 6.00pm **YMCA Listening Service (by invitation)**

Friday

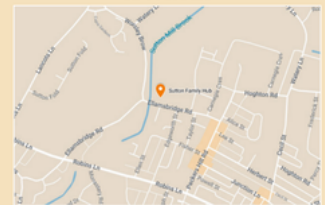
- 2.15pm - 3.15pm **Sensory Baby Group (0-12 months)**

Saturday

- 9.00am - 5.00pm **VIBE Saturday Club 8-18 years (by invitation)**
- 10.00am - 12.00pm **Parents in Mind (1st Saturday of the month)**
- 10.00am - 12.00pm **M.A.T.CH (Men And Their Children) Monthly starting 2nd May**

Sutton Family Hub

Elmsbridge Road WA9 3PY
01744 673420



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FREE **Creative Cake Sessions** for Little Ones!

27th & 28th May
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Parr Sports & Community Centre
St Helens

Chocolate Crispy Cakes!

All Equipment & Ingredients Provided!

Build Confidence with Food

Learn Teamwork & Responsibility

Practice Kitchen Safety

Be Creative & Have Fun!

Goodies to Take Home!

Wash Hands • Use Tools Safely • Keep the Kitchen Clean!

A Fun, Friendly Place to Make New Friends!

Spaces Limited – Don't Miss Out!

Sherdley Shares

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

- ✓ 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!

For more info, contact Parr Sports & Community Centre.

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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

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What's on for families with special educational needs and disabilities?



Paediatric Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy drop in sessions.

Drop in at Sutton Family Hub from 1.00pm – 4.00pm on Thursday 15th January, Thursday 19th February and Thursday 19th March. No need to book. For more information, telephone **0151 351 8800**.



Listen 4 Change Parent Carer Forum

A local Forum run by Parent Carers for Parent Carers. If you're a parent/carer of a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND) aged 0-25 in St Helens, then join us now.



Advanced Solutions Community Network

is an open access offer that supports the emotional health and wellbeing of neurodivergent children and young people, their families and the professionals that work with them. Contact the team on **01744 582172**



IASS Information, Advice and Support Service

is a statutory service providing information, advice and support on matters relating to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. You can drop in at Sutton Family Hub on Monday 1-3pm or contact IASS@sthelens.gov.uk for more information.



The Bridge Centre

offers a specialist service to children from birth up to the age of 5 years old, with:

- A recognised disability/diagnosis where significant development delay is likely to feature
- Complex health needs and neuro-developmental conditions
- A significant delay in 2 or more areas of development

A parent/carer or a professional involved with a child can ask us to see the child, please contact **01744 673131/3132** for more information. The 0-19 team in St Helens have a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) team to support you and your family which includes, Health Visitors and specialist nurses. For more information contact **01744 411277**

For more information and help, check out the new SEND Information Hub is a user-friendly website designed to help families, young people, and professionals easily find the support, services, and resources they need in one accessible place.



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What's on in the community?

Chester Lane Library

Four Acre Lane, Clock Face, WA9 4DE

Monday	11.00am	Read and Rhyme
Thursday	10.00am - 12.00pm	Healthy Child Clinic (0-19+ Service) (Clinic does not run on the 2nd Thursday of the month)
	10.00am - 12.00pm	Sleep advice drop-in
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Sensory Baby Group (0-12 months)
Friday	11.00am	Read and Rhyme

Thatto Heath Library

Thatto Heath Road, St Helens WA10 3QX

Monday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Sensory Baby Group (0-12 months)
Tuesday	2.15pm	Read and Rhyme
Friday	11.00am	Read and Rhyme

Grange Valley Primary School

1 Heyes Avenue, St Helens WA11 0XQ

Tuesday	10.00am - 11.00am	Sensory Baby Group (0-12 months)
Wednesday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Baby Massage (please call to book)

www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/1816/

Coming soon!

Baby Showers



- Central Link – Monday 2nd March 10.00am – 12.00pm
- Sutton Family Hub – Friday 5th June 1.00pm – 3.00pm
- Parr Children's Centre – Tuesday 8th September 10.30am – 12.30pm
- Newton Family Hub – Wednesday 4th November 10.30am – 12.30pm



Pregnancy & Beyond



- Central Link starting – Thursday 12th March 4.30pm – 6.00pm
- Sutton Family Hub – Thursday 11th June 4.30pm – 6.00pm
- Parr Children's Centre – Thursday 17th September 4.30pm – 6.00pm
- Newton Family Hub – Thursday 12th November 4.30pm – 6.00pm

Look out for more updates on our social media.

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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



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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



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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

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.

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