



# Leigh Vale Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending: 18/3/22

| Diary Dates 2022   |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Friday 18th March  | Red Nose Day- come to school wearing something red                                 |
| Friday 25th March  | Non-uniform day -donations for Easter Raffle<br>Y6 PGL next payment instalment due |
| Tuesday 26th April | Y6 PGL Parents Meeting 5pm   |

## This week in school

### Comic Relief/Red Nose Day 2022

Today, we celebrated Comic Relief Day by wearing something red to school. Comic Relief Day is a chance to raise money to help transform the lives of poor, vulnerable and



disadvantaged people across the UK and Africa. Thank you for your support. As we are a cashless school, we did not ask the children to bring in £1 donations. Instead, please donate online at <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

### Boccia

Congratulations to a team of Y5 children who took part in a Boccia competition against other local schools. The children had a fantastic afternoon and finished in second place. Well done, everyone.

### Road Safety

Last week Y4 and Y6 participated in a workshop with the St. Helens Road Safety Team. The children learnt all about the different crossings and how to be safe when there is no crossing available. The children enjoyed using maps of the local area to explore how they can travel across our borough using cycle paths.

### Easter Raffle

We would like to ask for your support once again with donations of prizes for the Easter raffle. We would be grateful for donations of Easter eggs, any size, any variety. We hope to offer a range of prizes from individual eggs to chocolate egg hampers made with your generous donations. We would ask that all eggs are brought into school on our "own clothes day" on Friday, 25th March for our Easter raffle which takes place on Wednesday 30th March.



### EYFS/KS1

Easter Competition for Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Children are being asked to decorate an Easter themed hat. There will be a prize winner and runner up for each class.

### KS2

Easter Competition for Key Stage Two will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Children are being asked to decorate an egg as part of our Easter celebration in school. There will be a prize winner and runner up for each class.

### Should parents send their child to school if they think they have COVID-19?

The government, in their 'Living with Covid' guidance have from the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 removed the legal obligation to isolate. However, if a child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, **the public health advice remains unchanged**, and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result. If children/adults test positive, they are advised to follow public health advice. Adults and children who test positive, will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. If anyone needs support obtaining a test, please ring the school office for advice.

## Star Outside School

### Chloe Y5K

Chloe competed at Wirral spring swimming gala, she won 5 medals and achieved two personal best  
1 gold - 200m breaststroke, 3 silvers - 50m and 100m breaststroke and 50m backstroke and 1 bronze - 50m freestyle. Well done, Chloe!

We are always delighted to share the children's success outside of school. Please ensure that we receive the information by Wednesday so that we have time to include it on Friday's newsletter. Thank you. (Any information received after Wednesday will appear on the following week's newsletter)

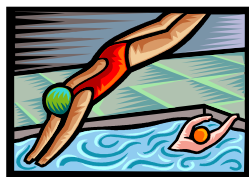
For safeguarding reasons, if your child is unable to attend an afterschool club please can **parents** let school know by letter/phone call or in person To keep children safe, **verbal messages from children can't be accepted**. Thank you for your support

**Feedback-** We appreciate your feedback and would welcome any comments to help us make our school even better.

## Swimming

**Y5F**

**Tuesday 22nd March**  
**Tuesday 29th March**



## Street Dance Club: 3.15 - 4.15pm

**Year 4:**

**Monday 21st March**  
**Monday 28th March**

## Holiday Dates

To support parents, holiday dates for 2022/2023 are now available on the school website.

## Your Local Pantry

Come along to St.Mark's T.A.N.G.O. on Thursday morning 8.50-11am at St. Mark's Centre, Park Street.

### Save Money

- The Pantry is a membership scheme where for £4 a week you can do a shop worth between £10 and £20.
- It is open to the communities of Haydock and Blackbrook
- Go to [yourlocalpantry.co.uk](http://yourlocalpantry.co.uk) to find your nearest Pantry (you can only be a member of 1 pantry). You can sign up here before visiting to save some time but you don't have to.



### Reduce Food Waste

- The Pantry can offer this deal as we take in food that would otherwise go to waste even though it is still good food.
- As a country we waste 9.5 million tonnes of food every year. By offering it like this we help save the world and help your pockets at the same time.



### Build up the Community

- Sign up to your local pantry to meet your local community
- The Pantry offers a space for a cuppa and a chat, to meet friends (old and new) and can signpost other groups and spaces in the community that might suit you



### Take Care of the Whole You

We have also partnered with other organisations in order to offer you support in as many ways as possible. This may include budgeting/benefits help (citizens advice), cooking lessons (St Marks), uniform swaps (T.A.N.G.O) prayer and spiritual chats (Light and life) and more.



**TOGETHER LIVERPOOL**

[www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk](http://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk)  
[foodpantry@stmarkshaydock.org](mailto:foodpantry@stmarkshaydock.org)  
[@TANGOPantry](https://www.facebook.com/TANGOPantry)

**Salton & St Helens**  
Jointly and Community Action

**torus foundation**

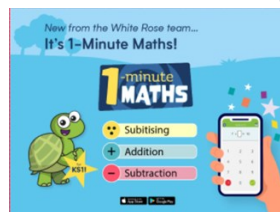
**ALLCHURCHES TRUST LIMITED**  
OWNERS OF ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE GROUP

## KS1 ATTENDANCE WINNERS

**1st— Y2RB-94%**  
**2nd—Y1JL-92%**  
**3rd— Y2PM-85%**



## New Free 1-Minute Maths App



**Parents and Carers:** Watch your child have fun while they continue learning maths basic number concepts learned in school - at home!

### How does it work?

Each 1-minute task gives children engaging and targeted practice in basic number. The app covers a range of topics on arithmetic and subitising, and generates questions randomly so your child never sees the same ones in sequence – meaning they learn the concept and not a series of answers. Once a task completes, answers are presented on the screen giving your child instant feedback. It's so simple to use and, most of all, lots of FUN!

What's more, the app has no specific starting point, so a child can pick up and play at any time, with no set place to start. Accessible AND easy!

### 10 reasons for using 1-Minute Maths:

- Excellent number practice with no distractions.
- Enjoyable tasks children want to complete.
- Instils basic number concepts during early years.
- A clear process that children pick up immediately
- No login or internet access needed. Download and play!
- A motivator – children enjoy trying to beat their last score!
- Helpful hints give support when needed.
- Brilliant for building confidence and fluency.
- Random question generator instils concepts, not answers.
- Completely FREE to download!

It's available for use on [Apple](#), [Android](#) and [Kindle](#) devices. Find it on the App Store or Google Play.

## T.A.N.G.O Community Project, St. Mark's Church – St Helens Gateway

We sell furnishings, clothing and bric-a-brac items to people in the local community at affordable prices. Help is also given to people referred to us as part of the Welfare Assistance scheme run by St. Helens Council.

### Contact Details for Parents/Carers

Please ensure that school has your latest contact details as we will use these details when school staff need to contact you about your child.

Thank you.

## KS2 ATTENDANCE WINNERS

**1st— Y3C-95.7%**  
**2nd — Y5K-95.6%**  
**3rd — Y6M-95.2%**

