



# Leigh Vale Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending: 18/11/22

Diary Dates 2022/2023	
Thursday 24th Nov	Christmas Bingo 6 - 8pm
Tuesday 29th Nov	Y1 & Y3 Christmas Walkthrough at St. Mark's
Thursday 1st Dec	Christmas raffle tickets on sale
Tuesday 6th Dec	Y1 Christmas performance – 9.30am Y3 Christmas performance – 10.45am
Wednesday 7th Dec	Reception Christmas performance – 9.30am Y4 Christmas performance – 10.45am
Thursday 8th Dec	Y2 Christmas performance – 9.30am Y5 Christmas performance – 10.45am Reception Christmas performance – 2.30pm
Friday 9th Dec	Y6 Christmas performance – 10.45am
Tuesday 13th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christingle service
Monday 19th Dec	Reception, Y1, Y2 Christmas parties
Tuesday 20th Dec	KS2 Christmas parties
Wednesday 21st Dec	School closes for Christmas at 2pm
Wednesday 4th Jan	Start of Spring Term



**Lest We Forget.**

items in support of the Royal British Legion. Your support is very much appreciated.

## This week in school

### Children in Need

Thank you so much for your support with this annual appeal. As we are a cashless school, we will not be asking children to bring in their £1 donations. Instead, please donate online, please click on the SHOW CONTENT tab below for further information on making a donation.

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



### Christmas Bingo and Raffle Donations

Many thanks to everyone who donated an item that will go towards the prizes for our upcoming Christmas bingo and raffle events.

### Sportshall Athletics

Recently, Leigh Vale entered two mixed Y5/6 teams into a local athletics tournament. One of our teams finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and our other team ended the day in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. That meant that all 42 children who represented the school came home with a medal. Well done Y5/6, you were amazing!

### Girls Football

Last Friday, we took a Y3/4 girls football team to an event at Ruskin Drive. The children had a fantastic afternoon playing football against a number of other teams. The girls had an amazing attitude and showed great team spirit. Well done, girls!

### Remembrance Exhibition

Our whole school art exhibition based on Remembrance was a huge success. The children worked very hard to produce many different pieces of art. Thank you for your support with this event. If you were unable to make it please check out our school website and social media as photographs of the event have been uploaded.

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who sent in money to buy poppies and other commemorative

## **Star Outside School**

**Flynn J, Jacob D, Harry W, Finley W, Jackson H, Tyler B, Oliver Y, Jax C and Charlie K - Y1 & Y2**

A group of children in Y1 and Y2 completed a sponsored walk round Ingleton Falls on Sunday 6th November to raise money for their football team Haydock JFC U7's. The walk was 7.2 km and they all completed it in great time and managed to raise over £1500 in 3 weeks!

### Mason B and Reece T –Y6

Mason B and Reece T from Y6 attended the St Helens School Boys football trials this week (14/11/22). They will find out soon if they made it through to the next round. Well done boys.

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.

## 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.

## 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.

## **KS1 ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

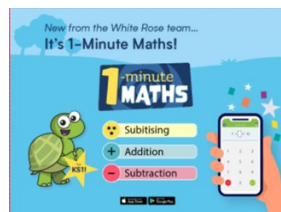
1st— Y1CF-97.9%  
2nd— Y2PM-97.1%  
3rd— Y1JL-96.9%



## **Holiday Dates**

To support parents, holiday dates for 2023/2024 are now available on the school website.

## **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.

## **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— Y5K-99.1%  
2nd — Y6D-96.4%  
3rd — Y6M-96%

