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St Bert's News

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2nd September 2026

Welcome Back



A warm welcome back to you all, especially our new families

whose children are joining the school. We hope that the children soon settle down and begin to feel part of the St Bert's Family.

Welcome Mr Heneghan

The Governors, staff and pupils of St Bert's are pleased to welcome Mr Nathan Heneghan as our new headteacher.

Starting a new role is always an exciting time and we are thrilled that Mr Heneghan has chosen to join our school family.

We are excited about the future and confident that, together, we will continue to provide the very best learning experiences for all our children.

Please give Mr Heneghan a special St Bert's welcome and smile.

Thank You



All the staff would like to say a big thank you to the parents who sent

in cards and gifts at the end of last term. We are always overwhelmed and would like to show our appreciation for your kind words and generous gifts.

Eclipse

A huge thank you to Liz Gwynne (one of our Governors) who gave every child a pair of eclipse glasses.

Dates for your Diary

Dates for your Diary are attached to this week's newsletter.

Individual School Photos

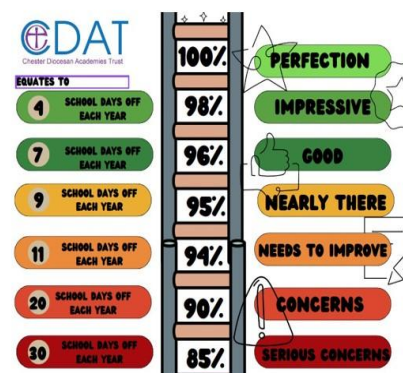
Next Wednesday, 9th September 2026, the school photographer will be in school to take individual photos and photos with siblings. On this occasion, the photographers intend to start taking photographs from 9.00am onwards.

New parents, please be aware that you can bring in younger siblings who are not of school age to join their brothers and sisters for a photograph. In order to do this, you need to come into the school hall at 8.45am along with your toddlers, babies and other siblings.

Attendance Policy

At St Bert's high levels of attendance and punctuality are expected in order for children to reap the full benefits of what our school has to offer.

Our target is 96%



Request for Leave of Absence

Can we please remind parents that a Request for Leave of Absence form **MUST** be filled in before the absence is taken. These are available from the school office.

Please note that any Leave of Absence will only be authorised in "exceptional circumstances"

School Uniform

It was lovely seeing all the children looking so smart in their school uniforms today. Please make sure that all items are named. Can we please remind parents that children need black school shoes, not trainers, fancy boots or fancy shoes etc. Trainers are for outdoor PE only.

The Uniform Policy is available on the school website. Please note children can wear white or black shorts for PE.

Please put your child's name inside ALL of their clothing, PE kit, coat and water bottle and any other personal items.

Please click the link below which takes you to the School Uniform page on our school website.
<https://www.stbertelines.org.uk/page/school-uniform/139850>

Lining Up

As you will be aware, this morning we lined the children up outside school before leading them to their respective classrooms. From tomorrow, we will be back to our normal routine whereby the gates will open at 8.45, school doors open at 8.50am for the 'drop and go' system and all the children (apart from our new reception children) will enter the school building via the courtyard.

Reception children need to line up outside the metal shutters near the Early Year's play area.

Residentials

We will have a full list of all residentials shortly.

Delamere (Year 3)
14th October – 16th October
2026

Tattenhall (Year 2)
Burwardsley (Year 4)
Menai (Year 5)
Leavers Day Out (Year 6)

We in the next few weeks have a full list of residentials and prices.

Delamere Residential Meeting

Delamere residential meeting for parents of Year 3 children takes place on Monday 29th September 2025 at 3.30pm in the school hall.

Universal Free School Meals

Can we please remind parents of Year 2 children going into Year 3 in September, that your child is no longer entitled to Universal Free School Meals. School meals cost £3.15 and will need to be paid via School Hub.

Ear Piercing

Please note children are not allowed to do PE wearing plasters covering their earrings, therefore if your child has their ears pierced at any other time of the year (other than the summer holidays) they are missing part of their National Curriculum entitlement.

MDAs

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you at your happiest when you are busy and purposeful? Are you free to work one and a half hours per day over lunchtime? If so, we would love you to join our team of mid-day assistants. To find out more please contact the school office.

Mobile phones in school

Can we please remind parents that should your child be required to bring a mobile phone on the school premises, you need to fill in a Mobile Phone Permission Agreement. Please click the link below:



<https://forms.gle/SjbxB239PwBghJvW7>

Walking home alone

We are aware that some of our Year 5 & 6 children may go home without an adult. Obviously as parents you will have considered whether this is appropriate for

your child and talked about any risks attached.

As a school, we feel we need to know whether you have given permission for your child to walk home alone. Please fill in the form on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/HbZJgTitk9c7kVog7>

Happy Birthday



A happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week:

Imogen Cosgrove (9)
Matilda Goddard (11)
Esme Hackland (11)
Cora Johnson (8)
Morgan Roberts (7)

We hope you have a wonderful birthday.

After School Clubs Choir

Choir will start on Friday 12th September and run for 7 weeks until half term (inc Friday 24th Oct).

After half term, it is a 5 week block until Friday 5th December.

All children who want to continue need to email to confirm their place and make payment for the term of £48 to the usual bank details. Please reference your child's name as Mrs O'Neil uses this for the registrar details.

Any new starters are welcome to trial the club before committing to the full term. Parents will need to sign up by sending an email to me with child's name/class and then payment details will be sent across. There is an expectation to regularly attend each week with the exception of illness and occasional important family

events taking precedence over choir.

There is only going to be a Sept and April joining opportunity for choir this year.

I look forward to welcoming lots of you back again and seeing some new faces.

About the wraparound club

The club runs every day straight from the end of the school day until 4:30 pm. It's a child-led club: each night, children can choose to take part in the adult-led activity, or choose freely from a range of other activities instead - Lego, arts and crafts, outside play, board games, and a quiet reading area for anyone who wants some downtime. The children have the freedom to explore and choose their own activities every session.

Children receive a snack at 3:30 pm, and if they're still with us at 5 pm, they'll get a second snack.

Our main activities each week:

Monday - Multi-sports, with a different sport each week (netball, basketball, athletics, tennis, tag rugby, football)

Tuesday - Football club

Wednesday - Paper plate craft night, with a new theme each week

Thursday - Playground games night, playing the classics: Stuck in the Mud, What's the Time Mr Wolf, British, Grandmother's Footsteps, Duck Duck Goose, Simon Says, Musical Statues, and Sleeping Lions

Friday - Just Dance night, dancing along to favourite songs on the Just Dance video game

What's on next week

Monday 7 September - Multi-sports: Athletics (Sport will change each week)

Tuesday 8 September - Football club

Wednesday 9 September - Paper plate craft night: Animals (lion, owl, hedgehog or pig - children can pick their favourite!)

Thursday 10 September - Playground games: classics like Stuck in the Mud, What's the Time Mr Wolf and British Bulldog

Friday 11 September - Just Dance night, dancing along to favourite songs on the Just Dance video game

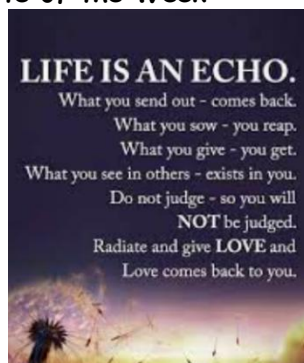
ADdVanced Solutions Community Network

This network supports the emotional health and wellbeing of neurodivergent children and young people and their families

Please click below to see What's going on in Halton

[HALTON Autumn 2026 - What's On Guide](#)

Quote of the Week



Prayers

Our prayers this week are for our school family as we are once again reunited.

Also, our thoughts are especially for our Year 7 children who have begun their next stage in their education.

God Bless