



### Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to warmly welcome you all to the spring term at St Gerard's. I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. This term promises to be a busy and rewarding one, filled with opportunities for learning, growth, and celebration. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership, which plays such an important role in helping our children thrive both academically and personally.

### Thank You

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Working together ensures the very best outcomes for our children. We look forward to another successful and happy term at St Gerard's.

Yours sincerely,

**The St Gerard's Team**

### Punctuality

Punctuality means coming to school on time every day. When we arrive early, we are happy, calm, and ready to learn with our friends. Being on time helps us listen to our teacher and not miss any lessons. Punctuality shows that we are responsible and good students.

**The school gates open at 8.45am each morning ready for the beginning of school at 8.50am. Children arriving after 9.00am will be classed as late. Children arriving after 9.20am will be classed as unauthorised, and this will be monitored by the Education Welfare Service.**



### School Attendance

Attendance is essential for children's learning, progress, and wellbeing. Every school day counts, and regular attendance helps children build routines, confidence, and strong relationships with their teachers and peers.

We kindly ask parents and carers to ensure children attend school every day unless they are unwell, arrive on time, and avoid taking holidays during term time wherever possible. Thank you for your continued support in helping our children achieve their full potential.



### After School Provision – Night Owls

Our Night Owls After School Club continues to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for children at the end of the school day.

Please remember to request a receipt when making payments, as this will be required for reimbursement.

Please ensure you book via the school mobile 07376234412, if you need to cancel your child's place, please can you give 24 hours' notice as you will be charged for that session.

### PE Kit Reminder

Please ensure that your child comes to school with their PE kit on their allocated PE day. PE kits should be clearly labelled with your child's name and include appropriate footwear. As the weather can be changeable during the spring term, we ask that children also bring suitable outdoor PE clothing where required.



### Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform every day, and that all items are clearly labelled to reduce lost property.



### Tax-Free Childcare

Parents may be eligible for Tax-Free Childcare, which can provide up to £2,000 per child per year towards childcare costs. To apply, parents/carers must check their eligibility and create an online account via the government website.

### Snack

Children are allowed to bring a piece of fruit for snack. Years 1 & 2 have fruit, so they do not need extra snack. Can I ask that children do not bring in cereal bars or crisps etc. and anything that may include nuts.

### Packed Lunch

Can I also encourage you to provide a healthy packed lunch for your child as well. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal, and I encourage parents/carers to take up this offer!

### Parking around school

We have been contacted several times by local residents regarding ongoing issues with vehicles being parked in front of driveways near the school. This is causing significant inconvenience for those living in the area.

Please be reminded to park considerately when dropping off or collecting your children from school. Avoid blocking driveways or creating obstructions that could cause difficulties for residents.

Both the Police and Halton Borough Council have been informed about the situation by the neighbours and the school including parking on the zigzag lines this will result in a hefty fine and 3 points on your licence. As a result, they will be monitoring parking in the area at various times throughout the day. There has been a present of the police lately and this will continue for the next few months.

Your cooperation in ensuring safe and respectful parking is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Dates for Your Diary

27.01.26 9am-3pm KS2 Poetry Buzz – Paul Delaney

28.01.26 Y3 & Y4 - Mary Poppins - Liverpool Empire

29.01.26 9.15am-2pm Y1 - Knowsley Safari Park

30.01.26 12pm-3pm Y5/6 Dodgeball

**13.02.26 SCHOOL CLOSES**

**23.02.26 INSET Day**

**24.02.26 (Tuesday) SCHOOL OPENS**

03.03.26 10am-2pm Y5 - Catalyst

05.03.26 9am-2pm Y1 - Eureka Science and Discovery Centre

9-13 March 2026 BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

12-13 March Y2 - Delamere

13.03.26 9.15-9.45am EYFS – Mother's Day Assembly

18.03.26 9-11.30am Y4 - Creative Builders Lego Workshop- "The Romans"

18.03.26 1-3pm Y3 - Creative Builders Lego Workshop- "Iron Age"

20.03.26 Y1 - Assembly- Lent

23.03.26 9.15am EYFS - Lent Stay and Pray

23.03.26 2pm Y3 & Y4 - Lent Stay and Pray

27.03.26 9.15am-10.15am KS1 - Lent Stay and Pray

27.03.26 2pm Y5 & Y6 - Lent Stay and Pray

02.04.26 9.15am-9.45am Y6 - Stations of the Cross Assembly

**02.04.26 SCHOOL CLOSES**

### Communication & Updates

Keep sure your contact details are up to date, so you don't miss any information

### Safeguarding & Wellbeing

The safety and wellbeing of our children is always our top priority. If you have any concerns, please speak to a member of staff or contact the school office. Support is available for pupils' emotional wellbeing throughout the school day.

### Parent/Carer Support

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school each day with all necessary items to support their learning and participation.

When students arrive unprepared, it can impact their learning and cause disruptions to the classroom. Your help in checking that your child is ready before leaving for school each morning is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

### School Grid (School Meals)

In order for your child to receive a hot meal each day you **MUST** order the choice of meal on School Grid. We have *quite a few occasions when children's meals have not been ordered*, and the children have not had the meal of their choice.

The link has been sent out to every parent/carers if you have not received the link from **SCHOOL GRID**, please contact the School Office urgently.

### Curriculum & Learning

This term, pupils across school will be engaging in a range of exciting topics. There will be a strong focus on developing reading, writing, and maths skills, alongside rich learning experiences in science, history, geography, and RE. We encourage you to continue supporting learning at home by reading regularly with your child and practising key skills.



### SPRING TERM - 2026

Monday 5 January 2026	School Opens. Pupils
Friday 13 February 2026	School Closes. Staff and Pupils
Monday 23 February 2026	Staff only. INSET day
Tuesday 24 February 2026	School Opens. Pupils
Thursday 2 April 2026	School closes. Staff and Pupils

### SUMMER TERM - 2026

Monday 13 April 2026	Staff only. INSET day
Tuesday 14 April 2026	School Opens. Pupils
Friday 22 May 2026	School Closes. Staff & Pupils
Monday 8 June 2026	School Opens. Staff & Pupils
Tuesday 21 July 2026	School Closes. Staff & Pupils