



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School
"With God's love, we are a family,
CARING, LEARNING and
GROWING together."

Newsletter 7th September 2026



Welcome back to school, and a very special welcome to our new Reception children who are now part of our St. John Fisher Family.



Attendance & Punctuality Every Day Matters!

Here
Today
A Brighter
Tomorrow


As we begin a new academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all families about the importance of **regular attendance and good punctuality**.

Every day in school matters. Being in school regularly gives children the best opportunity to learn, make progress, build friendships and feel part of our school community. Arriving on time is equally important, as even a few minutes late can mean missing important learning, morning routines and the chance to start the day calmly and confidently.

Our Morning Timings



8.40am

School gates open



8.45am

The bell rings and the children line up



8.50am

Children are in class and the register is taken

Arriving late

Children arriving after **8.50am** will be recorded as **late**.

After 9.05am

A child arriving after **9.05am** will be recorded as late **after** registration has closed – this is classed as an **unauthorised absence** for the **whole session**.



Working together to support good attendance

We understand that sometimes families experience difficulties which can make getting to school regularly or on time challenging. If there is anything affecting your child's attendance or punctuality, **please come and talk to us**. We would much rather work with you to identify what support might help than allow a problem to continue.

We're here to help 



Our attendance procedure

Where lateness or absence becomes a regular concern, the following will take place:

- 1** The class teacher will have a conversation with parents to discuss reasons for lateness/absence and, if appropriate, what support strategies can be put in place.
- 2** The Pastoral Lead will contact parents informally for discussion about continued absence/lateness.
- 3** Formal written letter from the Head Teacher.
- 4** Where school action fails to bring an improvement, the matter will be discussed with the Education Welfare Service and consideration given to issuing a Penalty Notice.



Our shared goal

Our aim is always to work in partnership with families and support children to attend school regularly and arrive ready to learn.

*Small steps
make a big
difference!* 

*Thank you for your
continued support
in helping your child
make every school day count.* 



READY



RESPECTFUL



SAFE

September Reminders - Working Together for a Great Start

We would like to share a few reminders that will help ensure the school day runs as smoothly as possible.

Many of these requests may seem small, but they all have one thing in common - they help keep children safe, healthy and happy, while reducing unnecessary interruptions to teaching and learning. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Water Bottles

Please send your child to school with a bottle containing **water only**. Water helps children stay hydrated throughout the day and also supports good dental health by avoiding sugary drinks.

Healthy Snacks (Key Stage 2)

Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring a **healthy snack**, such as a piece of fruit, to enjoy at break time. This helps keep energy levels up and supports healthy eating habits.

Uniform

Please ensure your child returns in the correct school uniform.

A few reminders:

- Black school shoes should be worn.
- Hair accessories should be kept to our school colours: **red, white or grey**.
- Jewellery and makeup are not allowed.

School Bags

Key Stage 1: Please avoid sending children with large backpacks wherever possible. We simply don't have the cloakroom storage space, and oversized bags make it difficult for children to access and find their belongings safely.

We completely understand that, on occasions, a larger bag may be needed for after-school activities or clubs.

Book bags are ideal for everyday use. If you wish to personalise your child's book bag, we kindly ask that only **one keyring** is attached. Multiple keyrings make bags difficult to store and often become lost or broken, resulting in upset and valuable learning time being spent searching for missing items.

KS1 and years 3 and 4 are to bring book bags with reading record and reading books every day.

Toys, Squishies and Trinkets

Please do not send children to school with toys, squishies, fidget toys or trinkets from home.

Footballs from home are not to be brought into school.

Following recent safety guidance, we need to be particularly cautious about products such as squishies, as we cannot always be certain what materials they contain. These items can also become a distraction, cause disagreements between children or become lost.

Every classroom has a selection of school fidgets available for children who use them as part of their learning. Where appropriate, individual arrangements can also be agreed between parents and the class teacher.

Stationery

Everything your child needs for learning is provided by school, including their own pencil case and stationery.

There is no need to bring pens, pencils, rubbers or other stationery from home. Providing the same equipment for everyone helps avoid lost items, disagreements and unnecessary disruption during the school day.

Parking on Edward Street

Finally, a reminder to **please DO NOT park on Edward Street** at the beginning and end of the school day.

We understand that mornings are busy and everyone is trying to get to where they need to be, but parking in this area puts children's safety at risk. This reminder appears regularly in our newsletters because it is so important.

Please help us to keep all of our children safe by parking considerately and allowing plenty of time for your journey. We would much rather prevent an accident than have to deal with the consequences of one.



Home-School Agreements

Our **Home-School Agreements** were sent home with children on Friday. We ask that parents/carers take some time to **read through the agreement together with their child**, talk about the expectations and what they mean, and then **sign and return the agreement to school**.

The agreement is an important part of our partnership between home and school and helps us all to work together to support our children to be **ready, respectful and safe, with love and kindness**. ❤️

An electronic copy has also been shared with families so that you can keep a copy to refer back to throughout the year.

🌸 Reception Class

Our Reception children will be bringing their **Home-School Agreements home this week**. Please look out for these and take some time to go through the agreement together with your child. Once signed, please return it to school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in working with us to create a happy, positive and respectful school community. ❤️

Dates for your



SEPTEMBER

Thursday 17th—School Photos

W/C 21st—Book Fair

Friday 25th—Macmillan Coffee Morning



OCTOBER

Friday 9th—Harvest Festival

Thursday 15th—New Reception 2027 Open Evening

Thursday 15th—Flu Vaccinations

Monday 19th—Reception and Year 6—Height, Weight and Vision checks

FOREST SCHOOL

Reception—Monday

Year 1— Wednesday

Year 2—Tuesday

SWIMMING

Year 6 -Thursday

PE

Please ensure all PE kits are kept in school.

CLUBS

Monday—Reading Plus Y4/5/6 until 4pm

Tuesday—Judo (paid directly to Instructor)

Wednesday—Choir Y3/4/5/6 until 4pm

Fun Fitness Y1/2 until 4pm

Thursday— Rugby with Mr Woodward Y3/4

Craft Club Y1/2 until 4pm

Netball Y5/6 until 4pm

Friday—Dance with Lucy (paid directly to Lucy)

HOW TO CONTACT US

We have an open door policy at our school and you can talk to anyone about any issues you have but we want to ensure that you speak to the right person to resolve the issues at first contact.

For issues relating to your child's learning or welfare please contact your class teacher first. Face to Face at the end of the day is best but we understand that this isn't always possible or that you may have issues that you don't want to discuss in front of the children or other parents.

You can email them with your concerns or ask them to call you or arrange a convenient time to come in.

CLASS	TEACHER	EMAIL
Reception	Mr McCulloch	Senco.stjohnfisher@haltonlearning.net
Year 1	Miss Whitley	Emily.whitley@SJFPRIMARY.CO.UK
Year 2	Mrs Case	case@SJFPRIMARY.CO.UK
Year 3	Mr Redmond	redmond@SJFPRIMARY.CO.UK
Year 4	Mrs Roberts	hitchen@SJFPRIMARY.CO.UK
Year 5	Mrs Harris/Mrs Harrison	harris@SJFPRIMARY.CO.UK
Year 6	Mrs Callender	callender@SJFPRIMARY.CO.UK

For Pastoral or Safeguarding concerns please contact Mrs. Smith via the school office number or by email.

Pastoral.stjohnfisher@haltonlearning.net

For all general enquiries, payments, trips, medicines and to advise of early pickups for appointments etc please contact the Office as normal on 0151 424 7794.

As always Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. Harrison are always available.

We hope this process will make it easier for you.




DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO SING?

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 2 TO 8

MULTIPLE CHOIRS AVAILABLE

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO SIGN-UP FOLLOW THE QR CODE





FOR CHILDREN (YEARS 2-8) WHO LOVE TO SING!

FREE MUSICAL TRAINING LED BY DBS CERTIFIED MUSICIANS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES LOCALLY AND FURTHER AFIELD



Scan the QR code to sign-up!

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Would you like to become a Roman Catholic?

Would you like to know more about your faith and have the time to talk to others about big questions?

The RCIA programme is a discerning programme for adults who wish to learn more, and after a time of prayer and contemplation, may wish to become Roman Catholics. The programme runs from late September till May and requires a weekly commitment.

If you would like to know more, please leave your contact details at the Parish Office and Pauline Rolt will contact you.