

ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the Spring term. It's hard to believe we only have one more week to go before we break up for the Easter holidays. We finish next Friday, 27th March at 2pm and start back at 8.45am on Monday 13th April.

Y1/2 Martin Mere Trip

Children from Years 1 and 2 visited Martin Mere this Wednesday. Thankfully the weather stayed dry for them and they all had a very enjoyable time. The people leading the groups at Martin Mere were very complimentary about the children's engagement and behaviour. Well done Years 1 and 2!

Football News

Our girls' team played St Luke's Halsall on Monday and put in a very strong performance. Despite losing all the girls can be extremely proud of their efforts. They then played a very strong English Martyrs team on Thursday and won 4-1, all the girls played magnificently throughout. Well done.

Chess Match

Children from Year 4 and Year 5 took part in a Chess Match against four other schools, at Monksdown Primary School on Wednesday. All the children played really well and we ended up coming 3rd overall.

Red Nose Day

Today was Red Nose Day in school and the children looked great in their customised school uniforms with flashes of red. Thank you for all your kind donations for Comic Relief.

Y3 Class Trip

Our Year 3 Class will be spending next Tuesday at Lunt Meadows as part of their History topic on the Stone Age. Fingers crossed for some good weather!!!!

Tax Facts Workshops

All year groups from Year 1 up to Year 6 will be taking part in some Financial Literacy workshops next week. The children will be learning how the tax system works and how the revenue is used to help pay for public services.

Year 3 Concert

Good luck to our children in Class 3 who will be performing at the CAPITAL Diversity Concert next Thursday evening. The concert is taking place at Liverpool University and comprises all Primary and Secondary schools in the Crosby/Thornton and Waterloo area.

The Big Lent Walk – CAFOD

Representatives from CAFOD came into school this week to talk about the work they do to support communities throughout the world and how money we raise helps them to become more sustainable. In support of CAFOD, the children will be taking part in a sponsored walk around the school field on Friday 27th March. (A just giving page has been set up for donations, information regarding this will be sent out to parents/carers)



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Class Photographs

Tempest photography will be in next Wednesday to take class photographs. All children need to wear their full uniform, if it's a PE day this needs to be brought in a separate bag. Information regarding how you can purchase these will be forwarded on to everyone.

School Attendance

The School Attendance & Punctuality Policy can be found on the School Website. Please see below class attendance for this week. Our target is 96%. Well done to Year 4!!

Rec	94%	Y1	92%	Y2	94.5%	Y3	87.3%	Y4	97%	Y5	94.8%	Y6	93.7%	All school	93.4%
5 lates		10 lates		2 lates		12 lates		9 lates		8 lates		13 lates		59 lates	

A reminder that parents need to contact school by 9am on the day of absence to advise why their child is not in school. If they are unwell details of their symptoms is required. We have a dedicated answer machine on Option 1 when ringing school. If we do not hear from you & cannot contact you, then we may have to ask Sefton Council's Educational Welfare Officer to call out to your home address.

Doctors, Dentist & Hospital Appointment

A reminder to try to make routine Doctors & Dental Appointments outside of school hours. For late morning appointments please bring your child into school & come back to collect them for their appointment wherever this is possible. For all appointments in school hours we need to see the appointment letter, text or card.

Holiday Requests

All requests for absence must be made in writing at least 7 days in advance. We have forms available at the school office. Holiday fines (5 days & over or combined over a 10 week period) are now £80 per child rising to £160 if not paid within 21 days, if not paid the fine will go to court. For second & third episodes of absence, fines start at a higher amount or go straight to court. These are new procedures that started from September 2024 introduced by the government.

Pastoral Care Lead

Mr Davies is on the yard every morning before school should you have any queries or need any advice, you can also speak to him about any concerns you have around your child in class and then he can speak to the class teacher. You can also make an appointment to speak to him should you wish to discuss something further.

Nursery Places

We have a limited number of places still available so if you have children of nursery age or know of friends/family who are looking for places and are new to the area then please get in touch to arrange a visit to our fantastic facility.

School PE Kits

Children should wear their school PE kit to school on their allocated days. Children who are going swimming are to also wear their PE kits on that particular day. The school PE kit is a plain white t-shirt with purple PE shorts and trainers. Children can also wear their school jumper or cardigan, plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings in the winter. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

Phones/Smart Watches

Just a quick reminder that any children who bring Phones/Smart Watches into school must hand them into their class teachers at the beginning of the day and these will be returned to them at home time.

Free Breakfast Club – Reception to Year 6

Our Free Breakfast Club continues to be extremely popular. It runs every morning in the school hall from 7.45 am, however the cut off time for when food can be served is 8.25 am with the doors closing at 8.35 am. This free facility is available to children from Reception upwards so please do come along.

After School Club

We wanted to let you know that we have places available at our After School Club. The club runs from 3.15pm to 5.45pm daily in Term Time. The cost is £6 for the first hour & £12 for the full session. Bookings can be made on our School Spider app.



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School Spider - All communications & online payments

Our school communication system is School Spider. It is important that you download the School Spider app so you do not miss out on information. The system also allows you to book and pay for After School Club & School Meals. School Meals & After School Club bookings need to be made via the app, in advance. To download, go to the app store on your phone & search School Spider, search for our school & follow the instructions to set up an account. You need to use the same email address that school have for you.

Healthy Snacks/Packed lunches

We have noticed a number of children bringing in sweets/chocolate bars as part of their snack/packed lunch. As a school we are always trying to promote healthy lifestyles and would appreciate your support in providing healthy alternatives.

Pre-loved Uniform

If you have any uniform your child has grown out of and no longer needs please can you pass it into the school office. We particularly need school jumpers/cardigans & PE kit. You are welcome to come along and help yourselves to any items of uniform you need from our pre-loved uniform table in the foyer by the school office.

No Dogs

A reminder that we do not allow dogs on the school site.

Book Swap

A reminder we have a free book swap located in the foyer by our office! A book swap is an easy and fun way to swap books you no longer need for books you want to read! Please come along to see the books on offer and join in- don't forget to bring something to swap! Book Swap Rules 1. You can leave as many books as you like but please only take one book home at a time. 2. Make sure that the book(s) you are leaving are your own. 3. Make sure your book(s) are appropriate, clean and in good condition. 4. Make sure that you leave the shelf tidy and keep your swapped book in good condition. 5. Bring your book back once you have read it and swap it for another.

Finally, on behalf of everyone here can I wish you and all your families a Happy Easter!!!

Kind regards

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