

ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

First Holy Communion

Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 made their First Holy Communion last Friday morning. It was a fantastic occasion in church and all the children enjoyed a celebration party in the afternoon. Thanks must go to Fr Derek for leading the children on their sacramental journey and also to Miss Shellien and Mrs Murray who helped organise and run the sessions.

Attendance and Punctuality

Our expectations for all children are high & we know that missing even a small amount of school time can impact on learning & progress as children can fall behind & find it hard to catch up. It can also impact on friendships & confidence. Please remember, we are here to help if you need some support or assistance, please get in touch. Being in school every day and on time helps establish positive routines and supports both academic progress and wellbeing. Main school starts at 8.45am so please aim to be here by 8.40am or try using our free Breakfast club which starts at 7.45am with last entry at 8.35am. Please see the videos below & the attached NHS guide.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTM9mSv4ABo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5KxggkPTw>

Houses of Parliament Trip

A number of children from Year 4 visited the Houses of Parliament today, Friday 19th June. Despite the very early start, the children got the train from Liverpool Lime Street at 6 am, they all had a fantastic time and managed to take in some additional sights during their time in the capital. Thank you to all the staff for organising the day and to the children for being such wonderful ambassadors of our school.

Y3/5 World Museum Trip (Liverpool)

Children from Years 3 and 5 will be visiting the World Museum in Liverpool next Tuesday. It promises to be a really enjoyable day with children taking part in a workshop linked to their History and Geography topics.

Football News

Congratulations to our girl's football team who have made it through to the Cup Final following a very tense but exciting 2 – 1 win over Valewood in the semi-finals. They continued their recent run of good form by also defeating English Martyrs 4 – 0 last night in the league which means that they still have an outside chance of making the league play-offs.

Chess Tournament

Next Wednesday afternoon we will be hosting a chess tournament here at SWOY. A number of schools from across Liverpool will be coming along to participate in a mixed age group competition. Good luck to all those children involved.

Y6 Transition Visits to High School

Children from Year 6 will be visiting their new High Schools next week. The High Schools will have been in touch with the parents to inform them about the days and timings. Some are having a one day visit while others are two days so please liaise with the High School if you have any questions over the arrangements.



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Y1/2 Storybarn Trip – Tuesday 30th June

Years 1 and 2 will be visiting the Storybarn in Calderstones Park on Tuesday 30th June. It promises to be a really enjoyable day with children taking part in a variety of workshops all tied in with the National Year of Reading. Information regarding the trip will be shared with the parents/carers of children in those year groups.

Y5 Holy Family High School Trip – Tuesday 30th June

Year 5 will be spending the day at Holy Family High School on Tuesday 30th June, getting to know what life is like in secondary school and taking part in some of the different lessons which form part of the Key Stage 3 curriculum.

Sports Day/s

The dates/times for Sports Days are as follows:

Infants Sports Day – Thursday 2nd July at 1.45 pm

Junior Sports Day – Friday 3rd July at 1.45 pm

If it's raining or has been raining then the events will have to be cancelled and hopefully rearranged at a later date.

United Utilities – Car Park/School Playground Works

As you will see the works are progressing at pace and hopefully should be finished in the couple of weeks. Thank you for your cooperation in terms of the changes to access and being extra vigilant when on the school premises.

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.

PE Kits

As you know when it's your child/s PE day they are allowed to come into school in their PE Kit. In the winter this will tend to be either the school white t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt with black tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings. In the summer months children can then wear the school purple shorts with the t-shirts. Unfortunately we have started to notice a number of children just wearing their own sports clothing which isn't allowed. Please could you ensure that your child comes to school in the appropriate wear on their particular PE day. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

No Dogs

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



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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.

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.

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.

Friday Morning Mass

Classes are attending 10am mass, on a rota basis, at St William of York Church on Fridays.

Sunday Mass

Mass at St William of York Church is every Sunday at 9.30am. There is a Children's church so that parents can attend mass as normal and the children are then returned to their parents, just before communion. When you arrive at church just wait at the back of the church with your children who will be welcomed into the Children's Church group. The group has lots of fun, children who currently attend really enjoy the sessions.

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.

Kind regards

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