



St Austin's
Catholic Primary School
Riverbank Road
Liverpool L19 9DH
Tel: 0151 427 1800

www.st-austins.co.uk



Newsletter

1st December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Catholic Life - For information regarding St Francis of Assisi Church, you can see their weekly newsletter at the following link [St Wilfrid Parish Newsletters](#)

Advent Masses – All KS2 children will be attending our Advent services at St. Francis of Assisi at 10.00am Mass. If parents can volunteer to help walk them to and from Church, please speak to your class teacher or email enquiries@st-austins.co.uk

Year 3 and 4 - Tuesday 2nd December
Year 5 - Tuesday 9th December
Year 6 - Tuesday 16th December

Year 4 First Confessions – The service to celebrate the Sacrament of First Confession will take place on Wednesday 10th December at 2.00pm at St Francis of Assisi Church. A parent/carers for each child must attend. Those children who are not making their First Confession and subsequently their First Holy Communion will stay in school and should be collected at the normal time of 3.20pm.

Stay and Pray - On Thursday 4th December, there will be an opportunity for year 3 and 4 children and families to join the RE Ambassadors to write any prayers or intentions during the season of Advent, which will be added to our new prayer garden. This will be straight afterschool, in the KS2 hall - please sign in at the office. We will be hosting a KS1 and UKS2 Stay & Pray later in the year.

Christmas craft Stay and Play – This is for reception parents of classes RRM and RJH. The sessions will take place on Tuesday 9th (RRM) and Wednesday 10th December (RJH). A separate letter will be sent to parents/carers via the APP.

Community Christmas lunch – Each year, we host our annual Community Christmas Dinner to celebrate our parishioners and the many members of our local community who generously support our children throughout the year. This year's event will take place on 10th December. As part of this special tradition, our wonderful year 6 pupils will once again take on the role of hosts, proudly serving and waiting on tables, as they help make the occasion memorable for everyone who attends.

Relationship and Sex Health Education – Thank you to parents/carers who have confirmed that they have read and understood the Journey in Love program which was left out for parents at the open evenings in October.

Anti Bullying week – Congratulations to all, following our Hello yellow day our children have raised £346.00 for young minds. Well done to all, a worthwhile charity.

Signing Choir – Congratulations to our wonderful children that took part in the annual signing choir at St George's Hall in November. Our children performed 5 powerful and uplifting songs with other schools. The children also had the chance to meet dignitaries and special guests!

Reception parents' meetings - We recently held 3 open mornings for prospective new parents for September 2026. Well done to our year 6 pupils for delivering an excellent tour of our school.

Admissions September 2026 – If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 they will be due to start reception class next year. The deadline for submitting your application forms to both the Local Authority and our school is 15th January 2026. We are holding our last meeting on Thursday 8th January at 4.30pm. For details about the admissions process please see the Local Authority link [Liverpool City Council Admissions](#)



"In our school, where everyone is special,
we will love and serve as Jesus taught"



St Austin's
Catholic Primary School
Riverbank Road
Liverpool L19 9DH
Tel: 0151 427 1800

www.st-austins.co.uk



SAPTA - A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents/carers, families and friends who joined us for our recent SAPTA Christmas Fair. It was fantastic to see so many of you there, enjoying the stalls, games and festive activities. Your support, generosity and community spirit made the event truly special for our children. We are incredibly grateful to our SAPTA team and all the volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes – and on the day – to make the fair such a success. Further information about the total amount raised will follow soon, once all donations and proceeds have been counted.

New community police officer - Bryon Read is our new Community Police Officer who will be regularly visiting our school. Merseyside Police deliver several community projects to primary schools. These presentations are age appropriate and prepare our year 6 children for transition to secondary school. They include; **Anti-Social Behaviour & What It Is (Y5/6) County Lines, Drugs & Gangs (Y6 only) General Safety i.e. road safety, stranger danger etc (All school) Knife Safety & How We Can Stay Safe (Y6) Online Safety & Online Bullying (Y5/6) Discrimination Towards Others - KS2.** We will be arranging the various presentations in school over the coming weeks.

Lifestyles Gym Radio Station - Well done to some of our children who have recorded a promotional advert for St Austin's. This will be played at all 9 Lifestyles Gym's across Liverpool over the coming months. True professionals, in one take!

Music Night Tuesday 9th December - St Austin's music night will take place at 6.00pm on Tuesday 9th December in our Key Stage 1 hall. Parents and family members of children in the KS2 choir or Year 5 and 6 Violin group are invited to attend the concert (maximum of 4 tickets per family via the APP). There will also be solo performances from a group of year 5 and 6 musicians. We look forward to a lovely evening showcasing all the musical talent in St Austin's.

Instagram - All our Christmas festivities will be on our Instagram pages. Please take a look and share our page with family and friends to follow.

Online safety - With Christmas nearly upon us and many children either receiving new devices (or simply spending more time on them over the holidays), we have some advice for parents/carers before the holidays begin. My I draw your attention to this article on the BBC website which should help to shine light on the dangers of TikTok and show that no children of primary age should have access to it, or Instagram. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c708v7qkeg1o>

Safeguarding online –we have made aware of several incidents where children have received inappropriate online messages from their peers. Can all parents/carers monitor their child's use of phones, laptops, iPads and all other aspects of social media. Thank you for your support with this!

ParentAPP – Please remember to check the ParentAPP payments section for details of any outstanding balances for dinner money, breakfast club, after school club and nursery fees. You can also purchase uniform items on the APP in the 'Shop' section. These items can be collected from the school office after they have been paid for.

Outstanding monies – Can you please ensure all payments for breakfast club, after school club, nursery, and any outstanding dinner monies are paid up to date before we finish for the Christmas holidays. Thank you.

Attendance & Punctuality – we take great pride in the fantastic attendance we have in St Austin's. This has started to slip of late. We are aware there are many bugs and contagious infections on the increase which both impact pupils and staff. Please rest assured that we will contact you if we feel your child is too sick to stay in school.

School newspaper – we will send out the new addition in Jan 2026



"In our school, where everyone is special,
we will love and serve as Jesus taught"



St Austin's
Catholic Primary School
Riverbank Road
Liverpool L19 9DH
Tel: 0151 427 1800

www.st-austins.co.uk



Breakfast Club and After School Club - A reminder that you must complete a contract if you would like your child to attend breakfast or after school club, and payment must be by bank transfer or childcare vouchers. No cash payments will be accepted. If parents are late in collecting their children a £5 penalty will be issued, this is a cost incurred by school to pay for additional hours to our security team who lock up the school premises.

Flu nasal vaccine – Our school health team visited school recently to administer the flu immunisation to all children who had written consent. If you opted out of this immunisation and you have changed your mind, please contact your GP or nurse practitioner at your surgery for further advice.

Cross Country Update - We were extremely proud that three of our pupils from St Austin's were selected for the Cross Challenge which took place on Saturday 22nd November. This is a national event with both senior and junior athletes competing for places in the British team for the European Cross Country and Relay Championships. Both Liverpool Boys' and Girls' teams won the Merseyside Cross Challenge team races, and 90 children are now County Gold medallists.

CAFOD Christmas Fun run - All are welcome at CAFOD's annual Christmas Fun Run at Wavertree Sports Park, L15 4LE on Saturday 27 December 2025. Registration open from 10.00am, and the run sets off at 11.00am. 3k and 5k route options available, pram friendly route and dogs on leads are welcome too. Festive attire is encouraged! For a sponsor form or interest in volunteering at the event, please email Colette on cbyrne@cafod.org.uk or sign up now by visiting cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun
Entry Fees: £10 adults | £5 children | £20 family ticket

We look forward to our Christmas celebrations this December and the joy that Advent brings. However, we are aware that this is a challenging time for many parents/carers so please talk to school staff. We are here to help the whole community, not just the children.

End of term – School will close on Friday 19th December at 2.15pm.

Start of term – School will open again on Tuesday 6th January at 8.45am.

Kindest regards,

Colette Hickey
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

4 th Dec -	Year 3 & 4 Stay & Pray
9 th Dec -	Year 5 & 6 Music Concert
11 th Dec -	Year 4 Nativity
15 th Dec -	Infant Christmas Play
16 th Dec -	Infant Christmas Play
17 th Dec -	Pupils Christmas Dinner
18 th Dec -	SAPTA Christmas Party / Christmas Jumper Day
19 th Dec -	End of term – school closes at 2.15pm
5 th Jan -	INSET day – school closed for all pupils
6 th Jan -	School opens for the spring term



"In our school, where everyone is special,
we will love and serve as Jesus taught"