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NEWSLETTER

12th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year - On behalf of the staff and myself I would like to wish you all a very happy new year. Our children have settled back into school after what was a wintery first day! Well done to those parents/carers who managed to make it to school.

Parish News - Father David was delighted with the number of families who were able to attend Mass over the Christmas period and he has asked me to pass on his sincere thanks. Congratulations to the children who performed at the Christmas Day Mass and thank you to Mrs. Baird who prepared the children so well. Photos are on our Instagram pages.

Reception class admissions September 2026 – The closing date for reception class admissions for September 2026 is Thursday 15th January. If you have not yet completed your application to school, and your online application to the Local Authority, please do so before this date for your application to be considered.

Nursery – Applications for the nursery for September 2026 are now available from the school office, or can be requested via email at enquiries@st-austins.co.uk. Alternatively you can download a copy from our school website at the following link [Nursery Admissions](#). The closing date for nursery admissions is Friday 13th February. Please complete your application before this date for your application to be considered.

Safeguarding - Our school always follow all national and local authority recommended guidelines with regards to any safeguarding issues and the safety of all our children is paramount at all times. A reminder that we need the contact details of at least three emergency contacts. This is a recommendation following a serious case review where a school and the other children services including medical and social welfare services did not have a contact number for a family which led to serious consequences. We will be checking contact numbers over the next few weeks. If you are aware that you have less than 3 contacts, or if you have changed your contact information, please let our office staff know as soon as possible so that we can amend our records. Thank you for your co-operation.

NSPCC – Please see the following link from the NSPCC with regards to keeping your child safe within the community. [Comprehensive child safety guide | NSPCC](#)

Attendance and punctuality – Next Monday Mrs Hughes will be holding a celebration for the children who had 100% attendance for the Autumn term. Well done to all the children – a fantastic achievement.

Save the Children – Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Save the Children Christmas jumper day back in December. We raised a fantastic £351. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Office Refurbishment - We are delighted to announce that the front office will be under a full transformation before the end of this academic year. As part of the ongoing improvements, that your Levy funds support, the archdiocese has agreed to ensure up to date changes.

School Council Wall design – Our Year 5 & 6 School Councillors recently visited Signs Express for Liverpool & Wirral to see their wall design being brought to life. They enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of the workshop, watching their design being created and printed. The children were a real credit to the school, showing excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the visit. As a special treat, they even came away with their very own *Simpsons* mouse mat! We're incredibly proud of their creativity and enthusiasm. The new wall design will be installed in our school reception very soon — watch this space!



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M&M Productions – On Monday 19th January M&M Productions will be coming to school to perform the pantomime “Snow White” for all our children. There is no set charge for this, however we would kindly ask for a voluntary donation of £2 per family to help us cover the costs of this performance.

Neighbourhood Parking - We hope to start 2026 as we mean to continue. Can we respectfully ask parents/carers to park with consideration around the school area. This ensures the safety of all our parents, carers, children and cars; following an incident at the end of last term on Riverbank Road.

End of half term – School will close on Friday 13th February for the half term break at 2.15pm.

After school club – will close at the earlier time of 4.45pm on Friday 13th February

Start of term – School will open again on Tuesday 24th February.

Dates for the diary

- 15th Jan - Closing date for reception application forms
- 20th Jan - Pantomime ‘Snow White’
- 11th Feb - Open Evening
- 12th Feb - Open Evening
- 13th Feb - Closing date for nursery application forms
- 13th Feb - School closes for the half term at 2.15pm
- 23rd Feb - INSET Day – school closed for all pupils
- 24th Feb - School opens for all pupils

Thank you all for your continued support. We hope that 2026 brings joy, happiness and good health to all as we embark on a new year.

Kindest regards,

Colette Hickey
Headteacher



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