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NEWSLETTER

17th April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome Back – It is lovely to see all the children in their summer uniforms for our last term of this academic year. Thank you to all the parents/carers for your continued support with our new summer uniform.

Catholic Life – We wish to give Deacon Paul an excellent send off as he leaves our parish community. On Monday 20th April at 7pm there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for his services. Please join us as we celebrate together with Deacon Paul.

Holy Communion Preparations – Preparations for children making their First Holy Communion this year will take place in the first week of May. All dates are on previous newsletters.

SATS information for parents – Year 6 will be taking their National Curriculum tests (SATS) from 11th May – 14th May. The tests are not qualifications and do not affect your child's future options, they are an opportunity to compare nationally, and an important tool to help teachers identify pupils who may need additional support prior to moving to secondary. Please ensure your child is in school on the dates above, and on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

SATS Breakfast – To support our year 6 children, we will be holding a mindfulness breakfast from 8.20 – 8.45am each morning of SATS week. Details will follow nearer the time via the ParentAPP. Thank you to the year 6 team for preparing the children so well!

Summer Assessments - Children in Year 1 also undertake a National Statutory Phonics Screening check during the week commencing 8th June. There will be a parent workshop to inform the parents after school. More information in the parentapp.

Year 4 will be taking part in the National Statutory multiplication tables check week commencing 8th June. Please ensure your children are in school during these dates. TT RockStars will be a great help over the half term break support the children.

INSET DAY – our teachers were treated to a fantastic training day with multi agency specialists from speech and language, A quiet Place, SENISS and Early Mental Health Team. The guest speakers gave strategies for all teachers to use in the classroom for inclusivity. A great day for all! All children are engaging well and have return happy, calm and ready to learn.

Attendance: This is our last push to finish this term on a high with excellent attendance. Last year we were in the top 20 schools across the city. We are aiming to staff in the Championship league this year. Please ensure that your child/children attend school regularly as this will also support their learning and readiness for next year.

Medical: If your child requires an epi pen or an inhaler, can you please ensure there is one in school during the summer term. This is the term when hayfever is prevalent. If you are unsure, please see your child's class teacher.

Mental Health Awareness Week 11th - 17th May - This year the theme is "**ACTION**" focusing on awareness on real, practical change. During this week we aim to challenge stigma, promote education and encourage open conversations about mental wellbeing. It is a time to reflect on mental health and how it affects daily life for both staff and children.

Health & Safety – Scooters and bikes can be brought to school and stored safely on the playground. However, leaving them on the playground overnight will be at your own risk. You must take them home at the end of each school day, as we cannot be responsible for any items left on the premises. For health & safety protocols, please do not ride scooters or bikes at any time on the school premises. We have placed barriers in front of the bike stands for protection at playtimes.



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Year 5 Playground leaders – Last term, a group of our Year 5 pupils took part in Playground Leaders training. This programme is designed to equip children with the skills and confidence to support others during playtimes. Our Playground Leaders, also known as PALS, play an important role in helping to make the playground a happy, inclusive and active place for everyone. They organise simple games, encourage children to join in, and help those who may be finding playtime more challenging. Through this role, PALS help younger pupils build friendships, develop social skills and feel more confident interacting with others. They also promote kindness, cooperation and fair play across the playground. We are very proud of our Playground Leaders. They are excellent role models who demonstrate responsibility, empathy and leadership in their daily interactions.

SAPTA - We are delighted to start the ball rolling for our Summer Fair on Friday 3rd July. If you wish to support SAPTA events please contact the school office who can pass your details onto the Trustees.

Safeguarding - A reminder to all parents/carers that we rigorously follow any safeguarding concerns in line with all Liverpool Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) advice. In some cases, this may involve children's services contacting you by phone, at your home or in school. I would ask for your full support.

'Our School' Newspaper - look out for our next edition coming soon!

Staffing – We are delighted to welcome our new Learning Support Officer, Lynsey Connell, who will be joining our team in May.

Office Refurbishment – We're excited to share that our office refurbishment is now underway, including the new glass doors and an updated interior wall. A huge thank you to Signs Express Liverpool & Wirral for their incredible generosity in donating this work to us—we really appreciate their support in helping us improve our school environment.

Dates for the diary

- 4th May - May Bank Holiday – school closed for all pupils
- 11th -14th May - Year 6 SATS
- 22nd May - School closes at 2.15pm for the half term break (2 weeks)
- 21st May - Bike it Breakfast (further details to follow)
- 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 8th June - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Have a lovely weekend!

Kindest regards,

Colette Hickey
Headteacher



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