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Newsletter

7th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 6 Residential Visit - Our Year 6 pupils will be attending their PGL residential from Wednesday 9th September to Friday 11th September. We wish all our Year 6 children a fantastic experience and a wonderful start to their final year at St Austin's. Please ensure any outstanding payments are made by 8th September.

Meet and Greet Sessions - We are delighted to invite parents and carers to meet their child's new teacher and learn more about the expectations for the year ahead. All sessions will take place week beginning 14th September from 3.30pm to 4.00pm. Children **do not** attend these meetings, however they can be supervised by school staff on the KS2 playground while meetings take place, weather permitting. Parents should collect children at the normal finish time and wait on the KS2 football pitch where support staff will register them before supervised play begins.

Tuesday 15th – Year 3 & 4

Wednesday 16th – Reception, Year 1 & 2

Thursday – Year 5 & 6

Breakfast and After School Clubs – If you would like your child to start in either of our clubs, please email enquiries@st-austins.co.uk. A contract agreement will be emailed to you, which must be signed prior to your child starting. Breakfast club costs £4 per day. After school club costs £12.50 per day.

School Office Opening Times – If you are unable to see your class teacher the preferred method of contact is via the school email address enquiries@st-austins.co.uk.

Please note our phone lines are available from 8.30am – 4.00pm only.

General Enquiries and sickness absence - the office can be contacted during the following times: -
8.30am – 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Financial/Dinner Money enquiries – Mrs Debbie Doran can be contacted during the following times: -
8.30am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Health and Safety

Medication – Please complete all the necessary forms, located at the main office, if prescribed medication is needed. Non-prescribed medication **cannot** be given. If any medical issues have arisen over the holidays, can you please keep your class teacher informed by emailing enquiries@st-austins.co.uk.

Head bumps – In the event that a pupil sustains a minor head bump during the school day but remains well, parents will be sent a message via the ParentAPP. No further action will be required. Please be assured that should staff have any concerns regarding your child's wellbeing following a head bump, or they sustain an injury, you will be contacted directly by telephone.

Outdoor Apparatus – Can we remind all parents/carers that the outdoor apparatus is out of bounds before and after school. Your child will not be insured for accident or injury. Staff members follow a strict risk assessment when managing the children's play during the school day.

Bikes and scooters – We encourage our children to use their bikes or scooters to get to school however we would ask that no bikes or scooters are ridden on the playground or on the ramp up to Darby Road. There have been several accidents in the past where children have been seriously hurt.

Dogs – The only dogs permitted on school premises are guide dogs. No other dogs are allowed on the premises.



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Neighbourhood parking – Can I respectfully ask all parents/carers not to park across residential driveways around school. We have an excellent relationship with the local residents which is seriously compromised if people park across their driveways. Local residents have been given the contact number of Merseyside Police in the event of inconsiderate parking. We ask that you cooperate fully with the school on this matter.

Playground protocol – Parents/Carers must not approach or challenge another pupil or parent/carer in our school under any circumstances whilst on the premises. If you have any concerns please make an appointment to see your child's teacher or a senior member of staff.

Emergency illness and contacts information – If you have recently changed your home address, contact phone numbers or if there is any change in a medical condition for your child please inform the office immediately so we can update our records accordingly.

For safeguarding purposes, we need at least **3 emergency contacts**, so if you need to add another member of the family to your records, please contact the office immediately.

Year 7 Secondary school applications – A reminder to all parents/carers of children in year 6 to check their preferred secondary school websites for information about their admissions process including entrance exams into year 7 for September 2027. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2026.

School Catering – 'Food for Thought' – Our school catering provider is 'Food for Thought' who we have been in partnership with since February 2015. They are a not-for-profit school meals company owned by their schools and who have been awarded the Association's Silver Award for their use of locally sourced organic produce.

All children are offered a choice of meals, cooked fresh each day. Reception children are offered a limited choice of a hot or cold lunch. There is a wider variety for older children.

Please note: Children must choose either hot dinners or packed lunch for each half term. This is the only time they can change from hot dinners/packed lunch. This is to assist us with all catering arrangements. School no longer accepts cash, all payments are made via the parent APP.

Dinner Money payments – All children in key stage 1 (Reception, year 1 and year 2) are entitled to a free school dinner, therefore no payment is due. For children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6, dinner money is payable for the full week on the first working day of the week (£12.50 per week/ £2.50 per day). Payments are made via the school APP and can also be made in advance for the half term.

Key Stage 1 Milk – If you have registered for your child to receive milk this term, they will receive it daily. If you have not yet registered, please go to the following website Dairy Link UK - Order milk and click on the order milk tab at the top. A list of registered children will be sent to school once parents have completed the online form.

KS1 Fruit – All children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free piece of fruit every day. Unfortunately, this initiative is not funded for KS2 pupils. If you would like your child to continue to have a piece of fruit each day, you may send this into school. We **do not** allow chocolate, sweets, cereal bars or crisps as a mid-morning snack – we are a healthy school, with 'Healthy Schools Award Status'.

Kindest regards

Colette Hickey
Headteacher



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