NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026

Please be advised that all school documentation is available in different formats, on request.

New School Year

We are delighted to share that the children have made a very positive start to the new school year. It has been wonderful to see classrooms full of learning, laughter and enthusiasm.

We are especially proud of our youngest pupils in Nursery and Reception who have settled so beautifully into their new classes and daily routines. Their confidence is growing each day, and it is a joy to see them making new friends and embracing their learning with curiosity and joy.

As we enter October, the month of the Rosary, we remember Mary as our model of faith and prayer. We will be encouraging the children to take time for quiet reflection and prayer during this special month.

RE Topics

This half term Nursery to Year 6 will be studying our first Branch topic Creation and Covenant.

Children from Year 6 will continue with the Come and See Curriculum; the second topic is 'Belonging (Baptism/Confirmation). This topic focuses on the call to belong, the creative potential that belonging develops and how Baptism and Confirmation are the sacraments of the gift of God's love and friendship.

Sacramental Preparation:

Children in year 4 who are wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this academic year have now completed their registration forms and are in the process of being registered in the Church.
Anyone in Year 4 that wishes to receive these Sacraments and has not been baptised in the Catholic Church, will need to speak to Fr Mark following one of the weekend masses. Baptisms should be completed by 30th November to ensure that the child can continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion. Please speak to Mrs Hughes if you have any further questions in regards to Baptism.

Secondary School Applications:
Reminder for Year 6 parents/carers. Please be advised that applications for high school must be submitted online by 31 October. You are asked to choose 3 schools in order of preference. If you only put your first choice and do not get a place, the LA will allocate you a school and it could be one that you would never choose, so it is better to put down at least two schools. **Please also remember that applications for Catholic high schools must include a copy of your child's baptism certificate if you have one.**

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS
Applications for children who turn 4 before the 31st of August and starting Reception in September 2027 are now live. Applications must be filled in via the Local Authority website. Please ensure that you register your application under your local authority.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (OUT OF HOURS)
Please remember that you need to book onto these clubs a week in advance. Please be considerate and check availability on the online form that Ms Scarll puts out each week. Also, please pay all monies online or, if that is not possible, pass into the office in an envelope with your child's name on. Out of Hours staff will not take money on the door.

UNIFORM:
We must also say how smart and neat the children look on their return to school – thank you for your continued support in ensuring high standards of presentation. Please remember to follow the rules regarding school uniform for the remainder of the year.

A gentle reminder that **PE is a compulsory subject** within the curriculum. Children are required to wear the correct **school PE kit** for their lessons – football kits are not permitted. To save time on PE days, children are encouraged to wear their school tracksuits to school.

HOMEWORK
We all want our children to do their best throughout this academic year. We want them to be successful in their achievements, so we hope that you will continue to support your children with any work that they bring home and ensure that they read for at least ten minutes each evening. Once they have read, please remember to sign their reading record book. Also, please ensure that your children spend at least five minutes per night on the Doodle Maths program and children from year 2 up, also spend five minutes per night on the TT Rockstars program. The children should all have their login details but if they don't, class teachers can provide them.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Information about all subjects (curriculum maps, rationale and learning milestones) can be found on the school website. Children will also be given 'Knowledge Organisers' with details of what the children will be studying in each subject.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Both the Department of Education nationally and Liverpool City Council locally are placing a huge emphasis on attendance and punctuality this year. The DfE has asked schools to remind parents that it is "**a parent's duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school**" and "**schools and local authorities (have the ability) to issue sanctions including fixed penalty notices."**

Schools in Liverpool are being reminded that regular absenteeism and lateness is a safeguarding issue and can be evidence of neglect. We are being encouraged to engage with other agencies (such as Social Workers, Health or even the Police) to help tackle regular absenteeism and lateness in school.

We **MUST** achieve the **97%** attendance target set by the Government. Our families did extremely well in the years prior to Covid to improve attendance as a school, so please continue to support us in this matter and give our children the best chance to make progress.

Class	Percentage
CLASS 1	90
CLASS 2	96.4
CLASS 3	96.3
CLASS 4	96.1
CLASS 5	92.4
CLASS 6	96.6
CLASS 7	97
CLASS 8	96.1
CLASS 9	94.2
CLASS 10	97.1
CLASS 11	94.8
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.2

HOLIDAYS

Holidays will not be authorised during term time and Local Authority fines will be issued to families . Any unauthorised absences will be reported to the Education Welfare Officer and penalty notices will be issued by Liverpool Education Authority. Children will miss out on important learning and this could result in affecting their academic performance and attainment. We have been instructed by the LEA to prosecute any parent/carer who takes their child out of school unauthorised during term time.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

If your child has transitioned from Year 2 to Year 3 and you believe that you are entitled to free school meals, the onus is on parents/carers to make an application to the council for free school meals. The school cannot make this application on your behalf and you must pay for meals or provide a packed lunch while the application is processed.

If you believe that your child is eligible for free school meals please make an application to the local authority (even if your child is in KS1) as the school receives extra funding for all pupils entitled to free meals.

Payments for school lunches must be received each Monday for meals to be eaten that week. School cannot afford to pay costs on behalf of families. **Debts will not be allowed to be accrued for longer than one week. Please do not cause the school embarrassment by having to say that we cannot provide a meal due to outstanding debts.** Parents who owe outstanding money from the last academic year should contact the office to make arrangements for payment.

DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND

Thank you to those who have refrained from bringing dogs onto the playground following our recent request. There have still been one or two people bringing dogs; can we ask that you please don't. Thank you for your support.

DOJO

If you haven't already done so, please consider signing up for this App. It's an efficient and eco-friendly way of school communicating with families.

WEBSITE

We ask that you check the website on a regular basis for updated information. If you have any ideas for information you would like to see that is not at present available, please do not hesitate to contact us. All reasonable requests will be considered. We try to update it as quickly as we can and all newsletters that are sent out are posted on the website

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents' Evening on Wednesday 21 October from 3:30-6:00pm

Y6 Health questionnaire Friday 23 October

School closes for half term on Friday 23 October 2026 at 3:15 pm

School reopens on Monday 2 November 2026 at 8:45 am.