



St Laurence's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

'Developing our gifts and talents for the good of all'

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone!! It has been lovely this week to welcome back all of our children and their families after the summer break. The children all look so smart in their uniforms and have come back with an excellent attitude towards school and their work.

Attendance

We want all the children to attend school every day ensuring that they maximise their learning. Please help us to achieve this target by getting your child into school each day, on time. **EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!!**

Our Year 6, Year 4 and Year 1 children sit tests this year, so it is vitally important that they attend every day. We ask that parents do not book holidays during the following periods below due to testing.

Year 6 SATs testing: Week beginning 12th May 2025 (they also have mock tests the week before beginning 5th May 2025)

Year 4 Times Tables testing: Week beginning 9th June 2025

Year 1 Phonics testing: Week beginning 9th June 2025

SATs testing for Year Six children

Our Year Six children will be completing their Mock Sats tests during week beginning 5th May 2025 and will then sit their real tests week beginning 12th May 2025

CAN ALL PARENTS PLEASE ENSURE THEIR CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY DURING THIS VERY BUSY AND IMPORTANT TIME. DATES FOR THESE TESTS WILL BE SHARED AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR AND ALSO AT OUR COFFEE MORNINGS.

Attendance moving forwards

At St Laurence's we believe that excellent attendance is essential to support your child's development in all areas. We realise that sometimes children will be sick and need to stay off and ask that you always communicate any absence with us. However, we are working closely with the school attendance service to raise the attendance of all pupil's particularly those who have attendance of less than 90%, who are considered to be persistent absentees. We regularly liaise with parents regarding attendance letters via phone calls, letters and meetings.

Moving forward as a school we will be issuing Fixed Penalty notices for cases where there are repeated unauthorised absences. Examples of unauthorised absences are holidays in term time, odd days off without explanation and birthdays. **ANY** absence for those pupils whose attendance is less than 90% would require medical evidence in order for us to authorise the absence.

Any holidays taken will result in a fine being issued.

As you will know the government have issued new guidelines surrounding attendance which is much more stringent and will result in more fines being issued. Mr Cushion and Miss Holman will be sending out a letter next week with more information regarding this.

Value of the Month

During the month of September, we will be exploring the values of RESPECT. The children will explore how they can show respect for each other and ways to show this around school, in their work and also at home.

Parking

Please be aware of where you are parking your car. Please be mindful of residents and their driveways - if possible, park at the rear of the school.

DO NOT PARK ON THE YELLOW ZIG ZAG LINES AS THIS MAY RESULT IN A FINE.

DO NOT MOUNT THE KERB AND RUIN THE GRASS AREAS.

PLEASE TAKE CARE WHEN APPROACHING ANY AREA AROUND THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AS OUR CHILDREN MAY BE EXITING FROM SOMEWHERE.

Dogs on school grounds

We would appreciate your support in not bringing dogs on to the school premises as they are **NOT** allowed on any schools premises within Knowsley, unless for specific reasons or guide dogs. This is to protect our children and staff from any attacks or angry dogs.

If you need your child to be brought out to you because you have your dog please telephone the school office and we will do this. Your support is really appreciated with this.

Litter

We are reminding all children and parents about dropping litter in and around the school community. Please ensure that you put any rubbish into a bin or take it home with you. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Teaching Staff for this year

Nursery - Mrs Middleham (EYFS Leader) with Mrs McVey and Mrs Powell

Reception Class - Miss Kirkby with Miss Connolly and Miss Boyle

1S - Mrs Murray with Mrs Lawson

1L - Mr Gibson with Mrs O'Keefe

2S - Miss Owens with Miss Peddar

2L - Mrs Barr (Deputy Headteacher) with Mrs Teare

3S - Mrs McClelland with Mrs Richardson and Mrs Lawless

3L - Mrs Hill and Miss Carroll with Mrs Hough and Miss Hudson

4S - Mrs Brogan and Mrs Purchase with Miss Farrell

4L - Miss Birch with Miss Pinnington and Mrs Chatterton

5S - Mr Folksman with Mrs Faulkner

5L - Mr Kenny with Mrs Faulkner

6S - Mr Biggs (Assistant Headteacher KS2) with Mrs Burns and Miss Irwin

6L - Mr Grant with Miss Green

Mr Cushion - Safeguarding and Pastoral Lead/Attendance Lead

Appointments

Just a reminder that if you have an appointment for your child we need to see proof of this with a card, letter or email message. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Well Done!

Well done to Sophia Mawdsley in our Year 6 who has raised money for Woodlands Hospice over the summer term. Sophia made bands and sold them to raise money for the charity in memory of family members. Well done Sophia, we are very proud of you.

Uniform

All our children looked extremely smart in their first few days. Please help us to maintain this high standard by ensuring your child comes to school in their full uniform. Can you also help us by making sure your child's name is in ALL their uniform?

Children are requested to wear the following - please ensure that they follow these rules for uniform:

Boys: Shorts/Trousers, shirt, tie, jumper, **black school shoes (no trainers or pumps) during the WINTER MONTHS**

Girls: school skirt or pinafore, shirt, tie, jumper or cardigan, **black school shoes (no trainers or pumps) during the WINTER MONTHS**

Book bags: All children are expected to have a school book bag to transport any letters, books or homework in. These will remain in school unless something needs to be sent home.

PE Kits

PE kits can be worn to school on a child's PE day. Other days - uniform **MUST** be worn. Our PE kit is a white t-shirt and green shorts. Black leggings/jogging bottoms may also be worn over shorts to keep children warm. Pumps or trainers may also be worn on these days only.

Boys and Girls School PE kits: White PE shirt with the school emblem, green shorts, black pumps or trainers

Dinners

All children in the infants are entitled to a FREE school meal from the government. If you wish to access this please let the office know.

If your child has changed from packed lunch to dinners or vice versa please let your class teacher or the office know.

No dinner changes can take place after next week. Your support for this is appreciated.

We ask that a Healthy Lunch is provided for the children NOT containing any fizzy drinks or sweets. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Gallery visits

We have arranged for some of our junior classes to visit Kirkby gallery in the coming weeks to see the new Anthony Ratcliffe exhibition. We hope they enjoy visiting this fantastic attraction which is right on our doorstep.

*Class 3L- Monday 9th September PM

*Class 3S-Friday 13th September PM

Class 4S- Monday 23rd September PM

*Class 4L - Tuesday 24th September PM

*Class 6S -Friday 27th September PM

*Class 6L - Monday 30th September PM

*Class5S - Monday 21st October PM

*Class 5L -Tuesday 22nd October PM

Year 6 Play in a Day

Our Year 6 children will be working with Altru Drama company on the 19th and 20th September in conjunction with All Saints.

The children will practise performing a play about what they might come across when they transfer to Secondary School.

The children will perform the play for staff members, teachers from All Saints and any parents/family members who are able to attend. This will be at 2.30pm on each day. We hope they enjoy taking part.

Breakfast and After School Club

Our Breakfast and After School Club is now open every day to those parents who wish to use it.

Please note our opening hours and charges are as follows:

*Breakfast Club - 7.45am till 8.40am £4.00

*After School Club - 3.15pm till 5.15pm £6.50

Children must be pre booked to be given a place for either club. A minimum of two days must also be booked.

Parents must also complete the new contract information sheet (if they have not already done so) and be up to date with their payments if they require a place. All payments must be made via Parent Pay.

Parents also need to sign in their children - no drop offs.

Unless balances are paid and up to date no children will be allowed to attend the club.

CLC Sessions for classes

Year 5 will have their first CLC session of the year on Wednesday 18th September with our CLC teacher. This will be on Digital Literacy. This is part of our Computing curriculum.

Book Fair

Our school Book Fair will be visiting us on Wednesday 18th September for two weeks. This is an opportunity for children to purchase books with any money made coming back into school. We hope you will visit this. This will be after school most nights. Please see timetable which will be sent out.

. Coffee Afternoons

We have arranged our class Coffee Afternoons this year where parents will be able to meet their child's new class teacher. During the session for each year group, staff will also explain what expectations they have for the children this year. They will also explain about routines, homework etc in the meeting. These will be completed in our school hall on the following dates. Please do try to come - we will be selling cakes to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Charity. These will also be sold to the children each day.

Monday 16th September - Year 6 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm

Tuesday 17th September - Year 5 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm

Wednesday 18th September - Year 4 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm

Thursday 19th September - Year 3 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm

Monday 23rd September - Year 2 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm

Tuesday 24th September - Year 1 Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm

Wednesday 25th September - Reception Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm

2024-2025 Term Dates and Holidays

Autumn Term 2023:

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Half Term: School closes on Thursday 24th October and re-opens on Monday 4th November 2024

Autumn Term ends on: Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025:

Term starts on: Monday 6th January 2025

Half Term: School closes Friday 14th February 2025 and re-opens on Monday 24th February 2025

Spring Term ends on: Thursday 10th April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

Term starts: Wednesday 23rd April

Half Term: School closes Friday 23rd May 2025 and re-opens on Monday 9th June 2025

Spring Bank Holiday:

Monday 5th May 2025 (school closed)

Summer Term ends on: Monday 21st July 2025

INSET Days 2023-2024

The school will be closed on the following dates next academic year.

Monday 2nd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Friday 3rd January 2025

Friday 11th April 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Dates for your diary

Monday 9th September - Nursery 30 hour children start, Class 3L visit the gallery

Thursday 12th September - Kirkby Football League - game 1 at All Saints

Friday 13th September- Class 3S visit the gallery

Monday 16th September - Year 6 Coffee Afternoons 2.30pm, AM/PM Nursery start

Tuesday 17th September -2.30pm Year 5 Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 18th September - Book Fair starts after school, 2.30pm Year 4 Coffee Afternoon

Thursday 19th September - Class 6S Play in a day, 2.30pm Year 3 Coffee Afternoon

Friday 20th September - Class 6L Play in a day, Feel Good Friday (Spanish Day - info to be sent)

Monday 23rd September - AM/PM Nursery start, Class 4S at gallery, 2.30pm Year 2 Coffee Afternoon

Tuesday 24th September - Kirkby High School Open morning, Class 4L at gallery, 2.30pm Year 1 Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 25th September - Kirkby High School Open morning, 2.30pm Reception 1 Coffee Afternoon

Thursday 26th September - 6.00pm Kirkby High Open Evening

Friday 27th September -2.30pm Class 6S at gallery

Monday 30th September - Year 5 Bikeability, 2.30pm Class 6L at gallery, PM- Class 6S swimming starts

3.30pm Year 6 Secondary Form help

Tuesday 1st October - Year 5 Bikeability, 9.15am Buddy Assembly , 3.30pm Year 6 Secondary Form help

To all our children and families... Have a lovely weekend.

Stay safe and well.

Mrs Carroll and all the staff of St Laurence's School



After-School Clubs 2024-2025 (Autumn Term)

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Year 5/6</u>	<u>Years 5/6</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Years 5/6</u>	
3.15pm Forest School (Mr Biggs) STARTING WEEK BEG 16 th September	11.30am Cross Country (Miss Carroll)	12.00pm Cross Country (Miss Carroll)	11.30am Cross Country (Miss Carroll)	
<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3/4</u>		<u>Year 5/6</u>	
3.15pm Football Club (Mr Gibson)	3.15pm Football Club (Mr Kenny/ Mr Folksman)		12.00pm Science Club (Mr Biggs)	

<p><u>Year 3/4</u></p> <p>3.15pm Multi Skills/Fitness</p> <p>(Mr Cushion)</p> <p>STARTING WEEK BEG 16th September</p>			<p><u>Year 5/6</u></p> <p>3.15pm Drama Club</p> <p>(Mrs Purchase)</p> <p><u>Year 5/6</u></p> <p>3.15pm Football Club</p> <p>(Mr Grant)</p> <p><u>Year 3/4/5/6</u></p> <p>3.15pm Mini Vinnies</p> <p>(Mr Kenny/Mr Folksman)</p>	
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