

# ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Attendance

The government have launched a new campaign aimed at improving school attendance, it's called Moments matter, attendance counts. Posters and adverts are being circulated on social media, the news and in the press. Below are the current attendance figures per class for this week. Our target is over 96%. Well done to Year 3 who had the best attendance this week. Any child who has below 90% attendance is classed as being a 'persistent absentee' & school have to work closely with parents to ensure that improvements are seen. A reminder that Holiday requests need to be applied for in advance & can only be granted if there are exceptional circumstances. A fine will be issued of £60 per child for general family holidays in term time. Please see our Attendance Policy on the school website for more information. Children need to arrive by 8.40am as the gates will be locked at 8.45am as children need to be in class at 8.45am ready to start their school day. This applies to all classes in main school including Reception class (Nursery start at 8.45am). Any children arriving after 8.45am will need to be signed in late at the school office. Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am with last entry being 8.35am. Last time for food is 8.25am.

Rec	89.3%	Y1	97.8%	Y2	97.9%	Y3	98.8%	Y4	95.5%	Y5	96.6%	Y6	87.7%	All school	94.7%
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## Football News

Our school team played Rimrose Hope recently and unfortunately lost 2 -1. The score line doesn't reflect how the team played as they were very unlucky and deserved more from the game. Well played to all those children. Our Under 10's are into the next round of the cup and will play St Lukes Halsall at home next Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck to all those children involved. Kick off will be at 3.45 pm and letters will be sent home next week to those selected.

## Y3/4 Dodgeball Tournament

Congratulations to all those children who represented the school at the recent Dodgeball Tournament held at Chesterfield High School. All the children played really well and were narrowly pipped to first place by one point.

## Year 3 Violins

Our Year 3 Class performed in the CAPITAL Diversity Concert last night at Liverpool University. It was a fantastic occasion with children from other local Primary and High schools also taking part. The children performed a number of violin pieces and were absolutely brilliant. They made everyone so proud and put smiles on all their parents/ grandparents and teachers faces. Well done children, you are all stars!!!!

## World Book Day – Bring Back Bedtime Stories

The theme for this year's World Book Day was "Bring back bedtime stories" and was decided upon by our Reading Ambassadors. The children had the opportunity to come into school wearing their pyjamas along with their favourite book which they then shared with the class mates. Assemblies during the day also focused on bedtime stories with some of the teachers even sharing their favourite stories from their childhood.

## Biggest Ever Football Session

Today was the return of the Biggest Ever Football Session which is aimed at promoting and showing support for girls' football (#LetGirlsPlay). As a result Mr. Davies and Miss. Convery took girls from across the school onto the playground to take part in a toe touch & keepie uppie competition.



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## Y5 History Trip

As part of the History topic children in Class 5 will be visiting Quarry Bank Mill, near Manchester next Monday (11<sup>th</sup> March). Letters have already been sent home for what promises to be an enjoyable and extremely informative day out.

## Red Nose Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day so children can come into school in their own clothes that day for a small donation. All the money collected will then be sent to the Red Nose Charity on behalf of the school.

## Sefton Schools say #kNOwKnifeCrime

All Sefton Schools will be taking part in a sponsored run on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April as part of the #kNOwKnifeCrime in Sefton campaign. Schools will be taking part in mini relays with their local schools with the aim of fundraising for "Bleed Control Kits" to be located across various places in Sefton. We will be having 16 children from KS2 taking part in the relay with ours being the final leg, which will involve running to Holy Family High School.

More details regarding a fundraising link will be sent nearer the time.

## Nursery Places

We have a limited number of 3 year old places still available so if you have children of nursery age or know of friends/family who are looking for places and are new to the area then please get in touch to arrange a visit to our fantastic facility.

## Pastoral Care Lead

Mr Davies is on the yard every morning before school should you have any queries or need any advice, you can also speak to him about any concerns you have around your child in class and then he can speak to the class teacher (He will have on his high visibility jacket so can be easily identified). You can also make an appointment to speak to him should you wish to discuss something further.

## After School Clubs

Our football, cross-country and netball clubs will resume in February when it starts to get a bit lighter.

## School Spider – online payments

Our online payment system School Spider allows you to book and pay for After School Club & School Meals. Details of how to download the app have been sent out. School Meals & After School Club bookings need to be made via the app in advance. Bookings cannot be made on the day.

## Healthy Snacks/Packed lunches

We have noticed a number of children bringing in sweets/chocolate bars as part of their snack/packed lunch. As a school we are always trying to promote healthy lifestyles and would appreciate your support in providing healthy alternatives.

## Free Breakfast Club

Our Free Breakfast Club continues to be extremely popular. It runs every morning in the school hall from 7.45 am, however the cut off time for when food can be served is 8.25 am with the doors closing at 8.35 am. This free facility is available to children from Reception upwards so please do come along.

## ParentApp

It is really important for communication that all parents download our ParentApp as this is our main communication method to keep in touch with what's going on in your child's class and school. We can also email through ParentApp for those that can't get the App. Thank you to all parents who are using the school app, over 93% altogether, which is brilliant. If you haven't downloaded our ParentApp yet, we have sent you a link, which might be in your spam emails, so look there if you can't see it in your inbox. Any problems please let the school office know.

## After School Club

We have places available in our After School Club. Our prices are still very competitive compared to other schools & in addition our Breakfast Club remains a free facility. The First Hour is £6 & the full session is £12. We also have a new booking system on School Spider which allows parents to book and pay for sessions in advance.

## Mass times at St William of York Catholic Church

9.30am Sunday morning at St William's & 11.15am Sunday morning at St Mary's Little Crosby

## Clubs Next Week – Confirmed places only

Monday – Y5 & 6 Netball 3.15-4.15

Tuesday - Reading Ambassadors 3.15-4

Tuesday – Dodgeball Y5 3.15-4.15



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Wednesday – Y4 Art Club 3.15-4.15  
Wednesday – Cross Country 3.15-4.15  
Thursday – Girls Football 3.15-4.15

Kind regards

**Mr. M.Murphy**  
Headteacher



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