

# ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Halle Day

On behalf of the Fletcher Family, I would like to thank everyone for your kind donations and as a result we managed to raise £400. This has now been donated to the Ronald McDonald House at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Halle's name.

## Y5/6 Holy Family High School Visit

Children from Years 5 and 6 will be visiting Holy Family High School next Wednesday afternoon, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, to watch a student production of "Frozen". The children will be transported to and from the venue by coach and will be back by the end of the school day. Year 5 swimming has been cancelled.

## Poet Visit

We have organised for the Poet, Matt Goodfellow, to come into school next Wednesday for the whole day. He will begin the day with a whole school assembly and will then be doing workshops with each class throughout the day. Please pass your book order & payment in by 9am on Monday.

## Year 3 Class Assembly

Children from our Year 3 Class will be performing their Harvest Festival Assembly for parents/carers next Friday morning, 25<sup>th</sup> October. The assembly will be taking place in the school hall and will start at 9.15 am.

## Year 4 Beatles Museum Trip

As part of their History topic our Year 4 children visited the Beatles Museum on Wednesday. Despite the terrible weather the children had a fantastic time and their excellent behaviour was remarked upon by a number of members of the general public. Well done Y4!

## Football News

Our Girls team have had a busy week in terms of fixtures, they played in an Everton Tournament where they came a credible 6<sup>th</sup> overall while they were narrowly beaten by Rimrose Hope Primary School in their recent league fixture. The school will be hosting the annual Peter Dowd Bootle Schools FA tournament next Thursday afternoon. As the tournament is during school hours parents unfortunately won't be allowed to watch. Those children selected to play will receive a letter.

## Autumn Term Parents Evenings

Our autumn term parents evenings take place next week, Tuesday and Wednesday evening, if you haven't managed to book your place yet please do so our School Spider app or contact the school office. All appointments are ten minutes long so if there is anything additional you would like to speak to the teacher about then please make an alternative appointment.

## Autumn Half Term

Just a reminder that school finishes next Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, at the normal time for the autumn half term break. The school will reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.



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## New School Telephone System

As you know we have had a new telephone system installed in school over the last month and there have been some teething problems. However hopefully now these have all been rectified and I would like to thank you for your patience. *(The new system has enhanced features as well as being able to record calls).*

## Attendance

The government have introduced new procedures for attendance from September. The School Attendance & Punctuality Policy was sent out on School Spider last week & can also be found on the School Website. The information below shows how attendance can affect your child's future progression.

- *Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year, Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.*
- *95%: 10 days absence a year. These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2 week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.*
- *90%: 19 days absence a year. The Government classes Young People in this group as "Persistent Absentees", and it will be almost impossible to keep up with work.*

## Doctors, Dentist & Hospital Appointment

A reminder to try to make routine Doctors & Dental Appointments outside of school hours. For all appointments in school hours we need to see the appointment letter, text or card.

## Holiday Requests

All requests for absence must be made in writing at least 7 days in advance. We have forms available at the school office. Please see the School Website for more information about the changes to Penalty Notices from this year.

## School Photographs

Photograph orders need to be placed by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024 for free delivery to school. Please use [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) to place your order.

## 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. You can also make an appointment to speak to him should you wish to discuss something further.

## High School & School Reception Class Applications

A reminder to all parents/carers of children in Year 6 & Nursery that you will need to go online at Sefton's website to complete the application for High School/Reception class 2025!. I would advise that you put three schools down as per the guidance otherwise if you don't get your first choice you may be allocated a school which doesn't match your preferences. In addition please be mindful of entry requirements i.e. baptised catholic etc. the deadline for applications for High School is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 & for Reception Class 2025 is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

## Nursery Places

We have a limited number of 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.

## Pre-loved Uniform

If you have any uniform your child has grown out of and no longer needs please can you pass it into the school office. We particularly need PE kits & Nursery/Reception uniform. You are welcome to come along and help yourselves to any items of uniform you need from our pre-loved uniform table in the foyer by the school office.

## Healthy Snacks/Packed lunches

As a school we are always trying to promote healthy lifestyles and would appreciate your support in providing healthy alternative snack/lunch options for your children.



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### 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.

### 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. In terms of staff, Mrs. Chambers left us last week. We wish her well for the future & welcome Mrs Ward to the school team.

### School Spider – All communications & online payments

Our school communication system is School Spider. It is important that you download the School Spider app so you do not miss out on information. The system also allows you to book and pay for After School Club & School Meals. School Meals & After School Club bookings need to be made via the app in advance. Bookings cannot be made on the day. To download, go to the app store on your phone & search School Spider, search for our school & follow the instructions to set up an account. You need to use the same email address that school have for you.

### Book Swap

A reminder we have a free book swap located in the foyer by our office! A book swap is an easy and fun way to swap books you no longer need for books you want to read! Please come along to see the books on offer and join in- don't forget to bring something to swap! Book Swap Rules 1. You can leave as many books as you like but please only take one book home at a time. 2. Make sure that the book(s) you are leaving are your own. 3. Make sure your book(s) are appropriate, clean and in good condition. 4. Make sure that you leave the shelf tidy and keep your swapped book in good condition. 5. Bring your book back once you have read it and swap it for another.

### Dogs

A reminder to parents that dogs cannot be brought onto the school premises.

### 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

Kind regards

Mr. M. Murphy  
Headteacher



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