



Newsletter: Friday 4th October 2024

We've arrived at another Friday and looking back over the week I am once again very proud of our school community and all that it achieves every day.

The weather really did take hold on Monday and once again our school grounds couldn't cope the amount of water falling from the sky. We have had much work done on the pathways and drainage in school over the last few years but sometimes the high water table already wet ground still causes us to flood! Thank you to everyone for following our alternative end of day collection points – hopefully we won't have to use them many times this year!

Despite the rain and puddles the Cross Country race on Tuesday went ahead and we continue to have medals – well done Holly and lots of personal bests. Thank you to Mr Brady and Miss Bennett for accompanying the team. On the same evening there was staff training in school using new Adobe Express Software and its use across the curriculum as well as Sensory Processing for our Learning Support Assistants.

I was out a meeting of Liverpool Primary Heads on Thursday morning and once again we heard from the Attendance Welfare Officers about the changes in Attendance rules and regulations. In the main we have excellent attendance as a school and our current attendance is 96.8% and this is an improving picture since the start of term. 70% of the children in school haven't had a day off this year. We look at attendance data on a daily basis and Mrs Pyper is always there to support those families who need help with attendance. Thank you for your honesty in requesting holidays, taking children out of school in term time isn't a decision families take lightly as they know we are unable to authorize them. If you would like to discuss any aspect of attendance please speak to me or Mrs Pyper.

On Thursday evening we held the first of our Open Evenings for our 2025 Reception Intake. I was once again blown away by our Year 6 Ambassadors who took all of the prospective families on a tour of the school. It was Oak Class and our Junior Leadership Team on duty this week – we had so many wonderful comments about them. They are our obvious choice for tour guides – they know the school the best!

Mrs Rawlinson and our School Council have sent this message out: In honour of World Mental Health Day (Thursday 10th October) we will be joining thousands by swapping one item of uniform for an item that is yellow - it could be swapping a tie, socks, shirt or hair accessories. Wear it loud and wear it proud as we stand together to support young people's mental health. I can't wait to see all our Yellows!

We will be holding our Autumn Parents evenings on Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th October. One evening will be face to face and the other evening will be by video call for those families who find this easier. The link to booking will be sent out early next week. If you have any worries or concerns please do not leave them until those evenings – please get in touch with your child's teacher beforehand. Also as Mr Heery now has a class





responsibility he will not be available to discuss SEND on parents evenings – please get in touch with him separately.

All the children came in to school looking wonderful for today's photograph day. As already mentioned, we have moved to a new company – I hope you are impressed by the quality of their work and the affordability of the photographs. All children should have brought home a card with a QR Code on for you to order.

Today is the feast of St Francis of Assisi and it also marks the end of the Season of Creation. We continue to pray for our world and encourage others to look after it and care for it.

**St Francis of Assisi,
your whole life sang in harmony
with God, nature and others.
With you, we praise God for Brother Sun,
full of beauty and splendour,
warming the earth,
summoning shoots
from darkness into daylight.
We praise God for Sister Water,
so useful and humble,
precious and pure,
greening arid ground,
growing life in desert places.
Pray for us Francis, that, like you,
we may care for all that exists,
until Brother Sun and Sister Water
produce a harvest shared by all,
in love and solidarity,
justice and peace.
Amen.**



October is also the month of the Rosary, and in our prayer times over the next two weeks we will be focusing on praying the Rosary. Children may like to bring Rosary beads that they have at home in to show in class as part of these two weeks. I know some might be too precious to bring in and they would be better kept at home – your child may just want to talk about them in class.

South Liverpool Food Bank as part of our Harvest Festival Celebrations at the end of this half term by having a food collection – they will be particularly looking for Long life fruit juice; tinned meat; tinned fruit; UHT milk and tinned fish as well as the usual food donations. I know some families like to gather donations over a few weeks
<https://southliverpool.foodbank.org.uk/> Donations can come in to school over the next few weeks ahead of our harvest day on 25th October.

I hope you have a good weekend and get a chance to recharge the batteries!

David Delaney
Head Teacher





Thu	3rd	Oct	Open Evening for Sept 2025	4:30 - 6:30pm	Prospective Families	HALL
Fri	4th	Oct	School photographs	All day	ALL	SCHOOL
Tues	8th	Oct	6 Oak We Love Learning	9am - 10:30am	6 Oak	SCHOOL
Tues	8th	Oct	6 Chestnut We Love Learning	10:45am-12:15	6 Chestnut	SCHOOL
Mon	14th	Oct	Parish Mass in School	9:30am	Y1-6	HALL
Tues	15th	Oct	Parent's evening	3:45 - 6:30pm	YR-6	HALL
Wed	16th	Oct	Parent's evening	3:45 - 5:45pm	YR-6	ONLINE
Wed	16th	Oct	First Holy Communion Session	4pm - 5pm	Y4	CHURCH
Fri	25th	Oct	Harvest Festival	am	YR-6	School
Fri	25th	Oct	Children finish for half term	3:10/3:15pm	ALL	
Mon	4th	Nov	Children return after half term	8:45am	ALL	SCHOOL
Thu	7th	Nov	Open Evening for Sept 2025	4:30 - 6:30pm	Prospective Families	HALL
Mon	11th	Nov	Parish Mass in School	9:30am	ALL	HALL
Thu	14th	Nov	SKI 25 - Chill Factore	2pm - 7pm	SKI 25 Group	Chill Factore
Sun	24th	Nov	CTK Feast Day Parish Mass/Choir	9:30am	All Welcome	CHURCH
Mon	25th	Nov	CTK Feast Day School Mass	9:30am	YR-6	CHURCH
Wed	27th	Nov	First Holy Communion Session	4pm - 5pm	Y4	CHURCH
Fri	29th	Nov	Advent Retreat Afternoon	12pm - 3pm	YR-6	School
Thu	5th	Dec	Advent Service	pm	Year 5	Cathedral
Sat	7th	Dec	Parish Fair	1pm	ALL	CTK Club
Mon	9th	Dec	Y4 Reconciliation	1:30pm	Year 4 children	School
Wed	11th	Dec	EYFS play	9am - midday	EYFS parents	HALL
Thur	12th	Dec	Year 3 Parents to watch Y3/4 play	pm - time tbc	Year 3 parents	HALL
Fri	13th	Dec	Year 4 Parents to watch Y3/4 play	pm - time tbc	Year 4 parents	HALL
Wed	18th	Dec	Carol Service	pm- time tbc	Years 1 & 2	Church
Thur	19th	Dec	Christmas dinner day	Lunchtime	ALL	
Fri	20th	Dec	School finishes at 1:30pm for all	1:30pm	ALL	