



Newsletter: Friday 20th March

I am writing this newsletter from a rather sunny Winmarleigh Hall, having spent the last few days with Year 4 on their first residential experience. The children are all enjoying themselves playing on the field before we pack up and get on the coach. They have been amazing and tried lots of new activities – it is great to see how resilient they can be with new activities. They have been a credit to their families and the school. As always, I owe a debt of gratitude to those staff members who freely give up their time to offer these experiences.

Year Two really enjoyed bringing all their learning together from this half term with a Titanic Experience Workshop in school this week. It is lovely to see how knowledgeable they are about all things Titanic, even communicating in Morse Code.

As we continue our journey through Lent, we are invited this week to reflect on one of the most powerful Gospel stories we hear in the Church – the raising of Lazarus which we will hear this Sunday at Mass. In this Gospel, Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb and back into life. It is a moment of deep compassion, hope and new beginnings. Jesus meets people in their sadness and brings light into darkness. He shows us that nothing is beyond God's love and that new life is always possible.

During Lent, we are called to reflect on the parts of our lives that may feel a little like “the tomb” – the things that hold us back, weigh us down, or stop us from being the people God calls us to be. Like Lazarus, we are gently called forward into the light. There have been lots of examples of Love – through showing kindness, forgiveness and care for one another. I have seen many children aspire – by striving to grow, make better choices and become the best version of ourselves -both in and out of the classroom.

And as always we have been following Jesus' example of Service – by thinking of others, especially those most in need, through our Lenten activities. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our **Big Lent Walk for CAFOD** – every step and every donation helps to support communities around the world who are facing poverty and hardship.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/christ-the-kings-big-lent-walkers>



I am always humbled by your generosity and the response to our **Friday Food Bank collection** has been no different. If you would like to still contribute to the Lent Food Collection - donations can be brought into school at any time during the week.

We will also be collecting donations of Easter Eggs, which will help bring a little extra joy to children and families in our city who may need it this Easter. If you are able to donate please bring in on Thursday at the latest as Nugent are coming to collect.



As I reminded you last week the PTA have arranged for the Circus to come to CTK in May. Tickets are still available here www.pta-events.co.uk/ctkliverpool Welcome to our new members of the weekly CTK Lottery.... [Click here - it could be you!](#)



We all know that 'It is good to talk'. However, I am asking that while you are on school grounds you put your phone away and as our posters say 'greet your child with a smile and not a mobile'. Our children are always excited to see you at the end of the day and to share news about their day with you. Even if sometimes when asked they can't remember what they've done. I'm sure even a few minutes 'off grid' will be beneficial for everyone's mental health.



**Greet your child
with a smile
and
not a mobile!**

😊 Start gently (easy wins) - 🖱️ These help children **start talking positively and confidently**

"What made you smile today?"

"What was the best part of your day?"

"What are you proud of today?"

🧠 Get a bit deeper 🖱️ Builds reflection and a **growth mindset**

"What did you learn that you didn't know before?"

"What challenged you today?"

"Did anything feel tricky?"

❤️ Focus on relationships (really important) 🖱️ Encourages empathy and links to values

"Who did you play or work with today?"

"Did you help anyone today?"

"Did anyone help you?"

🛡️ Check in on wellbeing (without pressure) 🖱️ Creates a **safe space for conversations**

"Was there anything that didn't feel right today?"

"Did you hear or see anything that made you uncomfortable?"

"Is there anything you want to talk about later?"

🖱️ Don't ask everything at once—pick **one or two questions**

🖱️ Ask while walking, driving or eating (less pressure than face-to-face)

🖱️ Be ready to **listen more than talk**

A simple daily routine could be: ★ One "happy" question ; 🧠 One "learning" question;
❤️ One "wellbeing" question

As mentioned previously, when we return to school after the Easter break it will be the Summer Term – despite the sunshine this week I'm not convinced the weather will reassure us that it is summer with Easter being early, however – Summer Uniform can be worn from 13th April. If you feel it is too cold, especially for summer dresses then the winter uniform can also be worn.

- Pink and white checked dress (or playsuit style summer dress) or grey school shorts/trousers.
- Jumpers and Cardigans should have the school badge
- White collared t-shirt (does not have to have the school badge).



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- Grey socks or white socks/tights
- Black shoes (no white shoes or trainers).

We will be thinking about Holy Week next week as it is the final week of term. Reception have already had a visit from BTales to present the Easter Story to them and Years 1-6 are looking forward to it being their turn on Monday. We will continue to walk the Stations of the Cross during the week and we will have a special assembly on Friday morning.

Unfortunately, we can not invite families to this as we only just about fit our 414 children in to the hall! As it is the end of term, the end of day bell will ring at 1:30pm. Please make sure that those who are collecting your children are aware.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Delaney

See below for

- Times of Holy Week Services at Christ the King Church
 - The ASD training team has sent through details of learning opportunities for parents –
 - There is also information from the Holiday Activities and Food Project



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CHRIST THE KING CHURCH HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2026

Monday 30th March

9.00am Morning Mass

7.00 pm Pastoral Area Service of Reconciliation
at Our Lady of the Assumption L25 2RY

Tuesday 31st March

9.00am Morning Mass

Wednesday 1st April

7.00am Early Morning Mass

7.30pm Chrism Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral

Thursday 2nd April

7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Watching until 10.00pm—ending with Night Prayer

Good Friday, 3rd April

10.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

11.00am Stations of the Cross (led by Children of the Parish)

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

6.30pm Meditations at the Cross

Holy Saturday, 4th April

7.30pm Solemn Vigil of Easter (First Mass of Easter)

Easter Sunday, 5th April

9.30am Holy Mass for Easter Day

11.00am Holy Mass for Easter Day



Holy Week



Liverpool City Council ASD Training Team

ASD Course

Date: 31st March, 7th and 14th April

Time: 9.30am till 12pm

Venue: Virtual Zoom sessions.

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a course on Autistic Spectrum Disorder (Your child must have an ASD diagnosis) The course will allow you to build your knowledge on autism and meet / share information with other parents.

(All three sessions need to be attended to complete the course).

If you wish to attend, please contact the team on the email below.

Email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops.

[Liverpool ASD Training Team | Liverpool Family Information & SEND Directory](#)

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

ASD Training Team

Liverpool City Council, Autistic Spectrum Training Team

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Liverpool City Council ASD Training Team

Social Communication/Social Interaction

Date: 1st and 8th April 2026

Time: 9.30am – 12 noon

Venue: Virtual Zoom

Dear Parent/Carer,

If you have early concerns about social communication and interaction or your child is awaiting assessment from the ASD pathway, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend the above workshop on Social Communication and Social Behaviour.

Session 1:

Overview to build your understanding of the areas that may cause difficulties/gaps for you child and strategies to support.

Session 2:

Question/Answer opportunity to discuss specific areas of concerns.

You need to attend session 1 to access session 2.

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ASD Training Team



Liverpool City Council ASD Training Team

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Date: 2nd and 9th April 2026
Time: 9.30am – 12 noon
Venue: Virtual Zoom

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The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual Group Q & A sessions via zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk to us who have questions or concerns about their child. You do not need to contact ASD to book your place.



Dates 2026

March Tues 31st

April Wed 1st, Tue 7th, Wed 8th, Thur 9th.

Times 1pm – 2pm

To book your place please email asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

With a choice of your date and you will be emailed a zoom link.

For more information about our service please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training



Dear Parent or Guardian

The Easter HAF programme starts on the 30th March with free activities, and a meal, for every eligible child that attends. Children and young people, from reception to age 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the Easter break including SEND specific provision. There's a great range of activities across the city including **Easter Egg Hunts, Easter egg decorating, Easter bonnet making, trips out, dance, rock climbing, cooking, STEM-style challenges, make up sessions, golf, cycling, gymnastics, circus skills and virtual reality plus much, much more.**

There is a central booking system to make it easier for you to find and book the activities. You can find out where your nearest scheme is by clicking on this link <https://eequ.org/liverpoolhaf> or using the QR code which will take you to the Liverpool HAF page and the easy to fill in booking system. You can search by age, provider or date. There is a handy booking help video here - [How to make a booking](#)



- ☐ If you are struggling with the cost of living then please use this link for further information: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>
- ☐ If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. You can use this link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>



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Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Easter HAF programme. This programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides lots of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#).

Regards

Sally Dobbing

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Holiday Activities and Food Project Manager