

All Saints Catholic Primary School

"Each One of You is a Child of God" Pope Francis

Summer 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Reminder school closed today, Wednesday 19th July at 2pm.
We re-open Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 8.30am (8am for Breakfast Club).
School calendars giving the term dates for 2023/2024 are on the school website.

Changes to the School Day

You may recall that as a response to the loss of learning caused by the Covid pandemic, we extended the school day to allow an extra 25 minutes of teaching time.

From this September, the school day **will finish at 3pm** (2.50pm for Nursery). This is in response to the latest government guidance on the length of the school week.

The extra teaching time over three years has made a significant impact on some children's progress and development.

Unfortunately for too many children, the impact was diluted because of poor punctuality and irregular patterns of school attendance.

The school day will continue to start promptly at 8.30am for all classes.



Attendance Awards



Huge congratulations to parents/carers of children who have finished the school year with an attendance of 98 -100%

Audrey Obimah Rec A
Bethany Dolan 1A
Harry Meadows 5A

Year 6

Congratulations to our Year 6 on your wonderful SATs results.

The percentage achieving the expected standard were as follows:

School	National Average
72% Reading	73%
79% Maths	73%
79% Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar	72%

We are so proud of these results and everything our Year 6 children have achieved in their time with us, most of which cannot be measured in a test.

Best wishes in your new school.

Breakfast Club and School Meal Information

As we are now nearing the end of the Summer term, please can we ask that ALL negative balances that are owed for breakfast club/school meals are paid for before we finish for the summer holiday.

Please be advised that from September, if your account **owes more than £15** for school meals then your child/ren will not be able to have a school meal and you will have to provide a packed lunch until the debt is paid.

This will also be the same for breakfast club, if your account **owes more than £15** your child/ren will not be able to attend until the debt is paid.

This action is to prevent the balance from falling into arrears making the debt unmanageable for you to pay. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please contact school and we will raise a claim with the benefits department on your behalf.

If you require login details for ParentPay please contact school.

Again, please do get in touch with Mrs Claro, Mrs Kennedy or myself if you are finding things difficult financially.

Please note that all school meals and breakfast club must be paid for in advance and should not be accruing a negative balance.

Summer Reading Challenge

We are so fortunate to still have a public library here in Bootle.

So many have been permanently closed in recent years.

Bootle Library staff recently joined us in school to launch the Summer Reading Challenge with all the children.

Please ensure your child has lots of opportunities to continue to read over the holidays - Bootle library has a fantastic range of books for all ages



In March we received notification that for the second time, we have achieved the Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools award.

This external accreditation is something we are immensely proud of.

It recognises our commitment to placing compassion and nurture at the heart of our school.

School Achievement

I am delighted that for the third year in a row our school has been awarded the Gold School Games Award. You will see from Mr Tyson's PE/Sports newsletter the range of sporting opportunities on offer and the extent of our children's sporting success.

We hope to build on this great record next year by offering more opportunities for parental engagement and community involvement through the year.



Uniform

Please do not struggle to buy school uniform. Our uniform swop shop has a good stock of pre loved uniform.

We are mindful of how tough times are.

Please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Claro, Mrs Kennedy or myself, in confidence.

Congratulations

Last Sunday, governors and I were delighted to host a reception for Rev Steven Lloyd, who was ordained on Saturday here at St James' Catholic Church.

Steven is a former pupil of St James' Catholic Primary School and Savio Salesian College.

Congratulations

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mr Kaitell as our new Sports Coach from September, working alongside our PE Lead, Mr Tyson.

We warmly welcome Mrs Goggins, as she returns from maternity leave.

Wedding Congratulations

Following their weddings earlier in the school year, we warmly congratulate two of our staff - Miss Hussey to be known as Mrs Bloomberg and Miss McCann to be known as Mrs Ordish.

Goodbye

We say farewell to Mrs Lloyd who leaves us to take up a new role. We thank her for her hard work in relation to attendance and punctuality.

We say a very sad farewell too to our wonderful Caretaker, Mr Davies. Mr Davies has willingly taken on a myriad of roles – including a very special Christmas role, involving a rather unusual red suit!

He has worked tirelessly, using his skills as a joiner, to transform our outdoor spaces, particularly our Forest School provision in Early Years.

We wish Mrs Lloyd and Mr Davies success in their new ventures.

On behalf of the governors and staff, we would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Mrs Holleran