

## April 2024

Welcome back to the Summer term everyone, it is hard to believe it is this time of the year yet again! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and were able to spend time with your families.

We are sure you will agree that the end of another academic year is fast approaching which will bring on many changes for our Year 6 children over the coming weeks.

As always, thank you for your continued support in all that we do and here is to another great term at St Finbar's.

we continue to work together and we will continue to do all that we can to support you and your children. A huge thank you for your continued support, as always this and your commitment to St Finbar's does not go unnoticed and is truly appreciated by each and every one of us.

Thank you.



We are going to say a sad goodbye, good luck and a huge 'thank you' to Mrs Kevan on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Mrs Kevan has been a wonderful member of our agency support staff and we wish her 'good luck' and all the best.

### LOCAL ELECTIONS – THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY

Once again, our school is being used for Polling Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May so school will be closed to all children on that day.

## EASTER



On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March we held our annual **Easter Roast Dinner** which was followed by our **Easter Service**. Thank you to all the parents/carers who joined us.



The last day of term included our **Easter Bonnet Parade**, the **Big Lent Walk** and **Talent Show**.

The Easter Bonnet Parade was the annual display of ingenuity and creative flair.



Our **Big Lent Walk** followed the Easter Bonnet Parade.





The **Talent Show** was amazing

We raised £85.77 from our Lent class fundraising and the updated figure from the Staff Bake Off/Cake Sale is £74.28. All monies raised will be sent to CAFOD.

Mrs Barrett's Easter, "Guess the name of the member of staff", raised £35.00 for School Fund. Thank you for all your support and donations during LENT.

**Year 3:** Easter picture competition was won by Niami (Y2), Lola (Y6) came 2<sup>nd</sup> and George (Y3) came third.



## CROXTETH COMMUNITY GARDEN

Croxteth Community Garden have recently been working with Years 3 and 4.

Years 3 and 4 are growing some herbs and vegetables in our school garden, they have planted courgettes, potatoes and lettuces. These will be sold in July at Liverpool One to raise some money for charity. Children had a lovely time with Rachel the gardener.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

The 'summer' school uniform can be worn after Easter. The 'summer' uniform gives your child the additional option to wear shorts or a red and white check dress.

We have some pre loved (free of charge) summer uniform. Please ask at the school office or email the school office on ([finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk)) with your requests (e.g. item, sizes etc) and we will see what is available and get it ready for you to collect.

## READING AT HOME

At St Finbar's we strive to build a reading for pleasure culture amongst our children.

**Question:** How can you help your child become a great reader?

**Answer:** By reading at home. Children who have high levels of literacy and achieve the best reading score read at home and read for pleasure. At St Finbar's we give your children the tools to be successful readers. For children to be the best readers we need your help in ensuring children read at home too.



### Ways to help your child with reading:

- Help your child to make reading **a daily habit**.
- Talk about new vocabulary with your child so they understand the meaning of new words and phrases.
- Ask questions about what your child is reading.
- Ask them to explain what is happening in the story.
- Make sure your child has a balanced reading diet: are they often reading similar books? Can you guide them to trying new styles and genres?
- Please sign your child's reading card.
- Children in Year 2 – 6 can access Reading Plus at home. Your child's login details and passwords are in the front of their reading records. Any problems, please email the school office on [Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk)



**Read every day, it's the St Finbar's Way!**

## THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

Thank you to those parents and families who are totally respectful of parking outside of school at the beginning and the end of the day. However, we continue to be concerned for our children considering the way some people are parking before and after school including parking on double yellow lines and on the zig-zags. Please do abide by the Highway Code so that all our children remain safe.





## MATHS AT HOME



It can be particularly difficult to know how to support your child with maths at home but you can help develop their maths skills by involving them in everyday activities. If your child can help measure the ingredients when baking or work out which supermarket deal is the cheapest. Take a close look around your home or out on the street and you will quickly come to notice that numbers are everywhere! It all helps them understand maths in real life.

As part of the maths curriculum, children use TTRockstars (Year 3 – Year 6) and Numbots (Year 1 & 2). Your child can access their site at home and we would encourage them to do this on a regular basis.

<https://trockstars.com/> children should have a log on for this site. If your child does not have their log in, please email the school office [Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk)

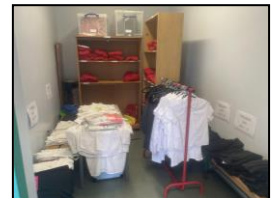
<https://play.numbots.com/#/intro> number bonds games using your child's login.

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Do not forget that our Pre-Loved Uniform 'shop' is always open.

If you would like to donate any part of the school uniform, it must be washed and in good condition. Please drop any donations to the school office. We have been able to help many of our families and will continue to do so.



If you wish to apply for a Nursery place at St Finbar's, please contact the school office on 0151 727 3963 or email [Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk) We currently have places available for children age 3+.

The online application portal for children **starting Reception in September 2024** has now closed.

If you wish to make a late application, please email [www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions)

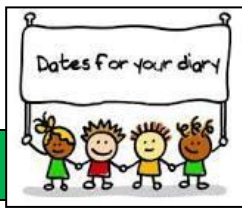
**St Finbar's**  
Catholic Primary School

**FREE PLACES FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS**

At St Finbar's we greatly value the important role that the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) plays in laying secure foundations for your child's future learning and development.

If you are interested in joining the 'St Finbar's Family', please contact the school office and they will arrange a visit for you.

**CONTACT US**  
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## APRIL 2024

30 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Year 2 SATs Parents/Carers Meeting, 2.50 pm
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## MAY 2024

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	Year 6 SATs Parents/Carers Meeting, 2.50 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	School Closed for Children – Inset Day (Local Elections)
6 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	School Closed – May Bank Holiday
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Year 6 SATs Booster Class, 3.00pm – 4.00 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Start of Year 6 SATs Week
13 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Start of Mental Health Awareness Week
21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	World Day for Cultural Diversity
24 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Last Day of Term – Normal Closing Time
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>	Monday to Friday	Spring Break – School Closed

## June 2024

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday	Children Return to School
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**Mini**  
**Phillies**  
**Playgroup**

**Stay & play group for 0-4s**  
 St Philemon's Church, Admiral St, L8  
 Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 in termtime  
 £1 - first time free  
[facebook.com/MiniPhillies](https://facebook.com/MiniPhillies)