

July 2024

As we come to the end of another school year, we would like to say 'thank you' for all your kind words and support over the year as well as 'thank you' for helping your children at home with their learning. Working together so positively only strengthens us as a school community and we will continue to build on this in the new year.

We wish you all a safe and fun-filled summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September.



GOODBYE!

Miss Haresnape leaves St. Finbar's after 18 years of being part of the "Finbar Family". She joined us as a newly-qualified teacher, eagerly changing the world for the better, one lesson at a time, and she now leaves us a very wise and experienced senior teacher.

Over the past 18 years *Miss Haresnape*, has been at the heart of many aspects of school life; organising summer fun days, Christmas plays/productions, and many more. She has brought much joy and happiness to all children she has taught; and I couldn't have been more thankful for it.

Mrs Andrews leaves us at the end of this year, after two years of being part of the "Finbar Family". During her time with us, *Miss Andrews* has done so much for our little learners; especially in developing and planning our outdoor learning curriculum and resources. She has brought her passion for learning outdoors to us and I could not be more thankful for it.

As *Miss Haresnape* and *Miss Andrews* both embark on their "grand adventures", we wish them both much happiness, love, peace and success. St. Finbar's will not be the same without them.



WELCOME

In September we welcome to *Miss Summers* to the 'St Finbar Family'. *Miss Summers* will be teaching our Year 4/5 class.



Well Year 6, unfortunately it is time to say 'Farewell'.

We hope you have loved your time at 'St Finbar's – you have done so many amazing things, learnt so much and made some great friends. It has been wonderful to see how you have grown into fantastic young people – ready to take on your next learning challenge at secondary school; keep working hard.



All the staff wish you all the very best of luck for the future and hope that your dreams and wishes come true. Remember, this is not a last goodbye but simply 'see you soon'!

Have a super summer and stride confidently into Year 7!



PRIZE GIVING



Friday 19th July is a Prize Giving day and all the prizes are ready to be awarded.

Prizes will be given for resilience, positivity and creativity.

YEAR 5 VISIT KING'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Year 5 visited King's Leadership Academy on Thursday 11th July. Children got the opportunity to take part in different lessons and activities linked to Spanish, History and Drama, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of taking part. Children saw secondary school 'in real time' and had their lunch in the school canteen.





Important Information

With effect from 1st September 2024 the times of the school day will change.

This change brings us in line with the Department for Education (DfE) expectation that all children in Y1 – Y6 will have a school week of 32.5 hours. All schools in England must have this in place from September 2024.

The DfE document, "The Length of the School Week" (July 2023) states that ...

The Government is determined that all pupils have the opportunity to achieve their full academic potential. To support this, on 28 March 2022 the Government announced, through the White Paper [Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child](#), a new minimum expectation on the length of the school week of 32.5 hours for all mainstream, state-funded schools.

So that we comply with DfE expectations the timings for the school day for all groups of learners is as follows:

Group of learners	Official start time of the day	Learning starts	Official end time of the day	Optional or Compulsory
15 hours Nursery	8:50	8:55	11:50	Optional
30 hours Nursery	8:50	8:55	3:10	Optional
Reception	8:50	8:55	3:20	Compulsory
Y1 – Y6	8:50	8:55	3:20	Compulsory

The school gate will continue to be opened at 8:40 am, with entrance into class at 8:45am. The school gate will close at 8:55 am. Children who arrive after this time will be deemed to be late and will receive a "late mark".

As ever, it will be vitally important that parents and carers bring their children to school on time. Our children tell us that they feel embarrassed walking into class late because everyone else looks at them. This then affects how they feel about their learning.

We appreciate that it may take a little while to get used to the new timings but I am confident we will crack this really quickly so that all children attend school on time every day.

BOO'S MOBILE ZOO

On Friday 28th June our Nursery and Reception children had a visit from Boo's Mobile Zoo.

The zoo brought many animals for the children to observe, hold and even pet. It was a fantastic experience, during which the children showed great curiosity and asked many questions such as "what do bearded dragons like to eat?", "Where do skunks live?"



BATTLE OF THE PLANETS

On Friday 5th July our children took part in Battle of the Planets. This was similar to a sports day but children separated into their planet teams. Children completed a number of fun races and activities. Everyone gave 100% to try and help their team win.

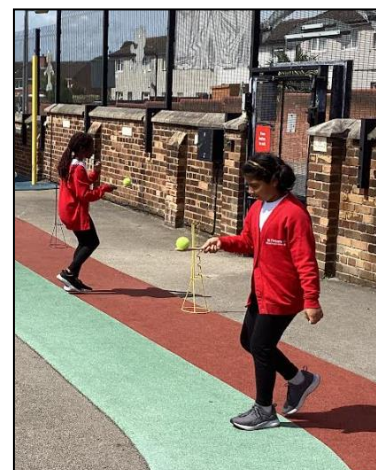
After the scores had all been counted over overall winners are

1st Mercury

2nd Saturn

3rd Jupiter

4th Mars



GUITAR CLUB CONCERT

Children in Years 2, 3 and 6 conducted a lovely guitar concert on Friday 5th July for the whole school, parents and carers, it was great hearing them play and perform so well without any signs of nervousness! Well done everyone.



BRASS CONCERT

Year 4, 5 and 6 had a wonderful brass concert on Tuesday 16th July. They were accompanied by a great flute ensemble. Alexandra also played a beautiful piece on the piano. Everyone sounded amazing!



Our recent Scholastic Book Fair raised £221 for the school. The money has been spent on celebration prizes and class library books. Thank you for your support.

YOUNG MARKETEERS MARKET EVENT



Year 3 have been harvesting the vegetables and herbs from our St Finbar's garden just in time for the Young Marketeers Market Event which took place in Liverpool One on Tuesday 9th July.



The children had lots of items to sell as they grew lemon balm, mint, thyme, courgettes, potatoes spring onions, beetroot and some strawberries which they sold and raised an amazing £65.



The initiative, is spearheaded by the charity School Food Matters.



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

A thank you to all Parents & Carers who have ensured that their children have come to school on time and every day this year.

Congratulations to all children with 97% attendance and above.

A special congratulations and well done to those with 100% attendance.



Bobby, Rhea, Ayla, Milion, Elijah, Fanuel, Keniel, Joanna, Yadiail, Yodit and Lara.

CONGRATULATIONS!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Below is a reminder of our school uniform expectations.

Please remember to ensure all school items are marked clearly with your child's name.

Children are permitted to wear stud earrings and a watch only. Jewellery, as an expression of a religious observance, may only be worn, following a written request to the Headteacher.



Our Uniform supplier is Kitted Out Warehouse & Web Centre, 5-17 Bleasdale Road, Allerton, Liverpool L18 5JB. Usual opening times: Monday – Saturday, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.

Tel: 0151 727 2000

Email: info@kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk

Uniform can also be ordered on their website www.kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk

We have available for sale, from the school office, the following school items:



Book Bag 50p



Sun Hats £3.00



PE Bag £2.00

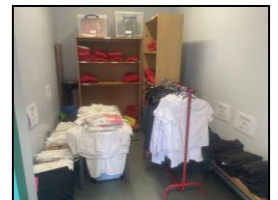


Book Bag £3.00



Do you have all your uniform for September? Do not forget that our Pre-Loved Uniform 'shop' is always open.

Please ask at the school office or email the school office on (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.



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 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



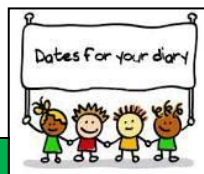
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception.



Saint Teresa of Avila called Carmel "the Order of the Virgin." Saint John of the Cross credited Mary with saving him from drowning as a child, leading him to Carmel, and helping him escape from prison. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus believed that Mary cured her from illness. On her First Communion day, Thérèse dedicated her life to Mary. During the last days of her life she frequently spoke of Mary.

There is a tradition, which may not be historical, that Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary's own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance—a call that Mary models in a splendid way. The feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on 16th July.



July 2024

19 th	Friday	Last school day before the summer holidays. School closes at 1.30 pm for all children
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September 2024

2 nd	Monday	School closed for children – Inset Day
3 rd	Tuesday	Year 1 – 6 children return to school, 8.50 am Year 6 – Transition to secondary school meeting, 2.45 pm
4 th	Wednesday	Reception children start school, 8.50 am
5 th	Thursday	Nursery children start school, 8.50 am

Local Authority
Academic Calendar 2024/25



September 2024							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
35							1
36	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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October 2024							
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November 2024							
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December 2024							
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January 2025							
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February 2025							
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March 2025							
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April 2025							
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May 2025							
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June 2025							
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July 2025							
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1 INSET DAY IS STILL TO BE SET FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

	Bank Holidays
	School Closed – Inset Days
	School Holidays





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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Our Aigburth Road Shop is **RELOCATING**
- The Aigburth Shop will close on:
Wednesday 19th June at 5.00pm
- The new location for your **UNIFORM** is at **KITTED OUT WAREHOUSE & WEB CENTRE** which will open on:
Tuesday 25th June at 9.00am
5-17 Bleasdale Road Allerton, Liverpool L18 5JB
- You can call us on **0151 727 2000** or email at **info@kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk**
- You can purchase your uniform by visiting our **Trade Counter** on site or online
www.kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk



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St Finbar's
Catholic Primary School

All uniform, PE kit and accessories, can be purchased in our shop and online.



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0151 727 2000

email us at

info@kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk

We are open Monday to Saturday 9.00am to 5.00pm
(Extended opening hours during Summer Holidays)



CAR PARKING is available behind Barclays Bank on **GARTHDALE ROAD - L18 2DH**

From car head to Allerton Road, turn left walk past **ICELAND** and turn left again where you will find us.



Calling all young people and parents or carers!

Over the Summer holidays, Mersey Care's School Immunisation Team will be offering 'catch up clinics' for children and young people across Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Knowsley for any routine pre-school or school immunisations they may have missed.

The summer holidays are an ideal time for parents or carers to catch up any missed immunisations and ensure your child is fully protected before they return to school in September.

If you are unsure whether your child is up to date with all their childhood vaccinations, you can check this by contacting your GP or your local School Aged Immunisation Team on:

Liverpool Schools: 0151 295 3833

Sefton Schools: 0151 247 6130

Knowsley Schools: 0151 351 8805

St Helens Schools: 01744 415 645

Drop-in immunisation clinic will be held at:

Clinic address	Date	Time
Ashtons Green Childrens Centre, WA9 2AP	22 July 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Halewood Primary Care Resource Centre, Roseheath Drive, L26 9UH	23 July 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
St Chads Primary Care Resource Centre, St Chads Drive, L32 BRE	24 July 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Manor Farm Primary Care Resource Centre, Manor Farm Road, L36 0UB	25 July 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Ashtons Green Childrens Centre, WA9 2AP	30 July 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Childwall Fiveways Health Centre, 215 Childwall Road, L15 6UT	1 August 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Southport Health and Wellbeing Centre, Houghton Street, PR9 0PQ	1 August 2024	9.30am to 3.30pm
Mere Lane Clinic, 49-51 Mere Lane, L5 0QW	6 August 2024	9.30am to 4.00pm
Ashtons Green Childrens Centre, WA9 2AP	6 August 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Litherland Town Hall Health Centre, Hatton Hill, L21 9JN	6 August 2024	9.30am to 3.30pm
Childwall Fiveways Health Centre, 215 Childwall Road, L15 6UT	8 August 2024	9.30am to 4.00pm
Princes Park Health Centre, 9 Bentley Road, L8 0SY	10 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
Townsend Lane Neighbourhood Health Centre, 98 Townsend Lane, L6 0AY	13 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
St Chads Primary Care Resource Centre, St Chads Drive, L32 BRE	14 August 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Townsend Lane Neighbourhood Health Centre, 98 Townsend Lane, L6 0AY	15 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
Ashtons Green Childrens Centre, WA9 2AP	15 August 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Manor Farm Primary Care Resource Centre, Manor Farm Road, L36 0UB	15 August 2024	9.30am to 4.30pm
Mere Lane Clinic, 49-51 Mere Lane, L5 0QW	20 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
Millennium Centre (St Helens Walk-in Centre) WA10 1HJ	20 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
Childwall Fiveways Health Centre, 215 Childwall Road, L15 6UT	22 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
Southport Health and Wellbeing Centre, Houghton Street, PR9 0PQ	22 August 2024	9.30am to 3.30pm
South Liverpool Treatment Centre Garston, 32 Church Road, L19 2LW	24 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm
Townsend Lane Neighbourhood Health Centre, 98 Townsend Lane, L6 0AY	27 August 2024	9.30am to 4pm

As this is a drop-in clinic you will be seen in order of arrival, you may have to wait to be seen. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

If you would sooner have an appointment time, please contact your local immunisation team.



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<https://bit.ly/Mc-imms>

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick
High Park Street, Toxteth, Liverpool L8 8DX
stpatrick@rcaol.org.uk
0151 272 1463



The Sacrament of Baptism

If you have a child you would like baptised, please speak to Fr Silviu or contact the Parish office.

OLMC Tea/Coffee & Cake

Please join us after the 11.15 am Mass. Cup of tea/coffee and a slice of homemade cake £1. Every welcome.

Volunteer Your Teaching Talent: Are you a retired or part time qualified teacher? You could be part of the Cathedral's Education Service team. Come and help hundreds of school children and young people learn about this wonderful Cathedral. Please contact education@metcathedral.org.uk for further information.



School uniform sales

Aldi is offering a full school uniform set for £5 (ages 4-12), in stores only, while stocks last.

Asda: You can get £5 off when you spend £25 or more and scan a coupon in its app until 11.59pm on Sunday 14 July.

Lidl is price-matching Aldi, offering a full set for those aged 4-12 for £5 in stores only, while stocks last.

M&S: You can get 20% off online or in store, while stocks last. No voucher is needed.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.