

October 2024

As we come to the end of the first term, I would like to say a big well done to our whole St Finbar's family. The children has settled into their new year groups to very well and it is great so see good relationships forming between staff, children and parents.



GOODBYE!

On 27th September we said a fond farewell to Mr Conning, our Caretaker. Mr Conning has been our Caretaker for 22 years and was previously a pupil at St Finbar's. We are sad to see him go, however, we wish him all the very best in his new job.



**MEET &
GREET**

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the September 'Meet & Greet'. It was lovely to see you all and 'thank you' for your positive feedback.



READING

Reading is a wonderful life-skill and gift and we are passionate about reading in our school.

We would love it if you could please spend time reading with your child/ren regularly. Books, magazines, comics, e-books etc. Anything! This will create such a love of reading for pleasure which will set your child/ren up for life!



Check with your child/ren's teacher as to when school reading books are changed and for any tips as to make the experience more enjoyable for you both.

Unfortunately, many reading books are not being returned to school. For any lost reading books, you will now be charged £5.00 per book.

Parentkind (a charity that supports schools) have teamed up with **Asda**, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their '**Cashpot for Schools**' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.



Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit asda.com/cashpotforschools

OCTOBER FEAST DAY

The months of May and October are special months on the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar, dedication to the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on 7th October.

According to a Dominican tradition, in 1208 the rosary was given to St. Dominic in an apparition by the Blessed Virgin Mary in the church of Prouille, France. He used this as a 'tool' to explain the Catholic story to his congregations.



ST FINBAR'S FEAST DAY

On Wednesday 25th September we celebrated the feast day of St Finbar.



A school Mass took place for all children in Year 2 to Year 6 and we would like to thank Father Silviu, Governors and Parents for joining us.

At lunchtime, children celebrated with a lunch of stobhach (Irish Stew), colcannon (mashed potatoes), cabbage, Irish cookies and fresh fruit. Children and staff were also given a celebration cake to take home.

We would like to thank our catering team for their hard work and baking skills. A thank you also to Mrs Dowling for the cake toppers.



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.

We also have a small collection of winter coats and shoes.



In July we accumulated a large amount of lost property. If your child has misplaced something, please let the office staff know as soon as possible. On Monday 7th October, any remaining items will be donated to our Pre-Loved Uniform 'shop'.



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+.

For places in any other year group, please contact the school office and they will inform you of the correct procedure to apply for a place.

The online application portal for children starting **Reception in September 2025** is now open. Please apply on-line now. The closing date for those interested in a Reception place is **15th January 2025**. www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions

Year 6: Online application for currently Year 6 children (**Year 7 in September 2025**) is currently open. Please apply on-line now. The closing date for all application is **31st October 2024 at 11.59 pm**. www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions



ASTHMA & MEDICAL INFORMATION

We have recently sent out **Asthma Forms** and/or **Medical forms** to parent/carers whose children have asthma or a medical condition. If your child has asthma or a medical condition, confirmed by a doctor, and you have not received a form, please let us know as soon as possible.

All forms should be returned to school ASAP.



TWEETS

Following are the details of the school accounts:

@StFinbarsEYFS

@StFinbars_Y1

@StFinbars_Year2

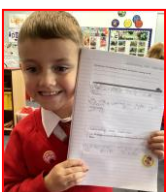
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@StFinbars_Y4_Y5

@StFinbars_Year6

School Account: @StFinbarsSch

Year 1



Mrs Flynn is so impressed with one of her little daffodils, he has worked super hard with his sentences to describe Old Bear.

We have recently received Certificates of Appreciation from the Education Endowment Foundation in appreciation of the important contribution we are making as an EEF Project Partner.


Recently we have taken part in the Mathematical Reasoning and Maths Champions funded projects.

EEF is an independent charity dedicated to breaking the link between family income and educational achievement. They do this by supporting schools, colleges, and early years settings to improve teaching and learning through better use of evidence.




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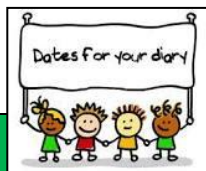
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- 2** Choose your primary school
- 3** Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4** Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5** We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.

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Selected stores. Minimum spend £20. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & Great get.com. Subject to availability. 18+ App & Opt in required.
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Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Reward T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 20/1/24.



September 2024		
27 th	Friday	Football League Commences
30 th	Monday	After School Clubs Start Year 4 & 5 Author Visit, Matthew Arnold Primary School
October 2024		
3 rd	Thursday	School Photographs
15 th	Tuesday	Parents' Evening: Details to follow
16 th	Wednesday	Parents' Evening: Details to follow
24 th	Tuesday	Nursery – Year 6: Flu Nasal Spray
25 th	Friday	Last Day of Term: Normal finishing time
31 st	Thursday	Closing date for Year 6 applications to secondary school
November 2024		
4 th	Monday	Children Return to School
5 th	Tuesday	Themed Lunch - Bonfire Bonanza: Details to follow
December 2024		
2 nd – 6 th	Monday - Friday	Book Fair: Details to follow
9 th – 12 th	Monday – Friday	After School Clubs End
12 th	Thursday	Christmas Jumper Day
20 th	Friday	Last Day of Term: School Closes at 1.30 pm

Local Authority
Academic Calendar 2024/25



September 2024							
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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



Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick
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stpatrick@rcaol.org.uk
0151 272 1463



Adult Confirmation Programme: We will soon be starting our Confirmation Programme. This will entail 7 preparation meetings to take place in Mount Carmel. If you are interested, please contact Fr Silviu or Anne in the Parish office on 0151 727 1463.

OLMC Tea/Coffee & Cake: Please join us after the 11.15 am Mass. Cup of tea/coffee and a slice of homemade cake, £1. Everyone welcome.

Mass Attendance Sheets: The attendance sheets at the back of church are for **all** parents/carers to sign each week to enable us to keep records for future reference for any faith forms for schools that we may be asked to fill in. These forms will give us an accurate record of attendance and will be kept for a minimum of 3 years.

The Sacrament of Baptism

If you have a child who you would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, please see Fr Silviu or contact Anne in the office.

Lifelong Learning, Skills & Employment Support

Families Learning Together

For Parents, Grandparents and Carers.

Dingle Children's Centre

1 - 3pm
Tues 24th September 2024

2hrs per week for 6 weeks.

Our **FREE - Families Learning Together** will give you all of the top tips, ideas for games, interesting activities & lots of useful resources.

sessions will include -

- Supporting parents with their child's development in listening, talking & playing
- Helps you develop your knowledge and understanding of Healthy Routines
- How to promote positive behavior, rewards and positive reinforcement
- Supporting your child's development in communication and language

TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE

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I WOULD LIKE TO BOOK MY FREE PLACE

NAME:.....

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EMAIL ADDRESS:.....

Free Phonics helping your child with reading

For Parents, Grandparents and Carers.

Granby Children's Centre

Monday 23rd September

9.30am - 11.30am

2hrs per week for 6weeks

Our **FREE** - **Teaching Your Child Phonics** will give you all of the top tips, ideas for games, interesting activities & lots of useful resources.



Learning Phonics - is the first step in learning to read and to improve literacy levels, giving your child a solid base to build on as they progress through school.

Skills will include -

- Recognising the sounds that each individual letter makes.
- Identifying the sounds that different combinations of letters make - such as 'sh' or 'oo'.
- Blending these sounds together from left to right to make a word.
- Children can then use this knowledge to 'decode' new words that they hear or see.

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The Liverpool ASD Training Team

Virtual group drop-in advisory sessions

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual advisory sessions via zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a group setting and who have questions or concerns about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

Dates and Times 1pm – 2.30pm

2nd October 2024

14th October 2024

Dates and Times 9.30am – 11.00am

3rd October 2024

4th October 2024

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 and Workshops