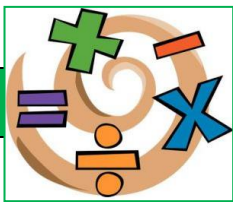


November 2024

Welcome to our November newsletter. It is hard to believe where the time has gone since September and as we race towards the Christmas break we are conscious of how busy the school gets during the festive period. Please make sure you keep up-to-date by checking your emails, taking a look at the school website and checking your child's school bag.



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. 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 our 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 these 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



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



Your child's login and password details are in their reading record. If your child does not have their log in, please email the school office Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk

PARENTS'/CARERS' EVENINGS



Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Parents'/Carers' Evenings. It was lovely to welcome you all and we hope you enjoyed hearing how your child/ren are progressing in school and discussing next steps with teachers. You said some lovely and positive things about different aspects of school life too. Thank you for your feedback.



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



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



We now have a new School Council for this academic year. The School Council is led by Miss Summers and she has already met with the children to gather their thoughts and opinions. The School Council is an important opportunity for 'Pupil Voice' in our school.

YEAR 1 ECO WARRIORS



Year 1 are up-and-coming Eco Warriors. In their quest to save the planet as part of their RE curriculum, Year 1 have been going around school and saving electricity by turning off lights left on in rooms and areas not being used. They are a force to be reckoned with! Keep up with the good work, Year 1!

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Pope Francis is very keen on doing our very best to make our world a better place. Year 2 have answered the call of Pope Francis and are going to go out in the community on Friday 25th October to do some litter picking. The children will be using litter pickers loaned to us by Liverpool City Council. Look out for photos in next month's newsletter. Well done, Year 2 for taking care of your community.



NOVEMBER FEAST DAYS

1st November – A celebration of All Saints

On All Saints's Day, Catholics celebrate all saints who are in Heaven. These include known and unknown saints.



All Saints' Day is considered a holy day of obligation, requiring Catholics to attend Mass if possible. All Saints' Day originated in May 609.

2nd November – All Souls Day

All Souls Day is an opportunity for Roman Catholics and Anglo-Catholic churches to commemorate the faithful departed. Today the Church commemorates the souls of all the baptised who have died.



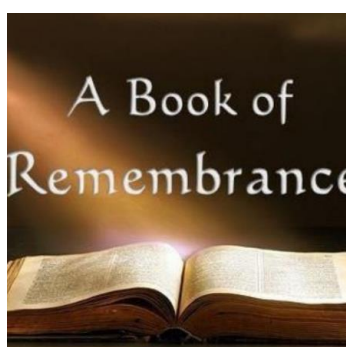
THE GOLDEN BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Golden Book of Remembrance contains all of the names of people whom we love and have died. Their names are recorded with a little message to celebrate and remember them. Some of you may be familiar with the "Golden Book" at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in the city centre.

During November, the month of All Souls, it is a Church tradition that we pray for all those who have died.

We have our St. Finbar's Golden Book of Remembrance which will be on display at Reception. Anyone can write in it, asking for a loved one to be remembered in our prayers and during times of worship.

This is something we will make available all year and continue to celebrate.



AUTHOR VISITS'

On 26th September the author, Zoe Antoniadis visited school and shared her series of texts with the school. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to different sections of each text and asked some great questions.



Year 4 & 5 went to visit Matthew Arnold Primary School to take part in their author visit. They met the author, Justyn Edwards, and had a chance to see him complete some amazing magic tricks! They heard extracts from his book 'The Great Fox Illusion' and were able to ask him questions about being an author and how he came up with ideas for his stories.



Key Stage 2 met the author, Rab Ferguson on Monday 14th October. Rab is the author of the award-winning 'The Late Crew', a series around young carers meeting aliens!

Rab helped the children make up aliens on his visit and also read out extracts from his books. Children had a brilliant time.





Some of our Year 6 pupils helped Miss Williams prepare and make a soup to sell to the staff. The staff thought the soup was delicious and complimented the children on their soup making skills. We were able to donate £45 to CAFOD. Next half-term each class will be fund-raising so we can purchase some 'World Gifts' from CAFOD.

ST FINBAR'S FOOTBALL TEAM

Our St Finbar's football team has had a fantastic start to the Admiral school league. The team put together a perfect start playing four and winning all four games. Lots of goals have been scored in the four games and the team spirit has been nothing short of amazing!

The football team have come a long way since last season and now find themselves in a fantastic position leading into the final few weeks. If you would like to come and support our team the location is Admiral park and the kick-off times are from 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm we hope to see you there.



SINGING

Since returning back to school in September, Year 1 – Year 6 have been coming together weekly to sing. These sessions are on a Monday morning and they get our school week off to a great start. The children are learning songs from different genres. Ask them about the songs they have learnt. Even better, get your child to sing some of them!





ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

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



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.



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 **Please note, if your child attends our Nursery, you still need to apply for a Reception place.**

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

If you require assistance to complete an application form, please contact the school office (0151 727 3963) or email Finbars.rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk. Our office staff will arrange a date and time for you to come to school and complete the paperwork with you.





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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NURSERY & RECEPTION (EYFS)

OPEN AFTERNOON



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- Meet our Headteacher and experienced and dedicated EYFS team who will be ready to answer all your questions
- Useful information session
- Support with how and when to apply for our school

SCHOOL

TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
1.30 - 3.00 PM
ST FINBAR'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The poster features a colorful illustration of a school building with a red roof and blue pillars. A sign above the entrance reads 'SCHOOL'. Three children are depicted: one running on the left, and two standing on the right. The background is light blue with a string of colorful bunting at the top and a green field at the bottom. The text is arranged in a clear, bold layout, with the event details at the bottom.

If you require further information, please ask at the school office for further details.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick
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olmc@rcaolp.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.

Mount Carmel Parish Centre

If you would like to hire our function room for your event, please contact Ann Marie on 0151 727 1695.

Our ncf | cache certificated courses are aimed to support parents and carers who are looking to get back into work, or change career, that fits in with their families. Our online webinars are run with full tutor support, within term times only and within school hours, making this more accessible to learners with children.

Any parent or carer who wishes to take this opportunity has a deadline to complete their enrolment application. After they have enrolled, we will send them two initial assessments in English and Maths, which determines the level they start on (available levels 1,2 & 3). We want to ensure they have enough time to complete this, as **the deadline to enrol is by 5th November**. We start on 11th November and will be running this course for 6 weeks.

For more information please go to www.studysmartuk.online or contact the office on 07534175965.

Website: www.studysmartuk.online

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**6 Week
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Mon - Fri
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in Levels
1, 2 & 3**

*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

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	Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.