

February 2025

OUR LADY OF LOURDES – FEAST DAY 11th FEBRUARY

The story of Our Lady appearing to a young girl called Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes is well documented.

Bernadette told how she saw a lady of great beauty, dressed in a pure white robe with a blue sash, a veil over her head, a rosary clasped in her hands and yellow roses at her feet.

Bernadette's daily visits to the grotto caused quite a stir in the countryside. Crowds of people began to gather and watch Bernadette as she examined the cave and obediently did the things the lady asked of her. They watched Bernadette scrape away soil beside the grotto until a spring of water started to trickle out. Would you believe this spring still provides 27,000 gallons of water every day!

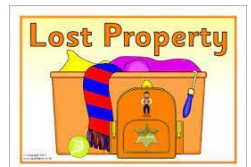


The feast day of the “beautiful lady” (Our Lady of Lourdes) on 11 February.

LABELLING UNIFORM

We would appreciate your help in making sure that your child's uniform and PE kit are clearly labelled with their name.

Bags, lunch boxes and water bottles should also be clearly marked. Thank you.



THEMED LUNCHES



Our first themed lunch of the year took place on Thursday 16th January, and it was a delicious success! Children and staff had a fantastic time building their own burgers, enjoying a variety of toppings and sides. A huge **thank you** to our wonderful catering team, who serves an impressive 120 burgers, along with baked potatoes, sides and puddings.

The celebrations continued on Wednesday 29th January, as we marked Chinese New Year with a special themed menu. Everyone enjoyed a choice of chicken curry or vegetable sweet & sour, served with rice or chips, followed by mandarin jelly or ice cream. For those with room for more, there was also fruit, cheese & crackers, and raisins on offer.

Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun – stay tuned for more exciting themed lunches throughout the year.

BIKE RIGHT

We are incredibly proud of the Year 5 & 6 children who recently took part in the Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability courses with Bike Right. Children demonstrated excellent focus, determination, and a commitment to the learning essential cycling skills.

Through the courses, they have not only improved their confidence on two wheels but also gained valuable knowledge about road safety, ensuring they can cycle safely and responsibly.

Keep pedalling and enjoy your newfound skills.



We are thrilled to introduce two new additions to our school community.

Mr R De Vaal is our new Site Manager who has replaced Mr Conning. Miss R Molloy will be working in EYFS as a 1:1.



Remember, most of our school correspondence is not sent home by email. So that all parents/carers are kept up-to-date, please let us know if you/both of you, have made any changes to your contact details, mobile details and especially email addresses. You can email the school office or call in. Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk

This also applies to the emergency contact details you have provided the school with.

Thank you.

MONERGY

On Monday 20th January, Key Stage 2 pupils had the exciting opportunity to take part in an NRG Mission Assembly followed by interactive classroom workshops. The event focused on inspiring pupils to save energy and money – what we call 'Monergy'.

This initiative was in partnership with Magic Breakfast (our breakfast provider) and Cadent.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

If you require assistance to complete a school form/school 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.





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 or school PE kit, 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.

Reception Admissions - September 2025

The online application portal is now closed for children starting Reception in September 2025. You can still apply by completing a late application.

Please contact the Local Authority admission on www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions if you require a place for your child. You can also contact the school direct who will be able to assist you.

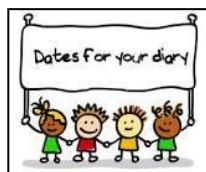
YEAR 1 STAY & LEARN: TUESDAY 21st JANUARY

Mrs Flynn and her little learners showed their 'big learners' how thoughtfully-designed activities can enrich their learning experience! Continuous provision is a fantastic way to provide children with opportunities to explore, investigate, develop their fine motor skills and build on their understanding at their own pace.

Parents & carers thoroughly enjoyed spending time learning with their child, telling us that they are looking forward to their next visit.



PIC·COLLAGE



February 2025

3 rd – 7 th	Monday – Friday	Children's Mental Health Week
7 th	Friday	NSPCC: Number Day
11 th	Tuesday	Safer Internet Day
14 th	Friday	Last Day of Term: Normal Closing Time
17 th – 21 st	Monday – Friday	Half Term
24 th	Monday	Children Return to School

March 2025

3 rd	Monday	Chick Hatching Experience: Whole School
6 th	Thursday	World Book Day: Details to Follow Themed Lunch: Details to Follow
10 th – 14 th	Monday – Friday	British Science Week
14 th	Friday	Holi Festival
24 th – 28 th	Monday – Friday	Shakespeare Week
28 th	Friday	Mother's Day Sale

Local Authority
Academic Calendar 2024/25



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1 INSET DAY IS STILL TO BE SET FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025



Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick
High Park Street, Toxteth, Liverpool L8 8DX

olmc@rcaolp.org.uk

0151 272 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.

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

First Holy Communion 2025: Will take place at OLMC on Saturday 17th May at 12 noon for St Finbar's and Holiday family children.

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.

St Patrick's Table Sale: The next sale will be on Saturday 8th February, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. Please come along, lots of bargains to be had. Refreshments available. All welcome.

Ministering Communion: The next induction course for current and for those considering becoming Minister of the Eucharist will take place as follows: Part 1 on 3rd February and Part 2 on 10th February. Both sessions will be in Mount Carmel at 7.00p m.

St Patrick First Holy Communion – WAY Programme: St Patrick's Mondays at 5.00 pm in St Patrick's Church. Please note your child must be accompanied by an adult. Unfortunately due to space, only one adult per child.

OLMC First Holy Communion – WAY Programme: OLMC Sundays at 10.15 am.

Session 4 - Sunday 9th February 2025

Session 5 - Sunday 2nd March 2025

Session 6 - Sunday 27th April 2025

Session 7 - Sunday 11th May 2025

Jack Traynor Mass: A Mass will take place at the Cathedral on Tuesday 18th February at 7.00 pm. The Archbishop is the principal celebrant. This Mass is to celebrate the recent acknowledgement of Jack's cure whilst in Lourdes on pilgrimage.

Jack was born in Liverpool and attended St Patrick's Primary School. He left school to become a sailor in the merchant marine. In 1907, he became a stoker in the Royal Navy Reserve, joining the regular Navy at the start of World War 1. Jack was wounded near Bruges on 8th October 1914, but recovered. He was hit by machine gun fire on 8th May 1915 in the Gallipoli campaign, losing the use of his right arm and began to suffer from epilepsy. In April 1920, a surgeon in Liverpool attempted to cure the epilepsy by trepanning, an operation that was reported to have resulted in the partial paralysis of both legs.

In April 1920, Jack travelled to Lourdes with a group of pilgrims from Liverpool, dipping in the baths nine times. Whilst there, he is said to have been cured.

Upon his return to Liverpool, a crowd has assembled at Lime Street station to greet his arrival. He started a coal delivery business and returned to Lourdes as a stretcher bearer. Despite the story he is not listed among the verified Lourdes cures. Believers in Lourdes have identified him at the closest British/Irish invalid has every gotten to being officially pronounced a Lourdes miracle.

Adult Learning Services/Liverpool City Council are offering volunteers, parents/carers & staff free courses. Please contact Adult Learning Services for further information.



Course Information Sheet

Preparing to Work in Schools - L1 Award**

*This course maybe Free if you are in receipt of certain benefits or earning less than £33,958. (This is explained in the How to Pay section on our website)

Course Information:

- You will learn about how to prepare for further learning and training, whilst developing an understanding of the teaching and learning environment in a school setting, how to support the well-being of a child or young person and child, and young person development.
- There will be a mixture of tutor demonstrations, class activities, working in groups and as individuals.
- Most courses will have some distance online learning, so a laptop/tablet/smartphone and internet access will be needed to study. You can discuss this when you enrol. We may be able to help.
- You will need basic digital skills to work online
- You will need to keep your work organised in a file
- To enrol you must complete an initial assessment and pass at Entry 3 or above.
- You do not need to be working or undertaking practical placements to enrol on this course.

What Could this course lead to?

- When you have successfully completed this course, you may be able to progress onto L2 Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools and Colleges or another course with the Adult Learning Service (ALS)

How do I join?

- Please complete the enquiry form on our website and a member of staff will be in touch with you
- <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/>

For further information contact: **Granby 0151 233 2400 Newsham 0151 233 1809 Norris Green 0151 233 8530 Park Road 0151 233 2430**



Course Information Sheet

Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (STLS) - L2 Certificate**

*This course maybe Free if you are in receipt of certain benefits or earning less than £33,958. (This is explained in the How to Pay section on our website)

Course Information:

- You will learn about the knowledge and skills needed when working directly with children and young people in school or college environments. Including children and young people's development, supporting children and young people's positive behaviour and communication and professional relationships
- There will be a mixture of tutor demonstrations, class activities, working in groups and as individuals.
- Most courses will have some distance online learning, so a laptop/tablet/smartphone and internet access will be needed to study. You can discuss this when you enrol. We may be able to help.
- You will need basic digital skills to work online
- You will need to keep your work organised in a file
- To enrol you must complete an initial assessment and pass at Level 1 or above.
- You will need to be working or volunteering for one day a week for the duration of the course in a school or college, to demonstrate competence in both skills and knowledge. Learners must organise their own placement.

What Could this course lead to?

- When you have successfully completed this course, you may be able to progress onto a L3 Diploma Supporting Teaching & Learning or progress onto another course with the Adult Learning Service (ALS)
- Or employment in a school or college

Adult Learning Services/Liverpool City Council are offering volunteers, parents/carers the Maths and Literacy Courses in School. Please contact the school officer if you are interested. Dates and times to be arranged.



Course Information Sheet

Free 6-week course
2 hours per week

Helping Your Child with Maths

Course information

The aim of this course is to help you become more confident in your everyday maths and help your child with their maths homework. You will be provided with top tips, ideas for games, interesting activities and lots of useful resources.

The course content will focus upon:

- Place value
- Number patterns
- Ordering numbers
- Less than and greater than
- Writing numbers in words
- Addition and subtraction methods
- Multiplication and division methods
- Solving word problems and reasoning

What this course could lead to

You may be able to progress to entry level 3, level 1 or level 2 Functional Maths course with the Adult Learning Service.

How to join?

In the first instance, please contact the school office (Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk) to register your interest



Course Information Sheet

Free 6-week course
2 hours a week

Supporting your child with Literacy - Phonics

Course information

This course is designed to support parents and carers to make the most of the learning opportunities in everyday life and in supporting their child's literacy. This will include:

- Recognising sounds each individual letter makes.
- Blending sounds.
- Phonic awareness phase 1-5.
- Word reading and decoding.
- Storytelling and reading for enjoyment.
- Spelling - word specific memory.
- Writing – letter formation

What this course could lead to

- Upon successful completion of this course, there is an opportunity for you to sign up for another course with the Adult Learning Service

How to join?

In the first instance, please contact the school office (Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk) to register your interest

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2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**

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We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. Teaching Assistants, SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

These are 6 week courses, full time, intensive courses, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.
If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



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The course will consist of hybrid learning: 2x days classroom delivery and 3x days learning from the comfort of your own home. The face to face education be delivered at the following venue:

The Liner Hotel
Lord Nelson Street
Liverpool
L3 5QB

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

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