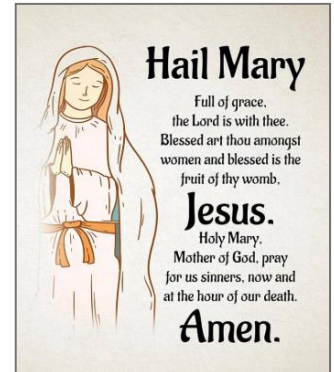


Newsletter

April 2025

May is known as the Month of Mary in the Catholic Church, a time when we honour the mother of Jesus through prayer, reflection and acts of kindness.

May is also a time to remember that Mary is a role model of love, faith and service to others. As a school family, we are encouraged to reflect on how we can live out these virtues in our daily lives – showing love and compassion to those around us, just as Mary did.



EASTER

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent in the Christian calendar, a time for reflection, prayer and self-discipline. We, once again, had the privilege of gathering together to observe this sacred day, as Father Silviu visited our school to bless the ashes for all students and staff.

On Ash Wednesday, Christians around the world come together to receive ashes on their foreheads as a symbol of humility, repentance and our mortality. Father Silviu led our school family in a ceremony, where some pupils and staff received a cross of ashes on their forehead.



Ash Wednesday



WORLD
BOOK
DAY

6 MARCH 2025

We love to read!



World Book Day on Thursday 6th March was a fantastic celebration of reading at our school. Both children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters or wore comfy lounge wear. The day was filled with exciting activities designed to inspire and nurture the love of reading.

To make the day even more special, we enjoyed a themed lunch with dishes named after famous books e.g. James and the Giant Pizza, Ratatouille, A Very Hungry Caterpillar.



The event raised £117.52 and will go towards replacing outside play equipment.

£166.00 was raised from the sale of dressing up costumes.

Thank you for your support.

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!

PACKED LUNCHES



As you are aware, as part of our ongoing efforts to promote responsibility and reduce waste, all contents of your child's lunch bag - including any leftover food, wrappers, and containers – will remain in your child's lunch bag and taken home at the end of the day.

This change has already helped us maintain a cleaner, more organised school environment. Feedback has been positive as it allows parents/carers to monitor their child's food consumption.

Children recreating the crucifixion during Breakfast Club on Tuesday 25th March.

ATTENDANCE

As we go into the third and final term of this academic year, the whole school attendance (Nursery to Year 6) stands at 92.32%.

The attendance % from the Government should be at least 97%. As you can see we are nearly 5% below. When children do not attend school they lose out on learning and friendship opportunities. Let us all make a big effort this coming summer term with attendance and improve the school's current attendance percentage.



EASTER SERVICE



Friday 4th April is our final day of the Spring term and children, from Reception to Year 6, will be taking part in our Easter Service.

The Easter Service starts at 9.15 am in the upper hall. All parents/carers are welcome to join us.

MOTHER'S DAY SALE



On Friday 28th March, the children will be able to purchase an item to give to their important female, in their life e.g. Mum, Nan, Aunty, Sister etc. The items range in price from 50p to £1.



During LENT our children are busy fund-raising in their classes. Please support us and your children in whatever they are doing in their classes.

These fund-raising opportunities help the children understand the importance of helping other when the money collected is donated to a charity.





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

<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

SUMMER UNIFORM



The 'summer' school uniform can be worn from Tuesday 22nd April. The 'summer' uniform gives your child the additional option to wear shorts or a red and white check dress.

We have lots of 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) with your requests (e.g. item, sizes etc) and we will see what is available and get it ready for you to collect.



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.



The 2025 Jubilee is centered on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision".

BOOKING APPOINTMENTS

There are times during a child's school career when parents/carers may need to speak to a member of staff regarding a query or concern. Staff members are always only-too-willing to have these conversations. The majority of these conversations are informal; taking place at the end of the school day. Very rarely do parents/carers request a more formal meeting.

If you need to speak to a member of staff over a query/concern in a more formal way you will be asked the reason for it and to give a little more detail. Such topics of conversation may include:


- SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability)
- Attendance
- Learning (including homework, reading, spellings etc)
- Behaviour
- Safeguarding
- Curriculum (including withdrawal from some aspects)
- Assessment (will my child be sitting tests etc.)
- Other (anything not covered above)



By giving us this information we can then arrange an appointment for you with the most appropriate member of staff. Meetings will be arranged for mutually-convenient times for all involved. Meetings will not be arranged for longer than 20 minutes.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit our school website regularly for important updates, event calendars, school policies and helpful resources. It is a good way to stay informed about what is happening in our school community.

 St Finbar's Catholic Primary School
<https://www.st-finbars.co.uk>

[St Finbar's Catholic Primary School: Home](#)

Welcome to the website of St Finbar's Catholic Primary School. Our Mission Statement: In God's love we learn and grow together.

<https://www.st-finbars.co.uk/>

MOBILE PHONES

Children should only bring their mobile phones into school if they are walking to or from school alone and they need to have them in case of an emergency.

If you wish your child to bring their mobile phone to school, please write to or email Mrs Conley, Headteacher, requesting permission for them to do so.

Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk

Phones must be switched off on entering the school and they will be kept securely in the school office for the duration of the day.

Please note that school is not insured for any child's mobile phone.



CHICK HATCHING EXPERIENCE



Our exciting Chick Hatching experience began on Monday 17th March. Our children eagerly watched as the eggs began to hatch, learning first-hand about the chickens.

Our children were fascinated by the tiny chicks as they started to break free from their shells. We cannot wait to see the little ones grow and continues this wonderful hands-on learning adventure.

Thank you to all parents/carers who donated to our School Fund over the Christmas season as these contributions have helped pay for this lovely experience for our children.



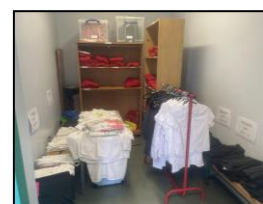
COSTCO

Prior to half term, staff had a visit from COSTCO who left us with some lovely books for our school library.



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 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.



TOP ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN:

Help your child build smart online habits with these key tips:

- **Check privacy settings** – Only friends should see their posts.
- **Never share personal details** – No addresses, phone numbers, or school names.
- **Use strong passwords** – Mix letters, numbers, and symbols.
- **Only accept real friends** – Don't add strangers online.
- **Think before posting** – Photos and comments stay online forever.



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 must now complete 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.

St Finbar's
Catholic Primary School

Easter Raffle

In aid of School Fund/CAFOD

Easter Basket to be won



*Raffle tickets are £1 a ticket.
Tickets to be purchased in class or from the school
office.*

Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 3rd April.



| March 2025 | | |
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| 28 th | Friday | Mother's Day Sale: Whole School |
| April 2025 | | |
| 1 st | Tuesday | Year 4 Multiplication Check Meeting @ 3.30 pm |
| 3 rd | Thursday | Easter Raffle Draw |
| 4 th | Friday | Easter Service. Parents & Carers invited. 9.15 am. Reception to Year 6 children will be taking part Easter Bonnet Parade: Whole School Last Day of Term: School closes for children at 2.00 pm |
| 7 th – 21 st | Monday - Monday | Easter Holiday: School Closed |
| 22 nd | Tuesday | Children Return to School |
| 23 rd | Wednesday | No Pen Day |
| | | Year 2 SAT's Meeting @ 2.50 pm |
| 30 th | Wednesday | Year 6 SATs Meeting @ 2.50 pm |
| May 2025 | | |
| 5 th | Monday | Bank Holiday: School Closed |
| 15 th | Thursday | Themed Lunch: Chippy Tea Day: Details to follow |
| 12 th – 15 th | Monday – Thursday | Year 2 SATs |
| 12 th – 16 th | Monday – Friday | Year 6 SATs |
| 19 th – 23 rd | Monday – Friday | Year 2 SATs |
| 26 th – 30 th | Monday - Friday | Spring Break: School Closed |
| June 2025 | | |
| 2 nd | Monday | Children Return to School |
| 9 th – 13 th | Monday – Friday | Book Fair: Details to follow |
| July 2025 | | |
| 2 nd | Wednesday | Year 6 Transition Day |
| 10 th | Thursday | Y5 visit Kings Leadership: Details to follow |
| 18 th | Friday | Last Day of Term for Children |



Local Authority
Academic Calendar 2024/25

| September 2024 | | | | | | | |
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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@caolp.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 Holy 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 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 6 - Sunday 27th April 2025

Session 7 - Sunday 11th May 2025

Early Years Bootcamp

Early Years Staff Urgently Needed!



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Free DBS check provided upon successful interview

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in Levels
1, 2 & 3**

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information.



**6 Week
Course
Mon - Fri**

Daily sessions

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am

2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

www.studysmartuk.online

We have fully funded **Online School Support** courses available in both levels 1, 2 & 3; **AND** our **NEW** hybrid level 3 **Early Years Bootcamp** course, with job interviews available at the end of the course.

We have specifically designed our courses to aid parents with their learning, as our live webinars and face-to-face learning sessions are run within school hours and within term times **ONLY**. This allows parents and carers to fit their learning in with school drop off and collection.

We now have **EXTRA spaces available** for our next course:

- Our Online **ONLY** School Support Course starts on **22nd April** (after the Easter school holidays).
- Our Level 3 Early Years Bootcamp (hybrid course) starts on **24th March!**

Places are limited and will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

Our Website: www.studysmartuk.online

Facebook Page: @studysmartUK

Direct Link: <https://www.facebook.com/studysmartUK/>



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- Financial assistance for energy debt



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Email: cmb.advicecentre@yesenergysolutions.co.uk



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- Our YES Advice Line has been set up, through energy company obligatory funding, to help people make their bills more affordable.
- We give free advice on reducing energy use and help people to access free funding for home upgrades.
- We can also help with advice on accessing the right benefits and grants and support you if you are in debt to your energy company.



Energy Support Fund Now Open!

If you're struggling with energy debt we may be able to support you with fuel vouchers, direct payments to suppliers or alternative fuel payments.

Call us on 03330 149 466 to see if we can help.

Call: 03330 149 466 (lines open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm)

Text: 'ADVICE CMB' to 82228

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Spring 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Schools can now buy a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday
24th April
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



Responding to Angry Behaviour

What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday
18th March
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Anxiety Explained

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.
This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Thursday
3rd April
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
3rd April
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Improving Family Communication

How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.



Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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| Anxiety Explained | 18 MAR 7pm |
| What is ACT? | 20 Mar 7pm |
| Understanding the Teenage Brain | 24 MAR 10am |
| Supporting Healthy Sleep | 24 MAR 7pm |
| Decreasing Depression | 25 MAR 10am |
| Raising Self-Esteem | 25 MAR 7pm |
| AUTISM: Improving Communication | 2 APR 10am |
| Supporting a Child with ADHD | 3 APR 10am |
| Improving Family Communication | 3 APR 7pm |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use | 7 APR 10am |
| Facing Defiance | 7 APR 7pm |
| Anxiety-Based School Avoidance | 8 APR 10AM |
| Understanding Anger | 8 APR 7pm |
| Anxiety Explained | 14 APR 10am |
| Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness | 14 APR 7pm |

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