



St Austin's  
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## NEWSLETTER

27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Parish - Holy Communion Meetings** - Our first Holy Communion meeting for parents was earlier this week. At this meeting important dates and information regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) and Holy Communion was received by parents. Please attend all scheduled meetings at Church to ensure your child makes their First Holy Communion.

**Congratulations Mrs Foster**- who is currently on maternity leave after giving birth to a beautiful baby girl, Ferne. We are sending our best wishes to you and the family.

**Culture Week** - We are looking forward to the start of our "Culture Week", beginning on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Activities include European Day of Languages, food tasting from around the world, international music and dance, Big History workshops, finishing with a visit from the Poet Dominic Berry, aka Dommy B to deliver assemblies to key stage 1 and 2, and take some workshops across the school. Look out for more information and photos of year group activities on Instagram.

**Breakfast and After School Club** – We would like to welcome Miss Forsey to the after school club, she is the new after school club lead, and also a midday supervisor. Having had these roles in another primary school in South Liverpool we look forward to sharing ideas about our club.

Can we remind parents/carers that your child should attend only on the days you have specified in your contract, as these are the days you will be charged for, **whether they attend or not**. Amendments to this can only be made in exceptional circumstances, and must be agreed through the school office first. A change in day will result in a change to the staff ratio, which we may not always be able to accommodate.

**Welcome assembly** – We will be inviting all new reception parents/carers to our welcome assembly on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am here in school. Our year 2 children will prepare invitations, prayers and songs to share with our newest members of the school community. We hope our new parents/carers can attend. Further information will follow.

**Admissions September 2025** – If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 they will be due to start reception class next year. The deadline for submitting your application forms to both the Local Authority and our school is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. We will be holding 4 meetings, for parents/carers to visit the school and collect all the relevant forms. For details about the admissions process please see the Local Authority link [Liverpool City Council Admissions](#)

There will be a maximum of 2 adults per child allowed to attend, and **strictly no children are allowed on this occasion**. You **must** book a place at one of these meetings via our school office on 0151 427 1800 or email [enquiries@st-austins.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-austins.co.uk)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am – 10.15am Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am – 10.15am  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am – 10.15am Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January – 4.30pm – 5.30pm

If you already have children in our school, you do not need to attend the meetings, you can collect the relevant form at the school office or email [enquiries@st-austins.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-austins.co.uk) to request a form electronically. There is a maximum of 30 adults per meeting. You will be shown around the school by our year 6 children.

**Year 7 Secondary school applications** – A reminder to all parents/carers of children in year 6 to check their preferred secondary school websites for information about their admissions process including entrance exams into year 7 for September 2025. The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

**Attendance** - since returning from the summer holidays we have had fantastic attendance right across the school, exceeding our target each week. This is a wonderful start to the school year. A kind reminder that school starts at 8.55am and all pupils must be registered by this time. Thank you for your support.

**Rainbows** - in the next couple of weeks we will be starting up our Rainbows intervention. This is an intervention we deliver for our children who have experienced loss and/or separation within the family.



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If your child has not already had this support and you feel that they would benefit from it please email the school office.

**Parent code of conduct** – Can we remind parents/carers about inappropriate language being used on the school premises in front of adults and children, who may find this offensive. Please do not approach other parents/carers on the playground regarding any incidents that have occurred in school. You should approach your child's class teacher in the first instance. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Medical records** – If your child's medical details have changed recently, can you please email [enquiries@st-austins.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-austins.co.uk) to confirm the changes. This is needed to ensure we keep our pupil medical records up to date.

**Healthy Schools** - We would like to remind you that St Austin's is a Healthy School. It is very important to have a healthy packed lunch each day and a healthy snack.

**Uniform** – A reminder that all uniforms should be labelled with your child's name. It is very difficult to identify missing items, especially school tracksuits. We have a lost property box in the office reception area, so if you are missing any items please do call in to have a look. If there are no names in the clothing, you are welcome to take what you need. Thanks for your cooperation.

**School Tracksuits** – We currently have stock of tracksuits in sizes 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12. Unfortunately, the delivery of age 5-6 and age 13 upwards has been delayed, and will be some time arriving at school. In the meantime, if you wish for your child to come into school on PE days in a tracksuit, this can be navy blue, plain, and with no logos. They should still wear their black shorts and white t-shirt underneath.

**School App (PARENTAPP)** Please ensure you have access to our school APP. Only one parent receives the initial registration invitation, then you can add additional contacts via the profile tab on the main page. If you need assistance gaining access to the APP please see our office staff who will be happy to assist. This process reduces the amount of paper and supports our environment.

**Liverpool Schools Cross Country** - The first race of the Liverpool and District Primary Schools' Cross-Country League was held at Croxteth Park on 19th September. The sun was shining brightly for the children however, the competition was tough being the first one of the season. St Austin's year 5 & 6 children did us proud securing 7 places in the first 50.

**Community Police Tommy Highton** – it is sadness that we inform our school community of the passing of our local Community Officer, Tommy. He has been a great asset to our school, and will be sadly missed. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**Congratulations** - Well done to all our new maths champs, reading, Spanish and RE ambassadors, school councillors and our Year 6 House Captains and Caretaker Crew. We hope you are ready for the different challenges your new role brings.

Thank you for your continued support and have an enjoyable weekend.

Kindest regards,

Colette Hickey  
Headteacher



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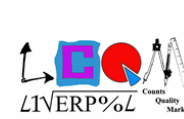
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### Dates for the diary

- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct - Feast of St Wilfrid
- 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Autumn Open Night
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - INSET Day (school closed to all pupils)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov - Anti-bullying week
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - SAPTA Christmas Fair
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Infant Christmas Play
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Infant Christmas Play
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Pupils Christmas Dinner
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - SAPTA Christmas Party / Christmas Jumper Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - End of term – school closes at 2.15pm



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