

ST. LEO'S AND SOUTHMEAD CATHOLIC NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Newsletter

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Welcome to our latest newsletter. As we approach the end of this half term, there is a lot of information to share with parents. Please take the time to read this information so that you are aware of what is going to be happening in school for the final half term of the year.

Attendance

Our school target is 97% for the year. We need all classes to be above this target each week in order for us to exceed our annual target. Below are the current attendance figures for each class from September.

Cohort	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	School Average
Class %	94.29%	93.94%	94.34%	93.21%	94.03%	95.51%	91.96%	93.9%

As you can see, all classes are below our target and sadly it looks like we will not meet our whole school target this year. However, we still need to work hard to get this as high as we can and to be above local and National attendance rates. We really need parents to support us with this when we return after the half term.

Changes to Breakfast and After School Charges - September 2024

Due to the increases in outgoings this year, we unfortunately have to increase the cost of breakfast and after school clubs from **September 2024**. The new costs will be:

Breakfast Club: £8 per week

After School Club: £6 per day

We have compared our prices to other providers in the local area and we are still charging significantly less than those we have looked at. I have also had the prices from many other Knowsley schools and we are definitely charging less than most of these too. I appreciate that times are difficult which is why we have kept our prices as low as we possibly can, this is also the first time we have increased prices since starting after school club in 2020.

Absence Procedures from September 2024

From September 2024, we will be issuing fines for any child who has more than 10 unauthorised absences (5 days as we have 2 sessions per day) from school in a 10 week period. We will only be able to authorise a medical absence with evidence from a doctor, chemist or medical centre.

The fine will be £80 per child per parent. This is a new legal requirement from September 2024 for all schools, therefore we have no choice but to issue the fines. I will post more about this at the end of the school year and again in September.

Ambition Week

This week we have had visitors from many different professions visiting the school and meeting with all children in all classes. We have had sports coaches, NHS staff, fire crew, police, engineers, beauticians, army personnel, ship's captain, hospitality hosts and even an ex LFC goalie! I would like to thank everybody who has given their time up this week to introduce our children to a wealth of professions that they can aspire to be part of in the future! Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Smith for once again organising such a wonderful week for our children to enjoy!

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 10th June: Return to School
Monday 10th June PM: Half of Year 6 visit Crucial Crew (St Helens Army Barracks)
Wednesday 11th June AM: Half of Year 6 visit Crucial Crew (St Helens Army Barracks)
Wednesday 12th June: Phonics Screening Test for Y1
Thursday 13th June: Phonics Screening Test for Year 1
Thursday 13th June: Theatre Trip for Eco Warriors, PLT, Head Boy and Head Girl
Friday 14th June 9am: September 2024 Reception Class intake meeting
Monday 14th June: Year 4 begin 2 weeks of swimming
Tuesday 18th June: Anthony Walker Foundation to work with KS2 children in school
Wednesday 19th June: Year 6 travel to London for 3 day residential
Tuesday 26th June: SEND Reviews (invites to be sent to parents)
Wednesday 27th June: SEND reviews (invites to be sent to parents)
Friday 28th June: Whole School 'Discothon.'
Tuesday 2nd July: Transition day for children to meet teachers for next year
Friday 5th July: Sports Day, parents invited (times to be arranged)
Friday 12th July: End of Year Reports sent home
Friday 12th July PM: Year 6 Prom
Monday 15th July: 'Our Day Out' - Reception to Year 6 day out to Formby Beach
Tuesday 16th July 2pm: Y6 Leavers Collective Worship, parents invited
Wednesday 17th July: Paris Olympics 2024 Summer Fun Day
Thursday 18th July AM: Nursery Graduation
Thursday 18th July: Picnic Day and Ice Cream Van visit
Thursday 18th July: Nursery finish for Summer
Friday 19th July: 10am End of Year celebration assembly
Friday 19th July: Finish for summer at 1.15PM

Thinking about Scripture

As we prepare for half term, we all have an opportunity to make wonderful memories with our families, please make the most of your time together and cherish the wonderful things you are able to do together!

“Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.”

Have a lovely Half Term, and we will see you all on Monday 10th June