



LFC Visit

Last week, we had the pleasure of visiting LFC's training ground, where our pupils took part in the filming of an LFC/AXA YouTube programme called *Player Portraits*. The children had the incredible opportunity to meet several superstars from both the men's and women's teams.

However, the real stars of the day were our children, and everyone on set agreed! They were outstanding throughout, and we are extremely proud of them. It was a fantastic experience, and we are very grateful to Carmel at LFC for choosing our school to be involved. The episode is due to air in January.

The following is an email that we received from Carmel Carey-Shields from the LFC Foundation:

Good afternoon, Stuart!

Wow what a day on Thursday! Thanks so much for enabling it to happen ; I realise it took some organising with staff and parents etc, so thank you! The pupils were exemplary and all credit to them, their families, and your school for ensuring they grow into such polite and delightful little people! I am sure the players enjoyed the session as much as we did, no little thanks to the repartee and artistic critique from Arlo and Roman!

Miss Mullally, the reception pupils were too adorable on Friday and are literally charming everyone who encounters them; even the security team on the door! I hope they are benefiting as much as the Year 12 students, who are gaining confidence and showing maturity.

I have a treasure trove of pictures which I will organise this week, into a PowerPoint for you to show and share with staff and pupils.

Speak soon
Carmel



Reverse Advent Calendar

This year we continue to support our local community by doing a 'Reverse ADVENT calendar', which focuses on giving rather than receiving.

We are asking that families donate non-perishable food and toiletries items that will then be passed to our local food bank to support our local community. Each child will be allocated a day during December to bring in their item. Below is a list of suitable items. At the end of the term the donated food will then be delivered to St Andrew's Community Network and North Liverpool Foodbanks.

Below are some suggestions: Tinned vegetables/fruit, Rice, Fruit Juice,, Coffee/tea, Curry and pasta sauce, Sugar, Custard, Cup a soups, Noodles, Jam, Toiletries. Thank you for your continued support.

Headteacher's Award

Grace Phennah
Rosie Jones



Andy's Anti-Social Behaviour Group

Last week marked our final session with Andy. Throughout the programme, the children have been learning about anti-social behaviour and exploring what they can do to tackle the issues they believe have the biggest impact. Over the coming months, our newly formed group will begin working on projects to address some of these concerns within our community. The programme aims to give young people a voice and empower them to make a real difference.



Punctuality

We are placing a strong focus on attendance and punctuality this term. Being on time is vital to ensure that children start their day calmly, confidently, and ready to learn at their very best.

Morning registration closes at 9:30am. Any child arriving after this time will not receive their morning mark. Children learn most effectively in the morning, when they are fresh and focused. Arriving late means missing valuable teaching time and important routines that set the tone for the day. To support this, we will be making phone calls home if children arrive late, as part of our commitment to working together to improve punctuality.

We ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time every day. Together, we can make sure they don't miss out on the vital learning opportunities that shape their future success.

Colder Weather

As the colder weather sets in, we'd like to remind you that children should come to school dressed warmly each day. A warm coat, hat, scarf, and gloves are essential, and please ensure that all items are clearly named.

As part of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) program, children spend time playing outside in all kinds of weather. Having the right clothing helps them stay comfortable and enjoy their play safely. Thank you for your support in helping us make outdoor play a positive experience for every child.

Christmas Choir

Our KS2 choir had a truly magical day in St Paul's Square as they joined the annual Christmas carolling for *An Hour for Others*, beginning with a lovely lunch before stepping out to fill the square with joyful songs that brought smiles to passers-by and spread festive cheer; their voices rang out beautifully, capturing the spirit of the season, and afterwards the children were treated to hot chocolate and churros from Bean before enjoying a special surprise donut-decorating activity organised by the St Paul's Square committee! The whole experience was a wonderful blend of music, community, and Christmas joy that left both singers and listeners glowing with holiday spirit.



Allergies

I'd like to remind everyone of our commitment to keeping All Saints Catholic Primary School a safe and inclusive environment for all children. We have several pupils with severe nut allergies, and for their safety, we must ensure that no products containing nuts are brought into school.

Please be vigilant when preparing packed lunches and snacks, checking ingredient labels carefully to avoid items such as peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars with nuts, and other nut-based products. Even trace amounts can pose a serious risk.

Your support in this matter is deeply appreciated and helps us protect the health and wellbeing of every child in our care. Thank you for working with us to keep our school community safe.

Liverpool Libraries Information

Liverpool's libraries are offering free books to young children this Christmas as part of a wider programme of festive events. Any child under the age of five who joins the library between 1 December 2025 and Christmas Eve will receive a free book bag containing a specially chosen book. This offer is available across all of Liverpool City Council's 13 branch libraries, as well as Liverpool Central Library in the City Centre. More information on locations and opening times can be found here: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/libraries/branch-libraries/>

Liverpool Central Library is also hosting a range of free events aimed at children and families throughout December.

Story Time – Term Time Discover

This weekly Story Time (term time only) is particularly suitable for children under the age of five, although children of all ages are welcome. Sing along and join in with the actions to well-known children's songs and nursery rhymes and enjoy different stories and rhymes each week. Every Tuesday from 12pm to 12.30pm

Ho Ho Ho! – Christmas Crafts for Kids

Every Thursday from 27 November to 18 December, from 12pm to 1pm

A Christmas Carol

A comical version of Dickens' classic tale, performed by Booster Cushion Theatre. The performance features a large pop-up book, audience participation, humbugs and snow and is created using mime, voice, and sign language. Suitable for all ages from five to adult. Saturday 6 December at 1pm

Matilda Chair

A rare opportunity to sit in Miss Trunchbull's chair from the hit West End musical Matilda. Loaned by Liverpool Empire Theatre following the recent production, musical and literary fans can have their photograph taken with the iconic prop, which sits at 4ft wide and 12ft high and took over 200 hours to make. Available until January 2026 at any time during library opening hours.

Positive Pathways Youth Event

Activities and information marketplace for young people aged 13 to 17 years. Held in the Discover library, the event will include drug and alcohol awareness and safer sex information alongside arts and craft activities, party food, and karaoke. Friday 19 December, 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

For more information on Liverpool's libraries, how to join the library, and other upcoming events, visit: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/libraries/>



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school is delighted to be taking part in the **Big Heart Book Club Competition**, created to inspire children to develop a love of writing and reading ahead of the 2026 National Year of Reading.

Children are invited to write and submit their own stories in one of the following categories:

- Reception & Years 1 & 2
- Years 3 & 4
- Years 5 & 6

We can submit as many stories as we wish, giving us the chance to win a **brand new selection of books** for our school library.

Prizes

For one winning writer in each age category:

- A year's supply of books, delivered directly to them each month
- Their own Big Heart Bookshelf

For the winning class:

- Big Heart Book Club's Top 10 Books of the Year, selected for their themes of diversity, inclusion, peace and authentic representation.

Some of the best stories will also be published by **Big Heart Press** in early 2026.

Winners will be announced in the new year on the Big Heart Book Club Instagram account.

We encourage all families to follow: www.instagram.com/bigheartbookclub to receive updates, view shortlisted stories and see winner announcements over the festive season and into the new year.

Thank you for supporting your child's creativity and love of reading!



www.bigheartbookclub.co.uk @bigheartbookclub



Pre - Loved Books

We are currently updating our classroom libraries and would love to fill them with exciting new titles to read. If you have any of the following books in your home no longer being used, we would be very grateful if you could donate to school.

- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Dog Man
- Dork Diaries
- Investigators
- Rainbow Magic
- Captain Underpants
- Bunny V Monkey
- Cat Kid



Nativity Performances

Monday 8th December
9.30 - Group 1: R1, 1F, 2J
Tuesday 9th December
9.30 - Group 2 R2, 1S, 2B

A Gentle Reminder About Yard Time at Dismissal

We love seeing the children's excitement at the end of the school day, it's such a joyful time! To help keep that joy safe for everyone, we kindly ask parents and carers to stay close and supervise children during dismissal and collection.

Please encourage little ones to treat our yard equipment with care and respect. Sadly, a few resources have been damaged after school, and we'd never want anyone to get hurt while playing. With your support, we can make sure the yard remains a safe and happy space for all.

Thank you for helping us look after our school community, it really does make a difference!

In Harmony Sharing Sessions December 2025

Year 5 - 8th December, parents to arrive at 1:45 at the Parish Centre - 2:00pm start

Year 3 - 11th December, parents to arrive at 9:30am in the Parish Centre - 9:45am start

Year 4 - 15th December, parents to arrive at 1:45 at the parish centre - 2:00pm start



UNITY NETBALL CLUB

Unity Netball Club are looking for girls in Year 4 & 5 to join our fun, welcoming and inclusive club.

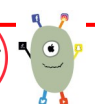


The sessions are on Wednesday's 5-6pm at Holly Lodge Girls College

Register your interest on our join us page
www.unitynetballclub/join-us



Dogs in School
Reminder that dogs are NOT allowed on the premises unless they are service/guide dogs. This includes dogs being carried.
Thank you.





Christmas Dates for your Diary 2025



Monday 8 th December	Hummingbird Christmas Stay & Play Nativity Group 1 (R1, 1F, 2J) In Harmony Sharing Sessions	9.00am 9.30am - School Hall Year 5 1.45pm - Parish Centre
Tuesday 9 th December	Hummingbird Christmas Stay & Play Nativity Group 2 (R2, 1S, 2B)	9.00am 9.30am - School Hall
Wednesday 10 th December	Advent Mass Nursery Nativity Performance Nursery Nativity Performance	9.30am Years 2 - 6 Church 9.30pm - School Hall 1.30pm - School Hall
Thursday 11 th December	Hummingbird Christmas Stay & Play In Harmony Sharing Sessions	9.00am Year 3 9.30am - Parish Centre
Friday 12 th December	Hummingbird Christmas Stay & Play	9.00am
Monday 15 th December	In Harmony Sharing Sessions	Year 4 1.45pm - Parish Centre
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day School Christmas Lunch	Children can wear a Christmas Jumper to school Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Carol Service	11.00am - EYFS/Y1/Hive - Church
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Parties	More details to follow
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Carol Service	2.00pm Year 2 - Year 6 - Church

Attendance and Punctuality

It is important that your child is on time for school each day, so that they can benefit from a full day's education. A reminder that holidays during school time are not authorised whatever the circumstances and a local authority fine will be issued. If you do take your child on holiday, please inform us before you go as it could become a safeguarding issue if we cannot contact you. Please report any absences before 9.00am via Seesaw or telephone call. If you have any difficulties getting your child to school and especially around lateness please contact Mrs Kelly. If you are taking your child out of school during the school day, you must show a letter/email/appointment card. Please do your best to make appointments outside of school hours.

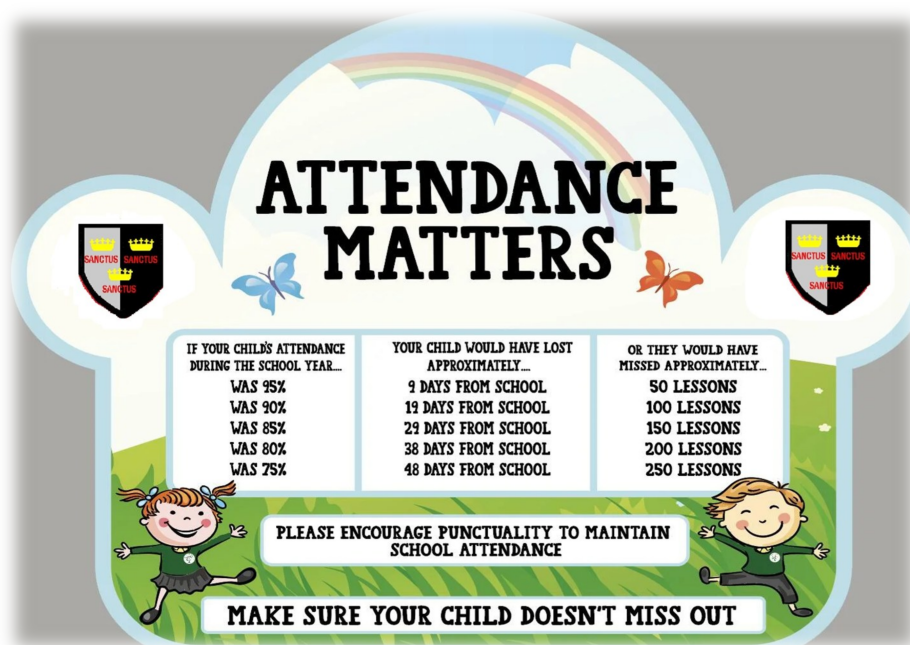
Absence Reporting - Seesaw

When reporting an absence please make sure you select both the 'Absence Reporting' and 'School Office' options as well as your class teacher. This will ensure the right staff are receiving the information needed and you are not being contacted unnecessarily. If you are sharing information regarding collection of a child or appointments they may have, please make sure you select the 'School Office' option as well as your class teacher. Thank you!

Supervision After School Hours

We would like to remind you of our after-school supervision policy to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students. Please be aware that there is no supervision available for children after the end of the school day. It is important that all children are picked up promptly at the end of their school day.

For safety reasons, any child who is not collected by 3:30pm will be placed in our Night Owls provision. This ensures that all children are supervised in a safe environment until they can be picked up. Please note that there is a £10 charge for this service, which will be billed to parents. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all children are picked up on time and that our school remains a safe and secure place for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.



Prayer and Liturgy

Second Sunday of Advent

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12

At that time John the Baptist came to the desert of Judah and started preaching. "Turn away from your sins," he said, "because the Kingdom of heaven is near!" John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about when he said: "Someone is shouting in the desert, 'Prepare a way for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!'"

John's clothes were made of camel's hair; he wore a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. People came to him from Jerusalem, from the whole province of Judea, and from all the country near the River Jordan. They confessed their sins, and he baptised them in the Jordan. When John saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to him to be baptised, he said to them, "You snakes – who told you that you could escape from the punishment God is about to send? Do those things that will show that you have turned from your sins. And don't think that you can escape punishment by saying that Abraham is your ancestor. I tell you that God can take these stones and make descendants for Abraham! The axe is ready to cut down the trees at the roots; every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown in the fire. I baptise you with water to show that you have repented, but the one who will come after me will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. He is much greater than I am; and I am not good enough even to carry his sandals. He has his winnowing shovel with him to thresh out all the grain. He will gather his wheat into his barn, but he will burn the chaff in a fire that never goes out."

This week we hear a story about John the Baptist. John told everybody that Jesus was coming and that they needed to get ready. What did you hear about John in the reading – where was he, what was he wearing, what did he eat? John warns the people coming to be baptised that they need to say sorry for the things that they have done wrong and change their lives for the better. This will help them to be ready for Jesus.

Do you think there are things in your life you could do better? Are you always helpful? Do you always share? Do you listen well to others? Do you try to cheer people up when they are sad? Do you let everyone join in your games?

Say sorry quietly to God now in prayer, for the times you have done things that you know you shouldn't have. When we say sorry, it means that we will try to do better next time. If we change our own lives for the better and try to do the right things, we can help to make the world a happier place for other people too.

John the Baptist lived at the time of Jesus. He had great faith and set an example for everyone of how to live a good life. Can you think of any other people living today or in history who showed great faith and how to live a good life?

This week, perhaps we can try to be brave like John the Baptist and speak up for what we believe in. We can say sorry when we get things wrong and we can try to do better next time.

How are you going to change your life for the better this Advent? Will you speak up when you see something that is unfair? Will you help others when they are in need? Will you share?



*God of life,
we give thanks for all those people who are kind to us.
Help us to be the best people that we can be
as we wait for the coming of your Son Jesus.
Amen.*



Stars of The Week

Ophelia - R1 - for trying so hard during our phonics lessons

Lily - R1 - for showcasing her incredible creative side during drawing club sessions

Jason - R2 - for excellent reading and writing

Haneen - R2 - for fantastic singing and dancing in the Nativity rehearsals

Ethan - 2B - for excellent work sequencing the events of the *Great Fire of London*

Hope - 2B - for fabulous work about the Advent wreath

Kimberley - 3H - for always taking care with her handwriting and presentation

Louisa - 3H - for showing great curiosity during History learning about the Bronze Age

Carmen - 3P - for fantastic work in History

Rand - 3P - for excellent work in Science

Whole Class - 4B - for outstanding behaviour and engagement during our Roman trip today

Whole Class - 4S - for outstanding behaviour and engagement during our Roman trip today

Lily G - 5F - for trying her best in Swimming

Terence - 5F - for excellent effort in Maths

Hollie - 5J - for her enthusiasm in Guided Reading

Tiarnan - 5J - for secure understanding of fractions



James - 6ST - for fantastic work describing what Danelaw was

Trudie - 6ST - for fantastic work in Maths using BODMAS

Kendall - Dragonfly Class - for putting her shoes and socks on

Noah B - Hummingbird Class - for great work at our adult led table

Billie - Mae - Firefly Class - for being incredibly mature on our cafe visit

