

All Saints Catholic Primary School

Monthly Newsletter – September 2026



Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back to All Saints! It has been a delight to see the children return with such excitement and readiness for the year ahead. As we begin this new chapter, we reaffirm our school vision: to be a community where Gospel values shape our learning, our relationships and our aspirations, and where every child is supported to flourish.

This year, we continue to strengthen our curriculum, deepen our Catholic life and create a culture where children feel proud of who they are and confident in what they can achieve. Our mission calls us to combine ambition with compassion and to set high expectations while ensuring every child feels encouraged, included and celebrated. Thank you for your ongoing support and trust. I look forward to a year filled with growth, joy and shared purpose as we work together to help our children shine.

Mrs Dunn

Allergy Safety and Birthday Treats

This academic year brings strengthened statutory allergy-safety requirements for schools. All Saints is committed to implementing these arrangements carefully so that children with allergies can participate in school life safely and confidently. As part of our school approach, please do not send cakes, sweets or other birthday treats into school for staff to distribute to children. We know that sharing a birthday treat can be a lovely tradition, so families who wish to do so may make their own arrangements once children have been dismissed back into parental care. We ask adults to be mindful that some children have serious allergies and to check with individual parents before offering food to another child. This keeps the school day and school food arrangements controlled while still allowing families to celebrate if they choose.

A Small But Important Reminder

Please never encourage children to share or swap food. If your child has an allergy or their medical needs have changed, contact the school office so that our records and healthcare arrangements remain up to date.

First Aid Course

Anfield Children's Centre on Friday 2nd October from 9.30am – 11.30am. Creche available.

Change to the School Day – Reminder

Mainstream

School gates open at 8:30am.

Registration closes at 8:45am. Children arriving after this time will receive a late mark.

The school day will finish at 3:15pm for Reception, Key Stage 1, and Key Stage 2.

Attendance & Holidays During Term Time

We understand that families value time together and that arranging holidays can sometimes be difficult. However, family holidays taken during term time will be recorded as unauthorised absence. Regular attendance is extremely important because even short periods away from school can mean children miss key teaching and learning. We therefore ask families to arrange holidays during the published school holiday periods.

Reporting Absence

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please contact the school by 8.30am by telephoning the school office and/or sending a message through the Seesaw app. Please remember that this contact must be made on each subsequent day of absence while your child remains unwell, unless a return date has already been agreed with school. This helps us keep our attendance records accurate and, most importantly, ensures we know that every child is safe and accounted for.

Parent Governor

Thank you to everyone who has already expressed an interest in joining our Governing Body and becoming our next Parent Governor! We are blessed with a wonderfully supportive community, and it is encouraging to see parents willing to contribute to the strategic life of our school.

If you are still considering the role, there is one week left to put your name forward. Expressions of interest will close next Friday, 2nd October, and once we have received all names, we will move to a ballot and election so that our parent community can vote.

The Parent Governor role is an important part of our mission at All Saints, helping to ensure that our school continues to flourish academically, spiritually and socially. If you would like to find out more or put your name forward, please contact Mrs Dunn.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support.

Parking Around Our School

- We would like to remind parents and carers of their responsibility to the safety of the whole school community and our neighbours when parking at school opening and closing times.
- Please do not park on the zig-zag markings outside the school entrance or block pedestrian crossing points indicated by dropped kerbs and yellow tactile paving. These areas must remain clear so children and families can cross safely.
- We have many pre-school-aged siblings around the school site at drop-off and pick-up times who are especially vulnerable and can easily be obscured by vehicles parked close to junctions or crossing points.
- The school works with Merseyside Police, Liverpool City Council and the Slow Down for Bobby campaign to reinforce parking and speed restrictions and to keep our community safe. Enforcement is carried out by the police and council throughout the school year.
- As a school rooted in the local community, please also help us maintain good relationships with our neighbours by not parking across driveways or restricting access to residents' homes.

Dinner Money

School dinner money must be paid one week in advance. Keeping accounts up to date helps the school manage meal arrangements effectively, and we would be grateful if families could ensure payments are made promptly.

Free School Meals

Could your family be eligible? Please check and apply. From September 2026, children in households receiving Universal Credit can qualify for benefits-based free school meals. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive universal infant free school meals, but eligible families should still make a benefits-based application because this can help the school identify entitlement to additional support.

Why does applying matter?

Some children who meet the targeted free-school-meal criteria also attract Pupil Premium funding for the school. This funding is used to improve educational outcomes and provide additional support for disadvantaged pupils. For 2026/27, the primary-age Pupil Premium rate for eligible FSM pupils is £1,550 per pupil which the school will receive. You may be eligible if your household receives Universal Credit, or certain other qualifying support such as income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, or the guarantee element of Pension Credit. If you are unsure, please contact the school office. We will be very happy to help you check the process. Applying can make a real difference for your family and, where the pupil-premium criteria are met, for the support available to children across

Looking Ahead

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a happy, ambitious and caring year together at All Saints.

September Headteachers' Award

Charlotte Bell – Firefly class
Joseph Cooil – 6ST
Winter Rose Atkins – 4S
Jason Udensi – 1S
Malia Star Ishaya – 2M
Max Timothy – Dragonfly class