

# St Aloysius Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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## Weekly Attendance

|              | Last Week | This Week |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Dublin 1     | 87.4%     | 93.9%     |
| Dublin 2     | 88.2%     | 88.2%     |
| Cardiff      | 94.3%     | 94.3%     |
| Belfast      | 94.6%     | 96.5%     |
| Edinburgh    | 80.7%     | 87.3%     |
| Rome         | 94%       | 89.3%     |
| Paris        | 95.3%     | 90%       |
| Madrid       | 86.5%     | 91%       |
| Washington   | 92.2%     | 92.2%     |
| Cairo        | 82.9%     | 87.6%     |
| Canberra     | 98.1%     | 91%       |
| Brasilia     | 95.5%     | 90.9%     |
| Whole school | 90.8%     | 91.1%     |



## Candlemas



Today we celebrated the feast of the Presentation of Jesus. It is also called the feast of Candlemas. In the gospel we hear that Jesus was recognised by Simeon and Anna in the temple as being the light of the world. We thought about how we can shine as lights in our school. In Mass today Father Ealey blessed all the candles, all the children will bring one home today for families to use when they pray together.

## Science Dress Up Day

As part of the upcoming British Science Week we will be holding a **Science Dress up day** for children on **Monday 11th March**. Children can choose to dress either as a famous scientist, a science inspired job/career or a scientific idea. There are so many ideas from a simple google search and most, if not all, can be home made or using things you already have at home. Here are some of the popular ideas: lab scientist, planet, solar system, skeleton, magnet, insect, a plant/flower, light bulb, seasons, a rainbow, light bulb, beekeeper, chef, weather, a dinosaur, shadow, waterproof clothing.

The children will be so excited and we look forward to seeing all of your costumes. We will post some pictures of ideas in upcoming newsletters and on class seesaw pages.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs Available

Monday – Basketball Club (Mersey Mavericks) – 4.15 – 5.45pm, book using the app.

Tuesday – Year 5 Art Club– 3.15 – 4.15pm

- Year 2 Art Club – 3.15 – 4.10pm

Wednesday – Basketball Club (Mersey Mavericks) 8am.

Thursday – Year 5 & 6 Girls football (external coach), 4.15 – 5.15pm (book using the app)

Friday – Guitar, 3 – 4.30pm

## High Temperatures

A high temperature (fever) is very common in young children. The temperature usually returns to normal within 1 to 4 days.

A high temperature is **38C or more**. If your child has a slight temperature but still feels okay, please send them into school. We will monitor them throughout the day or administer Calpol (with parents' permission). If necessary, we will always send a child home if their temperature does NOT go down.

## Reminder – Shoes

A reminder that children **MUST** wear black shoes only, **no trainers**. If children come into school with shoes which are **not** part of our uniform, **we will provide them with black pumps to wear in school**.

## Reminder – Ties

As per the uniform policy, please ensure that children are wearing a school tie. These can be purchased from Lisa's school wear.

## Reminder – Water Bottles

A gentle reminder that children are only allowed water in school. Please do not send them in with juice or fizzy drinks.

## Attendance

We believe that every day in school is important. Every child needs to be in school every day, arrive on time and be ready to learn. The majority of our children have good or excellent attendance and punctuality, so are given the best chance of making good progress, achieving well and establishing positive friendships. Our school target for each child's school attendance is 96%.

We do understand that sometimes children are unwell and cannot attend school. **Please telephone the school on the morning of each day of absence to give the reason. If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this will be recorded and may result in a penalty notice.** Please be aware, if you do not contact us, we will attempt to contact you. Please note that even after a reason has been given for absence, this still counts as an absence from school.

If your child's attendance is causing concern, you may be contacted by a member of staff and invited to a meeting to offer support and advice. You may receive a letter to warn you that your child's attendance is causing concern and may put you at risk of a penalty notice.

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 6th February 2024, it will be celebrated with the theme:

**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.**

## How can I get involved?

### UK Safer Internet Centre Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, help and advice and a short film to help you start a conversation with your child. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

### My child keeps asking to play a game, or download an app that I don't know about, what can I do?

The UKSIC answer this question and provide links to useful websites to help you decide what is suitable for your child:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/my-child-keeps-asking-to-play-a-game>

### Who influences your child?

An influencer is somebody prominent on social media such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account. The NSPCC have created an article detailing what you need to know about online influencers here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-05-16-the-influence-of-influencers/>

### Digital futures

As Safer internet Day is all about change, Internet Matters have published advice on new and emerging technologies:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/tech-and-kids-digital-futures/>

### Making a difference: being kind online

The BBC have curated a host of videos and articles incorporating ideas and advice to help make the online world a kinder place:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/collections/being-kind-online>

### Apple online event: Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Apple will be hosting an online event to celebrate Safer Internet Day. They will be joined by Will Gardner (from Childnet and UKSIC) who will provide an overview of the importance of Safer Internet Day and then Apple will provide a demonstration of their controls. Find out more here:

[https://events.apple.com/content/events/pst/gb/en/default.html?token=xww6uj7woR0X9A3f9q4OQk9VdH60MurN7MAvJSY75sHQxWqaTEhMJE-malXqC7MMJuZhb5cjK2\\_RsJEnGDWirXhcGlvVfbeOSca2wjYDoLAT3GkRLh-DcTmEHQI72rxQfFw&a=1&Locale=en\\_GB&l=e](https://events.apple.com/content/events/pst/gb/en/default.html?token=xww6uj7woR0X9A3f9q4OQk9VdH60MurN7MAvJSY75sHQxWqaTEhMJE-malXqC7MMJuZhb5cjK2_RsJEnGDWirXhcGlvVfbeOSca2wjYDoLAT3GkRLh-DcTmEHQI72rxQfFw&a=1&Locale=en_GB&l=e)

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## Our Week - A snapshot!

### EYFS- Nursery and Reception

This week, our Nursery children have been so busy! We received a video from Supertato asking for help to catch Evil apes and the children made wanted posters and their own Supertato characters to help him. Reception have continued to explore their focus text 'Juniper Jupiter' and have been busy writing character descriptions this week. Keep up the fantastic work, children!



### Key Stage 1 –Year 1 and 2

The KS1 children were very excited today, we had a special visit from Merseyside police. We spoke about our fingerprints and how they are unique to everybody. The children had their fingerprints taken and used magnifying glasses to investigate them. We even got to watch as a special powder was used to lift fingerprints!

### Lower Key Stage 2- Year 3 and 4

This week in our prayer and liturgy Years 3 and 4 have been looking at light. Christians believe that Jesus is the light of the world. We remembered that when we light a candle it is the most important symbol for humanity. We prayed and gave thanks for Gods help and went forth to consider how we shine. Friday is the feast of Candlemass so children designed their own candle and took it to church where Father Ealey blessed them.



### Upper Key Stage 2- Year 5 and 6

UKS2 have watched a production by Perception Theatre. It gave us lots to think about such as our moral compass and the impact of the decisions we make in our daily lives. We also had a visit from Altru Drama on Internet Safety, which gave us lots to think about. We celebrated a special 'Candlemas' Mass in church and the children made their own candles which Fr Ealey blessed. Our Bikeability children have been out in force today, learning how to use their bikes safely on roads.

## Lunch Menu – Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb                                | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb                               | Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb                             | Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb                              | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| SAUSAGE, MASH, PEAS & GRAVY                               | CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA WITH RICE                            | HAM & CHEESE PANINI WITH WEDGES                           | ROAST GAMMON WITH MASH, SEASONAL VEGETABLES & GRAVY       | HARRY RAMSDEN'S FISH FILLET, CHIPS & (MUSHY OR GARDEN PEAS) |
| JACKET POTATO (BEANS, TUNA, CHEESE OR COLESLAW)           | JACKET POTATO (BEANS, TUNA, CHEESE OR COLESLAW)           | JACKET POTATO (BEANS, TUNA, CHEESE OR COLESLAW)           | JACKET POTATO (BEANS, TUNA, CHEESE OR COLESLAW)           | JACKET POTATO (BEANS, TUNA, CHEESE OR COLESLAW)             |
| SANDWICHES WITH A CHOICE OF FILLING - HAM, TUNA OR CHEESE | SANDWICHES WITH A CHOICE OF FILLING - HAM, TUNA OR CHEESE | SANDWICHES WITH A CHOICE OF FILLING - HAM, TUNA OR CHEESE | SANDWICHES WITH A CHOICE OF FILLING - HAM, TUNA OR CHEESE | SANDWICHES WITH A CHOICE OF FILLING - HAM, TUNA OR CHEESE   |
| FROZEN YOGHURT                                            | FRUIT FLAPJACK                                            | STRAWBERRY MOUSSE                                         | JELLY & FRUIT                                             | SPONGE & ICE CREAM                                          |



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PRESENTS



## Storytellers Camp

| DATE & TIME                                  | LOCATION                                                 | ACTIVITY                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| MON 12TH - FRI 16TH FEB<br>10:00AM - 15:00PM | ST ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TWIG LANE<br>L36 2LF | SPORTS<br>DRAMA<br>ART & CRAFTS<br>OUTDOOR ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES |

Children will participate in a variety of fun activities and special prizes will be awarded for effort and enthusiasm. Each child will receive a participation certificate and 2 Children's University learning credits per day, as this fully validated Children's University Camp.  
£45 for 5 days or £10 per day  
10% OFF for siblings

For more information and to book a place please contact the school office on 0151 477 8110 / 489 5083  
Please bring a packed lunch, plenty of non-fizzy drinks, sportswear, trainers and a waterproof coat/jacket.



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## Diary Dates

### February

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – **Finish for Half Term**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>-Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Childrens University Half term Camp 10am -3.00pm £45 for 5 days or £10 per day with a discount for siblings