

St Aloysius Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term: Issue 11 – Friday 1st December 2023



Weekly Attendance

	Last Week	This Week
Dublin 1	96.1%	92.2%
Dublin 2	90.9%	90%
Cardiff	96.3%	96%
Belfast	97.9%	94.8%
Edinburgh	95.3%	96.7%
Rome	91.3%	99.3%
Paris	99.3%	95.3%
Madrid	91.9%	92.3%
Washington	96.1%	94.3%
Cairo	93.3%	84.8%
Canberra	99%	99%
Brasilia	95%	99.1%
Whole school	95.2%	94.7%

Christmas Coffee Morning

For our Christmas Coffee Morning on Monday 4th December, parents are invited to arrive at the Main Office from 9am. Please see the times below for your child's class.

9.30am – Nursery/ Year 3\4 (Rome) and Year 5

10.15am – Reception/ Year 2 and Year 6

10.45am – Year 1/ Year 3 (Paris) and Year 4

Please note that times are only an estimate.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Reminders

Hairstyles

A reminder to parents that children's hair that passes their shoulders must be tied up in school. It is also not permitted to have patterns shaved into the hair.

Breakfast & After School Club

Please note that all Breakfast and After School Club bookings, **MUST** be made using the **Parent App**. Parents **MUST** then pay using **Parent Pay**, as your child's place can be refused if there is no payment.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our Key Stage 2 New Age Kurling team, who were successful in their tournament this week and became Knowsley Champions! The children had to work as a successful team and were very encouraging to one another. Well done children!



The theme for today's assembly was St Andrew, the patron Saint of Scotland. The children learnt how he was called to be a disciple of Jesus. We also looked at how this special day is celebrated.

Prayer

Dear God.

Thank you for special days when we can celebrate the lives of special people.

Help each of us to see the special people around us - and find ways, both big and small, to celebrate those people as well. Let us try to be like St Andrew and spread the Good News about Jesus.

Amen.



“LOOK,” SAID PETER, “WE
HAVE LEFT ALL WE HAD TO
FOLLOW YOU.”

- LUKE 18:28

Surprise Visitor

Today the children were greeted at the school gate by two special visitors Elfie and Badgie.

This is the beginning of our December Attendance Initiative. Each Friday in December, all those children who have been in all week and received 100% attendance will receive a treat. This week, 258 children enjoyed chocolate biscuits. Can we beat this next Friday?



Reception Admissions 2024

It is time to apply for a school; reception class place for the September 2024 intake.

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020, now is the time to apply for a Reception Class place for September 2024.
- **There is no automatic transfer from nursery** – everyone must apply between 12 September 2023 and 15 January 2024 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Knowsley residents should apply by accessing the online application portal via the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk .
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure they have read the admission policy of each school they are considering applying for and provide all the information required to support their application. **St Aloysius requires you to fill in a supplementary faith form. Your child must be baptised before the 15th January to be classed as a baptised catholic under our admission criteria.**
- For full information about the application and allocation process and admission policies for individual schools, visit the school admission pages at www.knowsley.gov.uk and access the 'Knowsley Primary Education, Information for Parents' prospectus.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

Tel: (0151) 443 3372 / 5143 / 5142

Click on link below to take you to Knowsley admissions

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-school-admission-procedures>

**CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2024 (admission
and supplementary form)**

Our Week - A snapshot!

EYFS- Nursery and Reception

The children in EYFS have been busy exploring the world around them this week. First, we made an exciting discovery in our garden as we found that the carrots we planted had grown! The children enjoyed pulling them up, comparing sizes, washing them and even having a little taste. Growing our own food is a St Aloysius Child Passport target. The children have also had lots of fun observing the changes in weather. We talked about what we could see and hear as the children explored the frost and ice. Well done, children!



Key Stage 1 –Year 1 and 2

This week in Key Stage 1 we have started to learn about Advent. We are exploring what it is like to wait for something exciting and talked about exciting events in our lives like a new baby coming, birthdays, holidays and of course Christmas!

As part of our school celebrations, we had a movie night where we spent time with friends enjoying sweets treats and watching a Christmas pantomime version of the Nutcracker. We are looking forward to more preparations as we countdown to celebrating Jesus' birthday.



Lower Key Stage 2- Year 3 and 4

LKS2 have been using concrete resources to help with our understanding of addition and subtraction involving exchanges. We find it really helps us to see it visually and make the exchanges ourselves.



Upper Key Stage 2- Year 5 and 6

It's been a busy sporting week in UKS2 with a tournament win for our Kurling Team. Their skills and attitude were fantastic, and we are very proud of how well they did in this tricky, skilled sport! We continue to enjoy our basketball sessions with Coach John and our skills are improving week by week! We look forward to our pantomime trip next week - please make sure you have signed the consent form on the app. Many of our Y6 pupils are already excited for next year's trip to London. Details are available on the school app.



Lunch Menu – Week beginning 4th December 2023

Monday 4 th Dec	Tuesday 5 th Dec	Wednesday 6 th Dec	Thursday 7 th Dec	Friday 8 th Dec
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

Diary Dates

December

- Mon 4th Dec – Christmas Coffee Morning with Carols – All children singing.
- Tues 5th Dec – Nursery Stay & Play session, 4 - 5pm.
- Wed 6th Dec – KS2 Panto to the Everyman Theatre, Cinderella Rock 'n' Roll.
- Dublin 1 Books for Bedtime (stay and play)
- Fri 8th Dec – Christmas crafts – KS1 (1.15 – 2pm) KS2 (2.15 – 3pm)
- Dublin 2 Books for Bedtime (stay and play).
- Mon 11th Dec – Nursery visit to Spaceworld.
- Tues 12th Dec – Reception & KS1 Panto to St Helens Theatre, Aladdin.
- Wed 13th Dec – Christmas Dinner (Children can wear Christmas jumpers)
- Christmas Bingo (2 sessions in St Aloysius Club).
- Thurs 14th Dec – Reception's Christmas Nativity, 10am
- Cardiff's Christmas performance, 2.15pm.
 - School Nurse Drop in, 2.30 – 3.15pm.
- Fri 15th Dec – Belfast's Christmas performance, 10.15am
- Edinburgh's Christmas performance, 2.15pm.
- Mon 18th Dec – Nursery's Christmas Nativity, 10am.
- Tues 19th Dec – KS2 Carol Concert at St Aloysius Church – 1.45pm.
- Wed 20th Dec – End of term Mass.
- Thurs 21st Dec – Party Day (children can wear own clothes).
- **School finishes for Christmas holidays at 2pm.**