

St Aloysius Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term: Issue 12 – Friday 8th December 2023



Weekly Attendance

	Last Week	This Week
Dublin 1	92.2%	93%
Dublin 2	90%	84.5%
Cardiff	96%	93.3%
Belfast	94.8%	95.9%
Edinburgh	96.7%	87.3%
Rome	99.3%	93.3%
Paris	95.3%	93.3%
Madrid	92.3%	90.6%
Washington	94.3%	91.3%
Cairo	84.8%	95.2%
Canberra	99%	97.1%
Brasilia	99.1%	97.3%
Whole school	94.7%	92.6%

First Week of Advent



Hope

Prayer for the First Week of Advent

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world.

This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important.

We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.

Amen.



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.

Parking

A reminder to parents to please be mindful and considerate to our neighbours when dropping off/picking up your child. We have had several complaints from residents, that they have been blocked from getting in/out of their driveway. We have also been made aware that a resident was verbally abused when he asked for a car to be moved from across his driveway. We do appreciate that it is hard to park your car outside school, however the safety of the children and residents are very important to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ogden Trust Partnership

Our school has been part of the Knowsley Central Ogden Trust Partnership. With 20 other schools we will work closely together to support physics education and promote a love of physics within our children. We have launched a competition to celebrate. Children must design their own logo and entries are already flooding in. The closing date is on Monday 4th December.

The closing date for the Ogden Trust Partnership logo competition has now passed. Thank you so much for all of the hard work you put into the many entries and Mrs Rathbone has found it so difficult to shortlist. Four entries have been sent over to Knowsley Collaborative to be considered alongside the entries from other schools in the partnership. Prizes will be awarded next week. Thank you again for entering.



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

It's been a busy week in EYFS with Nursery and Reception inviting their families in to stay and play. The children took part in a variety of Christmas crafts and activities and loved showing their families around their classes. We're feeling very festive and are looking forward to more Christmas activities in the coming weeks.



Key Stage 1 –Year 1 and 2

We have begun to mark the start of Advent this week and explored what it means to wait. We are learning about the Advent wreath and how each candle has its own meaning. We have thought about peace and hope so far. In class we made our own advent wreaths with wishes of peace and hope for others in our own community.



Lower Key Stage 2- Year 3 and 4

As part of our British Values studies, Years 3 and 4 have listened to a story all about responsibilities and have completed different activities all helping the children realise what their responsibilities are inside and outside of school.



Upper Key Stage 2- Year 5 and 6

The highlight of this week has to be our pantomime trip to the Everyman Theatre on Hope Street to watch the spectacular 'Rock'n'Roll' panto - Cinderella. We had an amazing time singing, dancing and interacting with the actors. We were even soaked by water blasters! It truly was a joy to see so many happy, smiling children having fun. We have also been thinking about others as we have made our tree decorations and written our Christmas wishes on the back. Amongst our wishes we hope for peace around the world, that our families are safe and that no one feels lonely at Christmas. Our UKS2 pupils are extremely thoughtful.



Lunch Menu – Week beginning 11th December 2023

Monday 11 th Dec	Tuesday 12 th Dec	Wednesday 13 th Dec	Thursday 14 th Dec	Friday 15 th Dec
BEEF BURGER (ON ROLL) WITH CRISSCUTS & BEANS	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE WITH GARLIC BREAD	Christmas Dinner Day!	CHICKEN KORMA WITH RICE	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)
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	BROWNIE		BUTTERFLY CAKE	COOKIE & MILKSHAKE

Diary Dates

December

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.**