

St Aloysius Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term: Issue 2 – Friday 15th September 2023



Weekly Attendance

	Last Week	This Week
Dublin 1	100%	99.2%
Dublin 2	100%	96%
Cardiff	99.3%	96%
Belfast	93.1%	92.4%
Edinburgh	96.7%	96%
Rome	98%	95.3%
Paris	100%	98.7%
Madrid	93.5%	99.4%
Washington	88.2%	93.6%
Cairo	98.1%	87%
Canberra	99%	96.2%
Brasilia	95.2%	96.3%
Whole school	96.8%	95.7%

Can you help?

We are looking for any Lego sets or board games for our classroom games boxes. We are thinking ahead and preparing for wet break time during the winter months. If you have any donations, please drop them off at the main school office, thank you.

Drop off Point

From Monday 11th September we will be returning to drop off at the gate. This is to ensure lessons can start on time and our children get the best possible start to the day. Staff on the gate will pass on any messages to your child's class teacher. Alternatively, you can speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day when all the other children have been dismissed.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we trial the new entrance and exit points. We will continue with this arrangement moving forward.

Changes to the School Day

A reminder that in line with Government guidance that the school week must be a minimum of 32.5 hours and following our recent survey, we will be changing the times of the school day from **September 2023**.

The new time for all children from **Reception to Year 6** will be **8.45am – 3.15pm**.

Nursery will remain as:

Am – 8.30 – 11.30am

Pm – 12.15 – 3.15pm

30hrs – 8.30 – 2.30pm

After School Club

Our After School Club is now up and running and can be booked on the School App. It runs from **3.15-5.15pm** and costs **£10 per session**.

We have been working with the children to design our snack menu and activities they will run in each session. They have given Miss Wrigley a very long list of games they would like. She is doing her best to provide everything on the wish list! The menu includes toasties, hot dogs, wraps, pizza (made by the children) and of course popcorn for movie night.

After sending a letter to Pope Francis in July, **Niamh** was delighted to receive a reply. Pope Francis thanked Niamh for her thoughtful letter and said he would pray for the St Aloysius community.



WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW

MATTHEW 16:21-27

In Sunday's gospel (Matthew 16:21-27) Jesus is trying to teach his friends what it means to be a disciple. A disciple is someone who wants to follow in Jesus' footsteps. But this isn't always easy. Jesus also says that we should take up our cross and follow him. What can we do that shows that we follow Jesus? Jesus says that sometimes it is difficult to follow him. Can you think why this would be? Why do we follow Jesus even though it is hard? Jesus loves and cares for us. If we follow him we are showing that we love him too. And Jesus will always be with us, helping along the way. Jesus asks us to follow him by loving others. It can be hard to keep on loving others, especially if they aren't loving towards us. Perhaps someone said something unkind or didn't want to be friends with you. It's difficult but Jesus wants us to try to keep on loving. It can sometimes still be hard to love others and to speak out for what is right. Perhaps this week we can try to follow in Jesus' footsteps by loving others, especially those who are not as fortunate as us. How will you show your love for others, both here and around the world in the coming week?

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 Nursery

We have welcomed some new children into our Nursery this week and they have had lots of fun settling in! We look forward to welcoming more children and their families over the coming weeks.

Reception

The reception children were so shocked to find that a mysterious hole had appeared in their classroom. They have been working hard all week to try and find out why it is there.



Key Stage 1 –Year 1 and 2

In Key Stage 1 this week we have received our library loans from Knowsley Library Service. We are so lucky to fiction books for our reading corners, which we can enjoy as a class or as an independent reader. We also have boxes of books to help us learn more about our topics for this term. We are really looking forward to reading them all!



Lower Key Stage 2- Year 3 and 4

Years 3 and 4 have been using concrete resources in maths this week to help us partition 3 and 4 digit numbers. We've used a variety of methods and representations...ask us which ones we prefer.



Upper Key Stage 2- Year 5 and 6

This week in UKS2 we've been focussing on improving our fitness levels. The children have said feeling fit and energetic makes them feel happy and helps them to work hard in class! Our Y5 pupils are getting excited for their residential trip to Plas Caerdeon and it was lovely to welcome so many parents to our meeting this week. Details of the Y6 London 2024 trip will be coming out next week so please look out for details on our app.

Lunch Menu – Week beginning 18th September 2023

Monday 18 th Sept	Tuesday 19 th Sept	Wednesday 20 th Sept	Thursday 21 st Sept	Friday 22 nd Sept
FISH FINGERS, SWEET POTATO MASH & BEANS	ALL DAY BREAKFAST – SCRAMBLED EGG, BACON, SAUSAGE, HASH BROWN & BEANS	PANINI & 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
LOLLY ICE	FRUIT FLAPJACK	STRAWBERRY MOUSSE	JELLY & FRUIT	SPONGE & ICE CREAM

Diary Dates

September

Wednesday 20th Sept – Year 6 EFC Football Festival
 - Year 6 Information meeting for Secondary School at 2.30pm
 Friday 29th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

Thursday 5th Oct – Football Huyton League
 Monday 9th – Thursday 12th – Year 5 at Plas Caerdean
 Monday 16th Oct – Cross Country at St Edmund Arrowsmith
 Wednesday 18th Oct – Disco night for all children
 Thursday 19th Oct – Rock Kidz
Friday 20th Oct – Finish for half term at normal time.