

# St Aloysius Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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## Weekly Attendance



Today we had our attendance assemblies. **125 children reached 100% attendance** this term. We understand that the winter term is particularly difficult with coughs colds and other bugs. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Watch this space for the Attendance ambassadors' ideas for improved attendance.

Congratulations to these children who won a Smyths Voucher from the 100% attendance raffle.

## A Christmas Message

As our Christmas holiday approaches, we reflect on the past year and look forward to the year ahead. We remember the loved ones who may no longer be with us, but we are grateful that they were part of our lives. We give thanks for the friendships, the kind deeds and the many happy occasions we have shared together. We give thanks for the moments of laughter, the fun and exciting times and the adventures we have shared. Christmas is always a time of reflection and thanks. May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout this year. It has been wonderful to share with you all our Christmas activities this year and we hope you have enjoyed them all.

## Thank you

We would like to thank you for all your kind words, cards and gifts. You are extremely generous and thoughtful, and this is very much appreciated.

We wish you a Happy, Peaceful and Holy Christmas.



# Prayer

To mark our last day of Advent journey in school, we finally placed Baby Jesus in the manger.



Prayer for the light of the world

God of light, shine brightly,

show us how

God of mercy, help us

to comfort people and

to share in their joy.

God of hope,

help us this Advent,

to share your light with others.

Amen.

This week, a selection of our children visited **Crawford Gardens** to sing Christmas carols, play a variety of games and spend quality time with the residents during this important time of year. Both adults and children thoroughly enjoyed the time spent together and it really emphasised how Christmas is about the time you spend with people and not just the presents we receive. We look forward to our next visit in the Spring term as we teach the children about the importance of helping others.



We were overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity in our 'Hamper Appeal'. We were able to make up lots of wonderful hampers, that our school councillors helped to deliver to our St Aloysius community this week. We fully appreciate that everything is much more expensive this year. We are so proud of our school community and how we work together to teach our children the true meaning of Christmas.



## 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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)**

### Science

There has been lots of exciting Science happening in school this term. EYFS have been investigating seasonal changes and observed frost in their outdoor provision.

KS1 learnt about health and hygiene by observing the changes to a piece of bread after it was exposed to germs. LKS2 have been learning all about light and investigating how shadows can change size. Finally, UKS2 have learnt all about the different stages of development in a human life cycle. We can't wait to start our new Science learning in the Spring Term.



## Our Week - A snapshot!

### EYFS- Nursery and Reception

It's been a very busy week in EYFS. Our Nursery children took part in their very first Nativity. They were simply amazing and their teachers and families were so proud of them! Nursery and Reception took part in Christmas number games with prizes provided by the Friends and Family of St Aloysius and we also enjoyed a fantastic Christmas party day! We are feeling very festive!



### Key Stage 1 –Year 1 and 2

In DT, Key Stage 1 have spent the last half term designing, making and evaluating Christmas decorations. We looked at decorations that are made of different materials and at how they are joined. We then designed our own decoration- a star to hang on our trees at home. We sewed and stuffed them and will be proudly bringing them home as a gift for our families.

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

LKS2 worked so hard learning, rehearsing and performing our Christmas Carol Concert this week in Church. The children shared some lovely messages all about the true meaning of Christmas and of spreading hope and peace throughout the world.



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

It's been a very special end to the term for UKS2 with so many activities taking place both in school and out in the community. Some of our children sang and played games with residents at the local nursing home. We delivered hampers to members of the community. A group of UKS2 pupils watched an exciting Liverpool match, ending in a 5-1 win for the reds! We've played Christmas Bingo, bounced on an inflatable and enjoyed party games. Our Carol Service was spectacular as we re told the most special story of all. We're all ready for a rest now! Happy Christmas!

## Lunch Menu – Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan
MEATBALL SUB WITH TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE	ALL DAY BREAKFAST – SCRAMBLED EGG, BACON, SAUSAGE, HASH BROWN & BEANS	CHICKEN WRAP & SALAD	ROAST BEEF, ROAST POTATOES, CARROTS, YORKSHIRE PUDDING & GRAVY	FISH FINGERS, 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
BANANAS & CUSTARD	COOKIE	CHOCOLATE MOUSSE	MUFFIN	ICE CREAM

## Diary Dates

### January

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Spring Term begins.

### February

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