

St Aloysius Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term: Issue 2 – Friday 22nd September 2023



Weekly Attendance

	Last Week	This Week
Dublin 1	99.2%	96.4%
Dublin 2	96%	95%
Cardiff	96%	96%
Belfast	92.4%	96.6%
Edinburgh	96%	96%
Rome	95.3%	95.3%
Paris	98.7%	95.3%
Madrid	99.4%	93.5%
Washington	93.6%	97.4%
Cairo	87%	96.4%
Canberra	96.2%	89%
Brasilia	96.3%	98.2%
Whole school	95.7%	95.5%

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



Gospel Reflection

A landowner went out to hire some workers for his vineyard. He took on new workers at the start of the day and three more times later in the day. He promised them all a fair wage.

The workers who arrived first expected to be paid more than the workers who arrived near to the end of the day. After all, they were hot and tired and had worked very hard all day, while some of the others have only worked for one hour.

How did the workers who had been hired first feel when they saw that everyone was being paid the same wage?

They thought it was unfair. They were angry and complained. Do you agree with them? Why/why not?

The landowner says that he has paid the first workers exactly what they agreed was fair at the beginning of the day. He says that they have no reason to be cross that he is generous to the other workers, that he can do what he likes with his own money.

Jesus is showing us that God's idea of fairness (sometimes we use the word justice), is different from ours. God's fairness is about making sure that every single person gets what they need, no matter what their situation. God gives us what we need and not just what others think we deserve. God is generous and created a world with enough for absolutely everyone.

But do you think everyone in our world does have enough money? Or even enough food and water? Why/why not? Do you think this is fair? Do you think this is what God wants?

How can we help make sure that all people get their fair share of the good things that God has given us?

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)**

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Current trends – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

Understanding the Risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

What can you do? – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

Further Support – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
4TH OCTOBER
2023**

4PM – 4.45PM



Our Week - A snapshot!

EYFS- Nursery and Reception

The Reception children have been learning to recognise and write the initial sound of a word. We are very impressed with their writing!



Key Stage 1 –Year 1 and 2

This week in Key Stage 1 we have focused on the theme of friendship during prayer and liturgy. We listened to scripture about friendship and promised to go forth and show friendship to others in school through kind words and actions. It has been wonderful to see the children make a special effort to find new friends this week.

Lower Key Stage 2- Year 3 and 4

This week in Lks2 children have been immersing themselves in our model text in English lessons. We have been becoming familiar with the text to help us with our own writing. We have used dictionaries to define new vocabulary and worked together to find different word types within the text.



Upper Key Stage 2- Year 5 and 6

In UKS2 this week we have taken part in Prayer and Liturgy based on the theme of 'Friendship'. We made links with our Come and See lessons and thought about how our friends help to develop our talents and qualities in a positive way. During PE lessons, we have focused on teamwork and how positive friendships can lead to success and winning! We have also begun our class readers and every day we look forward to the next instalment of our books. Ask us what we're reading!



Lunch Menu – Week beginning 25th September 2023

Monday 25 th Sept	Tuesday 26 th Sept	Wednesday 28 th Sept	Thursday 29 th Sept	Friday 30 th Sept
HOTDOG WITH CRISSCUTS & BEANS	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE WITH GARLIC BREAD	CHICKEN KORMA WITH RICE	ROAST CHICKEN, MASH, STUFFING. 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
STRAWBERRY MOUSSE	FROZEN TOFFEE YOGHURT	CHOCOLATE MOUSSE	CAKE	COOKIE & MILKSHAKE

Diary Dates

September

Friday 29th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

Thursday 5th Oct – Football Huyton League

Friday 6th Oct – Harvest Mass - All parents are very welcome to attend. This will be followed by a coffee Morning for parents and parishioners, with the children singing harvest songs in their classes – Information to follow.

Monday 9th – Thursday 12th – Year 5 at Plas Caerdeon

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.