

# St Aloysius Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 1: Issue 16 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025



	%	Days of learning lost
Dublin 1	94.4%	5
Dublin 2	92.7%	8
Cardiff	97.3%	4
Belfast	89.3%	16
Edinburgh	92.6%	12
Rome	95.3%	7
Paris	88.7%	17
Madrid	92%	12
Washington	88.3%	11
Cairo	90%	12
Canberra	94.3%	6
Brasilia	90%	11
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>92.1%</b>	

## School Refurbishment Programme

We've had lots of meetings since we've been back in school about our school refurbishment programme.

The designs are exciting and are being finalised in the next couple of weeks. We hope to be able to share them with you soon. This is a fabulous opportunity for St Aloysius as we are looking forward to watching our school transform over the next few years.

## Uniform Reminder

A gentle reminder that children are to wear full school uniform unless it is their PE day. Trainers are only to be worn on PE days with the school PE kit, not with school uniform. Children **MUST** wear their full PE kit – sports tops with tracksuit pants are **NOT** permitted.

## Diary Dates

### February

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Valentines Disco times to be confirmed  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Morning times to be confirmed  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Half Term**

### March

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March – Careers Week**  
 5<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Wednesday  
 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week  
 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March – Challenge Partners to visit St Aloysius

### Friendship Prayer

Dear God,  
 Bless us in our school today.  
 Help us to grow in love and kindness,  
 more like Jesus every day.  
 Amen



# Weekly Menu – Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January

Week 3				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MINCE & ONION PIE, MASH, PEAS & GRAVY (QUORN MINCE AVAILABLE)	ALL DAY BREAKFAST (VEGGIE SAUSAGES AVAILABLE)	CHICKEN CURRY, RICE & NAAN BREAD (QUORN CHICKEN AVAILABLE)	ROAST GAMMON, ROAST POTATOES, VEG & GRAVY (QUORN CHICKEN AVAILABLE)	FISH STARS, CHIPS & PEAS (VEGGIE FISH FINGERS AVAILABLE)
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FRUIT/YOGHURT	FRUIT/YOGHURT & DESSERT	FRUIT/YOGHURT	FRUIT/YOGHURT & DESSERT	FRUIT/YOGHURT

## Free School Meals

**Could you be eligible for free school meals and extra support in the Christmas, February and Easter 2025 holidays?**

If you receive certain benefits, your child or children may be eligible for free school meals. This provides nutritious lunch options to support your child's learning and well-being, and until Easter 2025, they also entitle you to vouchers worth £15 for each child, each week of the following school holidays: Christmas 2024, February half-term and Easter 2025\*.

### **Who is eligible:**

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (**wages below £616.67 a month**)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of £16,190 or less (but not if you are in work and receive Working Tax Credit)
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

### **How to apply**

Check the list above and if you are eligible, visit the Council's website and use the Parent Portal to apply for free school meals.

[Apply here](#)

### **Is your child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2?**

Children in these years receive 'Universal Free School Meals'. You do not need to apply for this, every child will automatically receive a free school lunch. However, if you meet the criteria above for free school meals and apply, your child's school will also receive extra money (known as the Pupil Premium) which can help pay for extra resources and support for pupils.

### **Extra support**

- Visit the benefits calculator on the [Turn2Us webpage](#) to check your benefit entitlement
- Visit the Council's [Household Support Fund page](#) to find details of organisations who can help if you are struggling with the cost of food or essentials
- Visit the Council's [Benefits page](#) to find details of benefits and entitlements you could receive including Council Tax Reduction

\*£15 per child per week supermarket vouchers are available to and including Easter 2025 for each child who is in receipt of free school meals.

## Our Week - A snapshot!

### EYFS- Nursery & Reception

Nursery have been learning about the Epiphany in RE over the past few weeks, and today we visited St Aloysius Church to see the nativity scene. The children helped to retell the Christmas story and we looked at the figures as we talked about key events. Peter was so impressed! Well done, Nursery! 😊



### Key Stage 1 – Years 1 & 2

In Key Stage 1 we have had lots of fun designing our own carriages for the King! We looked at different types of wheels and collected boxes to use as the base. We used our cutting skills to cut through different thickness materials and evaluated and changed our designs as we went along. We can't wait to bring them home to show you all!



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

Year 3 and 4 begin their new RE topic this week: Galilee to Jerusalem. We studied scripture from Matthew about the visit of the three kings to Jesus. We looked at different pieces of art work linked to the Scripture and researched the meaning behind the three gifts they brought. We also had a visit from Father Ealey this week who told us lots about his own visit to Bethlehem.



### Upper Key Stage 2- Years 5 & 6

In UKS2 this week, Y5 have continued to work on strength in gymnastics. Washington have enjoyed a Computing day, led by Knowsley CLC. They have created their own Crossy Roads game which was great fun! In Science, we have been using our imagination and investigating the depth of moon craters, caused by meteorites. We're loving reading Shackleton's Journey and have been working on our role play skills to explore character feelings and language.