

St John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Issue: Summer 2 2026

As you are aware, the Archdiocese of Liverpool have confirmed that I will continue to be St John's Executive Headteacher for the 2026 - 2027 Academic Year ([LINK](#)). Needless to say, I am over the moon as I've loved being a part of the brilliant team that is St John's. The warm welcome you all gave as well as the relationships that have been developed over the last 2 terms really made me want to stay!!

Please click [HERE](#) to see my End of Year letter Mr Davey

Farewell Year 6



It's time to
say
goodbye
to our
wonderful
year 6
pupils.



We will miss
them all
very much.



Winmarleigh Hall

Year 6 children attended our yearly residential at Winmarleigh Hall, Preston. The children participated in a range of activities such as Archery, Raft Making, Climbing, Orienteering, Camp Fire Sing Songs and much more. Lots of Pictures were posted on the Year 6 School Dojo App. Here are just a few!



Attendance Assembly

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to all of our children who received an Attendance Award and prize in this year's Summer Term Assembly.

Two lucky children also won our wonderful attendance hampers full of summer treats.

Keep up this excellent attendance next academic year every one!



Year 6 Leavers Mass



What a lovely Year 6 Leaver's Mass we had! The children were all offered a rosary bracelet which was blessed by Fr. Peter during the mass.



Summer HAF at The Gordon

During school holidays children and young people, aged from reception to 16 years old who are eligible for **targeted** benefits-related free school meals, can access free activities and a meal.

This programme is only for children and young people from reception age to 16 who receive targeted benefits-related free school meals, not universal or expanded free meals. Please check the eligibility criteria for targeted benefits-related free school meals before you apply.



A huge congratulations to some of our Year 6 pupils who graduated from Children's University this term! **Some children had over a hundred hours of attendance at extracurricular clubs!** We are so incredibly proud of you all & we had a lovely day celebrating your achievements.
Well Done!



Sports Day



Our Nursery and Reception Children had the opportunity to find out all about wild animals during an onsite visit from Zoo Lab.





World Cup Fever took over St John's this Summer Term. The children were so excited to watch the football with their friends.

Although we were all disappointed when we went out, we will never, ever forget that the goal scored by England ... in a Semi-Final **World Cup** match, against Lionel Messi's Argentina

... was scored by a Kirkdale lad!

Boys and Girls ...

Remember:

Dreams can come true!!!



Attendance Treats



What an excellent year we have had for attendance in St. John's! Over the academic year, **£390** has been added to our class piggy banks across the school. Each class receives £5 each week if their class attendance is 98% or over for the week. The children then spend this money on a whole class *Attendance Treat* of their choice.



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Well done

Year 2 and Year 6 on completing your SATs! You worked so incredibly hard and showed determination and resilience throughout the whole year and we are all so proud of you!



Year 4 Times Tables Check

We are incredibly proud of our Year 4 children for their fantastic effort in this year's Multiplication Tables Check. They approached the challenge with enthusiasm, determination and confidence, and their hard work throughout the year really paid off.

The children achieved excellent results, demonstrating a strong knowledge of their times tables and making great progress.

Well done, Year 4, on this wonderful achievement!



Park Run

Thank you to Tom who came to school and delivered an assembly to introduce Stanley Park Junior Park Run which is held every Sunday at 9am. We had lots of fun completing our very own Park Run on our school yard. Please follow the link for more information.



Stanley Park – Junior Park Run Information
[CLICK HERE](#)

KITTY WILKINSON

A member of the 'Past Productions' Team visited our **Year 2** children to teach us about Kitty Wilkinson. Dressed and acting as Kitty, she told the students about her life. She explained how she opened a school and also Liverpool's first washhouse. One of Kitty's biggest achievements was the help and knowledge she gave to others on how to keep good hygiene.



Kitty Wilkinson
is the only
female statue
in St George's
Hall.



[Click HERE for Reception Meeting Page](#)

Our whole school community are
**very excited to welcome our Reception
Class 2026**

Our new (and old!) parents and carers were invited to a meeting in our school hall. Reception 2026 Parents and Carers gathered to meet the Headteacher, Class Teachers, School Nurses, Father Peter, LA and School Attendance Officers and [Community Family Services After School Club](#). Parents were informed which class their child will be in and also received important information about the year ahead.

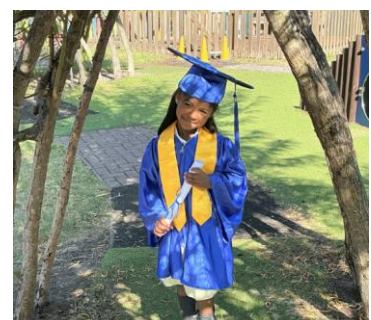
Year 6 Leavers Assembly



Our Year 6 Children presented a lovely Leaver Assembly for their parents and carers, and also the children and staff at St John's. They shared with us, some of the many special moments of their time at St John's, and how they have grown along the way.

Moving up to Year 1

We are so proud of our reception children who graduated from our Early Years provision!





SUMMER EVENTS

BEAUTIFUL NEW BEGINNINGS

Join us for a fun packed Summer Holidays!

FULLY FUNDED/ DONATION BASED

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

- pilates in the park •
- wellbeing warriors •
- woodland journalling •
- family mindfulness •
- family yoga •
- surfers against sewage ocean school •
- park family fun & activities •
- woodland walk & mini beast hunt •
- stand up paddle boarding •
- beach yoga & ocean journalling •
- theta healing meditation •
- childrens yoga •
- beach & park wellbeing walks •
- buggy walks •
- SEND parents coffee evening •
- and much more!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL, LIMITED PLACES

To book visit: www.beautifulnewbeginnings.co.uk/events or scan QR code Events will be upadted throught the Summer.

Beautiful New Beginnings

would like to share their flyer for a great variety of *mainly fully funded Summer Events*, which means they are free to access for your families (a small number of these events suggest an optional donation because they are not externally funded).

[BNB SUMMER EVENTS](http://www.beautifulnewbeginnings.co.uk/events)



Our Year 6 Children presented a 'Greatest Hits' Concert for their Parents and Carers.



[Click here to see Water Safety Message from Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service](#)

Water Safety

Please share this message with anyone you know, especially all of our children, teenagers and young adults.



OPEN WATER: DON'T TAKE THE RISK

Swimming in or playing near rivers and canals may seem like a great idea, particularly on a warm day, but it could all end in tragedy. **DON'T take the risk.**

THE WATER IS COLD...
...even on very warm days, rivers and canals contain water barely above 10 degrees. Sudden immersion can lead to cold water shock, which can cause gasping and intake of water.
This can be deadly in a matter of seconds.

DID YOU KNOW?
Even the narrowest of rivers can be considerably deep. Rivers are subject to strong flow and **hidden currents** which can trouble even the strongest of swimmers.

Remember, there are no lifeguards to help you at your local river, lake, canal or dam.

WHAT LIES BENEATH?
The water is untreated and can make you ill.
Canals and rivers contain pollutants, sewage and often unseen underwater obstructions and snag hazards.

Debris under the water such as shopping trolleys, broken glass and cans can cause **injury** or **trap** you.

Rivers can be very difficult to climb out of, especially with steep or slimy banks. **Stay clear of rivers with steep or unguarded banks.**

IN AN EMERGENCY...NEVER enter the water to try and help a person or animal. You could get into difficulty yourself. Instead, dial 999 and use any water rescue equipment that is available.

If you fall into the water unexpectedly, fight your instinct to thrash around. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs & float.

MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
www.merseyfire.gov.uk



BEACH SAFETY: KNOW THE DANGERS

MUD AND QUICKSAND
Large areas of the coast can have mud and quicksand which can cause you to get trapped and risk drowning.

REDUCE THE RISK
Check tide times
Follow warning sign advice
Avoid crossing estuaries and mud where there can be hidden channels or fast water
If trapped, **sit back and spread your weight evenly across the surface**
Stop others from trying to help you as they may get stuck
Call **999** immediately and ask for the **Coastguard**

DO NOT USE INFLATABLES
Strong currents can sweep inflatables and people out to sea

FOLLOW THE FLAGS
There are lifeguards in the area. Swim between the two flags.
Do not enter the water. There could be unseen dangers such as currents.
No swimming in this area. There may be non-powered watercraft such as surfboards, kayaks, etc. in this area.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE STRUGGLING:
PHONE 999
Tell them to **FLOAT** on their back
THROW them something to help them float

PHONE FLOAT THROW

TOP TIP
ALWAYS GO TO A BEACH WITH A LIFEGUARD

**Eager to show off
their skills developed
in our Afterschool
Cross Country
Training...
Our Year 3 Children
competed in an
inter-class Cross
Country Competition!**

Afterschool Cross Country Club



At St John's, we are very lucky to have a specialist PE teacher (Miss Wilson) and a huge range of equipment to help keep our children active, fit and healthy.



A **'Past Productions' Viking** visited St John's and taught our **Year 6** children what Viking life was like. They found out about how the Vikings dealt with people who broke the law and how they governed themselves independently. We also learned about the cold winters in Scandinavia and why it was always important to keep a raven onboard the Viking Longboat.



Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Day

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Our Year 5 Children took part in an interactive workshop which gave them the opportunity to learn about Anglo-Saxon life. They took part in roleplay learning about different part of the Anglo-Saxon world.



Our Reception Children thoroughly enjoyed their very own Mini Sports Day!



Year 4 Mayan Day



We loved our **Year 4 Mayan Workshop Day**, where we learnt how to say numbers up to 10 like the Mayans would have. We learned traditional Mayan beliefs and stories and used drama to demonstrate our knowledge. We also enjoyed exploring different artefacts and presenting about their importance to our peers.





Year 3 and 4 children were really lucky this half term to take part in **LSSP sessions** where they worked on developing their teamwork and communication skills. They then applied these skills to a range of games.



School Uniform

Wearing the correct school uniform is a vital part of school life. Our uniform is more than just clothing; it is a symbol of belonging, equality and pride. When children wear their uniform correctly, they demonstrate respect for themselves, their school and the community they are part of.

We therefore expect that all pupils arrive at school each day wearing the full, correct uniform. Please [click here](#) to visit the uniform page of our website as a helpful reminder.

This also includes wearing appropriate footwear (plain black school shoes – NOT trainers).

A reminder that items such as jewellery also comply with our school policy (*no hooped or 'dangly' earrings – small retainers are allowed – but not on a day when the children go swimming as the staff at the pool will not allow a child to enter the water with any type of earring in*).

When parents and carers support us with this, it massively helps to maintain consistency, reduces distractions and reinforces a strong sense of St John's identity and pride.

By working together — school staff and families — we can continue to uphold the high standards that make St John's such a positive, welcoming and successful place to be for every child.

Bikeability



Our Year 4 children have taken part in the 'Learn to Ride' and 'Level 1' Bikeability Course in preparation for Level 2 and Level 3 next year, when they are in Year 5.

Specialist Bikeability instructors came to St John's and taught our Year 4 children how to ride bikes safely, understand road rules, and gain confidence whilst cycling.



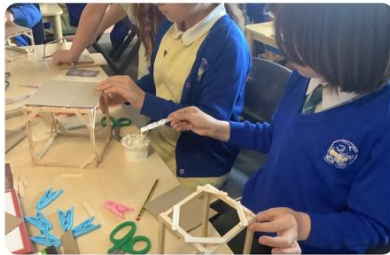
Did you know Peloton Liverpool have a bike library where families can access bikes from 2-10 years old?

We are very lucky to have a **bike library in Everton Park.**

Please follow the link for more information.

<https://peloton.coop/project/bike-library/>

Memories...



As part of Year 6 Design and Technology, this half term they learned special wood working, glue gun, painting and decorating skills to create their very own memory boxes!

School finishes on

Friday the 17th of July at 1.30pm.

Children return to school on

Wednesday the 2nd of September

[Click here for 26-27 Term Dates](#)