

Parents Evening/Afternoon - We will now hold our parents afternoon/evening on **Tuesday 7th November**. Apologies for the change in date but we are having difficulties with our booking system.

Half term activities - At the bottom of the newsletter is a letter from the council regarding half term activities available for some of our families. **Please** read the letter to see if you are able to access these activities.

Safeguarding - please see some NSPCC guidance on bullying and anti-bullying [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Friends of St. Patrick - Mr. Duncan is interested in setting up a group that will help with fundraising and events for our school. If you would like to volunteer, please email the school office.

Parking - Thank you so much to those families who are driving considerately and parking responsibly at pick up and drop off times. Can I ask that you do not stop outside the pedestrian gate by church please? There have been a few cars, particularly taxis, stopping to let the children and adults out. This is making it very unsafe for the children crossing the road. Also, at the Windsor Street entrance, some cars park outside the gates on the pavement at the pedestrian entrance to the car park. Again, this is very unsafe for the children, and is actually illegal. We must all do what we can to ensure the children's safety. It is not too much to ask that you park a little further away and walk a minute so that all our children are safe.

Attendance - If your child has a medical appointment, please email proof to the office, and bring your child in after the appointment if they are well enough. We have lots of families keeping their child off all day when they have appointments, and this is not necessary. Remember our school target is 100% but the minimum we accept is 97%. If your child is not in, they are missing valuable learning time. We may ring or pay you a visit if you have not informed us of your child's absence.

Whole School	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6

Important Dates for the Autumn Term

Date	Who?	Event	Times
Tuesday 24/10/23	Parent Morning	Supporting your child's wellbeing – Miss Price and Miss McKenna will lead this.	9am- 9:30
Wednesday 25/10/23	Y5 Pupils	Pupils will work with a drama company and perform a play based on their history topic – THE GREEKS	All day
Thursday 26/10/23	Y4 Pupils	Pupils will work with a drama company and perform a play based on their history topic – MAYAN CIVILIZATION	All day
Friday 27/10/23	Pupils	School photograph day.	All day

27/10/23	Pupils	School closes for October half term at 3:15pm. School reopens 06/11/23	
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PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR LIST OF HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Dear Parent or Guardian

The October Half Term Eat 2 Meet programme starts on the 30th October and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. **Children and young people, from reception to age 16 (including year 11 leavers), who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the half term holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost.** There's a great range of activities across the city including Halloween themed activities such as pumpkin carving, apple bob, halloween crafts making spooky masks, boxing, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, podcasting, basketball, arts and crafts, drama, zumba, trips out and much more! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well. To find out where the nearest scheme is click on this link October Half Term 'Eat to Meet' – Merseyside Play Action Council (merseyplay.com) or go to <https://www.merseyplay.com> and click on the October Half Term Eat 2 Meet link.

When a parent/guardian/carer has chosen the activity/scheme they will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If the child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when booking. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and contact the providers directly.

☞ If you want to know how to register or how to check if your child is eligible for free school meals then please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

☞ You will need your national insurance number or an asylum seekers support number.

☞ If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

☞ If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

☞ If your child is not eligible for benefits related free school meals you may be eligible for support with childcare costs - <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the October Half Term Eat 2 Meet programme.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - FISD.

Regards

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