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**Free School Meals –** Please follow the link [Free School Meals](https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/application-form/) if you think you are eligible for Free School Meals. It is important to apply, and this must be done online. If you are eligible for free school meals, you will be entitled to any vouchers offered by the Local Authority in the future. Vouchers in the past have included Tesco and Asda vouchers.

**School App –** Please download our app **School Gateway App**. On this app you will be able to book clubs, pay for dinners, trips etc. If you are having trouble downloading it, please contact the office.

**Safeguarding - A huge concern is how much time children spend on devices.** Children are becoming so reliant that families are reporting to school that they don’t want to leave the home. Games are designed specifically to be addictive, so we as adults must monitor the usage. Please follow the link for some advice [Screen Time - parent support](https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child/#:~:text=Here%20are%20a%20few%20pointers%20to%20help%20you,in%20screen%20time%20breaks%20Create%20healthy%20habits%20early)

**Mobile Phones –** Please do not use your phone in school when collecting or dropping off your child. Any phone calls should be made off the premises.

**Breakfast Club** All children are welcome to attend breakfast club for **FREE**. It opens at 8:00am and the last admission is 8:15am. **Your child might be turned away if they arrive after 8:20 am**. This does not need to be booked in advance. From Monday we will be introducing a light breakfast again.

**Wraparound Care -** We have started to run a paid for afterschool club (Paddy’s Club) from 3:15 – 6pm for a cost of £10. This can be booked through our app.

**Holidays in term time –** Thank you to those families who have informed us of holidays during term time, knowing that these will be unauthorised and incur a fine. We **CANNOT** authorise holidays but informing the school lets the children be excited about their holidays and talk about them on their return to school.

**Attendance –** If you are struggling to get your child into school, please contact the office or use the Studybugs app. **Remember our school target is 100% but the minimum we accept is 97%.**

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| **Overall – 97.6%** | **Year 2 – 99.1%** | **Year 5 – 99.6%** |
| **Reception – 97.2%** | **Year 3 – 97.5%** | **Year 6 – 93.3%** |
| **Year 1 – 97.9%** | **Year 4 – 97.8%** |

**Important dates –** Please scroll to the bottom of the page for a list of upcoming important dates.

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| **PE TIMETABLE - CHILDREN MUST WEAR THEIR SCHOOL TRACKSUIT** | |
| Year 1 – Monday, Friday  Year 2 – Monday, Thursday  Year 3 – Monday, Wednesday, | Year 4 – Wednesday, Thursday,  Year 5 – Monday, Friday  Year 6 – Wednesday, Friday (swimming) |

**School Important Dates – Autum Term 1**

Important Dates for the Autumn Term We have tried to compile a list of dates for the coming half term. However, as always with planning this far in advance, dates may be subject to change. We endeavour to let you know within good time if dates have to be changed. Please keep an eye on the website, twitter and any letters sent out. We have assembly every Friday 9:00am and all are welcome to attend. Do not feel obliged to attend them all.

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| **Date** | **Year** | **Activity** | **Other info** |
| 03/10/24 | All years and family | Family BBQ | 3:30 – 5:00 – we will hold a family BBQ to welcome our families back. All children must be accompanied by an adult  **ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WILL BE CANCELLED OTHER THAN PADDY’S** |
| 03/10/24 | All years | Poetry day | Children prepare a poem to be performed at our recital if they wish. |
| 04/10/24 | R,2,2  Parents | 9:30 - Early Reading Session | Mrs Stocks and Mrs Potts are running an early reading session for the parents of children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. This will take place after assembly. This is a parent only session. |
| 07/10/24 | Year 6 Parents | School will support any families who are applying for secondary school place if they are struggling. | Families who need help are to meet at the office by 9am. |
| 14/10/24 | All years | Recycling week | Children will take part in activities in school to promote recycling. |
| 24/10/24 | All years | School disco | The school PTA are organizing a disco.  4pm – 5pm – R, Y1 & Y2  5:15pm – 6:15pm – Y3,4,5 & 6 |