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**Black History Month -** October is Black History Month and the children of St Patrick's will be taking part in different activities over this month. Although as a school we celebrate Black History across the year and it is carefully woven through our curriculum, we use October as a platform to celebrate Black creativity, heritage and achievement. There are also a number of events being held across Liverpool. Please follow the link for more information [Culture Liverpool](https://www.cultureliverpool.co.uk/bhm/).

**St Patrick’s PTA Facebook Group -**  The PTA have set up a PTA group on Facebook. This is purely to advertise PTA events. Please use this group to support the PTA. Any school related questions please direct these to the office.

**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.

**ARC Award –** School has been nominated for a prestigious award – The Alex Timpson ARC attachment awards. As part of this award, we will be creating a short video about our school. This will be filmed on Tuesday 8th October and you may be filmed coming in the top gate. When this has been completed, we will share it with you all.

**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.

**Parent Survey –** we value all feedback please complete our [Parent Survey Oct 2024](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=x0ATrNoh2kyKPHKEXDwZoPE8Up3vK4xNlf0lGWXQpIRUNExDMVZKRjlaVzZEOTJUTTVMUDQ0UjNFQS4u)

**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 – 95.8%** | **Year 2 – 97.3%** | **Year 5 – 92.3%** |
| **Reception – 83%** | **Year 3 – 99%** | **Year 6 – 93%** |
| **Year 1 – 94.7%** | **Year 4 – 98.6%** |

**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** |
| 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. |
| 10/10/24 | Parents | Cuppa and a chat | World mental health day we would like to invite you in for a cuppa and a chat straight after you have dropped the children off |
| 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  TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE SOON |
| 24/10/24 | Y6 | History trip | Year 6 will be taking a trio to St George’s Hall |
| 25/10//24 | All years | School Photo Day | Children will have the school photo taken. |
| 25/10/24 | All Years | Harvest Festival Collection | Families are asked to donate food items that will be donated to local foodbanks to help families over the October half term. |