

ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Even though main school don't break up until next Tuesday 22nd July & Nursery on Monday 21st July, this is the last newsletter of this academic year. Therefore, and on behalf of everyone here at St William of York, I would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation throughout. It is also a sad time of the year as we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they get ready for High School. We wish them all the very best for their futures and look forward to hearing how they are getting on in the next stage of their education.

Instagram

We are moving from Twitter (X) to Instagram, if you haven't already completed the permission form sent out on School Spider we need you to do so as soon as possible so that we can start to upload photographs to keep you updated on activities in school. Our Instagram account is @stwilliamofyork

Merseyside Chess Finals

Well done to all those children who took part in the Merseyside Chess Finals at St Georges Hall last week. All the children played magnificently and I'm pleased to report that we finished fourth out of twenty schools which is an excellent achievement. A big thank you also to Miss Shellien who was responsible for organising our participation.

Staffing

Mrs Blair will be leaving us at the end of this term following over 30 years of service to St William of York. Mrs Blair has been integral part of school life here at SWOY, her own children even attended here, and I wanted to thank her on behalf everyone for all her hard work, dedication and commitment and wish her all the very best for the future. She will be greatly missed!!!

Mrs Eden, in Year 3, will also be leaving and I would like to thank her for all their hard work and dedication during their time with us and wish her the very best for the future.

We are currently finalising the staffing structure for September in terms of support staff, however please see below the teachers who will be in each year group. (The children have already spent a number of mornings with their prospective new teachers in preparations for September).

Nursery – Mrs Bryning
Reception – Mrs Stalker
Year 1 – Mrs Smith
Year 2 – Miss Gill
Year 3 – Miss Convery/Mrs Hall
Year 4 – Miss Shellien
Year 5 – Miss Fearon
Year 6 – Mrs Nevin

Attendance and Punctuality Winners

Congratulations to our Reception Class who have managed to do the double in their first year! They had the best attendance and punctuality across all classes throughout the school. Well done everyone!



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Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Year 6 will be performing their leaver's assembly for their parents this Tuesday (22nd July) at 9.15 am in the school hall with doors opening at 9.00 am.

Summer Reading Challenge - Visit your local library and sign up to the Challenge

Please see the information below on how to sign up for this summer's reading challenge:

1. Sign up – visit your local Library and speak to the staff to start your challenge
2. Read 6 books – For every 2 books you will collect prizes
3. Finish – You will receive a certificate in school

School Uniform/ PE Kits

As the summer break is traditionally time when parents/carers sort uniform for September can I remind you that **trainers** aren't part of the school uniform, even black ones, and that black shoes are to be worn. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. Children will start back in their normal uniform: Jumpers/cardigans/shirt and tie. In terms of PE kits please can you make sure that children have a plain white t-shirt/white school t-shirt with the purple shorts. Black tracksuit bottoms/sports leggings can be worn over the colder months. Our uniform suppliers are Monkhouse, 80 Coronation Rd, Crosby L23 5RH & Primadonna, 48 Carr Meadow Hey L30 2NZ.

Nursery Places

We have a limited number of places still available so if you have children of nursery age or know of friends/family who are looking for places and are new to the area then please get in touch to arrange a visit to our fantastic facility.

Important Dates

School and the nursery will reopen after the summer break on **Tuesday 2nd September** at the normal time of 8.45 am. Children starting Reception are on a phased timetable with the dates/time having been already shared with the parents/carers of children in that year group.

Holiday Requests

All requests for absence must be made in writing at least 7 days in advance. We have forms available at the school office. Holiday fines (5 days & over or combined over a 10 week period) are now £80 per child rising to £160 if not paid within 21 days, if not paid the fine will go to court. For second & third episodes of absence, fines start at a higher amount or go straight to court. These are new procedures that started from September 2024 introduced by the government. Please see School Spider messages or the School Website.

Doctors, Dentist & Hospital Appointment

A reminder to try to make routine Doctors & Dental Appointments outside of school hours. For all appointments in school hours we need to see the appointment letter, text or card.

Phones/Smart Watches

Just a quick reminder that any children who bring Phones/Smart Watches into school must hand them into their class teachers at the beginning of the day and these will be returned to them at home time.

Free Breakfast Club – Reception to Year 6

Our Free Breakfast Club continues to be extremely popular. It runs every morning in the school hall from 7.45 am, however the cut off time for when food can be served is 8.25 am with the doors closing at 8.35 am. This free facility is available to children from Reception upwards so please do come along.

After School Club

We wanted to let you know that we have places available at our After School Club. The club runs from 3.15pm to 5.45pm daily in Term Time. A newsletter for May activities will be sent out shortly on School Spider today.

Pastoral Care Lead

Mr Davies is on the yard every morning before school should you have any queries or need any advice, you can also speak to him about any concerns you have around your child in class and then he can speak to the class teacher. You can also make an appointment to speak to him should you wish to discuss something further.



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Healthy Snacks/Packed lunches

We have noticed a number of children bringing in sweets/chocolate bars as part of their snack/packed lunch. As a school we are always trying to promote healthy lifestyles and would appreciate your support in providing healthy alternatives.

Pre-loved Uniform

If you have any uniform your child has grown out of and no longer needs please can you pass it into the school office. We particularly need school jumpers/cardigans & PE kit. You are welcome to come along and help yourselves to any items of uniform you need from our pre-loved uniform table in the foyer by the school office.

School Spider - All communications & online payments

Our school communication system is School Spider. It is important that you download the School Spider app so you do not miss out on information. The system also allows you to book and pay for After School Club & School Meals. School Meals & After School Club bookings need to be made via the app, in advance. Bookings cannot be made on the day. To download, go to the app store on your phone & search School Spider, search for our school & follow the instructions to set up an account. You need to use the same email address that school have for you.

Book Swap

A reminder we have a free book swap located in the foyer by our office! A book swap is an easy and fun way to swap books you no longer need for books you want to read! Please come along to see the books on offer and join in- don't forget to bring something to swap! Book Swap Rules 1. You can leave as many books as you like but please only take one book home at a time. 2. Make sure that the book(s) you are leaving are your own. 3. Make sure your book(s) are appropriate, clean and in good condition. 4. Make sure that you leave the shelf tidy and keep your swapped book in good condition. 5. Bring your book back once you have read it and swap it for another.

Kind regards

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Headteacher



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