

Newsletter

Autumn 1 2025



Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a wonderful summer.

As always, our children look immaculate in their school uniforms; so smart! Our children are fabulous and have been filled with smiles, joy, happiness and fun! It has been an absolutely fantastic start to the year. Children have settled into their new year groups and been arriving to school on time.

We would also like to extend a warm Finbar's welcome to all our new children and families!

LUNCH MENU



Our new school lunch menu is in place.

The new menu will run on a three-week rotation, offering a variety of tasty and nutritious meals each day. School dinners cost £2.50 per day and payment should be made to the school office every Monday. You have the option to pay for the full week in advance or just for the specific days your child chooses to have a school meal.

Please ensure that dinner money is paid promptly, as we are unable to allow dinner money debt.

A copy of the new menu is at the end of this newsletter and also on our school website.



We welcome Miss Brownsword and Miss Molloy to the 'St Finbar Family'. Miss Brownsword will be teaching our Year 5 class and Miss Molloy will be teaching our Nursery class.

END OF YEAR EVENTS



Last year's Year 5 cohort (now Year 6) visited **King's Leadership Academy** on Thursday 10th July. Children got the opportunity to take part in different lessons and activities and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of taking part. Children saw secondary school 'in real time' and had their lunch in the school canteen.



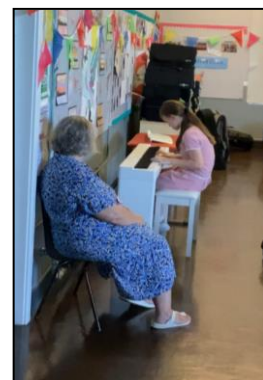
On 11th July we held our **End Of Year Guitar Concert**. Well done to Joanna, Lucas and Nicole for playing us two lovely Oasis songs on their guitars. We really enjoyed listening to them. It takes a lot of courage to play in front of the whole school and your parents, well done!



Battle of the Planets took place on Monday 14th July. This exciting event was similar to a traditional sports day, but with a twist – the children were divided into their planet teams. Throughout the day, they took part in a variety of fun races and activities, all designed to promote teamwork, energy and enthusiasm.

Everyone gave 100% effort in every event, showing their determination and team spirit as they tried to help their planet come out top.

Year 3, 4 and 5 put on a **fantastic Brass Concert** on Tuesday 15th July. The singing was full of enthusiasm, accompanied by great dance moves that had everyone smiling. It was lovely to see so many parents, children and staff enjoying the performance together. Well done.



The **St Finbar's Talent show** was an absolute hit! Children from every class took to the stage to showcase their amazing talents. From guitars and cornets to a piano performance, yoyo tricks, singing and dancing – the variety was impressive. To top it all off, the show closed with a surprise appearance from a dancing granny, bringing the house down with laughter and cheers.



GOODBYE TO YEAR 6



Well Year 6, unfortunately it was time to say 'Farewell'.

We hope you have loved your time at 'St Finbar's – you have done so many amazing things, learnt so much and made some great friends. It has been wonderful to see how you have grown into fantastic young people – ready to take on your next learning challenge at secondary school; keep working hard.



School Council class elections have started to take place.

Children who would like to put themselves forward for the position can do so. Each candidate will speak to their class about why they want to be part of the School Council. A class vote takes place using a ballot box.



Watch this space to find out who our School Council members are!

MOBILE PHONES

Year 5 & 6 children should only bring their mobile phones into school if they are walking to school alone, or walking home alone and they need to have them in case of an emergency.

If you wish your child to bring their mobile phone to school, please write to or email Mrs Conley, requesting permission for them to do so.

Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk



Mobile phones are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones. If your child misuses their phone; the school will withdraw permission for them to bring their phone in to school.



CONTACT DETAILS

If you have recently made any changes to your home address, mobile numbers or email addresses, please can you email or visit the school office to let us know. This also applies to the emergency contact details you have provided the school with.

School correspondence will now be sent home by email so please ensure your details are up to date. Thank you.

EYFS PLAY AREA



We are excited to share that our EYFS playground now features a brand-new painted roadway! The colourful track provides children with a fun and engaging way to develop their gross motor skills while learning about road safety and spatial awareness. It has already been a big hit with our youngest learners, who are enjoying riding bikes and scooters along the route.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR MASS



Father Silviu, celebrated our new school year with a very spiritual and reverent 'New School Year Mass' on Friday 5th September. As always, the children showed respect and engaged in wonderful singing. Thank you Father for sharing with us this special time. It was a delight to see so many Parents also in attendance.



CONGRATULATIONS!

A very big thank you to all our parents & carers who have supported their children in attending school every day and arriving on time throughout the year. Your commitment plays a vital role in their success and development.

Congratulations to all children who achieved **97% attendance and** above – a fantastic effort that shows real dedication!

A **special** congratulations and a huge well done to those who achieved **100% attendance** – an outstanding achievement that deserves to be celebrated!



Well done to everyone for making attendance a priority this year! Let's make 2025 – 2026 even better.

Congratulation to all children with 97% attendance and above.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Welcome back to our new school year! It is important that your child is on time for school each day, so that they can benefit from a full day's education.



A reminder that holidays during school time are not authorised whatever the circumstances and a Local Authority fine will be issued. If you do take your child on holiday, please inform us before you go as it could become a safeguarding issue if we cannot contact you. If you are taking your child out of school during the school day, you must show a letter/email/ appointment card. Please do your best to make appointments outside of school hours.

Please report any absences before 9.00am with a telephone call to school.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is **FREE** to all our children in Reception to Year 6.

It opens at 8.00 am every school morning. Last entry to Breakfast Club is 8.30 am. There is always a selection of cereals, bagels, toast, sausage & beans, yoghurt, fresh fruit and drinks.

A big 'Thank You' to **Magic Breakfast** who supply us with bagels, cereal and juice and for our staff who look after our children.

Please do not drop your child off before 8.00 am as there are no staff available to look after them.

ST FINBAR



Our school Saint is St Finbar. Did you know ... St Finbar was the son of an artisan and a lady of the Irish royal court.

He was born in Connaught, Ireland in about 550 and was baptized Lochan, he was educated at Kilmacahil, Kilkenny, where the monks named him Fionnbharr (white head) because of his light hair; he is also known as Bairre and Barr.

He founded a school in Eirce, Italy.

St Finbar went on a pilgrimage to Rome with some of the monks, visiting St. David in Wales on the way back. We are told that he preached in Scotland before going to southern Ireland where he lived as a hermit on a small island. Parts of the hermitage still stand. The walls are 14 feet thick. There are eight cells, each seven feet wide by 10 feet deep. The courtyard is fifty feet square.



Supposedly, on another visit to Rome the Pope wanted to consecrate Finbar as a bishop but because of a vision, he refused the Pope and told him that God has reserved that honour to himself. Supposedly, Finbar was consecrated from heaven and returned to Ireland. St Finbar may have preached in Scotland, definitely did in southern Ireland. In 606 Finbar founded a monastery near the River Lee. His monastery became famous in southern Ireland and attracted many disciples. The City of Cork grew up around Finbar's monastery. Over the years, the area became so prosperous, that it attracted the attention of Viking Sea pirates, who raised and burned the infant city, but returned in later years to settle there and trade.

Many extravagant miracles are attributed to him, and supposedly, the sun did not set for two weeks after he died at Cloyne on 25th September 623. His body was taken to Cork where it was interred in the cathedral he built, where it remained until 1089 when the city was raised and plundered and his relics were sacrilegiously carried away. He is considered the first Bishop of Cork.



His feast day is 25th September.

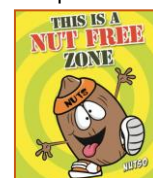
SNACK FUND

In Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, we kindly ask parents/carers to contribute £1 per week towards 'snack fund'. This can be paid directly to the class teacher, weekly, half-termly, termly or yearly. We receive no funding for children's snacks. We would be grateful if you could pass your donation to the class teacher as soon as you can.

Our snack fund is very important – the money parents/carers donate allows us to provide a variety of healthy snacks each day for your child.

We encourage all other classes to bring in a healthy snack from home.

Please remember we are a **Nut-Free Zone**.



NUT FREE SCHOOL

Parents/Carers are reminded we are a nut-free school and we need to keep our children safe.

Please be mindful of food which can contain nuts as a 'hidden' ingredient.

These include:

- Chocolate spread
- Cereal bars
- Baked goods: Cookies, candy, pastries, pie crusts, and others
- Grain breads
- Honey
- Salads and salad dressing

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Packed lunches children who prefer to bring a healthy packed lunch can continue to do so. Please can we remind parents that fizzy drinks are not permitted in school, however, diluted juice or squash and water are allowed. We also kindly ask that packed lunches contain only one small bar of chocolate or a biscuit and no sweets.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Below is a reminder of our school uniform expectations.

Please remember to ensure all school items are marked clearly with your child's name.

Children are permitted to wear stud earrings and a watch only. Jewellery, as an expression of a religious observance, may only be worn, following a written request to the Headteacher.

School uniform



Our Uniform supplier is Kitted Out Warehouse & Web Centre, 5-17 Bleasdale Road, Allerton, Liverpool L18 5JB. Usual opening times: Monday – Saturday, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.

Tel: 0151 727 2000

Email: info@kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk

Uniform can also be ordered on their website www.kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk

We have available for sale, from the school office, the following school items:



Book Bag £1



PE Bag £2.50



Book Bag £3.50



Do not forget that our Pre-Loved Uniform 'shop' is always open.

Please ask at the school office or email the school office on (finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk) with your requests (e.g. item, sizes etc) and we will see what is available and get it ready for you to collect.



If you would like to donate any part of the school uniform or PE kit, it must be washed and in good condition. Please drop any donations to the school office. We have been able to help many of our families and will continue to do so.



If you wish to apply for a **Nursery** place at St Finbar's, please contact the school office on 0151 727 3963 or email Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk We currently have places available for children age 3+.

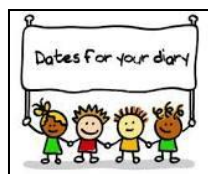
For places in any other year group, please contact the school office and they will inform you of the correct procedure to apply for a place.

Please contact the Local Authority admission on www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions if you require a place for your child. You can also contact the school direct who will be able to assist you.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

If you require assistance to complete a school form/school application form, please contact the school office (0151 727 3963) or email finbars.rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk Our office staff will arrange a date and time for you to come to school and complete the paperwork with you.





September 2025		
11 th	Thursday	Liverpool Immunisation Team to speak to parents/carers at 8.50 am on the yard & Blue Room
12 th	Friday	Year 3: Meet the Teacher, 2.45 pm
15 th	Monday	Year 1 & 2: Meet the Teacher, 2.45 pm
16 th	Tuesday	Nursery & Reception: Meet the Teacher & Stay & Play, 9.00 am – 10.00 am Year 6: Meet the Teacher, 2.45 pm
17 th	Wednesday	Year 5: Meet the Teacher, 2.45 pm
18 th	Thursday	Year 4: Meet the Teacher, 2.45 pm
25 th	Thursday	St Finbar's Feast Day Service, Year 1 - 6
October 2025		
3 rd	Friday	Year 5 Rocket Resilience
9 th	Thursday	Individual School Photographs: Letter to Follow
23 rd	Thursday	Last day of Half-Term for Children
24 th	Friday	Staff Inset Day
27 th to 3 rd November	Monday – Monday	Half -Term Holiday. School Closed to all Children
31 st	Friday	Closing Date for Year 7 Secondary Applications
November 2025		
4 th	Tuesday	Children return to school
12 th	Wednesday	Immunisation Team in School

School Calendar 2025/26



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-  School Holidays
-  School Inset Days
-  National Bank Holidays



Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick
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olmc@rcaolp.org.uk

0151 272 1463



OLMC Tea/Coffee & Cake: Please join us after the 11.15 am Mass. Cup of tea/coffee and a slice of homemade cake, £1. Everyone welcome.

Mass Attendance Sheets: The attendance sheets at the back of church are for **all** parents/carers to sign each week to enable us to keep records for future reference for any faith forms for schools that we may be asked to fill in. These forms will give us an accurate record of attendance and will be kept for a minimum of 3 years.

Mount Carmel Parish Centre: If you would like to hire our function room for your event, please contact Ann Marie on 0151 727 1695.

Sacrament of Baptism: If you have a child who you would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, please see Fr Silviu or contact Anne in the office.

Bingo: Every Thursday from 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Fr Silviu's 30th Anniversary Celebration: You are invited to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Fr Silviu's ordination. A special Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on Wednesday 17th September at 6.00 pm. Following the Mass, there will be a celebration party in the parish club. All welcome.

Knights of St Columba Sponsored Walk. This year's walk will take place on Sunday 28th September. This year's charity is St Joseph's Hospice. Envelopes for donations will be available in church on 20th/21st September.

Vacancy: Cleaner at Archbishop's House: An opportunity is available for an experienced cleaner to work at the offices and residence of Archbishop John Sherrington in Cressington Park, L19. The successful candidate will be required to work closely with Archbishop John and his Executive Assistance. Please visit the Archdiocesan website for more information.

OLMS Food Bank: Open every Wednesday, 9.00 am – 12 noon.



Parenting programme

Free course
September
2025
Tuesday
mornings

Benefits include

- Stronger Social skills
- Reduction of aggression
- More Self control
- Emotional regulation
- Increased self esteem

Evidence based Practice
With
Therapeutic Practitioners

Referral

- Children age 3-9
- Readiness for school
- Challenging behaviour
- Separation anxiety
- Low self esteem
- ADHD diagnosis

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Young Person's Advisory Service

WEEK 1	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Macaroni cheese	Chicken tikka masala served with rice	Roast beef, with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Chicken sausage with creamy mash potato & gravy	Fish cake served with chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	 Salmon pasta	 Vegetarian chilli with 50/50 rice	 Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	 Vegan sausage & mash potato with gravy	Breaded vegetable fingers served with chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Peas & broccoli Salad bar	Roasted vegetables Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Green beans & sweetcorn Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	 Upside down cheesecake	Jelly & fresh fruit	Chocolate & orange cookie	 Cheese & crackers with grapes	 Fresh fruit & whip
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection



MENU

Fuel your afternoon with a healthy school lunch from Mellors

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- 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY



- MEAT-FREE MONDAY











- CHEF'S CHOICE



- PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)



Allergens and intolerances All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's allergens prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.

WEEK 2	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast chicken with new potatoes & gravy	All day breakfast	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Creamy tomato pasta	 Vegetarian meatballs with pasta 	Cheese & onion pie served with new potatoes	Vegetarian all day breakfast	 Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Peas & coleslaw Salad bar	Carrots & green beans Salad bar	Broccoli & cauliflower Salad bar	Sweetcorn & carrots Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Jam & coconut sponge	 Flapjack	 Ginger biscuit	Ice cream	 Watermelon lolly
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection



Try something NEW today...
Variety is key to a healthy diet.

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WEEK 3	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	 Creamy tomato pasta	Chicken fillet burger served with half a crispy jacket	Roast beef, with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	BBQ chicken wrap with wedges	Fish cake served with chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	 Vegetarian bolognese pasta with garlic bread	Quorn™ burger with wedges	 Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	 Sweet & sour Quorn™ with 50/50 rice	 Vegan sausage & chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Sweetcorn & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & coleslaw Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Broccoli & green beans Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	 Fruit meringue	Ginger cake & custard	Lemon muffin	Shortbread	Ice-Cream & fresh fruit
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection



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Eating all your fruit & veg will help you grow BIG and STRONG (like me!)



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