

Newsletter

Autumn 2 2025

We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt well done to our entire St Finbar's family. It has been a busy and productive term, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into their new year groups.

It has been wonderful to see strong and positive relationships continued to grow between children, staff, parents and carers. These partnerships play such an important role in creating a supportive and nurturing school community, and we are grateful for your ongoing involvement and encouragement.

EYFS 'STAY & PLAY'

On Tuesday 16th September, our EYFS team held a wonderful 'Stay & Play' session. Parents and Carers enjoyed spending time in the classroom, taking part in a range of activities alongside their children. It was a lovely opportunity for families to experience first-hand the kinds of learning and play that take place every day in EYFS.

During the session, staff also shared information about the curriculum, helping parents and carers understand how we support children's development through play-based learning.



BREAKFAST CLUB



A big thank you to Magic Breakfast for kindly providing our school with a Heinz Beanz Kettle. The fantastic addition will support our Breakfast Club staff in serving warm, tasty beans to our children each morning, as part of our nutritious breakfast provision. We are so grateful for this support in helping every child start the day ready to learn!

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breakfast**
fuel for learning

MEET & GREET

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the September 'Meet & Greet'. It was lovely to see you all and to hear your positive feedback.

THEMED LUNCH: VISITING MEXICO

On Thursday 2nd October, we took a delicious trip to Mexico with our themed school lunch, which was a great success.

The children enjoyed the flavours and exciting dishes, with lots of smiling faces and clean plates all around. It was lovely to see so many children trying something new.

A huge **thank you** to our catering team for all their hard work in preparing such a tasty and fun lunch.



THEMED LUNCH: BONFIRE TREAT



On 5th November, we celebrated Bonfire Night with a special themed lunch called the *Bonfire Treat*. The menu was bursting with flavour and fun, featuring bonfire bangers, firecracker wedges and banging BBQ beans. For dessert, there were fruity rockets and delicious firework cookies. It was a fantastic lunchtime celebration full of colour and excitement. Thank you to our catering team for making the event such fun.

JEWELLERY IN SCHOOL

As part of our commitment to high standards in presentation, safety and wellbeing, we remind families of St Finbar's School Uniform Policy on jewellery. Pupils may wear one pair of small stud earrings and a sensible wristwatch. A small crucifix/cross as an expression of religious observance can be worn, insofar as it can be tucked beneath school uniform for Health & Safety requirements). Jewellery is worn at the pupil's own risk, and the school cannot replace lost or damaged items. For safety reasons, all jewellery must be removed during PE, swimming or practical lessons. Thank you.

YEAR 1 LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Year 1 have had a fantastic time exploring and learning across different subjects.

In History, they have been comparing old and new toys, discovering how they have changed over time and what materials were used in the past compared to today.

In Maths, they have been learning about 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to' helping them build strong number sense through fun, hands-on activities.

Take a look at some wonderful moments from our learning below!



ST FINBAR'S FEAST DAY



We would like to thank Father Silviu, our Governors, and all the parents/carers who joined us for a special school service Celebrating the Feast Day of St Finbar.

At lunchtime, the festivities continued with a traditional Irish meal featuring stobhac (Irish stew), colcannon, (mashed potatoes), cabbage, Irish cookies and fresh fruit. As a special treat, both children and staff were given a celebration cake to take home.

A big 'thank you' to our wonderful catering team for their hard work and fantastic baking skills. We also extend our thanks to Mrs Dowling for the beautiful cake toppers, which added a lovely finishing touch to the celebration.



SCHOOL BUDDIES

We are excited to announce that our new team of School Buddies has been appointed and they have successfully completed their buddy training. These pupils are supporting their peers during each playtime, helping to make break times more enjoyable and inclusive to everyone.

In addition to their daily support role, the School Buddies will also be working closely with Miss Summers to explore and introduce more fun and engaging activities during lunch breaks. We are looking forward to seeing the positive impact they have across our school community.



Our School Council members have begun working on some exciting new initiatives to help improve school life for everyone. One of their first projects is setting up a suggestion box, giving all pupils the opportunity to share their ideas and opinions with the council.

They are also busy planning a fundraiser to support our School Buddies by helping them purchase new equipment to enhance lunchtime activities. We are proud of their commitment and cannot wait to see these ideas come to life!

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.

SCHOOL GATE TIMES

May we remind you of the following important information regarding school gate opening times:

Breakfast Club: Gates open at **8:00 am** for Breakfast Club.
The last entry for Breakfast Club is **8:30 am**.

Morning Drop-Off: Gates open at **8:45 am** for children to be dropped off.
Gates close promptly at **8:55 am**.

End of School Day: Gates will open at **3:10 pm** and close at **3:30 pm**.

The official start time of the school day is **8:50 am** (Registration), with learning beginning at **8:55 am** for all children. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a smooth and safe start and end to the school day.



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.



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

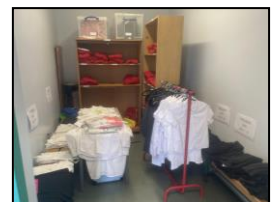


Book Bag £3.50



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.



November 2025

7 th	Friday	Year 5: Swimming Lessons Start
10 th – 14 th	Monday-Friday	Anti-Bullying Week
10 th	Monday	Odd Socks Day
13 th	Wednesday	Deadline for School Photos and Payment to be returned to School Office
12 th	Wednesday	Immunisation Team in School

December 2025

10 th	Wednesday	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Coverdale Puppets
12 th	Friday	Bikeability Starts for some Year 5 & 6 Children
19 th	Friday	Last Day of Term

January 2026

5 th	Monday	Children Return to school
15 th	Thursday	Closing Date for Reception Class Applications 2026



Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick
High Park Street, Toxteth, Liverpool L8 8DX
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.

Bingo: Every Thursday from 7.30 pm. All welcome.

OLMS Food Bank: Open every Wednesday, 9.00 am – 12 noon. If you can donate store cupboard items e.g. soup, pasta sauce, tins of tuna, meat and biscuits, please drop them off in church or the presbytery. Thank you.

Irenaeus Centre Warm Coat Appeal: Do you have a warm coat in your wardrobe you have not worn for years? Please consider donating it to our Warm Coat Rail this will help to keep a vulnerable person warm this winter. Please drop them off at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, L22 1RD, your help and support is so valuable and much appreciated. If you need a warm coat, please do not hesitate to visit.

LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD MODEL

We have been notified by Liverpool City Council that Grace Perry is the Neighbourhood Manager for Area 7, covering Dingle, Festival Gardens, Princes Park, Sefton Park, St Michaels and Toxteth wards.

The Neighbourhood Model is part of the wider transformation programme in Liverpool City Council (LCC) and works on a geographical footprint of 13 neighbourhoods across the city (including the city centre) with populations of between 30-50,000, reflecting the new ward boundaries. A copy of the map is below, for your information.

Each neighbourhood will work on the basis of a 'team around a neighbourhood' made up of existing staff in existing roles both within LCC and with their partners.

The neighbourhood manager role is intended to:

- Bring people, partners and data/intelligence together for a better understanding of each neighbourhood
- Identify key issues and lead preventative work on a neighbourhood level.
- Understand key projects and wider strategies and plans.
- Connect various service areas within the Council.
- Facilitate regular meeting with various teams and task forces.

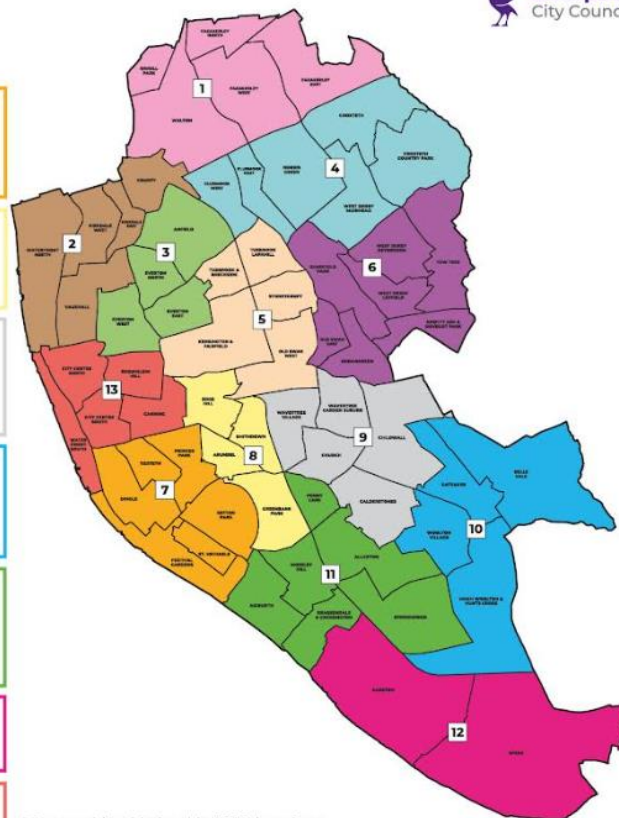
Neighbourhoods City Map: Neighbourhood Team

Head of Neighbourhoods: SHEBANA SADIQ | shebana.sadiq@liverpool.gov.uk



Note: For external use

1 Neighbourhood Manager: Sarah Hughes Neighbourhood Officer: Sean Mella Wards: FAZAKERLEY EAST ORRELL PARK FAZAKERLEY NORTH WALTON FAZAKERLEY WEST	7 Neighbourhood Manager: Grace Perry Neighbourhood Officer: Muhammad Elmi Wards: DINGLE SEFTON PARK FESTIVAL GARDENS ST MICHAELS PRINCES PARK TOXTETH
2 Neighbourhood Manager: Adam Howard Neighbourhood Officer: Sean Mella Wards: COUNTY VAUXHALL KIRKDALE EAST WATERFRONT NORTH KIRKDALE WEST	8 Neighbourhood Manager: Suzi Kingan Neighbourhood Officer: Jennifer Sweeney Wards: ARUNDEL GREENBANK PARK EDGE HILL SMITHDOWN
3 Neighbourhood Manager: Catherine McNeill Neighbourhood Officer: Nicola Currie Wards: ANFIELD EVERTON NORTH EVERTON EAST EVERTON WEST	9 Neighbourhood Manager: Hayley Corless Neighbourhood Officer: Fran Williams Wards: CALDERSTONES WAVERTREE GARDEN CHILDWALL SUBURB CHURCH WAVERTREE VILLAGE
4 Neighbourhood Manager: Barry Fearnough Neighbourhood Officer: Nicola Currie Wards: CLUBMOOR EAST NORRIS GREEN CLUBMOOR WEST WEST DERBY MUIRHEAD CROXTETH CROXTETH COUNTRY PARK	10 Neighbourhood Manager: Jo Cutler Neighbourhood Officer: Fran Williams Wards: BELLE VALE MUCH WOOLTON & GATEACRE HUNTS CROSS WOOLTON VILLAGE
5 Neighbourhood Manager: Louise Milton Neighbourhood Officer: Jenna Miller Wards: KENSINGTON & TUEBROOK FAIRFIELD BRECKSIDE PARK OLD SWAN WEST TUEBROOK LARKHILL STONEYCROFT	11 Neighbourhood Manager: Graeme Edwards Neighbourhood Officer: Muhammad Elmi Wards: AIGBURTH MOSSLEY HILL ALLERTON PENNY LANE CRASSENDALE & SPRINGWOOD CRESSINGTON
6 Neighbourhood Manager: Gail Goodwin Neighbourhood Officer: Jennifer Sweeney Wards: BROADGREEN WEST DERBY KNOTTY ASH & DOVECOT DEYSBROOK PARK WEST DERBY LEYFIELD OLD SWAN EAST YEW TREE SANDFIELD PARK	12 Neighbourhood Manager: Poppy Learman Neighbourhood Officer: Fran Williams Wards: CARSTON SPEKE
	13 Neighbourhood Manager: Gary O'Rourke Neighbourhood Officer: Jenna Miller Wards: BROWNLOW HILL CITY CENTRE SOUTH CANNING WATERFRONT SOUTH CITY CENTRE NORTH



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