

In God's love we learn and grow together

YEAR 4 & 5 VISIT KINGS ACADEMY



On Tuesday 13th January, our Year 4 and 5 pupils visited King's Leadership Academy for an exciting 'taster session' experience.



During their visit, they participated in four 30-minute workshops, getting a fantastic insight into Music, Drama, Art and PE.

The pupils also enjoyed a 20-minute break with refreshments kindly provided by staff at King's. Everyone looked the part in their school PE kits and represented the school brilliantly.



Book Sale: As you are aware as part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a love of reading, we are currently refreshing and updating our book collection.

On Friday 30th January we held a book fair featuring some of our well-loved books that are no longer required by the school but in great condition for home reading.

The books were priced from 20p to £1, and the book fair raised £57.61 and we thank all the parents/carers and children who supported this event.



A huge 'thank you' to all children and their families for supporting our '**Reverse Advent calendar**' project. Unlike a traditional calendar focused on receiving, our children spent the time focusing on giving back. Each day they donated non-perishable food and toiletries, which have not been passed to New Beginnings, Improving Lives (NBIL). NBIL were very appreciative of the food collected and wanted to pass on their thanks to our pupils and families.

NBIL is a foodbank service aimed at supporting individuals and families in crisis. The food bank operated through a delivery-only model to all Liverpool postcodes.

DAFFODIL CLASS

Take a look at the amazing learning happening in Daffodil class! They have had such a busy time lately, and they wanted to share a few highlights with you.

Scrubbing Up on History: They have been learning about the life of Kitty Wilkinson, learning about why keeping clean and washing clothes was and still is, so important.

Phonics Superstars: Their phonics knowledge has been put to work! From games to practicing dictated sentences, it's great to see their confidence grow.

Maths Whizzes: In the maths lessons, they are tackling place value, getting to grips with more or less, and working hard on their addition and subtraction.



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
- Drinks

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Packed lunch 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.

Number Day 2026



The whole school took part in NSPCC Number Day on Friday 6th February, by dressing up in something with a number on, joining schools across the UK to raise vital funds for services like Childline. We raised £84.70.

The children enjoyed in practical mathematical investigations and creative activities, applying their maths skills and celebrating numbers through fun challenges. The day was also linked with PSHE and children learnt the number for Childline and discussed why knowing this was important in an emergency. Year 2 also played times table games.



A huge thank you goes to our catering team for their wonderful support in providing a special Number Day themed lunch, which added more excitement as the children had to order by numbers.



ART CLUB

Our KS1 stars Key Stage 1 Art Club have been very busy. The children did a lovely job crafting Chinese New Year dragons using a colourful collage style. made some lovely Chinese New Year Dragons. They completed their art work in a collage style. The children have also made rose covered Valentine's Cards. To follow that up, they have also been hard at work making beautiful Valentine's cards covered in roses. Well done to all our budding artists!



SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

School Council has identified that the children in their classes would like the library open at lunch times and felt that new books being added would be a great idea. Then children in Years 3 to 6 were asked to apply for the role of School Librarians if they were interested in being responsible for helping change the library and run it at lunch times. School Librarians were identified at the beginning of Spring 1 and they are currently organising and sorting the library by identifying books that we did not need and adding new texts to the library. The School Librarians ran a book sale of the books we did not need to help raise money for things such as book stands, bookends and fairy lights. We raised a wonderful £75!



PLAYGROUND BUDDIES AND SCHOOL COUNCIL

School council used their class meetings to identify from Pupil Voice what changes could be made around school. The Student Council went back to their classes and asked for ideas of what the children thought would be good at lunch time. Once the list was compiled by the Student Council it was presented to Miss Summers and Mrs Conley at the next Student Council meeting and it was agreed that more equipment for school lunch times was needed. The School Council and Playground Buddies then worked with Miss Summers to set up the different activities for each day so the children can run them. This was successfully launched at the start of Spring 1 and continues to work well at lunchtimes.



NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

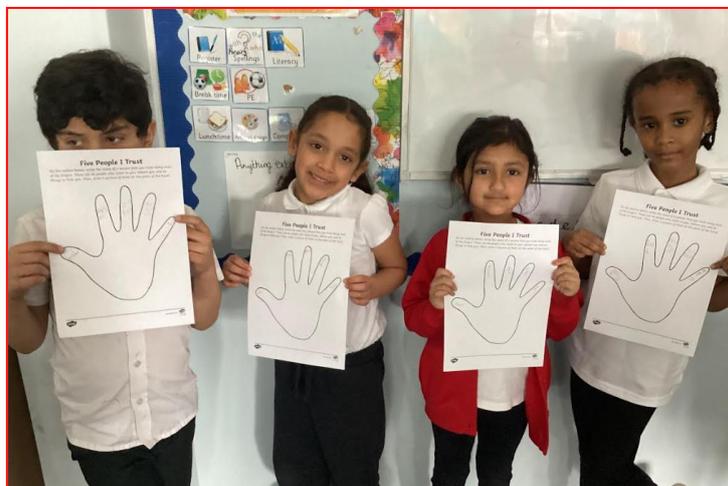
We recently celebrated National Storytelling Week, a fun event created by the Society of Storytelling to highlight the power of traditional and shared narratives. This year's theme was 'Soundtrack Your Story' and children explored how music, rhythm, and soundscapes can bring a story to life.

Daffodil class listened to author, Annemarie Anyang, share her story 'Nefertiti' through the magic of storytelling and music.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week took place between 9th – 13th February and the theme this year was 'This is my Place'. The classes carried out a discussion on what it means to belong and which places and people in their lives make them feel cared for and calm. This was linked to the Zones of regulation and the children thought about how they feel in the 'green zone'. Every class carried out the activity of completing a hand of who their trusted people are both in school and out of school.



PARKING

For the safety of our staff and students, we kindly remind families that the staff car park is for staff use only and is not to be used for student collection or drop-offs. As this area is not safe for pedestrians, we ask that parents/carers use the main school gate at all times.



Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe.



All parents/carers should now have signed up to Arbor as this is our main source of communication to parents/carers and **emails are no longer sent from the school office.**

Once you have joined 'Arbor', please take the time to check all the information we hold for your child, including:

- Contact details
- Permissions (Please only choose 1 permission for photographs)
- Medical Information
- Attendance
- Any other personal information

If any details are incorrect, please update them via the app. You do not need to contact the school office.

You will also be able to reply to messages from the school directly through Arbor, making communication quicker and more efficient.

Thank you for your cooperation as we move to this new system. If you experience any difficulties signing up, please contact the school office for support.

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.

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.



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.



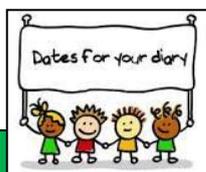
If you would like to donate any part of the school uniform or PE kit, it must be washed and in good condition. Please drop any donations to the school office. We have been able to help many of our families and will continue to do so.



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.



March 2026

5 th	Thursday	World Book Day & Themed Lunch
12 th	Thursday	Year 3 Trip to Martin Mere
13 th	Friday	Mother's Day Gift Sale
19 th	Thursday	Year 1 Trip to Martin Mere
20 th	Friday	School Close to Children: Staff Training Day

April 2026

1 st	Wednesday	Last Day of Term
2 nd – 10 th	Thursday – Friday	Easter Holidays
13 th	Monday	Children return to School
17 th	Friday	Year 4 Swimming Lessons Commence: Details to Follow

May 2026

4 th	Monday	Bank Holiday: School Closed
5 th	Tuesday	Last Year 6 SATs Booster Session
8 th	Friday	Year 4 Trip to Martin Mere: Details to Follow
19 th	Tuesday	Year 5 Trip to Martin Mere: Details to Follow
21 st	Thursday	Themed Lunch & Last Day of Term
22 nd – 1 st	Friday – Monday	School Closed for Half Term

June 2026

2 nd	Tuesday	Children Return to School
5 th	Friday	Year 3 Swimming Lessons Commence: Details to Follow
22 nd	Monday	Year 2 Trip to Martin Mere: Details to Follow

July 2026

1 st	Wednesday	Secondary School Induction Day
10 th	Friday	Year 6 Trip to Martin Mere: Details to Follow
17 th	Friday	Last Day of Term
20 th	Monday	School Closed for Children: Staff Training Day



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0151 727 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.

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

First Holy Communion Dates: Saturday 9th May at 12 noon for Holy Family and St Finbar's Catholic Primary School.

OLMC With You Always Programme (First Holy Communion)

Sessions start at 10 am prompt in the Church.

Session 4	Sunday 1 st March
Session 5	Sunday 22 nd March
Session 6	Sunday 19 th April
Session 7	Sunday 26 th April

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note that this programme is different from the 'Little Church' which takes place during Mass.



A joint statement from Merseyside Police and Liverpool City Council said: “We would like to reassure parents and carers that schools in Liverpool have well established and practiced procedures to keep children and school staff safe when schools are made aware of potential incidents or threats

“Merseyside Police enquiries regarding the cause of these threats are ongoing, but at this stage we believe they are hoax messages and there have been no credible threats in Liverpool. Officers are continuing to provide reassurance and advice to those schools.

“The safety of students and staff is our highest priority. We’d like to thank parents and carers for their patience and understanding and ask that they continue to follow advice and guidance from their child’s individual schools.

“If anyone has information on these reports, then please call 101 or DM @MerpolCC on social media, quoting log number 649 of 20 January. You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.”

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ACTIVITY CAMP!

Venue: Knotty Ash Primary
Thomas Lane, Liverpool, Merseyside,
L14 5NX

9am - 3pm

**Dates: Monday 16th February -
Friday 20th February**

Bring your own lunch!

£15 per day