

Newsletter

End of Year 2026

In God's love we learn and grow together

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support and kind words throughout the year. Thank you for everything you do at home to champion your child's learning. This positive partnership truly strengthens our entire school community, and we look forward to building on this success next term. We wish all of our families a safe, happy, and fun-filled summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

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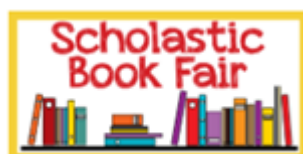


The
Cake
Sale



On Friday 15th May, Miss Summers organised a school Cake Sale to raise vital funds. We would like to thank you to everyone who donated cakes. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a fantastic £192.11, which will be used to purchase new outdoor play equipment for the children.

Chill out for a Good Cause: Thank you for supporting 'Chill out for a Good Cause'. We raised £346.30 and have already purchased some games for our playground.



Thank you to everyone who supported this year's book fair. We sold many books and raised £162 in commission to spend on books. The commission will be spent on end-of-year prizes.

LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of the school term will be Friday 17th July. Please note that school will close early on this day, and **all children must be collected at 1.30 pm.**

SEPTEMBER 2026

All children (including Nursery) will return to school on Thursday 3rd September. Learning will start at 8.45 am. Breakfast Club will be open at 8 am for Reception – 6 children.

YEAR 3 TRIP TO WATER LANE FARM

What a fantastic day we had at Water Lane Farm as part of our Agriculture unit!

The children thoroughly enjoyed extending and embedding their learning through a range of hands-on experiences. We watched a fascinating sheep shearing demonstration and an impressive sheepdog show, and some of us were lucky enough to pet a sheep. We also met the pigs and learned more about how animals are cared for.

As we explored the farm, we looked at different types of machinery and discussed the important role they play in modern farming. The children also had the opportunity to plant sunflower and pumpkin seeds, helping them understand the journey from seed to harvest.

One of the highlights of the day was making our own flatbread, linking our learning about agriculture and food production from field to fork.

It was a fantastic day that brought our classroom learning to life and helped to embed our understanding of agriculture in a fun, memorable, and engaging way. We are incredibly proud of how well the children represented our school throughout the visit.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On Thursday 4th June our school community came together in a celebration of faith as we honoured our children who recently made their First Holy Communion. The day began with a whole-school assembly, where our children were recognised for reaching this sacred milestone in their spiritual journeys.

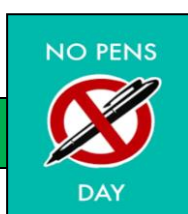
It was a joy to welcome their parents and carers to share this special occasion.

Following the assembly, the children and their families joined Mrs Conley in a celebration tea party. It was a wonderful opportunity to speak about the First Holy Communion church service.

We keep our First Holy Communicants in our prayers, asking that they continue to grow closer to Jesus each day.



"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." **John 6:35**



On Wednesday 10th June, our school 'got rid' of all pens for 'No Pen Day' and spent the day learning in a different way than usual.

The children carried out their lessons as normal to continue their learning, but every activity was completed in a way that needed no writing. This meant that across the school they were using cross curricular skills to complete their work. Overall, the children and teachers enjoyed a day of learning without having to pick up a pen to write.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP TOM NEYLON

On Friday 19th June Bishop Tom Neylon and Fr. Silviu visited our school to meet with children and staff.



Dear Mrs Conley

Thank you to you, the children and the staff at St Finbar's school, yesterday.

I enjoyed my visit very much. In the couple of hours I was in the school I saw much evidence of the strong relationships among the pupils, the pupils and staff, and the mutually supportive team spirit of the staff. The relaxed friendly atmosphere makes the school a safe space for the children to learn and to feel that their needs are met.

The demographic of the school reflects that of the local community. It is good to see the positive integration of children of Catholic, Christian, Muslim, other faiths and none. This is a wholesome countersign to the negative tone of some across the nation.

With my prayers and best wishes to the children and their families, the staff and governors as the academic year draws to a close.



YEAR 2 TRIP TO MARTIN MERE



Martin Mere
Wetland Centre

On Monday 22nd June, Year 2 enjoyed an exciting educational trip to the WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre. The children had a fantastic time exploring the nature reserve, bringing their science lessons to life as they explored the wetland habitats.



GOODBYE & THANK YOU



As we reach the end of term, we want to say a huge 'Thank You' to Anna and Tasneem who have been helping us in EYFS and Reception. We wish you both all the very best.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

St Finbar's football team put up a fantastic effort in this year's football league. While the team did not take home the trophy, the season was a massive success defined by incredible team spirit and lasting friendships. A special thank you goes to Admiral Football for allowing the school to use their facilities throughout the tournament and the team coach, Mr Millington.



SUMMER FUN



What a splash! To beat the heatwave, our school transformed into a water wonderland with a series of class water fights. Every class got their own special slot to take over the EYFS playground, arming themselves with water balloons and hose pipes for some cool fun.

Keeping our mini-splashers and staff safe was our top priority, so we thoroughly updated all our risk assessments for the hot weather. When we were not soaking each other outside, we kept our cool by moving lessons into the breeziest parts of the building and setting up extra sunshades in the playground. Plus, our lunchtime ice pop sales were a massive hit.

We would also like to send a 'big thank you' to our parent neighbours who have been helping us keep the children stay cool at lunch times by soaking the children with their hose pipe!



GUITAR CONCERT



A massive congratulations to all of our talented young guitarists who performed for parents/carers on Friday 3rd July. It takes an incredible amount of courage, practice and patience to stand up and perform, and our children 'shone'. The progress they have made is inspiring. A huge thank you to our dedicated music instructors and to the parents/carers who came to support. We are incredible proud of our budding rockstars!



On Tuesday 7th July, we were delighted to welcome Bonanza Creative to school to speak to our Year 3 and Year 5 classes. The sessions focused on safety awareness and equipping our children with important knowledge to take home to their families. Year 3 children received Safety Seymour activity packs alongside free carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to help keep their households safe. Year 5 pupils received CO Crew activity packs designed to reinforce key safety messages.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception.



Saint Teresa of Avila called Carmel "the Order of the Virgin." Saint John of the Cross credited Mary with saving him from drowning as a child, leading him to Carmel, and helping him escape from prison. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus believed that Mary cured her from illness. On her First Communion day, Thérèse dedicated her life to Mary. During the last days of her life she frequently spoke of Mary.

There is a tradition, which may not be historical, that Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary's own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance - a call that Mary models in a splendid way.

The feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on 16th July.

SCHOOL MEAL PAYMENTS ARE MOVING TO ARBOR (CASHLESS)

Reminder: Starting from 3rd September, our school is moving to a fully cashless system for all school meals. All payments must be made online in advance via the Arbor App. You can pre-load funds into the app's school meals section before September.

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.

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

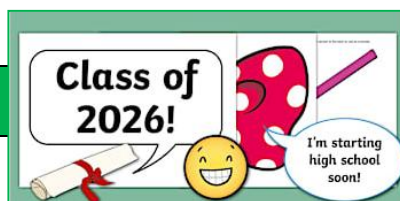
CULTURE DAY

We would also like to thank one of our parents for providing our school staff with an incredible lunch recently. The presentation of traditional dishes from Eritrea was an extraordinary treat that brought an immense amount of joy to our staff. It is not often we get to experience such a thoughtful and authentic culinary journey.



On Monday 13th July, we held our very first Culture Day in school to celebrate our wonderful cultural diversity. The children had a wonderful tasting session in class thanks to parents'/carers' wonderful generosity. Throughout the day children immersed themselves in the languages and customs of two different countries. It was an unforgettable, vibrant day of tasting, speaking and learning together.





Well Year 6, unfortunately it is nearly 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.

All the staff wish you all the very best of luck for the future and hope that your dreams and wishes come true. Remember, this is not a last goodbye but simply 'see you soon'!

Have a super summer and stride confidently into Year 7!

SEPTEMBER CLASSES

Class	Teacher
Nursery	Miss Molloy
Reception	Miss Regan
Year 1	Mrs Flynn
Year 2	Miss Osborne
Year 3	Miss Melia & Miss Williams
Year 4	Miss Summers
Year 5	Miss Brownsword
Year 6	Mrs Whittaker

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.





Our Pre-Loved Uniform shop is always available to support our school community! If you need any items or PE kits, please contact the school office directly or email finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk with the items and sizes you need. We will check our current stock and get everything ready for you to pick up.



We are always grateful for donations to help us continue supporting our families. If you have any uniform or PE kit items to pass on, please ensure they are freshly washed and in good condition before dropping them off at the office.



Looking for a Nursery place? We currently have spaces open for children ages 3 and over. To secure a place, please call our office team on 0151 727 3963 or email us at finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk

If you are looking to join us in another year group, let our office team know, and they will walk you through what to do next. You can also apply online via Liverpool City Council Admissions, but feel free to reach out to us first if you need any help with your application.

SCHOOL WEBSITE



Don't forget to visit our school website regularly for important updates, event calendars, school policies and helpful resources. It is a good way to stay informed about what is happening in our school community.



St Finbar's Catholic Primary School
<https://www.st-finbars.co.uk>

[St Finbar's Catholic Primary School: Home](https://www.st-finbars.co.uk)

Welcome to the website of St Finbar's Catholic Primary School. Our Mission Statement: In God's love we learn and grow together.

<https://www.st-finbars.co.uk/>



July 2026		
17 th	Friday	Last Day of Term. Children to be collected at 1.30 pm
20 th	Monday	School Closed for Children: Staff Training Day
September 2026		
1 st	Tuesday	School Closed for Children: Staff Training Day
2 nd	Wednesday	School Closed for Children: Staff Training Day
3 rd	Thursday	All children return to school. Learning starts at 8.55 am Breakfast Club opens at 8.00 am for children in Reception to Year 6

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick
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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. breakfast cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, soup, pasta sauce, tins of tuna, meat and biscuits, please drop them off in church or the presbytery. Thank you.

Important Notice First Holy Communions: Proof of Baptism is needed before your child can make their communion. If your child was baptised anywhere other than Mount Carmel or St Patrick's you will need to obtain a copy of the baptism from the church, they were baptised in. Please give your copy to Liz (Mount Carmel), The Sisters (St Patrick's) or to Fr Silviu or Anne (Parish Office). We need proof as soon as possible.

OLMC Parish Centre Bingo: Every Thursday from 7.30 pm.

Slimming World: Every Saturday 8.30 am and 10.00 am.



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Dear Parents and carers,

Changes to holiday support from summer 2026

From summer 2026, schools will no longer give supermarket vouchers during the holidays. This is because the government has changed how it provides funding for people who need financial help.

What support will be available?

Help will still be available, including support with food during school holidays. This support will be aimed at people facing unexpected financial difficulties. It will be based on your household's needs and may include:

- Practical help
- Advice and guidance
- Support from local services and community groups

Other support you can access

There is also a wide range of other help available:

- **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF):**
Free activities, healthy meals and fun opportunities for children and young people during the school holidays
- **Help to improve your finances:**
Local and national support to help families increase income and manage money
- **Free School Meals:**
Available during term time if your child is eligible

How to apply

When schools break up for summer, you can apply online for crisis support at: liverpool.gov.uk/crf

The application is simple. We will ask a few questions about:

- Why you need support
- Your income

If you cannot apply online, we can help you. Please contact our customer engagement team or financial inclusion team.

Find out more

[Visit the city council website](https://liverpool.gov.uk/crf) and search "Crisis Resilience Fund".

Yours sincerely

Jude

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Director Transactional Services

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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

SMART SEARCHING – USING CHILD-SAFE SEARCH ENGINES

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SMART SEARCHING

Search engines like Google are a valuable part of everyday life, helping children learn, explore, and find information. However, with AI now integrated into many search tools, it is more important than ever to think critically about the information we find online.

It's also important to remember that AI-generated answers are not always accurate and can sometimes provide incorrect information. Encouraging children to question what they find can help them become safer and more confident online users.



CHILD-SAFE SEARCH ENGINES

Search engines comb through the **entire** internet when performing a search, and it does not filter content unless requested. When children are using search engines, they may find content that is not appropriate. As a result, some companies have created child-safe/friendly search engines.

These engines, such as **Kiddle**, tailor their results to always be suitable for children. These search engines not only remove explicit or inappropriate content, but also only show content that children can read or access, such as removing Wikipedia as the top results and replacing it with articles with easier-to-understand language.

KIDDLE

This week's spotlight is **Kiddle**.

As mentioned, Kiddle is a child-friendly search engine. It is designed specifically for primary-aged children, with search results tailored to their age and understanding.

The content shown is designed to be accessible and appropriate for children, as inappropriate content is filtered out by the search engine.

Scan the QR code to access Kiddle:



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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS – STEP-BY-STEP GUIDES FOR POPULAR DEVICES.

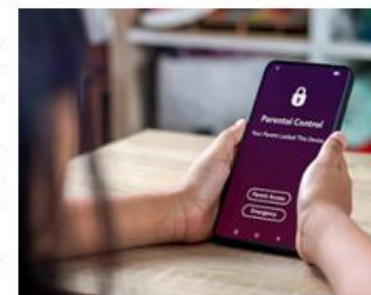
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PARENTAL CONTROLS

In previous newsletters, we've highlighted the benefits of parental controls, how to use them effectively, and the important role they play in managing your child's online access.

Children naturally want to explore the internet, but it's important to set appropriate limits on the content they can access, and only you, as a parent, know what you want your child accessing.

Parental controls are fully customisable to suit your family's needs.



STEP-BY-STEP PARENTAL CONTROL GUIDES FOR POPULAR DEVICES

Scan the QR codes to access the setup guides:

PLAYSTATION 5



XBOX SERIES X



NINTENDO SWITCH



PC



IPAD/IPHONE



CHROMEBOOK



Remember: Parental controls are most effective when combined with open conversations about online safety and responsible internet use.



Help Your Child Stay Safe Online

We are supporting the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) **Switched on to Privacy** campaign. You can access free, short videos from Peerscroller designed for parents/carers of children aged 4-11. These resources help spark open family conversations about online privacy, digital footprints and safety.

- Watch the videos on Peerscroller Resources (<https://www.peerscroller.com/resources/ico-switched-on-to-privacy>)
- Explore the campaign: ICO Switched on Privacy Hub (<https://ico.org.uk/switched-on-to-privacy/>)
- Learn about the platform: Peerscroller Website (<https://www.peerscroller.com/>)



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Good afternoon,

Today I have published my annual report on Children and Young People's Mental Health Services. As I enter my final year as Children's Commissioner, one thing is clear: before we make decisions that affect young people, we need to listen to young people.

Children's mental health is no exception. The number of children with a referral to mental health services has reached over a million – about 1 in 10 children – almost double the 564,000 in 2018-19.

We know there are still many more young people whose voices deserve to be heard. I would therefore be grateful if you could continue promoting my national survey, The Big Future, to pupils, parents and carers over the coming weeks, and encourage as many young people as possible to take part before it closes:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

Teachers, parents and carers can respond on behalf of young children, or those who may need support to access the survey.

Many schools have successfully increased participation through form time, tutor periods and assemblies. To support this, I have created a range of resources, including an introductory video, lesson materials and FAQs, all available on [my website](#).

I am also inviting schools and colleges to nominate Student Champions to help promote the survey among their peers. Champions who generate particularly high levels of participation will receive a formal letter of thanks from my office, recognising their contribution to amplifying young people's voices. This recognition can also be included in personal statements, CVs and future applications.

In addition, the schools and colleges with the highest response rates will be invited to attend my final Festival of Childhood, celebrating the voices and contributions of children and young people from across England.

Thank you once again for your commitment to ensuring that children's voices are heard. Together, we can make sure this is the strongest and most representative picture of childhood possible.

With best wishes,

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner