



St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

**January 2026
Newsletter**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I do hope that you have all had a restful break over the Christmas period. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and to see their enthusiasm for their work and kindness to their friends.

So many of our children have made new year's resolutions that are focused on making the world a better place, living out the mission of our Catholic school.

It has been wonderful to have welcomed some new Nursery children last week. They have all had an excellent first 2 weeks in school and have settled in exceptionally well into our Nursery class. We are very excited with how our EYFS classes have grown again!

A huge well done to all of the children who represented St. John's at the Young Voices concert this week, they sang their hearts out and were wonderful representatives of our school. Thank you to Mrs Amison, Mrs Pointon and Mrs Cooper for supporting the children so they could attend.

We have our parents evening sessions next week. Please make an appointment via School Cloud. Please see the letter that was sent out last week for all of the information.

Next week we will send out our Spring Term Dates so you can see what we have planned for the coming term.

The family Mass for this term has been moved to be in line with the Parish's feast day of Our Lady of Grace. The new date for the next family Mass is now Sunday 8th February (no longer March) 11am at St. Joseph's.

Once again, I would like to welcome you back and look forward to working with you over the coming year. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Rigby
Principal



Over the past two weeks the children have been reflecting on the story of the Epiphany and the gifts given to baby Jesus.

As we end the Jubilee Year, we pledge to continue to be Pilgrims of Hope and remain with Jesus sharing in His Mission.

Please take this time to reflect upon the gifts we can give to Jesus now as we work together to spend time with God, replant, repair and renew the world and treat everyone fairly, thinking about our neighbours in need.

*"What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart."*

Diary Dates

January

- 16th – EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly
- 19th – Y1 & Y6 Parents Evening
- 20th – Nursery & Y4 Parents Evening
- 21st – Y2 & Y3 Parents Evening
- 21st – EYFS visit to St Joseph's Church
- 22nd – Reception & Y3 Parents Evening
- 22nd – KS2 Mass 9.30am
- 23rd - KS2 Celebration Assembly
- 28th – Year 4 Trip to Liverpool Museum
- 28th – Nursery & Reception Teddy Bear Hospital
- 28th – Year 4 Liverpool Museum
- 29th – Y5 Survival School (all day)
- 30th – EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly

February

- 3rd – Active Family Workshops KS1 1.30 – 3.00pm
- 4th – First Holy Communion Parents Information Session 6pm Mass followed by Session. St Joseph's Church, Goldenhill
- 5th – Y4 (AM) Y1 (PM) Survival School
- 6th – KS2 Celebration Assembly
- 8th – Family Mass 11am at St Josephs Church, Goldenhill
- 9th – 13th Children's Mental Health Week
- 10th – Safer Internet Day
- 11th – Valentines Disco (PTFA)
- 12th – Year 5 Science Session at SMW (AM)
- 12th – Reception and KS1 Liturgy of the Word 9.30am
- 13th- EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly
- 16th – 20th – Half Term
- 23rd – School open
- 25th – First Reconciliation Service 6pm St Joseph's Church, Goldenhill
- 27th – Non uniform Day PTFA (Bring a £1.00)
- 27th – KS2 Celebration Assembly

March

- 3rd – World Book Day Storyteller in school
- 5th – World Book Day
- 5th - KS2 Mass 9.30am
- 6th – EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly
- 9th – Year 3 Recorder Festival
- 9th – Lenten Prayer Session 1 (Year 6) 9.10am
- 10th - Lenten Prayer Session 2 (Year 5) 2.45pm
- 11th - Lenten Prayer Session 3 (Year 4) 9.10am
- 13th – EYFS and KS1 Mothers Day Assembly 9.10am
- 16th - Lenten Prayer Session 4 (Year 3) 9.10am
- 17th - Lenten Prayer Session 5 (Year 6) 2.45pm
- 18th - Lenten Prayer Session 6 (Year 5) 9.10am
- 19th – Confirmation Mass 6.30pm at St Joseph's, Goldenhill
- 20th – Year 1 Peak Wildlife
- 20th – KS2 Celebration Assembly

PE kits need to be brought into school every Monday and left in lockers for the week, full uniform to be worn everyday. Please ensure



Terms Dates 2025/2026



Monday 1st September	INSET
Tuesday 2nd September	INSET
Wednesday 3rd September	First day of school
Friday 24th October	Last day of term
Monday 3rd November	INSET
Tuesday 4th November	School opens to all
Friday 19th December	Last day of term
Monday 5th January	INSET
Tuesday 6th January	School opens to all
Friday 13th February	Last day of term
Monday 23rd February	School open to pupils
Friday 27th March	Last day of term
Monday 13th April	School opens to all
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	Last day of term
Monday 1st June	School opens to all
Friday 17th July	Last day of term

December Attendance

Nursery	91.19%
Reception	94.67%
Year 1	94.20%
Year 2	92.11%
Year 3	92.54%
Year 4	88.99%
Year 5	92.56%
Year 6	96.130%



Well done Year 6!

CARECLUB

Please ensure you book your Child/ren's place in advance on Arbor, we have limited places and can't guarantee a space if you don't book in.

Bookings have to be made on Arbor 48 Hours in advance.

Emergency Bookings via the Office.
01782 367267

IMPORTANT

If your address/telephone/email has changed, please ensure this is updated on Arbor

ABSENCEIF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU MUST TELEPHONE SCHOOL ON 01782 367267 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ABSENCE LINE. BEFORE 09.30am stating the reason for absence.

Please be mindful of other road users, local residents and the safety of our children when parking around school. Please do not block residents driveways or park on the zig zag lines.

Thank you for your cooperation .

CAR PARKS

The car parks in the school grounds are for staff cars only, please do not use them for dropping off/picking up careclub and afterschool clubs. There is a car park lower down for parent use.



Its important that we hold up to date information on our pupils.

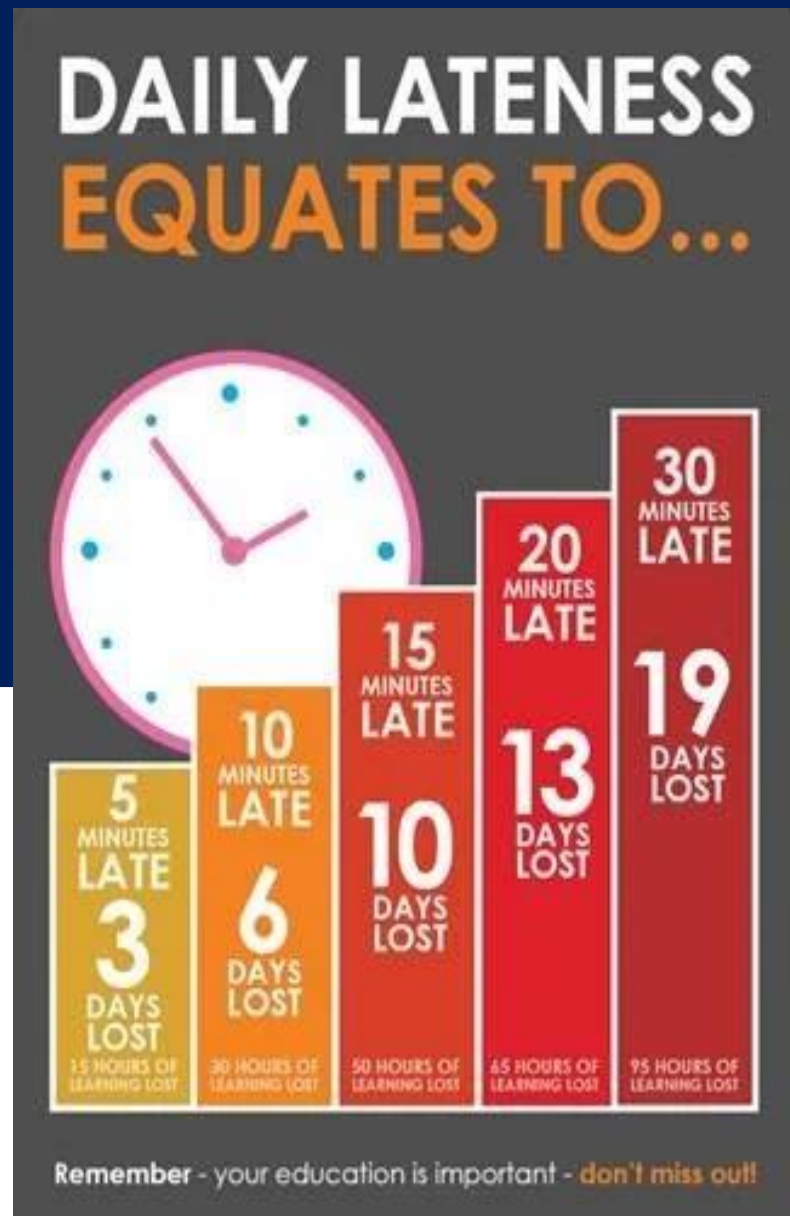
Changes can be made by yourselves.

All you need to do is log into the account and make the changes, we will receive a notification of those changes and approve them.

Trip reminder

Please ensure if you are required to give consent for an upcoming trip that you log into Arbor by the deadline date which appears on the letter.

Thank you for your co-operation.



JOIN US FOR A

Valentine's Disco

**WEDNESDAY 11TH
FEBRUARY 2026!**

EYFS & KS1

2.30pm-3.30pm

£3.00 to be paid via Arbor which includes: Entry
Fee, Sweets, Crisps and a Drink.

Children can bring a change of clothes to school to
get changed into before the disco.

KS2

3:45pm-4:45pm

£1.00 entrance fee to be paid on the door.
Children can bring in extra money for refreshments
etc.

No more than £5.00 per child.

Children can bring a change of clothes and can
stay in school to get changed before the disco.



WOW

WOW – the walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking to school.

We are hoping to encourage more children and their families to be active when travelling to school. We know how important being active is to both our physical and mental health, so this is an exciting challenge.

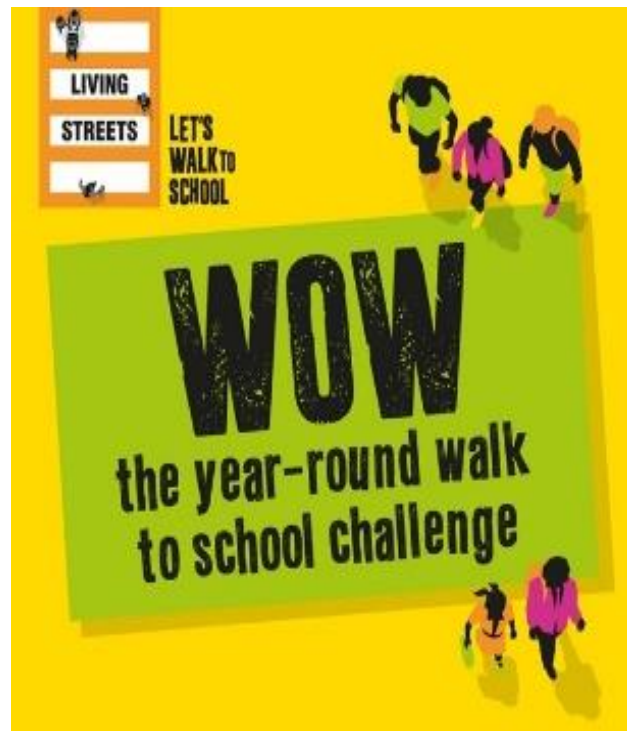
WOW is a pupil-led initiative where the children can self-report how they get to school every day. If you child walks, cycles, scoots, park and stride at least twice a week, for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.

Walking to school helps children to feel happier and healthier and they arrive feeling refreshed, fit and ready to learn. More families walking also means fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion.

If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can 'park and stride'. This means parking or getting off public transport at least **five** minutes away from the school and walking the rest of the way.

Let's swap those school runs for school walks!

If you have any questions, please speak to the office or find more information and useful videos at livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch





HERE
EVERY DAY
READY
ON TIME



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME

Reminders to Parents

◆ **School Uniforms**—Our full uniform range is now available at **National Schoolwear, Hanley** (including Ties and book bags).

◆ **School Dinners** -

Price per meal **£2.50** for Nursery.

Price per meal **£3.25** for years 3/4/5 & 6.

◆ **Breakfast Club** - Staffed by **Mrs Copeland & Miss Hancock**

◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Arbor

Breakfast Club per child; from 7.30am £5.00 or £20 for the whole week—Children must be in by 8.30am

Drop off at 8.30am cost £1.00

◆ **After school care club—Mon-Fri 3pm-5.45pm –Snack included. Staffed by Mrs Bennett & Mrs Copeland**

◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Arbor

Care Club per child:

from 3.00pm to 4.30pm £5.00

from 3.00pm to 5.45pm £7.50

St Margaret Ward Siblings can be dropped off **from 8.10am and picked up by 3.40pm** no charge. Before or after this time charges above apply.

◆ We are a cashless school—all bookings and payments are to be made in advance via your child's Arbor account.

Late Arrivals / Early Leaving - please bring/collect your child to/from the school office. It is important that your child attends school regularly and on time in order to ensure good academic achievement. Please ensure that where possible, medical appointments are arranged outside school hours.

Please note the school has a strict no smoking policy on its grounds. This includes E-cigarettes or any other nicotine based products.

If you see anyone on the school premises when the school is closed please call the police on **101** and report the incident. Thank you for your support and cooperation

Would Parents and Carers please note that dinner money, careclub and afterschool clubs are payable in advance and should be paid online via your child's Arbor account.

School Hours: EYFS/KS1 - children need to be in school for 8.40am registration, please ensure you are outside the classroom doors/on the EYFS playground by 8.35am, the gates for EYFS/door for KS1 will be closed at 8.42am.

Nursery doors open 3.00pm Reception & KS1 Collection at 3.10pm

KS2 Doors open at 8.45am need to be in by 8.50am, school gates are locked at 8.52am. Collection at 3.20pm

Office Opening Hours Monday - Thursday 08.00-16.00 Friday 08.00 - 15.30



Please note Dogs should not be brought onto school premises

Reminders to Parents

Uniform

Boys

School Navy woollen jumper (school colours on the V neck)

White school shirt (polo shirts for Nursery)

School tie

Dark grey flannel trousers

Grey, black or white socks

Black shoes

Black boots (only during winter months and must be no more than ankle height)

PE Kit

Navy T-shirt (with/without school logo)

Navy cotton shorts

Navy sweatshirt/hoodie (with/without school logo)

Navy jogging bottoms (Winter)

Black plimsolls or Trainers

Summer Term only

Boys may wear dark grey flannel shorts

Girls

School Navy Cardigan (school colours around the edge)

White school shirt (polo shirts for Nursery)

School tie

Dark grey skirt, pinafore or trousers

Grey, black or white socks or grey or black tights

Black shoes

Black boots (only during winter months and must be no more than ankle height)

PE Kit

Navy T-shirt (with/without school logo)

Navy cotton shorts

Navy sweatshirt/hoodie (with/without school logo)

Navy jogging bottoms (Winter)

Black plimsolls or Trainers

Summer Term only

Girls may wear navy and white checked summer dresses

The wearing of correct school uniform is considered to be an important part in establishing a sense of community and standards in school. Children are encouraged to take pride in wearing appropriate uniform, including PE kit.

Hair and Accessories

Hair should be conventionally cut with no visible lines and should be an appropriate length (not shaven or less than grade 2).

Shoulder length hair should be tied back at all times using a navy bow or plain bobble in the school colours (navy and white) or black.

Highlights/Lowlights and any additional hairpieces (eg braids/hair tinsel) are not permitted.

A small bow or hair bands may be worn but these must be in school colours (navy and white).

Tattoos, Make up and Nail Varnish

Temporary transfer tattoos, make up and nail varnish are not allowed.

Jewellery

In the interest of Health and Safety, jewellery must not be worn. This includes earrings, which are not permitted even if covered with a plaster.



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