



St Austin's
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Newsletter

6th October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Parish - Holy Communion Meetings - Our first Holy Communion meeting for parents was well attended on 24th September. At this meeting important dates and information regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) and Holy Communion were received by parents. Please attend all scheduled meetings at Church to ensure your child is fully prepared for this special occasion.

Year 6 PGL – What a fantastic week our year 6 children had at PGL Boreatton Park. They were a credit to themselves and St Austin's. They showed true resilience and bravery with some of the tasks undertaken. A great team effort from everyone involved! Well done year 6!

Meet and Greet – Many thanks to all the parents/carers who were able to attend the meet & greet sessions recently. We hope you found the session valuable! If you were unable to attend the meeting you can find a copy of the presentation on your class pages on the website.

Culture Week – What a great success! Last week our children took part in many cultural activities which included European Day of Languages, music, dance, Black History day, poetry day and global sustainability. Look out for photos of year group activities on Instagram.

Liverpool Schools Cross Country - Our year 5 & 6 pupil have now completed 2 out of 6 races in the Liverpool and District Primary Schools' Cross Country League. At Croxteth Park, our girls team finished in an impressive 4th place while the boys achieved 6th overall. The second race at Newsham Park had a record 852 participants. The next race takes place tomorrow at Stanley Park and is said to be one of the tougher courses. Our team is ready for the challenge!

New Computer Suite – is now open! Thank you to our wonderful SAPTA team of fundraisers in supporting this project. We couldn't have completed this without your financial support. The children and Miss Rogan absolutely love the new upgraded room with 30 new computers. A valuable learning resource for all the children.

Instagram – Stay connected with all that is happening at St Austins- we currently have 2536 posts. Keep sharing with family and friends.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - We're delighted to offer a wide range of clubs this term, including:

Choir Practice – Wednesdays (Years 4–6)

Football Club – Tuesdays after school (year 6 girls, with Mrs Hughes)

Football Club – Tuesdays after school (year 6 boys, with Mr Hints)

Cross Country, Computing, Violin Lunch Club, Harriers, and Samba Band – already up and running!

More clubs will be introduced as the year progresses – there's truly something for everyone at St Austin's.

Breakfast and After school Clubs – Please remember your child should attend only on the days you have specified in your contract, as these are the days you will be charged for, **whether they attend or not**. Amendments to this can only be made in exceptional circumstances and must be agreed through the school office, as staffing ratios depend on accurate attendance numbers.

Welcome assembly – We look forward to welcoming our new reception families to our welcome assembly on Tuesday 21st October at 9.15am here in school. Our year 2 children will prepare invitations, prayers and songs to share with our newest members of the school community. We hope our new parents/carers can attend. Further information will follow.

Admissions September 2026 – If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, they will be due to start reception class next year. The deadline for submitting your application forms to both the Local Authority and our school is 15th January 2026.



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We will be holding 4 meetings, for parents/carers to visit the school and collect all the relevant forms. For details about the admissions process please see the Local Authority link [Liverpool City Council Admissions](#)

There will be a maximum of 2 adults per child allowed to attend, and strictly no children or babies are allowed on this occasion. You **must** book a place at one of these meetings via our school office on 0151 427 1800 or email enquiries@st-austins.co.uk

Wednesday 5th November – 9.15am – 10.15am Wednesday 12th November – 9.15am – 10.15am
Tuesday 18th November – 9.15am – 10.15am Thursday 8th January – 4.30pm – 5.30pm

If you already have children in our school, you do not need to attend the meetings, you can collect the relevant form at the school office or email enquiries@st-austins.co.uk to request a form electronically. There is a maximum of 30 adults per meeting. You will be shown around the school by our year 6 children.

Year 7 Secondary school applications – A reminder for year 6 parents to check their preferred secondary school websites for information about their admissions process including entrance exams into year 7 for September 2026. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2025.

Attendance – our attend since returning from the summer holidays has been excellent consistently exceeding our target. This is a wonderful start to the school year. A kind reminder that school starts at 8.55am and all pupils must be registered by this time. Thank you for your support.

Contact Details – In line with the local authority safeguarding team, each school needs 3 contact names and phone numbers for each child. In times of sickness or poor attendance we will contact various relatives on your contact list. If you have moved house, please ensure our school office has the most up to date information on your child.

Medical records – If your child's medical details have changed recently, can you please email enquiries@st-austins.co.uk to confirm the changes. This is needed to ensure we keep our pupil medical records up to date.

Uniform – A reminder that all uniforms should be labelled with your child's name. It is very difficult to identify missing items, especially school tracksuits. We have a lost property box in the office reception area, so if you are missing any items, please do call in to have a look. If there are no names in the clothing, you are welcome to take what you need. Thanks for your cooperation.

Parent code of conduct – a gentle reminder that parents must not approach other parents regarding incidents that have occurred in school. Under no circumstances should a parent take it upon themselves to approach another child regarding any incidents. These are school matters which are dealt with through the schools Relationship and behaviour policy. Please follow the link for the parent's code of conduct. [Parent Carer code of conduct](#)

School App (PARENTAPP) Please ensure you have access to our school Parent APP. Only one parent initially receives the registration link, then you can add additional contacts via the profile tab on the main page. If you need assistance gaining access to the APP please see our office staff who will be happy to assist.

School payments – Please ensure you bring your accounts up to date by Friday 24th October. You can check the school APP for any outstanding monies. If you are unable to access your account details on the APP please speak to the office staff who will help. If you have any questions or queries regarding your accounts, speak to Mrs Doran at the school office.



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World Mental Health Day 2025 – A reminder that we are taking part in 'HelloYellow' Day this Friday to support World Mental Health. We'll be joining thousands of other schools by accessorising our uniform to wear something yellow. For example, our children can wear yellow socks, headband, bobbles, tie or badges without changing the uniform. We ask parents and carers to consider donating to YoungMinds. If you can, bring these donations to school and each teacher will collect.

Congratulations – A huge congratulations to all our newly appointed Maths, Reading, Science, Art, Computing, International, RE ambassadors, as well as our School Councillors, House Captains and Caretaker Crew. We hope you are ready for the different challenges your new role brings.

INSET DAY Monday 3rd November - school will be closed for all pupils for a staff professional training day.

End of term – School will close on Friday 24th October for the half term break at 2.15pm.

Start of term – School will open again on Tuesday 4th November at 8.45am.

Dates for the diary

- 12th Oct - Feast of St Wilfrid
- 22nd/23rd Oct - Autumn Open Night
- 3rd Nov - INSET Day (school closed to all pupils)
- 10th Nov - Anti-bullying week
- 28th Nov - SAPTA Christmas Fair
- 15th Dec - Infant Christmas Play
- 16th Dec - Infant Christmas Play
- 17th Dec - Pupils Christmas Dinner
- 18th Dec - SAPTA Christmas Party / Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th Dec - End of term – school closes at 2.15pm

Thank you for your continued support in what has been an excellent start to the year!

Kindest regards,

Colette Hickey
Headteacher



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