

Newsletter

Friday 27th January 2023

www.stnicholasliverpool.co.uk is filled with the latest information about our school.

School closes for February Half Term on Thursday 9th February at 3.15. Children will return to school on Monday 20th February 2023.

Dates For your Diary

Friday 27th January Y5 to visit Yoko Ono Theatre.

Wednesday 1st Feb Strike Action SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN

Monday 27th Feb Y6 to visit Stockport Air Raid Shelter.

Monday 27th March Y4 to visit Chester Zoo.

Every Thursday Y5 will swim at the University pool (please remember their swim kit)

Chinese New Year 新年快乐

To celebrate Chinese New Year, Y5 have taken part in a Chinese concert in collaboration with Liverpool University. The children have had a wonderful day and enjoyed performing as well as some craft activities. The 2023 Lunar New Year will welcome the Year of the Rabbit. People born in this year are believed to be vigilant, witty, quick-minded and ingenious. The animal is also said to signify mercy, elegance and beauty. The Rabbit is the fourth animal in the zodiac and is seen as the luckiest.

After School Clubs

Mon-SATS Booster

Tue-Choir Year 3,4,5,6

Wed-No Clubs

Thurs-SATS Booster

Fri- SATS Booster

Please ensure your child is collected on time at 4pm

School News

We would like to say a HUGE goodbye to Mrs Needham as she leaves us to start a new job as a Family Liaison Officer. Mrs Needham has been with us for over 15 years and we are all extremely sad to see her leave. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Dore who has been working with us as support staff for over 5 years. I am sure you will join us as we wish them both all the luck and happiness as they begin their new career path.

Language of the Month

At St Nicholas we enjoy celebrating the rich cultural diversity we have within our school community including the different languages we speak. Each month we choose a different language to celebrate and learn some key vocabulary from. There are resources for learning basic key phrases for our Language of the Month on website: http://www.newburyparkschool.net/langofmonth/ Our language of the month for February is Danish. We would welcome any contributions big or small to help us celebrate these languages. Please see your child's teacher or Mrs Baines our EAL coordinator for more details of how to get involved

Punctuality

There are an increasing number of children who are arriving to school late. This can sometimes be upsetting for the child and also disruptive to their phonics lesson which take place every morning. Please can you ensure your child is in school before the gate closes at 8.55am.

School Lunches

Reminder—school meal patterns are set for the term. If you change from a school dinner to a packed lunch from home and do not inform the school office then you will still be charged for the hot meal as we will not know unless you inform us.

Reception Class Sept 2023

The online admissions process for September 2023 is now closed. Please contact the school office if you need to make a late application or apply via the link below :}

https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/

NEW AMENDED School Term Dates 2022/23

Autumn 2022 - Children to return Monday 5th September 2022

Thursday 1st September - Friday 21st October 2022

Half Term - Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October 2022

Monday 31st October - Wednesday 21st December 2022

Christmas Break - Thursday 22nd December - Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Spring 2023 - Children to return Wednesday 4th January 2023

Wednesday 4th January - Friday 10th February 2023

<u>Half Term</u> - Monday 13th - Friday 17th February 2023

Monday 20th February - Wednesday 5th April 2023 **Easter Break** - Thursday 6th April - Friday 14th April 2023

<u>Summer 2023 – Children Return Monday 17th April 2023</u>

Monday 17th April - Friday 26th May 2023

<u>Half Term</u> - Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Monday 5th June - Friday 14th July 2023

INSET Days

These days are inclusive of the required five INSET days for staff only to attend.

School is closed for children on these 5 days.

The 5 INSET Days are as follows:-

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Friday 21st October 2022
Friday 10th February 2023
Monday 17th April 2023























Attendance

Attendance is MANDATORY for all pupils unless they are ill. If your child is absent from school without authorisation parents could be fined by the Local Authority.

Attendance and punctuality is very important at St Nicholas Catholic Academy. Improving school attendance is a key priority for the council and its family of schools and the support of our parents is crucial to achieving our goal. The Government expects pupils to have a minimum level of attendance of at least 97%.

We will be working towards this target for the forthcoming academic year.

All appointments should be arranged outside of the school day.

If your child has an urgent medical appointment which cannot be rearranged, you will need to provide medical evidence before the absence will be authorised. This can be in the form of an appointment card, a letter from a GP, dentist, walk in centre, or hospital, or medication issued from that appointment, etc.

Attending school regularly is so important. How close is your child to 100% attendance? Please take a look at the chart below to see how this can impact your child's learning.

0 days off school	100%	Perfect, congratulations! Your child has the best chance of success.	
2 days off school	98%	Very good! Well done! Your child is off to a flying start.	
10 days off school	95%	Not too good. Your child has less chance of doing well and achieving success	
22 days off school	88%	Very Concerned	Your child will find it hard to make progress and achieve and could become a "persistent absentee"
32 days off school	83%	Extremely Concerned	