



# Newsletter

17th November 2023

[www.stnicholasliverpool.co.uk](http://www.stnicholasliverpool.co.uk) is filled with the latest information about our school.  
**School closes for Christmas break on Friday 22nd December and we return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.**

Please see below a list of key dates for up and coming school activities.

**Friday 17th November - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN DUE TO A STAFF TRUST CONFERENCE.**

**Monday 20th November - Y4 visit to Chester for the Roman Tour.**

**Wednesday 6th December - Advent Service in the Cathedral and the Celebration of St Nicholas.**

**Monday 11th December & Tuesday 12th December - KS2 Carol Concert Y4,Y5 & Y6 to sing at 2.00pm.**

**Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day** pupils can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper for a donation of £1.00. This will also be own clothes day and Christmas lunch will also be celebrated on this day.

**Thursday 14th December & Friday 15th December - KS1 to perform their nativity show Y1,Y2 & Y3 at 2.00pm.**

**Friday 15th December - EYFS Nursery & Reception to perform their Christmas play at 9.30am.**

All Parents/Carers welcome. Please note all the above performances are to take place in the school hall.

**Wednesday 20th December Christmas Party Day** –All children to come to school wearing their own clothes.

## School News

Y5 & y6 have had a fantastic time at the spooky science trip at the university. They got to see some spooky experiments as well as having a great day out. Y1 have also enjoyed their trip to the Liverpool Museum and had so much fun learning about old and new toys which linked in to their history lesson.

## 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 November is Gujarati. 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.

## Persistent Absence

If your child's attendance is below 90%, they become a persistent absentee. What this means is that Liverpool City Council Education Welfare Officer may become involved to help families with improving attendance. We understand that there have been lots of nasty bugs around, but it is our duty to make sure that there are no underlying issues. You may receive emails or phone calls, but please remember we are trying to help.

## Packed Lunches (and allergies)

Can I please take this opportunity to remind all families that we have a number of allergies in school. All children have the option to bring a packed lunch from home. However, please remember that we are trying to become a nut-free school and there should be no nuts or peanut butter etc... brought into our school. Please remember lunches are set for the term and you can not swap and change or you will be charged.

## Reception Admissions 2024

The closing date for online applications is 15th January 2024. Parent/Carers must apply for reception places through the Local Authority by using the online application process. If you require further information please contact Liverpool City Council on 0151 233 3006 or contact the school office. If your child is currently in our school nursery this does not entitle you to an automatic place in Reception. You must complete the online application form at <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/>

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

There have been an increasing number of children being collected from school early. Please try to arrange all appointments outside the school day as this can be very disruptive to the pupil's learning. There is an increasing number of children who are arriving late to school. This can be upsetting to the child and can be disruptive to lessons. Please can you ensure that your child is in school before 8.55 a.m.

### **School Lunches and Free School Meals**

Reminder – meal patterns are set for the term. If you do require a change, please let the office know to avoid errors on your account. Please note you can not mix packed lunch with hot dinner during the week. The cost of a school meal is £2.00 per day or £10 per week. Any parent who has not received their login details for School Money, please contact the office on: 0151 709 5532. All dinners should be paid for in advance. If any parents' or guardians' circumstances have changed during these uncertain times, please be aware you may now be entitled to free school meals. You can check your eligibility via the link: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals>

### **Reminder**

If you have changed your mobile number or address you will need to let the office staff know. If your child requires medication please ensure it is brought into the school as soon as possible and a form is filled out in the office.

### **School Term Dates 2023/24**

Autumn 2023 – Children to return Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 1st September - Friday 27th October 2023

Half Term - Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023

Monday 6th November - Friday 22nd December 2023

Christmas Break - Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January 2024

Spring 2024 – Children to return Tuesday 9th January 2024

Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March 2024

Easter Break - Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024

Summer 2024 – Children Return Monday 15th April 2024

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024

Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

Monday 3rd June – Monday 22nd July 2024

### **INSET DAYS**

(In Service Education and Training for staff)

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

school can set a maximum of 10 INSET days in a school year.

School is closed for children on these 7 days.

The 7 INSET Days are as follows:

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 17th November 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Friday 9th February 2024

Friday 5th July 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024