



Newsletter

23rd October 2023

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**School closes for October Half Term on Friday 27th October at 3.15pm .
Children will return to school on Monday 6th November 2023.**

Dates for your Diary

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

Wednesday 25th October - Harvest Festival Assembly in the school hall at 10am. All Parent/Carers welcome.

Friday 27th October - School finishes for October half term at the normal time of 3.15pm.

Monday 6th November - Children return back to school.

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th November - Parents Evening—Appointments to follow on from class teacher.

Wednesday 8th November - Y5 & Y6 to visit LJMU for a Spooky Science Day.

Wednesday 15th November - Y1 to visit the Museum of Liverpool. Letter home to follow on.

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

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.

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

Thank you to all our families who have donated to our Harvest Festival so far. Our Assembly is on Wednesday at 10.00am and we welcome all our families to join us. You still have time to donate any tins or dried foods. These will be taken to the Sisters of Mercy charity who do fantastic work in our city supporting the homeless.

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.

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.

Reception and Year 7 Admissions.

Please note the closing date for Y7 admissions is 31st October 2023

The online admission process is now open for Reception and Year 7 places. Please note – a place in our nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception. Please apply via the link below.

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

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