



Newsletter

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Achieve'

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We have had some issues with our catering service at the beginning of the term which has affected the high standards that we expect from the company. Two members of staff left the kitchen at the end of last term and we are in the process of seeking resolutions to our current concerns; please bear with us while we rectify the situation.

Thank you.

King's Coronation

We celebrated the King's Coronation on Friday 5th May. The children learnt something of this momentous occasion and enjoyed some fun activities along with party food available for the children to enjoy in the afternoon.

Thank you for supporting this event. The children looked great in their red, white and/or blue to school as part of the celebrations.



Assessments

During the summer term all children will be assessed to identify progress made throughout the year. It is really important that children attend school regularly so that they do not miss these opportunities.

Year 6 pupils have completed their assessments and Y2 are currently in the process of completing their assessments.

Y3 - Y5 pupils will be undertake assessments in the week beginning 12th June. Children never perform as well when they are unable to complete the tasks with their peers.

Partnership with parents is vital so that, together, we can help your child achieve their full potential.

What's happening?

May

- 16th Numeracy Day
- 18th SIAMS Inspection
- 18th Y6 Football Competition
- 25th School closes for all pupils
- 26th INSET

June

- 5th INSET
- 6th Schools opens for all pupils.
- 8th Class Photograph Day
- 8th Summer Bingo
- 12th Y3 - Y5 Assessment Week
- 19th Residential Trip - Derbyshire
- 30th Summer Fair

July

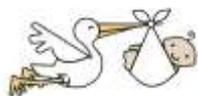
- 5th Transition Day
- 7th Reports to Parents
- 13th Sports Day
- 14th Sports Day reserve
- 14th PTA Meeting
- 18th Leavers' Service
- 19th End of Term 1.30pm

If you require a large print Newsletter, please enquire at the Welcome desk.

Staffing News

Miss Burns has started her maternity leave. We look forward to meeting the new member of her family in the Summer term.

We are in the process of recruiting a new caretaker to replace Mr Bewley and Mrs Ford will be leaving us in July to begin a long and happy retirement.



Crazy Hair Day

There have been some wonderful, creative responses to our crazy hair day! Thank you to those who participated. We have raised £31 for our school funds.



Attendance and Punctuality

May 2023

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
EYFS	91.5	95.7
Class 1	90.4	91.5
Class 2	93.8	93
Class 3	94.5	91
Class 4	93.7	91.9
Class 5	91.9	91.3
Class 6	94.7	90.9
School Average	93.2	92.2
National Average	93.9	

Our current attendance is 93.2%. This continues to be just below the National average.

Thank you to those parents who bring their children to school daily. We have a small number of children who have had no absence at all. Thank you to those who are following our absence procedures. It is important that you share the reason for your child's absence as soon as possible. Mrs Ford will endeavour to contact you if we have not heard from you by 9am. You are able to leave messages on the school telephone system at any time of day.

Where attendance is an early concern I will write to parents and offer support where possible. If concerns grow, the Education Welfare Officer will be asked to investigate further and implement actions as necessary.



Bus Reform Consultation

The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, led by Mayor Steve Rotheram, has new powers to improve bus services by taking greater public control of the network - either through an enhanced partnership with bus operators or by introducing bus franchising. Before any final decision is made, we want to know what the people who live and work in the Liverpool City Region think. The consultation is open until Friday 3rd August. You can find out more and take part [here](#) and if you have any questions, let us know by contacting movingbusesforward@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk.

School Nurse

If you have any health queries and wish me to complete a referral to our school nurse, Beth Corlett, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you wish to seek some advice yourself, feel free to talk to the nurse about any worries/concerns that you may have. Her telephone number is: 295 9700



ADHD Support

Do you have/suspect you have a child with ADHD? Below is a link to a leaflet to help you understand and support your child/grandchild.

https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/ADHD_FOUND_Takeda_ParentBooklet_May22_2.pdf

Extended Provision

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club opens at 8.00am each day. Your children can choose a healthy breakfast and will be supervised until the start of the school day. A range of activities are available to keep the children entertained. The cost of this provision is £2.00 per day.

After School Club

After School Club provision is available via Kidz Place on Wavertree High Street.



Summer Bingo

A number of families really enjoyed the winter bingo sessions last term. We plan to have Summer session on Thursday 8th June. Games will be 50p each. Families can buy as many tickets as they wish per game.

There will be the option to play up to three games. Come along and join in the fun!



CLUBS FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Day	Club	Who can go?	Time	Staff Responsible
Monday	School Council	School Council	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Durie
	Guitar Club	Y4 - Y6	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Holland
	Games Club	Y1	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mrs Midgley
Tuesday	Running Club	Y3 - Y6	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mrs Hoare
	Homework Club	Y6	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Miss Vaughan
	Multi-Sports Club	Y1 - Y2	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Woods
Thursday	Computing Club	Y4	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Durie
Friday	Reading Club	Y3	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Brooksbank

Liverpool Signing

We are incredibly proud of one of our pupils having the opportunity to sign for Liverpool. We wish him every success on his journey to stardom!

Here is a picture of him signing up with Trent Alexander Arnold by his side.



Adult Learning

As we go through life we never stop learning. There are a number of adult courses to help you understand you're your children are learning and how you can support them.

A range of resources will be shared when you attend and there is funding available for transport also.

Courses currently available are:

Reading- Y3/4/5: Friday 9th June and Friday 16th June at Liverpool Lighthouse 1.30-2.30

Writing- Y3/4/5: Thursday 18th and Friday 19th May at St Francis de Sales Juniors 1.30-2.30

Science- Monday 5th June and Wednesday 7th June at Park Road Adult Learning Centre 1.30-2.30

Booking details can be found on the school website on the link below:

[Adult Learning | Wavertree Church of England School](#)

Mental Health Week

This week is Mental Health Week. The focus this year is on anxiety. Below is a link to a booklet that provides strategies for coping with anxiety.

[MHF-wear-it-green-day-2023-anxiety-booklet.pdf](http://wavertree.liverpool.sch.uk/MHF-wear-it-green-day-2023-anxiety-booklet.pdf)
(wavertree.liverpool.sch.uk)



10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: It tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *BBC Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.