



Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. The children and staff have returned eager to settle into another busy year! We extend an especially warm welcome to the new families joining us this year.

Swimming

Classes 5 and 6 will be swimming this term. The first lesson will take place on Wednesday 13th September. All children will require to wear a swimming cap. There is no cost for these lessons.



School Dinners

We have a new lunch service in operation this term and there are a few changes that you need to be aware of.

Firstly, there is no pre-order facility any more. The children will now choose their meal at the counter. There is plenty of choice each day. The menu for this term can be viewed below:

<https://www.wavertree.liverpool.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Autumn-Menu-2023-Sep-Oct.pdf>

Secondly, you must choose for your child to be either hot dinner or packed lunch for the Autumn term. **It is possible to be packed lunch Monday to Thursday and have fish and chips on Friday. No other combination is allowed.**

Payments for school meals must be paid via the payment section on ParentApp. We are aware that there has been a glitch this week, but I am pleased to inform you that this is now resolved. Thank you for your patience.

What's happening?

September

- 18th Hucklow Residential
- 21st Governors Meeting
- 26th Flu Vaccinations for all pupils
- 29th Maths Party Day

October

- 3rd Problem Solving Day
- 5th Harvest Service at Holy Trinity
- 18th Y6 Class Assembly
- 19th Reception Open Day
2pm - 6pm
- 24th R-Y6 OPEN EVENING
- 25th R-Y6 OPEN EVENING
- 27th EYFS Stay and Play
- 27th School closes for half term

November

- 6th INSET DAY
- 7th School opens for all children
- 23rd Governors Meeting

December

- 13th Early Years' Nativity
am
- 14th Early Years' Nativity
pm
- 19th Christmas Service
- 22nd School Term ends
1.30pm

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

Hucklow Residential

Children and staff are looking forward to the residential that is taking place on 18th - 22nd October. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Hoare, Miss Vaughan and Mrs Makepeace for giving their time to enable the children to have this wonderful experience.



Please follow our school Twitter, @WavertreeCE, to follow the activities that the children will participate in.

Secondary Transfer

Applications for Secondary School places for September 2024 are now open. All applications must be made online and the closing date is Tuesday 31st October. Many schools will be holding open days so that you
Here are some of the Open Days that are happening this term.

Bellerive Catholic College	Thursday 21 st September 6pm - 8pm
Childwall Academy	Thursday 21 st September 4.30pm - 7.30pm Saturday 14 th October 10am - 12pm
Dixons Broadgreen Academy	Tuesday 19 th September 5pm - 7pm Saturday 25 th September 8.30am - 9.30am
Dixons Croxteth Academy	Thursday 21 st September 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Dixons Fazakerley Academy	Thursday 28 th September from 4pm
Gateacre School	Wednesday 20 th September 4.30pm - 7.30pm
King's Leadership Academy	Thursday 5 th October 4pm - 6pm
King's Leadership Academy Wavertree*	Thursday 14 th September 6.30pm - 7.30pm Saturday 23 rd September 10.30 - 11.30am
*New school	Wednesday 4 th October 6.30pm - 7.30pm Thursday 19 th October 6.30pm - 7.30pm
St Hilda's CE High School	Thursday 21 st September

If you have any queries regarding applying for Secondary schools or require some support, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see Mrs Brooksbank. Please contact the Secondary schools directly if you have any questions regarding open evenings.

Homework

All pupils will receive homework each week. Please encourage your child to read their books, learning their spellings and times tables and complete any tasks set by the teacher.

Homework Club is available each week for pupils in Y6 where Miss Vaughan is available to support your child.



Wavertree CE School

Open Day

On Thursday 19th October we will be opening our doors to parents looking for a Reception place for 2024.

The Early Years department will be open from 2pm until 6pm for people to view our setting and talk to the class teacher.

Mrs Brooksbank will deliver a presentation at 3pm and 4.30pm.

School Nurse Drop-in

dates

Autumn Term

We have a new school nurse called Lyndsey Hoey who is part of School Health Team 2. If you have any worries/concerns that you may have please let Mrs Brooksbank know and a referral can be made on your behalf.



Uniform

The children look very smart in their uniforms. Thank you for your support. Children are required to wear their PE kit to school on the days when they have PE. Our winter PE kit is available in the school shop for when the weather cools down.

Please ensure that your **child's name** is in all items of uniform so that we can return lost property when necessary. Please note: Black trainers are not allowed to be worn as shoes in school.

Thank you.

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.



Welcome to our new staff! Mrs Bowen and Mrs McCabe are settling in to their roles of supporting Mrs Lynch in the office each day. Miss Bradbury has introduced herself to all of the classes that she will be working with and Ms Murray is providing us with a new menu for the kitchen supported by Ms Smith who has stayed with us from last term.

Mrs Jenions, our pastoral and inclusion officer, is getting to know our pupils and will support those that need a helping hand. She will be available on Wednesdays from 3pm to talk to parents who may have concerns about their children.

Reading for Pleasure

Reading for pleasure is a school priority this year and we want to encourage all children to develop a love of reading from Nursery to Year 6. Children will enjoy stories in school throughout the week and will be encouraged to read at home too. Look out for your child's class initiative...

As parents you can help to foster a love of learning in a number of ways:

- Read to your child as often as you can, a few minutes each day is ideal;
- Talk about the stories that you/they have read;
- Ask questions to check for understanding;
- Model reading by choosing a book for yourself;
- If your child has a school reading book, read a few pages each day

Over 130 books can be accessed for free via Oxford Owl through the link below:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>

Children with ADHD find it difficult to sit still and concentrate on reading. Below is a link with some useful tips to help you.

<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Reading-and-ADHD-Advice-and-Top-Tips.pdf>

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you to those who are supporting our aim to raise attendance and improve punctuality. Our overall attendance is for 2022/23 was **93.1%** which is below the Local Authority Average. The percentage of children with attendance below 90% is **18.9%**, this is higher than the LA average. The Government's target remains to be at least 97%. We must therefore aim to further improve our attendance this year.



All parents will receive a letter shortly informing you of your child's attendance percentage for September 2023. Any families whose child's attendance was less than 90% at the end of last year and have already had an absence this year will be required to meet with the Education Welfare Officer to discuss how we can support your child's attendance.

School will continue to closely monitor attendance and punctuality. Good school attendance and punctuality is imperative if children are to make consistently good progress.

Please Note: It is school policy to record all holidays as an unauthorised absence and a fine will be issued for each child who is taken on holiday during term time. Please fill in a Notification Form to inform us if it is necessary for you to take a holiday in term time.

Please remember to notify school if your child is absent for any reason. Parents are able to message via the school app and we have an answer phone for you to leave messages on also. We do operate a first day response whereby we will contact you if there has been no reason provided from you regarding your child's absence. This can be a huge job for Mrs Bowen so your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sharing Information



Please contact school if you have changed any contact details over the Summer holidays. It is important that we have accurate addresses and phone numbers so that we are able to contact you when necessary.

Thank you.

CLUBS FOR THIS HALF TERM

Day	Club	Who can go?	Time	Staff Responsible
Monday	Running Club	Y3 - Y6	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mrs Hoare
	Guitar Club	Y4 - Y6	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Holland
Tuesday	Homework Club	Y6	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Miss Vaughan
	Games Club	Y2	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mrs Midgley
	Football Club	Y5/6	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Woods

You will receive a notification through the App to let you know when clubs are beginning. Please ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of each session.

Pre-Loved Uniform



Any school uniform that was left at the end of last term has been passed onto Love Wavertree on the High Street. School uniform can be acquired for free at Love Wavertree throughout the year.

Please note that Love Wavertree is closed on Mondays and Thursdays.

Friends of Wavertree

Wavertree School has an active PTA known as the Friends of Wavertree. Parents and staff meet to organise fundraising activities to help support the children and provide opportunities for them that would not exist without this support. Pupils at Wavertree have the opportunity to experience residential visits from Y1 upwards thanks to the work of the PTA. We would be delighted to welcome new members to the team this year. Our first meeting will be on Thursday 12th October. Please come along with your ideas! Thank you.

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