

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents.

Welcome to the new school year everyone. I hope you had a wonderful holiday with your children. We have had lovely weather and I know the staff have enjoyed spending time with their loved ones. We are all now refreshed and ready to start the new term. I hope all our Year 6 leavers enjoy their new schools. We all wish them well as they begin the next stage of their education journey. We start the year feeling very proud of last year's achievements of all the children from across the school – great results across the board. It was great to see everyone back in school today looking very smart in their school uniforms.

Every child from F2 to Y6 will need a PE kit in school – plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts and black pumps. Kits should be left in school in a clearly marked bag. If you could add your child's name to each item of kit that would be very helpful. Names in school jumpers will also make life easier so thank you for that.

PE sessions are as follows

Tuesday - Year 1 and 2 Thursday - F2 Friday - all of KS2

We are having a big push on attendance and punctuality this year and hope to work with parents to support their child's good attendance. School sessions are as follows:-

F1 to Year 6 – the main gate opens at 8.40 and registers are taken at 8.45. Please ensure your child is in at this time. Last year some children regularly missed 10 – 15 minutes of school each day. This equates between 50 and 75 minutes per week.

F1 morning sessions run from 8.45 – 11.45. Please ensure your child is collected at this time.

The Pre-School Twos morning sessions run from 9.00 - 12.00 and afternoon sessions run from 12.00 - 3pm. This means that parents who have a child in each of the settings will have time to get to both children and will not be late at either gate.

Times for children in F1 accessing 30 hours are Monday – Thursday from 8.45 - 3.15 and Friday from 8.45 - 1pm. There will also be an option to top up for Friday afternoon. Please contact the office for details



We have always run top up sessions for F1 and Pre School Twos children if we have space and staffing in place. Charges for this is paid through Parent Pay at £20 per session which must be paid by lunchtime on the Friday before the top up session takes place.

Some early dates for your diary

Mass

On Friday 5th September we will have our start of the year Mass in the church at 9.30 a.m. Parents are very welcome to attend.

First Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you wish to enrol them on the sacramental programme this year, you will need to attend a meeting with Father Michael. This will be held on Monday 15th September at 2pm in the Annexe. Please bring details of your child's Baptism with you on the day.

For those signed up to the programme there will be an enrolment Mass on Sunday 19th October at 9.30 in the church. First Forgiveness will take place on 5th December and First Holy Communions on Sunday 28th June 2026.

School Photos

The photographer from Tempest will be in school on Thursday 2nd October to take photos of all the children individually and in family groups. There is absolutely no obligation to buy the photos and if you do not want your child photographed then please let us know beforehand.

Flu Immunisations

This year's flu immunisation programme will take place on Monday 6th October and you will receive details about this in the near future. It is your choice whether or not you have your child immunised. We do not have any part to play in the programme other than giving out the letters and providing a space for the nurses to complete the immunisations.

Harvest

Our Harvest Mass will be held on Friday 17th October and on Sunday 19th October. Both Masses will start at 9.30 and all parents are welcome to attend. This year's Harvest Donations will be given to support Wirral Food Bank.

<u>Swimming</u>

Year 5 and 6 will be going swimming every afternoon in the week beginning 8th December. More details will follow nearer the time.

Thank you in advance for all your support. I look forward to seeing you at many events in our school year and at the school gate every morning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Fenna Headteacher