



St Albert's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 19 September 2025

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Coffee Mornings

We would like to invite you to our Coffee Mornings on:

Year 2 - Monday 22nd September at 9.15am

Year 3 - Tuesday 23rd September at 9.15am

Year 6 - Wednesday 24th September at 9.15am

Year 1 - Wednesday 24th September at 2.45pm

Year 5 - Friday 26th September at 2.45pm

Year 4 - Tuesday 30th September at 9.15am

It's imperative that at least one adult per child attends in order to receive key information and messages regarding your child's education. Please make every effort to attend.

First Holy Communion 2026

Please make sure that you collect an enrolment form from Fr David, these are available to collect every Sunday throughout September after 10am mass and will only be given to parents (or official carers / guardians) so please do not ask someone else to collect a form on your behalf. The deadline for returning forms is Friday 3rd October.

A letter went home today. Mass of Enrolment will be held on Sunday 5th October at 10am in St Albert's Church which attendance is compulsory, with the first preparation meeting for both children and parents will follow.

Dates for the celebrations:

St. Albert's - Saturday 9th May at 10am

St. Brigid's - Saturday 16th May at 10am

Nursery Places

We have places available in our 3-year-old Nursery, so please spread the word. The benefits of a school Nursey cannot be underestimated especially when we consider readiness for school, meeting any needs and ease for parents. Our Nursery is wonderful and happy setting with very skilled practitioners.

London

A letter went home this week offering all Year 6 children the opportunity to visit London on Monday 2nd February to Wednesday 4th February 2026.

The cost of this trip is £250 per child. Payment is required as per below:
£50 Deposit by Thursday 23rd October
£100 by Friday 19th December
Final payment of £100 by Friday 23rd January 2026.

If any families who would prefer to pay on a weekly basis, please pop into the school office to discuss a payment plan. Unfortunately, we will only book for the number of children signed up as school cannot meet the cost of cancelled places.

Year 6 Knowsley Crucial Crew

Year 6 are going to Knowsley Crucial Crew on Wednesday 24th September. It's a great opportunity for them in preparation of their migration to secondary school. The event encourages model behaviour and good citizenship through active participation in a range of health and safety activities.

Y3 Trip

Year 3 are going on a Geography trip into Liverpool on Thursday 25th September. The children will be taking the ferry along the River Mersey and then afterwards visiting the History of Liverpool Museum. A letter went home this week. Please complete and return your child's permission slip along with your payment of £10. This can also be paid via ParentPay.

Week's Attendance

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| Rec | 98.0% |
| Y1 | 94.5% |
| Y2 | 90.4% |
| Y3 | 90.7% |
| Y4 | 96.6% |
| Y5 | 99.3% |
| Y6 | 98.6% |

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Secondary School Admissions

Parents of Year 6 children can now apply for Secondary school places. You can apply online between 12th September and 31st October by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.

Liverpool (purple bin)

www.liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/

Knowsley (blue bin)

www.knowsley.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions

Reception Class Admissions

If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1st September 2021 and 31 August 2022, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2026. You can apply online by completing the application form from the Local Authority in which you live. Please see above for links.

Closing date is 15th October 2026

Forest School

Our Reception class had a wonderful time at Forest school on Wednesday. They had fun splashing in puddles and exploring the woods. They read the 'Leaf Man' and made artwork from leaves and drew beautiful pictures of items they had found. Take a look at our Instagram page.

Book Amnesty

Can you have a look at home for any old reading books and return them to school.

School Nurse

The school nurse will be contacting parents / carers on Wednesday 1st October between 12.30-2.30pm to discuss any concerns they have about their child. If you would like to be contacted, please let the office know and we will pass on your details.

School Council

Thank you to everyone who applied to be on our School Council, we received lots of wonderful applications which made it extremely difficult to choose. Winners will be announced next week.

| Week 1 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Main | Spaghetti Bolognese Garlic bread | Scrambled Egg, Hash Brown, Beans, Mushrooms, Sausage | Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wedges Salad/Coleslaw | Roast Chicken, New Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Vegetables & Gravy | Harry Ramsden Fish, Chips & Spaghetti Hoops |
| | Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese, Tuna or Beans | Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese, Tuna or Beans | Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese, Tuna or Beans | Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese, Tuna or Beans | Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese, Tuna or Beans |
| | DELI BAR MADE TO ORDER | DELI BAR MADE TO ORDER | DELI BAR MADE TO ORDER | DELI BAR MADE TO ORDER | DELI BAR MADE TO ORDER |
| Dessert | Flapjack Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt | Iced School Cake Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt |
| Drinks | Milk Water | Milk Water | Milk Water | Milk Water | Milk Water |

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

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SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🌟 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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SEND Parent Support Drop In



Knowsley Health Visitors/School Health Team, along with Home-Start Knowsley run an on-going SEND Drop-in service, as listed below. This is for any parents/carers of Knowsley children/young people (aged 0-25 years) who have potential or confirmed additional needs. Just pop in for a coffee and a chat and we can advise and link you in with the local support/make appropriate referrals that your child might benefit from at this time. No appointment necessary.

George Howard Centre, Lickers Lane, Whiston, L35 3SR

Every 1st Thursday of the month 9.30am-12noon

Thursday 4th September

Thursday 2nd October

Thursday 6th November

Thursday 4th December

Northwood Family Hub at The Pride,

2 Simonswood Lane, Northwood, L33 5YP

Every 2nd Thursday of the month 9.30am-12noon

Thursday 11th September

Thursday 9th October

Thursday 13th November

Thursday 11th December

Hilltop Children's Centre, Bedford Close, Huyton, L36 1XH

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 9.30am-12noon

Wednesday 17th September

Wednesday 15th October

Wednesday 19th November

Wednesday 17th December

New Hutte Children & Family Hub, Litchfield Road,

Halewood, L26 1TT

Every 4th Wednesday of the month 9.30am-12noon

Wednesday 24th September

Wednesday 22nd October

Wednesday 26th November



For any further information please call Knowsley School Health and Health Visiting

Team: 0151 514 2666 or Knowsley Homestart: 0151 480 3910