



# St Albert's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter Friday, 26 September 2025

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### Coffee Mornings

Thank you to everyone who have attended our Coffee mornings so far. Year 4 have theirs on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am

### First Holy Communion 2026

Application forms for the sacramental programme have been available after Sunday Mass for the last 3 Sundays; this Sunday is the last day you can collect yours if you haven't already. These are not available through school. All forms must be returned to Fr David by close of school, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. After this no application forms will be accepted. Please remember that only parents or guardians can collect a form.

The preparation programme starts on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October with Mass, where children and parents will be inducted on to the programme. Attendance at the induction and all preparation meetings is compulsory.

### 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 a wonderful and a happy setting with very skilled practitioners.

### School Nurse

The school nurse will be contacting parents / carers on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### London

Year 6 children have the opportunity to visit London on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

The cost of this trip is £250 per child.

Payment is required as per below:

£50 Deposit by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

£100 by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Final payment of £100 by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 visited Aintree Racecourse this week as part of a Crucial Crew event. There, they took part in sessions led by a variety of organisations such as Merseyside Water Rescue, British Transport Police and SP Energy Networks. The informative and engaging sessions were designed to give pupils the skills they need to keep themselves safe as they become more independent. Year 6 had a great time and learnt a lot.

### Y3 Trip

Year 3 went on a Geography trip into Liverpool yesterday. The children had a wonderful time taking the ferry along the River Mersey and then afterwards visited the History of Liverpool Museum. Take a look at our socials to see all the fun they had.

### Week's Attendance

Rec	92.0%
Y1	91.1%
Y2	96.8%
Y3	95.3%
Y4	96.5%
Y5	98.9%
Y6	92.9%

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### Secondary School Admissions

Parents of Year 6 children can now apply for Secondary school places. You can apply online between 12<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> 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/](http://www.liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/)

#### Knowsley (blue bin)

[www.knowsley.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions)

### Reception Class Admissions

If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> October 2026

### ASC Meeting

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9.30am we have the autism advisory teacher, Steph Hull, coming in to run a session on autism. All parents are welcome and encouraged to come, regardless if your child has a diagnosis or is on the pathway. The session will be held in the church hall behind the church and will be a fantastic opportunity to learn more about autism and ask Steph questions. If you would like further information, please contact Mrs Riddick.

### Flu Vaccination

It's that time of year again, Flu season! Please visit the link below

<https://econsent.merseyscare.nhs.uk/>

and complete your child's flu form with a consent or decline as soon as possible. You can select the nasal spray for the best protection or the alternative injectable flu, if required via this link. If you require any further support, please contact the school immunisation team on 0151 351 8805 who will be happy to help.

### Party Box

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, the children can enjoy a party box containing chicken nuggets, fries, cupcake and a drink. This is £1 per child, for those not on free school meals. This will be the only meal option for this day so if your child does not want this then please supply them with a packed lunch.

### Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

We will be raising money for school by collecting reusable clothes. Please help us by donating your unwanted items. It will also help the environment too since they won't be going to landfills. Please see attached a list of items accepted. Collection date is the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025, Bags will be sent home nearer the time.

### Free Magazine

Please find below a link to the Autumn issue of All About Family Liverpool. It has lots of useful information and advice on new children's book reviews, NSPCC advice on sports safety, Bonfire night safety from St John Ambulance and Family law advice etc

[www.allabout-family.co.uk/liverpool/](http://www.allabout-family.co.uk/liverpool/)

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## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER**

**AUTUMN TERM 2025**



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Last year, we launched our new RE Curriculum, 'To Know you More Clearly' from Nursery- to Year 3. This year, it will be introduced in Year 4. This new curriculum is made up of 6 topics, known as branches. This term, they will be studying the branches 'Creation and Covenant' and 'Prophecy and Promise'.

Year 5 and 6 will continue to follow the Come and See syllabus, and will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

### **Branch 1: CREATION AND COVENANT**

### **Branch 2: PROPHECY AND PROMISE**

Nursery-Year 4

#### **DOMESTIC CHURCH – FAMILY**

Year 5 OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God

Year 6 LOVING - God who never stops loving

#### **SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES**

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love. Write underneath it:

"We show God's love to one another."

#### **BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION – BELONGING**

Year 5 LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service

Year 6 VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

#### **SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES**

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

#### **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING**

Year 5 HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one

Year 6 EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world

#### **SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES**

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

### **JUDAISM (3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> November)**

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.



Let's  
eat

# Autumn Party Day



2nd October

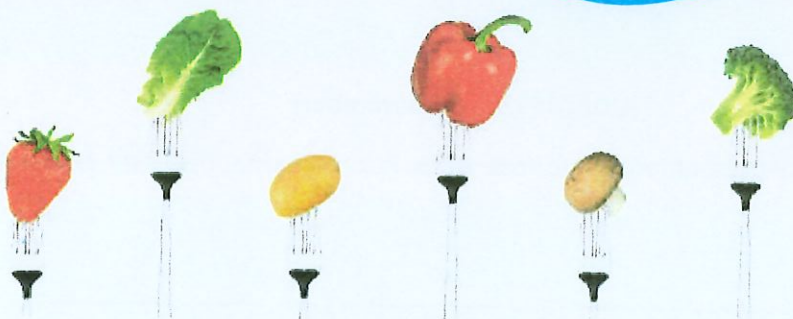
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Fries, Cupcake and  
a drink.

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTH VIOLENCE

## UNDERSTANDING YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence affects one in four children in the UK, but it doesn't have to. When parents, carers, and educators understand the risks, they're better placed to support young people. The right support, mentoring, therapy, and guidance can help young people affected by violence to feel safe, manage conflict, and make positive choices.

### WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE COMMIT SERIOUS VIOLENCE?

A recent study surveyed over 10,000 young people affected by violence, asking why serious violence occurs among their peers, such as an assault involving a weapon or sexual violence. The most common reasons given were due to a personal characteristic of the victim e.g., race, religion, sexuality, gender, a gang or school rivalry, and being provoked. While not all young people face these issues, many lack the emotional regulation skills needed to manage provocation.

### WHAT ARE SIGNS A YOUNG PERSON IS AT RISK?

Children and young people often express that something is wrong through behaviour rather than words. Be alert to signs such as sudden mood changes, secrecy around friendships, excessive phone use, unfamiliar slang, unexplained injuries, fear of school, aggression, going missing, or substance use. They may also be associating with older peers. These behaviours can indicate underlying issues that can lead to violence.

### ONLINE INFLUENCES

Social media plays a powerful role in normalising and escalating violence. Platforms like TikTok and Snapchat can expose young people to harmful content, often shaped by algorithms. Many see violent material that distorts reality, leading to fear and desensitisation. A recent study found 70% had seen real-world violence online, and 80% felt less safe in their communities. Alarmingly, 39% said it made them more likely to carry a weapon. Online conflict can often spill into real life, with serious and sometimes tragic consequences.

Opportunity

Community

Wellbeing

Respect

UNCERTAINTY

CONFLICT

FEAR

### WHEN IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

For children and young people in England and Wales, the hours between 4 pm and 8 pm – just after school – carry a particularly high risk for serious violence. This can stem from conflicts that escalate during the school day, online arguments, or simply moving through unfamiliar areas on the way home. Understanding this risk helps us support safer travel and routines. Our recent report found that over one in three young people don't feel safe in the area they live in, and 36% don't feel safe walking the streets.

### WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A WEAPON?

Young people may carry weapons due to fear, threats, peer pressure, or a false sense of protection. Many young people tell us they feel unsafe and carry weapons 'just in case', while others may be influenced by social media, peers, or criminal activity. Some don't realise it's illegal or may believe it earns respect.

### WHERE IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

Violence often happens in certain places. Busy areas like transport hubs carry risk simply because lots of people gather there. Other hotspots, like places linked to drug activity, attract those more likely to be involved in violence. Some areas become risky due to poor supervision, such as under-resourced public spaces. Understanding where violence tends to occur helps us guide young people safely through their communities and advocate for better support and safer spaces.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT STAYING SAFE

Choose a safe moment for the conversation, emotionally and physically. If a child is upset or angry, help them settle before discussing serious topics. Listen actively without judgement, even if what they share is difficult. Avoid interrupting and offer advice when the time feels right. If you're worried, you're not alone; support is available.

### AVOID CONFLICT & MANAGE ESCALATIONS

Encourage young people to consider the 'Safe T's' – Trust instincts, Take a breath, and Talk to a trusted adult. When triggered or provoked, they may react from their 'survival brain', unable to think clearly about the consequences. Taking a breath helps calm, and helps them access their 'thinking brain'. Remind them that moments pass, and seeking support from trusted adults builds resilience and safer decision-making.

### HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES

Young people can be searched by police or teachers if suspected of carrying a weapon. If found with a knife, they could face arrest and criminal proceedings. A conviction can result in a criminal record. Even being present during a violent assault, encouraging it, filming, or sharing footage can lead to prosecution. Open and honest conversations can help children understand these risks and make safer choices.

### REPORT INFORMATION

We all have a role in preventing violence. If a child shares concerns, you can act. For educators, it's important to follow your school's safeguarding procedures. Other adults can report anonymously through Fearless or Crimestoppers, and speak with other parents, the school, or local police through 101. If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999. These steps help protect children and the wider community.

### Meet Our Expert

The Ben Kinsella Trust is a UK anti-knife crime charity educating young people through immersive workshops, awareness campaigns, and community resources. Visit: [benkinsella.org.uk](https://benkinsella.org.uk)



The National College®

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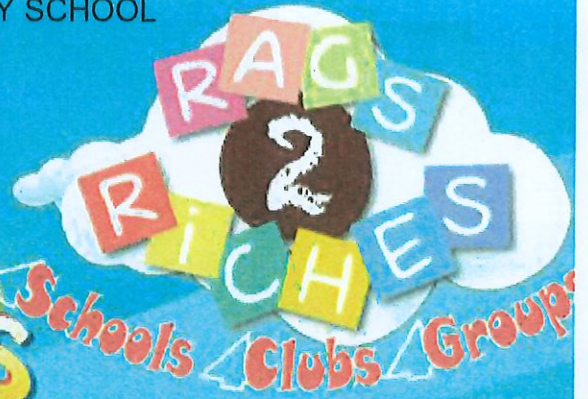
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If you are unsure what to put in the bags

**STOP AND THINK**  
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?

Please use the clothing bag provided.  
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

**Wednesday 3rd December 2025**

Please remember - NO UNIFORM





Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Tomato Pasta Garlic Bread	Chicken Burger in a Bun Wedges	Ham & Cheese Panini Salad/Coleslaw	Roast Beef, Mash, Yorkshire Pudding, Vegetables & Gravy	Fish Fingers, Chips & 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	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	Butterfly Cake Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Cookie with Milkshake Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt
Drinks	Milk Water	Milk Water	Milk Water	Milk Water	Milk Water

WEEK ONE:  
WEEK TWO:  
WEEK THREE





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