



St Albert's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 17 July 2026

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Mrs Riddick

We would like to share our congratulations with Mrs Riddick who has been appointed the headteacher of St Peter's and Paul's Catholic Primary school in Kirkby. Mrs Riddick will be at St Albert's until the end of the Autumn term and then begin her new role in **January 2027**.

Although we are delighted that Mrs Riddick has been successful, we appreciate what a huge loss she will be to our school, her colleagues and to the many parents and children that she supports. We wanted to share this news with you as early as possible and re-assure you that there will be a strong handover and forward plan. In the meantime, I am sure that you will all agree that Mrs Riddick is deserved of this new role, and we wish her every success.

Miss Green - Year 2 TA

Miss Green will be leaving St Albert's at the end of the term as she begins her journey to study to become a teacher. Miss Green will certainly be missed and, although we are sad to see her move on, it will be an exciting time for her, and we wish her good luck.

Live Simply Award

We are delighted to announce that the school has achieved the Live Simply Award which recognises all the hard work the school, children and community have done towards living simply, living sustainably and living in solidarity. This is a marvellous achievement, and the assessor was very impressed with our school and our children. This is just the beginning of our journey as we will continue to ensure that we move forwards and build upon these values.

'The school have nailed lived simply and it runs through the veins of the school' Live Simply Assessor

School Reports

Reports have been sent home today. These reports provide an important overview of your child's progress, achievements, attendance, and attitude to learning throughout the year. We encourage all parents and carers to take the time to read the report carefully and discuss it with their child. Thank you for your continued support.

We Could Not Be Prouder

We are absolutely delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our Year 6 children in this year's Key Stage 2 SATs.

These results are a reflection of the incredible hard work, determination and resilience our children have shown throughout the year. They have approached every challenge with positivity, supported one another and always strived to do their very best.

While we are immensely proud of these excellent outcomes, we know that SATs tell only part of the story. They cannot measure kindness, creativity, perseverance, friendship or the many qualities that make our Year 6 children such wonderful young people. A huge thank you goes to our dedicated staff for their unwavering commitment and to our families for their continued encouragement and support. To our Year 6 children - congratulations. You have worked incredibly hard, and you should be so proud of everything you have achieved. We couldn't be prouder of you and wish you every success as you begin your next adventure.

Free Meal School Vouchers

The Government have now withdrawn free school meals; this means that the free school meal vouchers given to parents during the school holidays will no longer be available. A Holiday Activity and Food Programme will continue to be delivered during school holidays, providing free activities and a free meal for those children who attend. Please see link in the letter you have received by text.

Free School Meal Eligibility

From September 2026, Free School Meal eligibility is expanding to include all children in households receiving Universal Credit. We encourage all parents and carers to apply or check their eligibility, even if you have been refused in the past or your child already receives Universal Infant Free School Meals. A successful application may provide your child with free school meals and can also help the school access additional funding to support pupils.

Please complete a legibility check via <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/education-and-schools/financial-support/free-school-meals> or contact the school office for assistance.

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Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Looking for fun activities for your child during the school holidays? The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme offers free holiday activities and a nutritious meal for those children who receive Free School Meals (FSM). The programme provides a range of exciting activities, helping children stay active and make new friends, while also enjoying a healthy meal each day they attend.

Free Breakfast Club

We are pleased to inform you that we will be introducing a **Free School Breakfast Club** from **Wednesday 2nd September**. This will run from **8.15-8.45am**. You should of now returned your letter to register your interest, if you haven't already, please do so asap. Our usual Breakfast Club will continue to run from **8am -8.15am** for those parents who need an earlier start. The cost of this will be **reduced from £2.50 to £1** as children will then join the Free School Breakfast Club at 8.15am.

Nursery Open Day

Is your child starting nursery in September 2026 or later? Join us on **22nd July** to explore our setting, meet the team, and see what makes our nursery special.

Sessions: **9.30am-11am** or **12.30pm-2.30pm**

Nursery & Alby Tots Party

Today our Nursery children finished for the summer holidays. To celebrate a wonderful year, they came to school dressed in their party clothes and enjoyed a special end-of-term party with their friends. We are so proud of everything they have achieved this year and wish all our Nursery families a happy, safe, and enjoyable summer break.

Nursery Trip to Croxteth Park Farm

On **Monday 20th July**, our Alby Tots and Nursery children who will be remaining in Nursery in September will be enjoying a special trip to Croxteth Park Farm. Parents and carers are asked to meet Nursery staff at the farm at **9:50am**. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day exploring the farm and meeting the animals.

New Reception St arters Stay & Play

It was a pleasure to welcome our new Reception children to our Stay and Play session this Wednesday. The children enjoyed spending time in their new classroom, exploring the learning environment and becoming familiar with their new surroundings. We look forward to welcoming the children back in September as they begin their exciting journey at St Albert's.

Reception Graduation

On Wednesday, our Reception children celebrated a very special milestone with their Graduation Ceremony. We were incredibly proud to see them confidently take part in the event and celebrate all they have achieved during their first year at school. The children looked fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed marking the occasion with their friends, teachers and families. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how much they have grown, learned and developed throughout the year.

Y1 Class Trip

Year 1 had a wonderful end of year trip to Space world today. The children had a great time exploring and playing with their class friends. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces.

Year 6 Events

Leaver's Play - Monday 20th July 2 pm
Leaver's Assembly - Wednesday 22nd July 9.15am

Year 6 Leavers' Books

A reminder for our Year 6 pupils that they are welcome to bring their **Leavers' Books** into school from **Tuesday 21st July**. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to collect messages and good wishes from their friends and staff as they prepare for the next exciting chapter of their education.

Leavers Shirts

For our Leavers Assembly on **Wednesday 22nd July**, children can either wear their leavers shirt or their school uniform. Following this, children can then begin to sign shirts etc.

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Attendance

Lots of fun planned next week so please make sure your children are in school. A long 6-week holiday for them to enjoy, so make the most of the time they have left in school.

Week's Attendance

Rec	89.5%
Y1	91.7%
Y2	93.1%
Y3	91.0%
Y4	93.3%
Y5	91.3%
Y6	92.1%

Hawaiian Party Day!

To celebrate the end of a fantastic school year, we will be holding a Hawaiian Party on the last day of term, **Thursday 23rd July**.

Children are invited to come to school wearing brightly coloured clothes to help us create a fun tropical atmosphere. There will be lots of opportunities to celebrate with friends and enjoy the final day of term together.

We can't wait to see everyone's colourful outfits and end the year in style! 🌺 🌴 🌻

Summer Shop

Our Summer Shop is fully stocked. Children can purchase a variety of toys, all priced at just £1. It's a great opportunity for them to choose something special while practising their money skills.

Hot Weather

We have been enjoying some lovely warm weather recently. Please ensure children come to school dressed in their cool, comfortable summer uniform and bring a water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day. Sun hats and sun cream are also recommended to help keep them safe in the sunshine.

No After School Clubs Next Week

Please note there will be no after school clubs on next week. Please collect your child at the usual time.

Awards Assembly

Our Summer Awards Assembly is taking place on Tuesday 21st July at 9.15am. We will celebrate those children with outstanding achievement and progress alongside those with excellent attendance. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Tesco Blue Tokens

From **Monday 3rd August**, parents, carers and members of our community can support our school through the Tesco Fruit and Veg scheme.

When shopping in Tesco, please remember to collect your **blue token** at the checkout and place it in their designated voting box. The more tokens we receive, the greater our chance of securing funding for our school.

If successful, the money raised will be used to enhance our **OPAL Outdoor Play and Learning area**, helping us to create even more exciting and engaging play opportunities for our children.

Book Amnesty

Please check at home for any school reading books and return them to school as soon as possible. These books will be used again by our children in September.

Uniform Recycling

Uniform recycling will be outside Year 5/6 classrooms. Please help yourself.

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Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Main 1	Salmon served on side with Tomato & Basil Pasta Sauce served with Garlic bread	Katsu Curry & Wholegrain rice served with Naan bread	Sausage, scrambled egg, hash brown, mushrooms, beans served with toast/barm	Chicken Wrap & Fries
Allergens	please see School Website for Knowsley Council Menu with allergens	please see School Website for Knowsley Council Menu with allergens	please see School Website for Knowsley Council Menu with allergens	please see School Website for Knowsley Council Menu with allergens
Sandwiches Deli Bar	Choice of Ham, Cheese, Tuna or Egg filled sandwich/Barm/Wrap with salad selection	Choice of Ham, Cheese, Tuna or Egg filled sandwich/Barm/Wrap with salad selection	Choice of Ham, Cheese, Tuna or Egg filled sandwich/Barm/Wrap with salad selection	Choice of Ham, Cheese, Tuna or Egg filled sandwich/Barm/Wrap with salad selection
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Jackets	Oven baked jacket potato with Tuna, Cheese or beans served with salad selection	Oven baked jacket potato with Tuna, Cheese or beans served with salad selection	Oven baked jacket potato with Tuna, Cheese or beans served with salad selection	Oven baked jacket potato with Tuna, Cheese or beans served with salad selection
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Desserts	Pancake & Ice Cream			Rocket Ice Lolly
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FREE School Meals

Are you eligible?

From September 2026, if you receive Universal Credit, your child will qualify for free school meals, regardless of the household's income.

This starts from your child's first day of school in Reception until they finish in Year 11 at secondary school.



Who is eligible for free school meals?

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals automatically under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

However, if you do receive Universal Credit, please still complete an application as this will help to maximise funding coming into your school.

From September 2026, pupils of parents from Year 3 to Year 11 will be eligible for a Free School Meal if they claim one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
 - Income Support (IS)
 - Income Base Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
 - Income Related Employment Support Allowance
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Who is eligible for free school meals?

To ensure your child receives meals from the start of the autumn term, we need to confirm your child's eligibility before the school year begins.

If you are already receiving free school meals, we will automatically check and inform you if you are still eligible.

If you are not currently receiving a free school meal but you do receive Universal Credit, please ensure you apply.



How to apply

Apply for a free school meal on the council's website by scanning the QR code.

Please ensure you apply by **Friday 28 August 2026**.



Help and support

If you need any help and support, please speak to your school (before the school year finishes). Alternatively, call Knowsley Council on **0151 489 6000** or via the online chat at www.knowsley.gov.uk/contact-us and then click 'Chat to us'.

