

Message from Mr Catt

As we come to the end of this half term, we want to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful things we have experienced together. Our half-term value has been forgiveness, and our children have explored how we can forgive each other, just as God forgives us. Through Bible stories such as *The Prodigal Son* and *The Conversion of Paul*, we have deepened our understanding of this important value. I am incredibly proud of the way our children have demonstrated forgiveness to one another when things have gone wrong, showing kindness and compassion in their everyday interactions.

We have so much to celebrate this half term! A special mention must go to our Year 3 children, who were fantastic on their overnight residential to the Catalyst Museum. They had an amazing time and enjoyed breathtaking panoramic views over the River Mersey. Their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour made the trip a great success!

Our Year 3 and 4 children have also been working incredibly hard on their singing, preparing for their upcoming performance at the Cathedral. Their dedication and enthusiasm have been wonderful to see, and we are so proud of their progress.

We have loved welcoming our families into school this half term. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 'Come See Our Progress' afternoon and our Number Day maths games morning. Your support and engagement in your children's learning mean so much to us.

Our Reception and Nursery children have had an exciting time learning about real-life superheroes. They have been inspired to think about future careers where they can make a difference to others. A highlight was the visit from the police, where the children even got to sit in a real police car—what an experience!

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils, who have been fantastic buddies for our Reception children. Their kindness and leadership have shone through, and they have been wonderful role models in our school community.

One of the most exciting developments this half term has been the launch of our new library! It has been fantastic to see so many families visiting after school and borrowing our brand-new books. If you haven't had the chance yet, we encourage you to stop by after school and check out a book with your child. A special thank you to our parent volunteers (Friends of the Library) who generously give up their time to help keep the library open after school.

We have also had a brilliant suggestion that we would love to introduce: 'Birthday Book Donations'. If your child would like to, they are welcome to bring in a brand-new, wrapped book on their birthday to donate to the library. We will unwrap these books during Collective Worship and place a special slip inside to acknowledge their kind contribution. This is a wonderful way to celebrate birthdays and encourage a love of reading!

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We wish you all a wonderful and restful half-term break.

Mr. Catt

Trips and Experiences

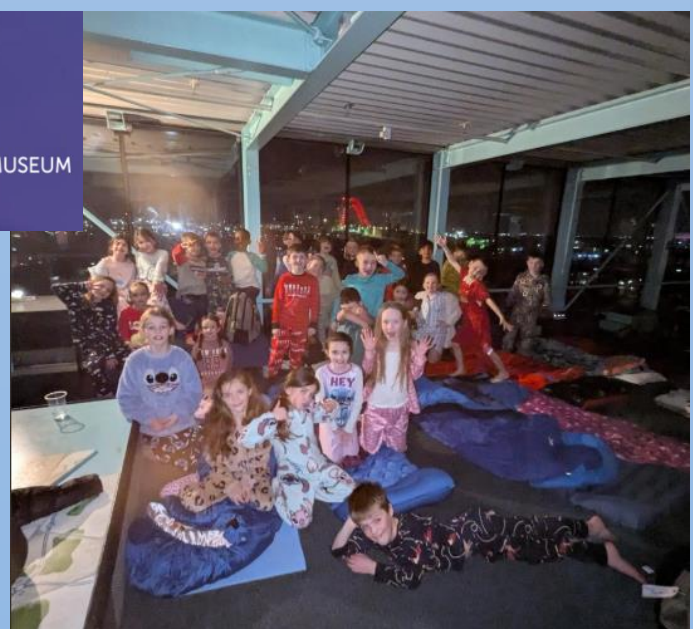


Year 3 Museum Sleepover

Year 3 had a 'Night at the Museum' with a sleepover at the Planetarium in the Catalyst Museum.

The children took part in workshops during the day and then after enjoying hotdogs for tea, they watched a film and bedded down for the night.

They had so much fun and experienced a sleepover with a difference !





An Icy Week !



The first week back was a cold, snowy and icy one, but we didn't let that stop us. Our whole school attendance was fantastic and shows the support and dedication of our staff , pupils and families.

A huge thank you to Mr Coleman who worked tirelessly to keep our pathways clear and gritted to keep us safe.

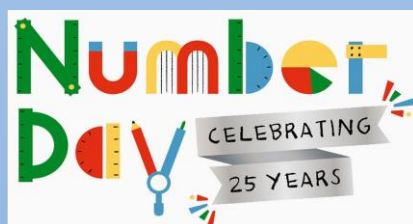
Library Launch

Thank you to parents and carers who were able to join us for our library launch this half term. We have a huge range of lovely, brand new books. Why not pop along on a Monday or Wednesday after school and choose a book to take home ?



Number Day

Parents and carers joined us for some morning games and activities to celebrate Number Day. The children were amazing and showed off their super maths skills !



Progress Afternoon

'Come and see our progress' was a great opportunity for the children to share all of their work with parents and carers. They work so hard and it is a fantastic way to showcase all that they have learned and how much they have progressed already this academic year. Thank you for joining us.



Safety

Please could we ask parents and carers to ensure that children do not enter the grassed area at the side of Year 2 during drop off and pick up. This area is for use under the supervision of staff during play times. Thank you for your co-operation.



Parking notices

We have been asked by Knowsley Road Safety to share the following information.

Please park safely and considerately for our school and wider community. Parking on zig zags causes blind spots when leaving the school gates and around the school crossing areas. This applies at all times – not just school drop off and pick up.

Thank you for working with us to keep everybody safe.



SAFER PARKING

Stopping on the zig-zags is dangerous, selfish and puts children at risk. It is also illegal and you could be fined £70.

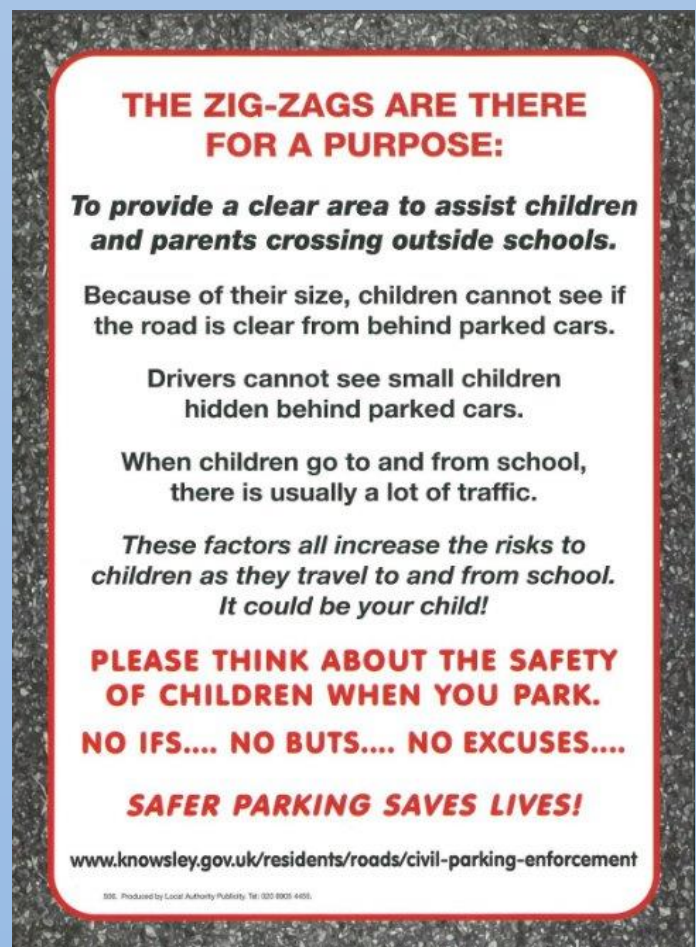


Parked cars are a major factor in collisions outside schools. Stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines puts children at risk.

Do **you** stop on the zig-zags? What's your excuse?

- You only stop for a few moments...
- Only when it's raining...
- You only do it if you are in a hurry...
- Collisions don't happen at your school...

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THE ZIG-ZAGS ARE THERE FOR A PURPOSE:

To provide a clear area to assist children and parents crossing outside schools.

Because of their size, children cannot see if the road is clear from behind parked cars.

Drivers cannot see small children hidden behind parked cars.

When children go to and from school, there is usually a lot of traffic.

These factors all increase the risks to children as they travel to and from school. It could be your child!

PLEASE THINK ABOUT THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN WHEN YOU PARK. NO IFS.... NO BUTS.... NO EXCUSES....

SAFER PARKING SAVES LIVES!

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Attendance Update



We have sent letters out to parents and carers showing your child's current attendance for this academic year, as well as a letter about attendance monitoring and recording of authorised and unauthorised absences.

If your child's attendance falls below 92%, any further absences will be recorded as unauthorised unless medical evidence is provided.

Unauthorised absences may result in a Penalty Notice.

% attendance	Days off school	Number of hours missed learning
100%	0	0
97%	6	30
96%	8	40
94%	12	60
92%	16	80
90%	19	95
80%	38	190

Tips for Great School Attendance

- Help children understand that good school attendance is a parent and pupil responsibility. Talk to them about the importance of good school attendance in terms of achievement and success.

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

- Good practice creates good habits and has the best impact on the children as they move onto secondary school and employment in later life.

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

- Take holidays outside of term time. Lessons missed on days off school cannot always be caught up.

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- Have a routine for being ready for school – PE kits and bags ready the night before and plenty of time in the morning to have a calm routine without rushing around.

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- Report all absences for every day of your child's absence by 9am.

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

- If your child does not want to go to school, try to find out why and work with the school to address any concerns. We want the children to be happy here !

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- Be honest with us for the reason for your child's absence. If you are on holiday, please be honest and complete the relevant paperwork. The children tell us exactly where they have been !

Class Attendance

Well done to Year 6 who are our attendance champions this half term with attendance of 98.4%.

Whole school attendance this half term is 97%

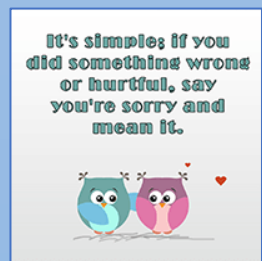
Year 1 – 95.8%
Year 2 – 97.9%
Year 3 – 95.5%
Year 4 – 96.4%
Year 5 – 98.3%
Year 6 – 98.4%



Child of Excellence

Well done to the winners of our Child of Excellence Awards for the theme of Forgiveness. These children demonstrate our Christian value by being great role models and forgiving others.

Reception – Ariya & Benjamin
Year 1 – Tim & Seb
Year 2 – Evlyn & Finn
Year 3 – Felix & Darcie
Year 4 – Hattie & Mikey
Year 5 – Libby & Frankie
Year 6 – Abbie & Ella





Absence and Appointments



If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office between 8.30 and 9.00am. Calls must be made to us each day and an absence note brought in with the pupil on their return. Absences not reported by 9.20am will be logged as unauthorised as will absences without a follow up note.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT EMAILS AS A REPORT OF AN ABSENCE AND WILL FOLLOW UP WITH A CALL OR HOME VISIT.

Please note that appointment cards or letters will be required for any time taken out of school for medical appointments. We are only able to note this as an authorised absence if we have a letter or card.

Unauthorised absences may result in Education Penalty Notices.



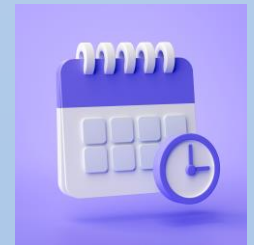
Office Hours



**Just a reminder that the school office hours are
8.30am – 4pm.**

Thank you

Diary Dates



24 Feb 2025 – School reopens 8.35am

W/c 3 Mar 2025 – Assessment week

6 Mar 2025 – World Book Day / Parent Reading event 2.30pm

14 Mar 2025 – World Book Day

18 Mar 2025 – Megan Hurley Fundraising Day

21 Mar 2025 – Year 1 Class collective worship 2.30pm

26 & 27 Mar 2025 – PPRD 3.10pm - 6pm

27 Mar 2025 – Year 3 & 4 Big Sing Performance 1.30pm

31 Mar 2025 – Child of Excellence 9.15am

1 Apr 2025 – Year 5 farm trip

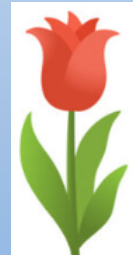
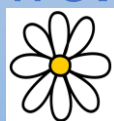
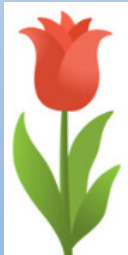
2 Apr 2025 – Year 4 farm trip

3 Apr 2025 – Year 3 farm trip

3 Apr 2025 – Easter Church Service 1.30pm

4 Apr 2025 – Year 6 farm trip

4 Apr 2025 – School closes 2pm for Easter



Wishing you all a wonderful and happy half term.