

## Message from Mr Catt

This half term, our school community has been focusing on the value of Forgiveness, and it has been wonderful to see how deeply our children have embraced and lived out this value in their daily interactions. Acts of kindness, understanding and reconciliation have been evident across school, and we are incredibly proud of the maturity and compassion our pupils continue to show.

A special well done to our Year 6 pupils, who led a family worship so thoughtfully this half term. They demonstrated confidence, reflection and leadership, guiding us all to think carefully about what forgiveness means and why it matters. We are also grateful to our Christian Ethos Team, who organised a carousel-style collective worship filled with practical, hands-on activities that helped children explore forgiveness in meaningful and memorable ways.

Congratulations to all of our Children of Excellence, who were voted for by their peers in recognition of the values they have shown. Being recognised by classmates is a particularly special achievement, and we are very proud of each of you.

Our Year 3 pupils have had a fantastic half term in Forest School. They have shown resilience, teamwork and curiosity while learning outdoors, and it continues to be a joy that we can provide this enriching experience for every year group each year.

We have also enjoyed a range of exciting educational visits. Highlights include:

Year 4's trip to Chester

Year 2's trip to the Walker Art Gallery

Year 3 and Year 5's World museum visits

Year 6's visit to the Catalyst Museum

These experiences bring learning to life and create lasting memories, and our pupils represented the school brilliantly wherever they went.

Looking ahead, we are very excited to launch Halewood University after half term. This is always a highlight of the year, offering pupils unique opportunities to develop new skills, explore interests and grow in confidence.

With brighter weather on the horizon, we will also be investing further in our school allotments. Plans include purchasing a large polytunnel and carrying out groundwork to prepare the area. This development will greatly enhance our growing spaces and provide even more opportunities for children to learn about sustainability, responsibility and the natural world.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Mr Catt

# Trips and Experiences

Year 3 and 5 visited the World Museum and took part in workshops.



Year 3 experienced an Egyptian Mummification Workshop where they travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt and discovered traditions and processes of mummification.



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Year 5's workshop 'Race to the Moon' took place in the Planetarium with a showcase of the amazing achievements of the Apollo space missions.



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Year 6 visited the Catalyst Science museum and took part in workshops on 'Light and Colour' and 'Forensics'. These provided the perfect opportunity for the children to engage in 'hands on' science sessions.



Year 4 had a fantastic day out at the Deva Museum in Chester where they learned about Roman life in Chester and had a battle in the amphitheatre.



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Reception had a visit from Nurse Helen and Nurse Clare who told us all about their important jobs. The children reflected on what they have learnt so far about nurses and how their roles have changed in the modern day due to the influence of Florence Nightingale. The children listened to their visitors talk about how nurses can work in many different environments such as helicopters and the army!

After careful listening, they then had the opportunity to look at some special equipment including thermometers and stethoscopes and even watch Mrs Tunstall experience a trip to the doctors! Following this, the children had a go at bandaging up their soft toys... and one another!



# Forest School

## Benefits of Forest School

-  Develop team building skills and empathy for others
-  Improve language and communication skills
-  Develop a deeper connection with nature and a greater understanding of the outdoors
-  Improve self esteem and confidence
-  Increase physical fitness
-  Increase motivation for learning and improve concentration
-  Enhance numeracy and literacy skills

A number of children have now taken part in Forest School, exploring outdoors whilst working on building confidence, critical thinking, teambuilding and encouraging each other. Every child will have an opportunity to take part in Forest School across the academic year.



## Sporting achievements



A huge well done to these children who represented our school at the Knowsley swimming gala, bringing home lots of medals and, more importantly, smiles and successes. We are so proud of you all.

## Ukraine appeal

Thank you all so much for your kind donations to the Ukraine appeal. Your donations will make a huge difference to the families impacted by the war.

We wish Mrs Tunstall's father-in-law a safe journey – this is his 18<sup>th</sup> trip to Ukraine !

**LIVERPOOL**



**UKRAINE**

## A snowy start.

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 at 97% 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.

## 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.

**WELL DONE!**

**SO  
PROUD  
OF YOU**

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**EFFORT**

# 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.

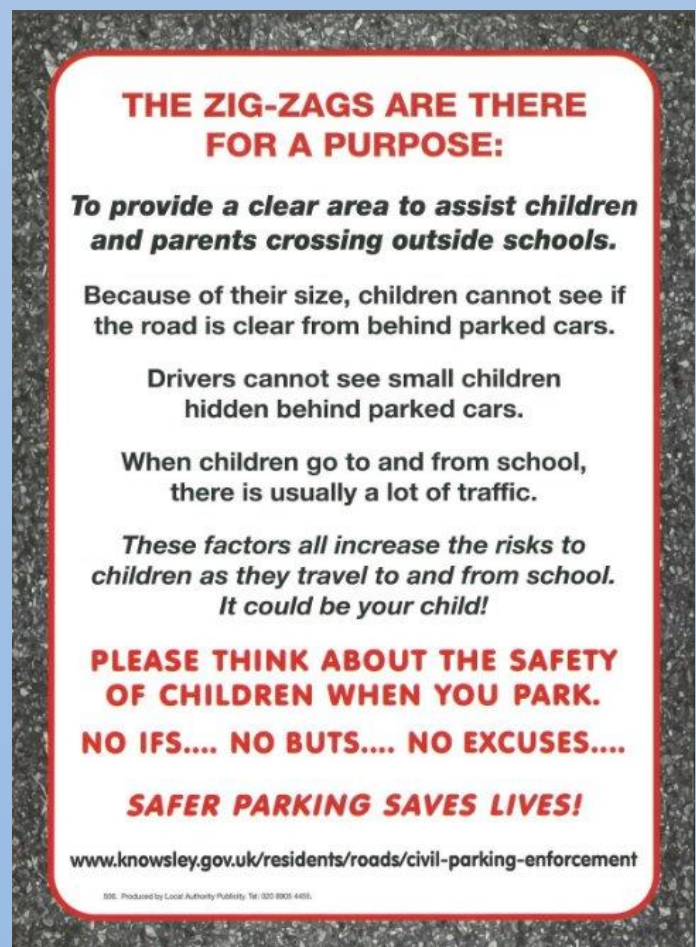


Parked cars are a major factor in collisions outside schools. Stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines puts children at risk.

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.

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- 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.

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- 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 98.6%

Whole school attendance this half term is 97.5%

Year 1 – 96.9%  
Year 2 – 97.6%  
Year 3 – 97.1%  
Year 4 – 96.7%  
Year 5 – 98%  
Year 6 – 98.6%



## 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 – Jessica and Iver  
Year 1 – Annabelle and Luke  
Year 2 – Ivy and Eddie  
Year 3 – Evelyn and Vincent  
Year 4 – Amy and Theo  
Year 5 – Bethany and Kade  
Year 6 – Phoebe and Frankie





## 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

23.02.2026 – School reopens 8.35am



02.03.2026 – Assessment week



05.03.2026 – World Book Day  
Parent Read With Us Event 2.30pm

12.03.2026 – Y6 v Adults Arithmetic 1.30pm

13.03.2026 – Red Nose Day / Number Day

17.03.2026 – Inclusion Coffee afternoon 2.30pm

18.03.2026 & 19.03.2026– PPRD 3pm – 6pm

19.03.2026 – Big Sig Performance 2.30pm

20.03.2026 – Year 1 Collective Worship 2.30pm

26.03.2026 – Easter Service 1.30pm

27.03.2026 – Child of Excellence 9.15am

Wishing you all a wonderful half term

