

# Childwall CE Primary School

# Newsletter



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## WELCOME BACK

We hope you all had a restful and joyful break and were able to spend precious time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school with their smiles, energy and enthusiasm despite the cold weather! As we begin this new year together, we have so much to look forward to — more learning, more fun, new challenges and many opportunities to grow, both academically and personally. As a church school, we will continue to place our Christian values at the heart of all we do, nurturing kindness, respect and a love of learning within our school family. We are excited for the journey ahead and look forward to sharing another year of learning, laughter and faith together.

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS AND HOMEWORK GRIDS

This week we have sent out the curriculum overviews for each year group for this half term to give you an insight into what your child will be learning over the coming weeks. Alongside this, the updated homework grids have also been shared. These are designed to support and extend learning at home, and we look forward to seeing the effort, creativity and hard work that the children put into their tasks.

## READING 5X A WEEK

We would like to remind parents and carers to please ensure that children are reading their school reading book at least five times a week. Regular reading at home plays a vital role in building a love of reading and helps to develop children's skills, confidence and fluency over time. This year has been recognised as the National Year of Reading, and we are excited to be planning a range of regular events and activities throughout the year to celebrate reading and inspire children to enjoy books even more. We will keep you posted with our plans! For more information about reading with your child, please visit the following link: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/resources/find-resources/reading-together/>

The infographic below shows the benefits of regular reading as children grow



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## COMMUNICATIONS MOVING FORWARD

### School-Wide Communications

To streamline communication and avoid duplication:

- All whole-class and whole-school communications (including letters, newsletters and class updates) will be shared via Class Dojo only.
- This means we will no longer duplicate these messages via email.
- The school office has ensured that the majority of parents and carers are connected to Class Dojo.

Before Christmas, there was understandably a high volume of messages due to the time of year and the number of events taking place. You will have noticed that this has reduced since the start of this term.

### Important note about Class Dojo:

- Class Dojo is used for information sharing only.
- Parents and carers should not use the chat function to contact staff.
- School staff will not respond to messages via Class Dojo chat.

If we need to contact you about your individual child (for example, to invite them to a sports competition or discuss a specific matter), we will do so via email or telephone.

**Contacting the School** If you wish to contact the school or speak to a member of staff, please do so via telephone or email using the appropriate school email addresses:

- EYFS: [eyfsteam@childwallce.com](mailto:eyfsteam@childwallce.com)
- Year 1: [year1team@childwallce.com](mailto:year1team@childwallce.com)
- Year 2: [year2team@childwallce.com](mailto:year2team@childwallce.com)
- Year 3: [year3team@childwallce.com](mailto:year3team@childwallce.com)
- Year 4: [year4team@childwallce.com](mailto:year4team@childwallce.com)
- Year 5: [year5team@childwallce.com](mailto:year5team@childwallce.com)
- Year 6: [year6team@childwallce.com](mailto:year6team@childwallce.com)
- For queries related to **Special Educational Needs (SEN)**, please contact: [senco@childwallce.com](mailto:senco@childwallce.com)
- For queries related to your child's **mental health and wellbeing**, please contact: [wellbeing@childwallce.com](mailto:wellbeing@childwallce.com)

We always aim to respond as promptly as possible, often on the same day. However, when this is not possible, the following agreed response times apply:

- **Telephone calls:** returned within 2 school days
- **Emails:** responded to within 3 school days
- **Written letters:** acknowledged within 5 school days
- **Weekend and holiday communications:** addressed during term time only

This protocol has been designed to support effective communication, while also ensuring staff can focus on their core purpose: providing your children with an excellent education. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

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# Our award winners

House Point  
Winners this  
week are:

**HOPE**

## Merit Achievement Award Winner

- RO** Zach - For trying super hard with his phonics
- RG** Naomi - For an excellent start to the new term!
- Y1B** Nova - For trying very hard with her handwriting this week.
- Y1G** Kobby - for always approaching his work with an excellent mindset.
- Y2C** Rose - For excellent engagement in maths lessons
- Y2M** Darcie - Wonderful effort with her handwriting!
- Y3J** John - For showing lots of interest and enthusiasm during lessons
- Y3K** Evie -Effort and progress in maths
- Y4F** Rayan - Participating well in all lessons and creating a working electrical circuit in science.
- Y4K** Alexa -For an excellent start to the new term!
- Y5D** Joe Joe - For showing a mature approach to learning and problem solving this week
- Y5K** Louis - For being enthusiastic and giving great contributions in all lessons
- Y6RP** Rosie - For developing your confidence in mathematical thinking
- Y6M** Eben - For outstanding effort, resilience, and progress in maths this week.

## Christian Value Award

- Oliver - for always being such a lovely friend
- Henry - For being a kind friend.
- Finley - For always being a wonderful friend.
- Mollie - for always being the kind of friend you would want.
- George - Looking out for others in 2C.
- Clara - For being a ray of sunshine and always looking out for others.
- Luna - for being an excellent friend
- Rose- Facing challenges with resilience
- Kiya - Always showing joy and being a joyful member of 4F!
- Rebecca - For always being kind, friendly and polite!
- Abigail - For showing lots of resilience in her learning and always giving her best
- Ronald - For always showing great manners to those around him
- Evan - For a great start to the Spring term!
- Charlie - For an excellent start to the new term and a positive attitude to learning

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Below is an outline of the National Curriculum times tables expectations for each year group:

**Year 1** Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Recall and use doubles of all numbers to 10 and corresponding halves.

**Year 2** Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.

**Year 3** Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.

**Year 4** Recall multiplication and division facts for all multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

**Year 5 & 6** Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12.

### TTRS Battle of the Bands Results

### This week's Times Tables Rockstars

<b>Year 2</b>	2C	<b>Y2</b>	2M – Freya B, Daniel, Winnie
			2C – Christos, Cari, William F
<b>Year 3</b>	3K	<b>Y3</b>	3J – Joshua G, John
			3K – Elliot, Rose, Mabel
<b>Year 4</b>	4K	<b>Y4</b>	4F – Elizabeth, Alice W, Jojo
			4K – Gethin, Thomas, Marley
<b>Year 5</b>	5D	<b>Y5</b>	5K – Courtney, Theo, Sophie
			5D- Ryan, Riley, John
<b>Year 6</b>	6RP	<b>Y6</b>	6RP – Olivia, Sophia, Isaac
			6M – Olanna, Verity, Isla W

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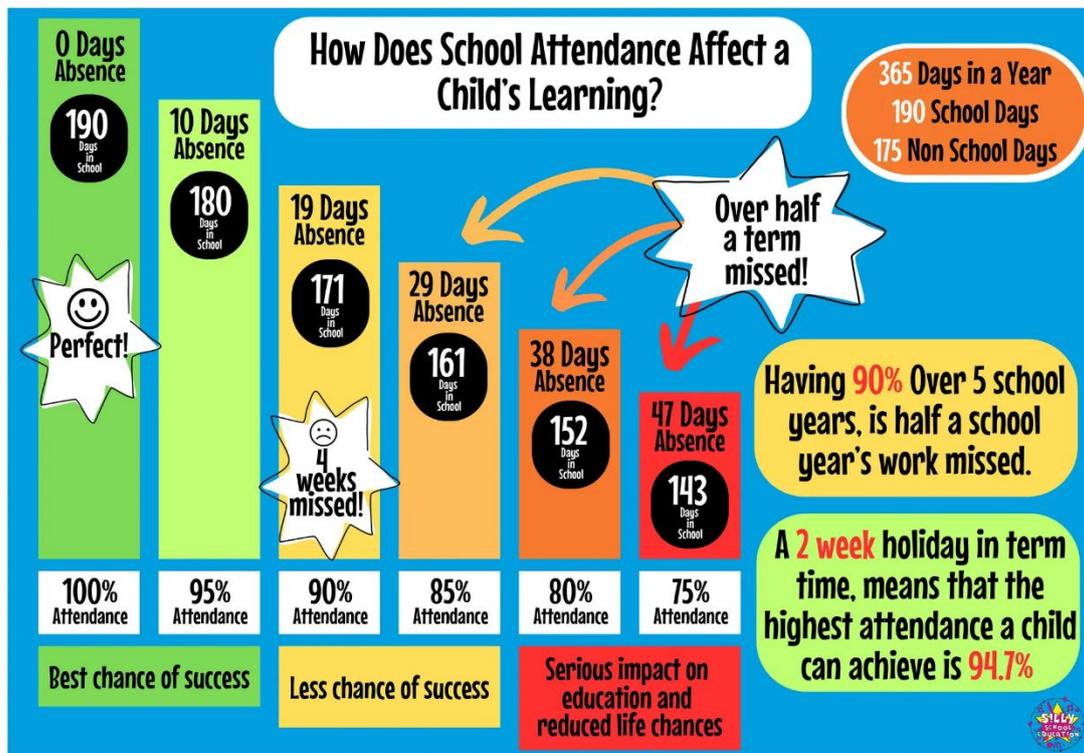
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# Our attendance

We know how busy mornings can be, but we wanted to take a moment to remind everyone just how important good attendance and punctuality are for our children. Being in school every day – and arriving on time – helps children feel settled, confident and ready to learn alongside their friends. Even missing the odd day here and there can really add up over time. The infographic below shows the impact of missed school and how it can affect children’s learning, friendships and confidence as they move through school. We’d really encourage you to take a look.

Of course, we completely understand that some children have genuine circumstances that prevent them from attending school, such as health or medical needs. These situations are absolutely understandable, and we always appreciate open communication so we can support families in the best way possible. Thank you, as always, for working with us to give our children the best possible start. Every day in school makes a difference!



Whole School Attendance- this week	Class Attendance			
	RO	95.4%	RG	98.3%
96.8%	Y1B	95.7%	Y1G	96.7%
Whole School Attendance- to date (this academic year)	Y2C	99.7%	Y2M	97.3%
96%	Y3J	100%	Y3K	98.1%
Class Attendance Winners	Y4F	93.7%	Y4K	97.7%
	Y5D	97.8%	Y5K	95.2%
	Y6M	96.9%	Y6RP	95.5%

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## Achievements beyond the school gates

Just wanted to share some good news from over the Christmas holidays. Oliver Bainbridge Class 2M competed in a football competition with his team Marshalls Lightning and they won the Copa America Trophy, we are super proud of how well he played, showing teamwork and resilience.



Alistair enjoyed an exceptional junior golfing year in 2025, securing 21 victories across a range of national competitions and winning the Order of Merit on the PING Junior Golf Tour. As a member of the Tommy Fleetwood Academy, Alistair was personally presented with The Spirit of TFA Award by Tommy Fleetwood himself. This honour recognised not only Alistair's outstanding performances on the course, but also his character and sportsmanship, reflecting who he is both on and off the course—based on consistent feedback from fellow competitors and their parents throughout the season. Keep up the good work Alistair you are a superstar



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# Our family of faith

Our Christian Value  
focus this half term is...

LOVE

## A reflection of love from Mrs Lewis

As we begin a new year and a new term together, this half term we are focusing on our school value of love. A new year often feels like a fresh start – a chance to pause, reflect and think about how we want to move forward.

Love is at the heart of everything we do. It is shown in the way we treat one another with kindness and respect, in the patience we show when things feel challenging, and in the care we offer to those who may need a little extra support. Love is not just something we say – it is something we show through our actions every day.

As we step into this new year, we encourage our children to think about how they can show love in simple but meaningful ways: including others, using kind words, forgiving when things go wrong, and looking out for one another both in and out of school.

May this half term be a time when our school community continues to grow together, guided by love, compassion and understanding, as we support one another to be the best we can be.



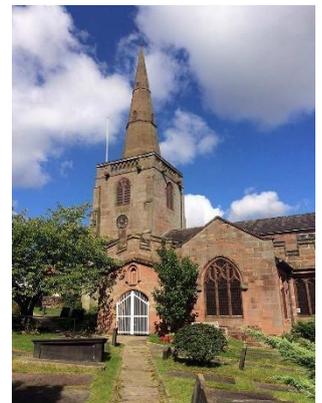
## Services at All Saints Church, Childwall during January

**Sunday services** – 9.15am, 11am and 5pm, with Ignite Youth Service taking place at 6pm in the Church Hall.

The 9.15 service is available on YouTube each Sunday shortly after the service. The Vicar will share it via email if you request to have your name added to the email list.

Tea and coffee are served in the Childwall Abbey Hall between the two morning services. There are also refreshments served after the evening service.

**Thursday services:** 10.45 am: Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer in Church followed by tea and coffee.



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# ELSA Support

## Mrs Birchall - Class 5K

This week, I had the pleasure of teaching a wellbeing session in Mrs Kennedy's class. As you can see from the pictures below, the children worked really hard during the session and came up with some wonderful ideas!

We looked at what our goals could be for 2026 and the children wrote their ideas onto their cloud. We talked about what goals are, how we could achieve our goals and how it was ok if we didn't achieve them.

The children then finished off with us all sitting quietly, focusing on what we had talked about and what they could take from the session.

Well done 5K - you were amazing !!



I know that after a break, some children can feel nervous about returning to school, I found the infographic below and thought it was worth sharing in case it can be of any help.

### Evening Routines that Help with Back-to-School Anxiety

- 1** Same steps every night  
Keep bedtime in the same order (dinner → homework/play → bath → story/quiet time → sleep).
- 2** Calm before bed  
Turn off screens 1 hour before sleep. Try reading, colouring, or soft music.
- 3** Talk worries out  
Give 5-10 minutes to share worries. Try a 'worry box' or notebook.
- 4** Relax the body  
Deep breaths, gentle stretches, or calming sounds can help the body switch off.
- 5** Create comfort  
Cosy bed, soft light, favourite toy, or a weighted blanket can ease anxiety.
- 6** End with connection  
Bedtime story, cuddle, or 'goodnight phrase' builds safety and calm.

The Contented Child PIC-COLLAGE

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# Reminders

## ***ASD Training Team Courses***

**Targeted age: 4-7yrs**    **Dates:** 12<sup>th</sup>,13<sup>th</sup>,14<sup>th</sup> January    **Time:** 9.30am - 12pm **Venue:** Zoom

**OR**

**Targeted age: 8-11yrs**    **Dates:** 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29th January    **Time:** 9.30am - 12pm    **Venue:** Zoom

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a course on Autistic Spectrum Disorder (if your child has a diagnosis of ASD). The course will allow you to build your knowledge on autism and **(All three sessions need to be attended to complete the course)**.

If you wish to attend, please contact the team using the following email address:

[asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk)

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local Offer page, of the *ASD Training Team*, for future training and workshops:

<https://fisd.liverpool.gov.uk/kb5/liverpool/fsd/service.page?id=8VklJg0iBBA&localofferchannel=15>

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

**ASD Training Team**

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# Next week's menu

Here is a reminder of our lunchtime options:

1. Packed Lunch for Junior Children
2. Packed Lunch with Fishy Friday for Junior Children
3. School Dinner

Once you have selected an option, this will need to remain the option for the remainder of the half term. This ensures that our kitchen staff are able to order and prepare the correct number of school meals. The cost of a school dinner is £2.40 per day and must be paid for weekly in advance. All infant children receive a Universal Free School Meal.

		<h2>Lunch Menu Week 2</h2>				
w/c 12th Jan		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>SOUP</b>	Chef Choice	Tomato & Basil	Broccoli & Cheddar	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn	
<b>HOT MAINS</b>	Tomato & Basil wholemeal Pasta 	Ham Roast Dinner with Seasonal Vegetables & Roast New Potatoes	Spaghetti & Meatballs	Chef Choice	Fish Fingers or Tandoori Salmon  with Chips & Garden Peas	
	Vegetarian Chilli with Brown Rice 	Cheese & Onion Plate Pie with Carrots & Peas 	Roasted Red Pepper Quiche with Salad 	Chef Choice	Veggie Burger in a Bun with Chips 	
<b>CHEF SPECIAL</b>	Ask Chef about today's special!					
<b>DESSERT</b>	Fresh Fruit Salad	Barabirith	Pineapple & Coconut Sponge	Chef Choice	Cheese & Crackers	

**Available Daily:** Jacket potatoes with tuna, cheese or beans, salad, hummus, fresh fruit and yoghurt

Please speak to a member of staff about dietary requirements. All menus are checked by a nutritionist and adhere to School Food Standards.

 Vegetarian  
 Vegan  
 Oily fish

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