

The Purple Page

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St. John's CE Primary School



Respect, Courage, Compassion, Friendship, Trust, Perseverance

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Next Week's Dates...

Mon 28 September	Y4 - Poetry workshop at Crosby Library
Tues 29 September	
Wed 30 September	Y2 - Poetry workshop at Crosby Library
Thurs 01 October	Y5 swimming lesson
Fri 02 October	Y3 brass lesson

Well done to our
St. John's Award winners!

Star of the Week

YR: Molly
Y1: Iris
Y2: Alice
Y3: Harry
Y4: Sophia
Y5: Patrick
Y6: Teddy R

Christian Values

YR: Lily
Y1: Sadie
Y2: Jake
Y3: Reuben W
Y4: Meadow
Y5: Michael
Y6: Isabella

Class Attendance Award: Yr 5

Year 5 are our class attendance award winners this week, with the highest attendance of 100%. They received their £5 class attendance voucher.

Whole-school attendance this week was 97.9%.

Attendance is closely monitored to reduce absence, including persistent absence (less than 90%). School panel meetings will take place at the end of half term to support families where attendance and punctuality are a concern.

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
95.5%	91.9%	96.8%	97.1%	96.1%	97.9%	94%	95.6%

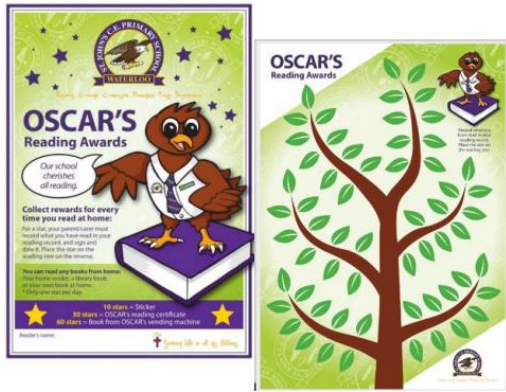
Red = below 90% Amber = 90% - 94.9% Green = 95% +

Our Christian value
for this half term is...

FRIENDSHIP

Follow us on...





Click on [OSCAR](#) above for more information about reading on our school website.

Reading Awards

We were delighted to present children with their reading certificates in celebration worship today for reading 30 times at home and having their books signed!

Congratulations to **Olivia and Leo (Y3)**, and **Pippa (Y4)** for achieving their book prizes and enjoying a visit to the vending machine. Well done!



Notices & News

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: A HUGE thank you for all your support in providing cakes and attending the MacMillan coffee morning. It was lovely to see so many parents and enjoy coffee and cake on a Friday morning! All of the children enjoyed a visit to the hall to choose a cake. We have received some generous donations and we will publish the total next week. Thank you for your ongoing support for such a good cause.

YEAR 4 AND YEAR 2 POETRY WORKSHOPS:

On **Monday 28th September**, Year 4 will be visiting Crosby Library – author **A. F. Harrold** is coming in to the library to deliver an interactive poetry workshop. The workshop will start at **9:30am** and lasts 45mins-1hour. Here is a little description provided by the author:

'Award-winning and very beardy poet, A.F. Harrold, will share some of his own poems and inspire you to have a go at your own. He'll extract ideas from your head like a fisherman with a maggoty hook and juggle those ideas like a very bad clown. Together we'll make up a poem or two of our own, probably about animals, possibly dogs. It's all about mucking around with words and stories and being silly with language. For fun. No beards will be harmed during the workshop.'

On **Wednesday 30th September**, Year 2 will be visiting Crosby Library to take part in an interactive poetry workshop led by author **Murphy's Sketches** (Kerri Cunningham).

PTFA AGM: A reminder that the PTFA AGM is on Thursday 01 October 7pm for a 7:30 pm start at the Oxford on Oxford Road.

STARTING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027:

School admission applications for children starting school in Reception or moving on from primary school Year 6 to enter secondary school (in Year 7 2027), **IS OPEN** via the online Citizen Portal. Letters have been sent home.

Please follow the link below for important information:

www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool

NATIONAL CLOSING DATES FOR ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS:

- **STARTING AT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN YEAR 7, SEPTEMBER 2027: 31 OCTOBER 2026**
- **STARTING AT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN RECEPTION, SEPTEMBER 2027: 15 JANUARY 2027**

NUT FREE SCHOOL: Just another reminder about a severe nut allergy in school and we are asking that parents support us in being a 'nut-free' school. Please do not send in any products containing nuts in either packed lunches or for snacks. Please check items such as cereal bars to ensure they are nut-free. Sadly, Nutella contains nuts also so please avoid this. We will be talking to the children about having an awareness of allergies and what we can do to minimise any risks. Thank you for your support.

CALENDAR DATES: Please take note of upcoming events happening in school during the Autumn term. These will be updated as activities are booked in so please check regularly!

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Please be aware that any scheduled school events posted below are subject to change.

We will endeavor to minimize any disruptions but changes may be unavoidable.

Date	Event
01 Sept	INSET day
02 Sept	INSET day
03 Sept	School reopens for children
07 Sept	Reception Day 1 – ½ day session
08 Sept	Reception Day 2– ½ day session
09 Sept	Reception Day 3 – ½ day session
10 Sept	Reception – full day Y5 swimming
11 Sept	Y3 start brass lessons
24 Sept	Picture News Pioneers training
25 Sept	MacMillan Coffee morning
06 Oct	Wombles Eco Project – school council @St Luke's Halsall
08 Oct	Parents' Evening 1
14 Oct	School photos – individual and sibling groups Capital schools Readathon
15 Oct	Parents' Evening 2
20 Oct	Production of 'Romeo and Juliet' – KS2
23 Oct	School closes for half term
HALF TERM	
02 Nov	School reopens. After school clubs start
05 Nov	Reception Parents Meeting – Phonics and Reading
10 Nov	'Meet the Judge' event @Liverpool Court – Years 5 & 6
13 Nov	New Reception Open Morning 1
20 Nov	New Reception Open Morning 2
27 Nov	New Reception Open Morning 3
01 Dec	Year 6 Parents Meeting – SATs and Residential
09 Dec	Reception Nativity – 9:30am KSI Nativity – 2:00pm
10 Dec	KSI Nativity – 9:30am Reception Nativity – 2:00pm KS2 Carol Concert – 6:00pm
11 Dec	Reindeer Run
15 Dec	Coverdale Puppets
16 Dec	Whole School Cinema trip
18 Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays
END OF TERM	

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