

St. Basil's

Catholic Primary
School

*"We love, learn and succeed
following Jesus"*

OCTOBER 2023

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Safeguarding:

At St. Basil's Catholic Primary School we are committed to providing a nurturing, caring and safe learning environment where pupils thrive, are confident, happy and secure. **If you have any safeguarding concerns, then please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.**

For further information about Safeguarding at St Basils please see the following documents by either clicking the link or scanning the QR code;

Safeguarding Parents Leaflet

[20097821 \(stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk\)](https://stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk/20097821)



Child Friendly Leaflet

[20095039 \(stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk\)](https://stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk/20095039)



Designated Leads for Safeguarding at St Basils:

Mrs Sheppard (HT)

Mrs O'Donnell (DHT)

Mrs Bond/Miss Yearley (Family Liaison & Welfare Officers)

Miss Abbot/Mrs Jones (SENCO)

Mrs McCabe (Attendance)

Mr Duffy (Pupil Welfare Governor)

Attendance update

Please be aware that students who have an attendance of below 90% will not have their absences authorised unless medical evidence is provided.

You can view your child's absence record via the School Gateway App. You access this via the reporting tab and then Attendance, it will give you your child's attendance rating.

Thank you for your co-operation.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE (Colour coded in line with the traffic light system)

Week commencing 25.09.2023



Well done to class 4GS with the highest rate of attendance, an amazing 100%!!

FSAR	1DD	2LG	3NC	3AW	4CG	4GS	5JS	6CH	6KL
98.5	99.2	96.2	90	96.8	89.5	100	96.7	94.1	96.8

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Flu Vaccinations FSAR - Y6 - Wednesday 11th October

Stay and Play FSAR—Thursday 12th October 1.15pm - 3pm

Parent Consultations - Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th October

School closes at 3.20pm on Thursday 26th October for half term break

Friday 27th October - INSET Day

School re-opens after half term break on Monday 6th November

Tuesday 7th November daily until Friday 10th November - 6KL and 6CH Swimming

Tuesday 14th November daily until Friday 17th November - 6KL and 6CH Swimming

Y5 Remembrance Collective Worship - Friday 10th November

Tuesday 21st November daily until Friday 24th November - 5JS Swimming

Tuesday 28th November daily until Friday 1st December - 5JS Swimming

Please check for updates on future newsletters

Thank you!



ST BASIL'S PTA

CHALLENGE

Results

Below is the length of the line (in metres) that each year group were able to create using the 2p's they had collected.

EYFS - 16m Y1 - 17m

Y2 - 20m Y3 - 16m

Y5 - 26.6m Y6 - 32m

And the winners, with a fantastic length of 43m are YEAR 4!!!!

A MASSIVE WELL DONE TO OUR WINNERS AND TO ALL THE CHILDREN FOR TAKING PART.



EYFS

Stay and Play

Thursday 12th October 1:15 – 3PM

St. Basil's
Catholic Primary School

Parents and carers of Reception children are invited to EYFS for the afternoon.

This session will be focused on helping your child in their phonics journey and early reading.



Week commencing 09.10.23 School Meal Menu is Week 3

NUTRITIONIST APPROVED 5 

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Naan pizza with herby potatoes 	Chicken Curry served with 50/50 rice	Roast of the day with roast potatoes and gravy	Beef burger on a bun	Fish of the day with chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Marinated quorn served in pitta bread pockets	BBQ Bean and cheese wrap	Cauliflower and broccoli bake	Vegetarian hotdog served in a roll	Veggie fingerbap with chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 5	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
DESSERTS	Ice cream	Blueberry and banana muffin	Chocolate brownie 5	Fruit and jelly 5	Fruit scone
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
JACKET POTATO	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Tuna	Cheese and Beans

 **MENU**  Quench your thirst with free fresh drinking water available daily

-  - MEAT FREE MONDAY
-  - 5 OF YOUR 5 A DAY
-  - CHEF'S CHOICE


PRE-SCHOOL
 at St Basil's Catholic Primary School
3-4 Year Old Places Available Now





Offering morning, afternoon and full days for 15 and 30 hour funded places.

BOOK NOW PLACES ARE AVAILABLE

Please contact the School Office on **0151 424 7887** to book an appointment

St Basil's Catholic Primary School
 Hough Green Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 4SZ
 Telephone: 0151 424 7887

We love, learn and succeed following Jesus

We will be collecting items in school for the Widnes Foodbank until Wednesday 26th October ready for collection on Thursday 26th October .

Thank you for your support!

The Big Widnes Foodbank
Harvest Appeal
2023

UHT milk

UHT juice

Coffee

Tinned soup

Tinned veg

Tinned potatoes

Custard

Desserts

Tinned meat

Scan to find donation collection points

HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FOODBANK BY DONATING AN ITEM OR TWO THIS HARVEST

Simply take your items to a local donation collection point and drop off

www.widnesfoodbank.org.uk

Widnes foodbank

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England & Wales.
Charity Registration Number 1155230.

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

 **National Online Safety**
#WakeUpWednesday



As you may already know here at St Basil's we have recently moved to a new provider for our school website - School Spider. As well as a website there are other features now available to us and to parents which we hope to roll out in the future to assist us in our parent communications. The first of those features is a school app in which parents can receive updates from the school website and book parents evening appointments.

Parents evenings for this half term will take place the week beginning 16th October. The days and times will be confirmed in due course. In preparation for this and so parents will be set up ready to book appointments when the time comes we would like to ask parents to download and log into the school spider app for St Basil's.

PLEASE NOTE: you must use the email address you have registered with school. If parents have any problems please contact the school office and we will do our best to help you.

Guide to our app for parents & carers

School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and report absences.

Select your school to get started!

How to get started

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

You must have your email linked with the school!

Take a look around...

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child

Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:

- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

DOWNLOAD NOW

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play



National
Online
Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Publish date: 07/11/18



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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE. BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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PLAY AGAIN?
YES NO

How does this game/app work?
Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.



Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS. BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD. FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.

Do you know what your personal information is?



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.





Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust

Our #CAMHS 24 hour crisis
response team is there for young
people up to the age of 18 living in...



Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

Crisis
Response
Team





Do you live in Halton? FREE online courses for all residents

1. Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby

Online course for everyone around the baby: Mums, Dads, Grandparents, friends and relations. Written by Registered Midwives and NHS Professionals.

2. Understanding your baby

Online course for everyone around the baby: supporting you and the new arrival. Written by Psychologists, Psychotherapists and Health Visitors.

3a. Understanding your child (0-19 yrs) (main course)* or

3b. Understanding your child with additional needs

Popular online course about being the best parent, grandparent or carer you can be. Award winning with trusted content.

4. Understanding your teenager's brain (short course)

Find out what happens to the brain in adolescence and how this explains some of the changes you may have noticed in their behaviour.

And many more! For parents, carers, grandparents and teens

For further details, visit: www.inourplace.co.uk

* Professionally translated into: Bulgarian, Modern Standard Arabic, Polish, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Urdu, Welsh

More languages available via Google Translate



The Solihull Approach was
Developed by Psychologists,
Psychotherapists, Health Visitors
& NHS and Education Professionals



Follow actions
to apply an
Access Code



Access Code:
TOGETHER

Go to www.inourplace.co.uk

Apply the Access Code for FREE access!
Fill in some details to create an account
To return to the course(s), go to
www.inourplace.co.uk and sign in!

For technical support, contact:

support@inourplace.co.uk

0121 296 4448 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)

www.inourplace.co.uk www.solihullapproachparenting.com

IN ADDITION TO THE BELOW SESSIONS, WE WILL ALSO HOLD A SESSION IN SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 9AM TO 12PM. Please contact school on 0151 424 7887 if you would like to attend the session being held at school.

Help for Households in Halton



Would you like to learn a new skill or expand your current knowledge? If you take home less than £26,000 a year, come and join our **FREE** taster cookery sessions.

Sessions last for two hours and at the end of the session you will receive a **FREE slow cooker** and a **FREE food voucher for your local supermarket**. The scheme is funded by the household support fund which has come to us via central government.

To qualify you must:

- Live in one of the following wards, Halton Castle, Halton Lea, Central & West Bank, Grange, Appleton or Hough Green
- Take home less than £26,000 a year or receive benefits

	Venue	Date	Time
Runcorn	Halton Lea Library	Wednesday 18th October	10:30 - 12:30
Runcorn	Castlefields Community Centre	Thursday 19th October	10:00 - 12:00
Runcorn	St Andrew's Church, Grange	Thursday 26th October	10:00 - 12:00
Widnes	Transform Widnes (St Paul's Church)	Monday 23rd October	10:00 - 12:00
Widnes	St Basil's Parish Club	Wednesday 25th October	10:00 - 12:00



To secure your place, contact us on



- **0151 511 5200**. You may be asked to leave your name and phone number and we will contact you back as soon as possible.



- E-mail us at public.health@halton.gov.uk

Help for Households

HALTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Admission to Secondary School September 2024

If your child is in Year 6 they are eligible to apply for Year 7 class in September 2024, and you can apply NOW:

- You must complete a preference form online at [School admissions website](#), where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk or at any Halton Direct Link Office
- All **online** applicants will receive their offer of a school place electronically on the 1st March 2024
- Offer letters will be posted to applicants who submit a paper preference form on 1st March 2024
- **Don't leave it too late** – you are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. **Deadline is 31st October 2023**



Closing date for Secondary School Applications:
31st October 2023

Admission to Primary School September 2024

If your child was born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 they are eligible to start Reception class in September 2024, and you can apply NOW:

- You must complete a preference form **online** at [School admissions website](https://www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions), where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk
- All **online** applicants will receive their offer of a school place electronically on the 16th April 2024
- Offer letters will be posted to applicants who submit a paper preference form on the 16th April 2024
- **Don't leave it too late** – you are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. **Deadline is 15th Jan 2024**



Closing date for Primary School Applications:
15th January 2024

You are always welcome to any mass within St Wilfrid's Parish, timetable is below

Mass & Service Times

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	St Bede	5:00pm
	St Basil	5:00pm
Sunday	St Bede	9:00am
	St Michael	9.30am
	St John Fisher	10:30am
	St Bede	11:15am
	St Bede	4:00pm

Weekday Mass Times (see parish newsletter for weekday variations)

<p>Monday</p> <p>St Basil</p> <p>9.00am Exposition & Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am Holy Mass</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>St Bede</p> <p>11:30am Exposition & Holy Rosary</p> <p>12 Noon Holy Mass</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>St Bede</p> <p>6:30pm Exposition & Evening Prayer</p> <p>7:00pm Holy Mass</p>
<p>Thursday</p> <p>St Michael</p> <p>11.30am Exposition & Holy Rosary</p> <p>12 Noon Holy Mass</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>St John Fisher</p> <p>9.00am Exposition & Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am Holy Mass</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>10.00am Holy Mass</p> <p>10.30am Confessions and Holy Rosary</p>

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Monday to Friday 10.00 - 13:00