

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 02.10.2023

Well done to class 3AW with the highest rate of attendance, an amazing 100%!!



FSAR	1DD	2LG	3NC	3AW	4CG	4GS	5JS	6CH	6KL
97.8	98.8	98.6	95.3	100	99	96.5	94.7	96.7	96.8

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

School Photographer REC and Y6 - Thursday 9th November

Y5 Remembrance Collective Worship - Friday 10th November

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

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

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

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

Please check for updates on future newsletters

Thank you!

BBC Bitesize

Mental Health and Wellbeing

There is a fantastic parent toolkit on the BBC Bitesize website with lots of useful articles about various different topics for parent/carers, you can access this via the following link

[Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize](#)

We will share links on a regular basis, to articles you may find useful. This week we are sharing the following link

[Five ways to build your child's resilience - BBC Bitesize](#)

There are also some really great articles/activities for children which are age appropriate based on your selection. Please visit the following link to access this

[Home - BBC Bitesize](#)



Throughout the week the children have taken part in a number of different activities to support their mental health.








There is lots of support and advice available online for both young people and parent/carers. Below are some links you may find useful.

[Explore mental health](#)

[For children and young people | Anna Freud](#)




[For families | Anna Freud](#)

Week commencing 16.10.23 School Meal Menu is Week 1

WEEK 1	MONDAY 	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Macaroni Cheese with crusty bread	Chicken goujon with diced potato 	Roast of the day with gravy and roast potatoes	Brunch Sausage hash brown beans and fresh tomato 	Fish of the day with chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn hotpot with crusty bread	Vegetarian meatballs in a tomato sauce served with spaghetti 	Quorn roast with gravy and roast potatoes	Vegetarian brunch Veggie sausage hash brown beans and fresh tomato	Quorn nuggets with chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
DESSERTS	Strawberry whip	Shortbread biscuit and mandarins	Jelly 	Carrot cake 	Ice cream
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	Beans	Tuna	Cheese and beans	Tuna

MENU

Variety is the key to a healthy diet, try something new today!

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



CLOSING DATE

24TH October 2023

Following our recent communication by email on 10th October regarding two parent governor vacancies.

Do you:

have an interest in our children's education?

have a desire to make a difference?

want to develop and hone your leadership skills

Then why not serve your local community and use your skills and expertise by becoming a School Governor?

What do governors do?

The governing body is responsible for making sure the school improves each year. It sets the direction and makes sure the school is meeting its targets. This involves:

Working with other board members to plan the school's strategic direction.

Overseeing the school's financial performance, ensuring money is well-spent.

Holding the headteacher or school leadership to account.

Governors attend meetings (usually around 6 per year) where reports about the school's progress are discussed. Although becoming a governor requires drive and commitment, you'll enjoy many professional and personal rewards, including career development opportunities and the chance to support young people's futures.

Who can be a governor?

No formal qualifications are needed to become a school governor, but you do need to be aged 18 or over. Everyone has experience and skills to offer, so an effective governing body has people from different backgrounds with a mix of skills. A good governor has:

common sense

the ability to work in a team

an interest in education and a commitment to the school

patience, energy, enthusiasm and some spare time

a willingness to listen, learn and to spend time in school

a willingness to undertake training.

What support will you receive?

Many of our volunteers are first-time governors, meaning they need a helping hand to get to grips with the role. We have a comprehensive series of governor training courses to enable governors to carry out their roles effectively. We produce a termly governor training programme of virtual learning opportunities, catering for new governors as well as the more experienced who want to further their knowledge in a specialised area.

Full details of how to apply were included in our email dated 10th October.

Find a story your child loves

Sharing stories with children helps them...

do better
in all
lessons

be
happier

have
close family
bonds

sleep
better

with brain
growth

understand
the world and
others

concentrate
better



BookTrust – supporting millions of children to discover a love of reading every year.

Follow us on social @BookTrust

Scan the QR code to find the perfect story for your child.

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

**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

Scan to find donation
collection points

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





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



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