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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 18.12.23

Well done to class 5JS with the highest rate of attendance!!



FSAR	1DD	2LG	3NC	3AW	4CG	4GS	5JS	6CH	6KL
91.1	96.2	94.3	90	93.4	96.4	94.6	86.7	90.3	91.5

Important News

This year we have achieved the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) award for school. This is a one-year program which focuses on continuing to improve Science in schools. To gain this award we had to submit a file of evidence and a reflective summary of the progress made by the school throughout the award. This is a fantastic achievement for our school and we are very proud of this!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



4CG and 4GS Swimming - Tuesday 16th , Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th January.

EYFS Stay and Play - Thursday 18th January 1.45pm to 3pm

Y3/Y4 Trip to the Grosvenor Museum - Thursday 18th January

Y6 Trip to Lowe House - Tuesday 23rd January

Y2 Collective Worship - Friday 26th January

Y1 Collective Worship - Wednesday 7th February

Please check for updates on future newsletters

Thank you!

Important Note

For parents applying for a primary school place for their child from September 2024 the deadline is

Monday 15th January 2024. You can apply online via the following link

<https://cyp.halton.gov.uk/Synergy/Live/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

“We would like to recognise and congratulate Freya W from year 6 who kindly donated some of her hair to the ‘Little Princess Trust’. This donation will make a real difference to children and young people affected by hair loss. Well Done Freya!!”



Family Breakfast

Every Morning
8:15am-8:40am



St Basil's welcomes all parents/carers to join their children for breakfast from 8:15 every morning in the Key Stage 1 Hall.

- All children must be accompanied by an adult
- No advance booking needed.

School Meals week commencing 15.01.23 is Week 2 Menu

WEEK 2		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH		Quorn cottage pie	Lasagne & garlic bread	Roast of the day with gravy and roast potato	All day breakfast	Fish of the day with chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH		Quorn Hot Dog & Wedges	Quorn lasagne & garlic bread	Quorn roast with gravy and roast potato	Vegetarian breakfast	Vegetable burger 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	Chocolate sponge & Custard	Lemon muffin	Ginger cake	Cheese & Crackers
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT		Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
DRINK		Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Tuna	Cheese and beans

Mellors 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

Does your child need care this winter?

NHS
Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Urgent Treatment Centre
 GP Surgery
 Pharmacy
 Choose the right service
 111.nhs.uk
 Call NHS 111

This handy guide shares information on how to access the right NHS service for your child if they become ill, so they can be treated quickly and effectively.

Online symptom checker

Our friends at Alder Hey have created a web page which shares lots of useful advice on common symptoms in children. Visit www.alderhey.nhs.uk/symptomchecker for further details.

When to go to a doctor

Common illnesses that can be treated by your GP are:

- Persistent coughs
- Eye infections
- Ear pain
- Skin infections

Out of hours, you can also call 111.

When to go to A&E

A&E is for people with life-threatening illness or injury, which include:

- Shortness of breath
- Seizures
- Severe bleeding or burns
- Head or eye injuries
- Allergic reactions
- Serious animal bites
- Uncontrolled pain

When to go to a pharmacy

They can help with:

- Coughs and colds
- Upset tummy
- Minor cuts, bumps and bruises
- Minor stings and bites

When to go to urgent treatment / walk-in centres

If your GP surgery is closed, the centres have specialist nurses and doctors that can help. Common conditions that can be treated here include:

- Cuts and scrapes
- Minor burns
- Minor breathing difficulties
- Suspected fractures
- Uncontrolled fever

Help us to help you this winter. Scan here for further information.

Your local Urgent Treatment & Walk-In Centre is open 365 days a year, including Bank Holidays

St Helens Urgent Treatment Centre WA10 1HU Monday to Saturday 7am-10pm Sunday & Bank Holidays 9am-10pm	Huyton NHS Walk-In Centre L36 6GA Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm	Halewood NHS Walk-In Centre L26 9UH Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm
Widnes Urgent Treatment Centre WA8 7GD Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm	Runcorn Urgent Treatment Centre WA7 2DA Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm	Kirkby Urgent Treatment Centre L32 8RE Monday to Sunday 8am-8.30pm



EYFS

Stay and Play

Thursday 18th January 1:45 – 3PM

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

This session will be focused on helping your child in their communication and language journey.



Top Tips for...

MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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](#), 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



NUMBER DAY

Friday 2nd February

Come to school dressed as a number or wear items that have a number on.

Please donate £1 for the NSPCC on this day.

NSPCC

Parents and carers are welcome to stay and enjoy some maths activities in class with their child on this day 9:00-10:00



**Number
Day 2024**





BASIL TOTS PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
9AM - 10.30AM

EVERYBODY WELCOME

£1 ENTRY - REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



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**BOOK NOW PLACES
ARE AVAILABLE**

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to book an appointment

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*We love, learn and succeed
following Jesus*

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 10.00am - 13:00pm