

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School

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TERM DATES 2021/22

Autumn Term

1st Sept to 22nd Dec 2021

Half Term

25th Oct to 29th Oct 2021

Spring Term

5th Jan to 14th Apr 2022

Half Term

21st Feb to 25th Feb 2022

Summer Term

25th Apr to 20th July 2022

Half Term

23rd May to 3rd June 2022

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 1st Sept 2021

Monday 1st Nov 2021

Wednesday 22nd Dec 2021

Friday 18th Feb 2022

Wednesday 20th July 2022

BANK HOLIDAYS

Good Friday – Friday 15 April 2022

Easter Monday - 18th April 2022

May Day – Monday 2nd May

Spring Bank Holiday – Thursday 2nd June 2022

Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday - Friday 3rd June 2022

Dear Parents

It has been a busy start to the school year and it has been lovely to see all of the children back full time and enthusiastic about their learning in school.

We are still being very careful to follow our Covid risk assessment as we are hoping that we have an uninterrupted year in school with few children being sent home. We have certainly noticed the impact that isolation has had on many of our children and staff are working hard with families to make up for lost learning.

Thank you to those families who are following advice to get children tested when showing symptoms as this will all help to keep the whole school community fit, well and in school.

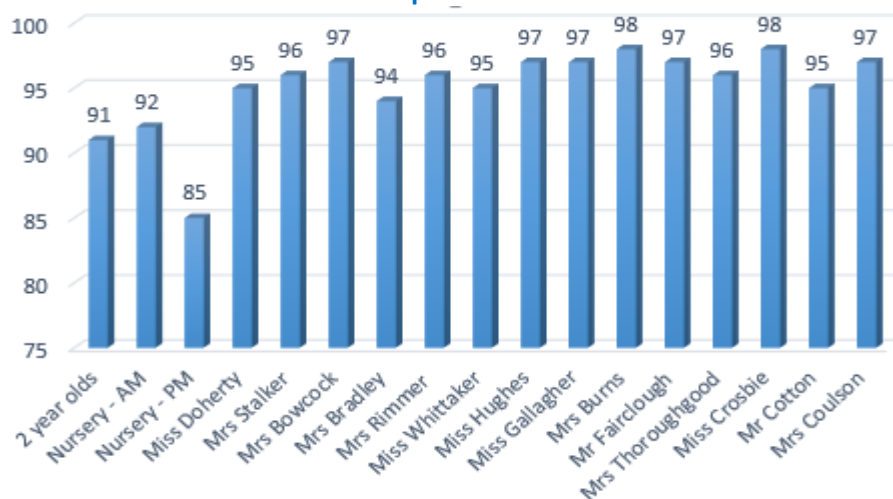
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Attendance

All schools in Liverpool have been set an attendance target by the local authority and the Department for Education. The aim is that all children will have 97% attendance, for children to reach this level they can have no more than 6 days absence per year. Mrs Finnigan and Mrs Partington have been monitoring attendance figures, meeting with parents and working closely with the Educational Welfare Officer to help support families. We understand that particularly in the early years children are prone to picking up bugs and as we move towards the winter month's coughs and colds are more prevalent. We ask however that you make every session count, if staff feel children are unwell we will contact you but more often than not once in school children forget their sniffles.

Throughout the year we will be running initiatives to support parents in motivating their children to aim for 100% attendance. Class teachers have their own incentives and rewards and the children love the competition across school, anticipating who will win the attendance awards.

Class attendance from September to 7th October 2021



Phonics and Reading



Across school we are having a big push on the teaching of reading and phonics. Our new phonic scheme is Little Wandle, children have daily lessons and will bring home phonetically decodable books which should be shared with an adult. Information is available by following this link or you can contact school and speak to Mrs Bowcock who will be only too happy to help.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>.

Contacting your child's teacher

A quick reminder that you can contact your child's class teacher through the year group email,

Mrs Guy and Miss Naylor (2 year olds) - nursery@oliprimarieschool.co.uk

Mrs Stalker & Miss Doherty - reception@oliprimarieschool.co.uk

Mrs Bowcock & Mrs Bradley - year1@oliprimarieschool.co.uk

Mrs Rimmer & Miss Whittaker - year2@oliprimarieschool.co.uk

Miss Gallagher & Miss Hughes - year3@oliprimarieschool.co.uk

Mrs Thoroughgood & Miss Crosbie - year5@oliprimarieschool.co.uk

Mr Cotton & Mrs Coulson - year6@oliprimarieschool.co.uk

For any SEN enquires or questions please use send@oliprimarieschool.co.uk.

Any emails sent will be dealt with in a timely manner within the school working day.

Good News!

We are delighted to be able to share with you the wonderful news that 5 of our learning support assistants have now completed their work place degree and have graduated from Pengreen University. I'm sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs Garrity, Mrs Smith, Miss Farrell, Miss Stinson and Miss Gallagher, what an amazing example you have been to us all.



Mrs Bowcock has also heard that she has passed the national SENDCO qualification. This has been 18 months of study along with school-based work alongside Mrs Brown our school SENDCO. Congratulations Mrs Bowcock.

Holy Communions



Our Year 5 children made their Holy Communions this week at St Anthony's church. This celebration had been delayed due to Covid 19 but we think you will agree it was worth the wait. We would like to thank Father Richard and Anne Shepherd for all their hard work and commitment in supporting the children in preparation of this sacrament. Information about Holy Communion preparation for our current Year 4 children will be

shared in the next few month.



School Admissions

Nursery parents will need to apply for Reception places for September 2022 before 15th January 2022, if your child is in Year 6 and you haven't applied for their secondary school MUST do so before 31st October. The link below will guide you through the process however if you would like support Miss H Chute (administration assistant) will be happy to help, you can phone her on 0151 2608957. <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>

School App

Our school app has been updated, if you have not logged into your app since Wednesday 6th October, please follow these instructions:

1. Open the app store on your phone.
2. Search Parentapps Connect and it will either say open or update. If it says update, click to update and then open.
3. When you open the app you will be prompted to search for your child's school or nursery.
4. Click on the school/nursery logo and you'll then see a login page.
5. Use your email address and the password you set to login.
6. If you can't remember, click forgot password and you'll receive an email to reset your password. Please check your junk and spam folders if you haven't received your password reset email.

If you fail to follow the above after the new app has launched you will not receive updates from the school. If you need help please contact Parentapps directly on 0151 808 0093 or send them an email via support@parentapps.co.uk.

Please note that iPhone 6 and any older versions will no longer be able to access the app.

Curriculum Information

Our school website has detailed information about our curriculum, it can be accessed using the following link, <https://oliprimary.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps/>, the curriculum maps outline topics and themes for the whole year. We are continuing to work on some areas of the curriculum that children missed during lockdown, teachers are addressing basic skills and gaps in learning within class. Parents and carers can support their children by reading with them daily, completing homework, practicing spellings, helping with times tables and by taking an interest in the topics children are studying.



- Go Green!

In our assemblies this month we will be learning about and discussing environmental issues, the impact and the changes we can make in our daily lives and how we can positively affect climate change. Mr Fairclough will be organising a sponsored event to raise money for this cause and our school fund. More information to follow soon.

