



20th September 2024

A note from the Head...

Welcome back! The first three weeks of term have been jam packed and the children have settled well into their new classes. A HUGE St Charles welcome to all of our new families. Our assemblies and class discussions have focused on a new start and trying new things. We have already celebrated the start of term with a balance bike workshop for our younger children, a concert from MAPAS, Salford Music Service, a whole school trip to Wardley Hall and a visit from past pupils Layla and Jacob and Mr Davis from St Ambrose Barlow.

Last year, our school strategy was to improve communication and strengthen our curriculum offer. This year, we intend to make sure that all of our children are given opportunities to enable them to thrive and succeed, working with parents to identify and remove any barriers to allow your children to succeed. We plan to screen all children in KS2 using the GL Dyslexia Screener. This is not the formal diagnostic tool that can diagnose dyslexia, but it will identify areas that a child may need more support with and potentially identify some strengths and weaknesses that we may not have noticed. If you DO NOT wish your child to be screened, please contact the school office.

NB. Children cannot be screened until they reach KS2, we will be starting with the older children and will share the reports with you when they are completed.

The annual diary dates can be found [here](#) on our website.

Please do ensure that you read our weekly newsletter, I hope that you find it useful, ask if you need further clarification.

Finally, please could I remind you that if you need to contact school, this should be done by telephone 0161 921 1945, email stcharles.rcprimaryschool@salford.gov.uk or dropping into the school office.

Mrs Drake

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our new Head and Deputy Head Pupils. A great choice by pupils to represent the school throughout the year.

Head girl – Libby

Head boy – Oscar



Deputy Head girl – Emma

Deputy Head boy – Jon-Paul





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Thank you

Thank You!

On behalf of the staff and myself, may I take this opportunity to thank you so much for the lovely end of term gifts that we received at the end of last term. We received some lovely, heartfelt messages which showed your appreciation of everyone's hard work. We would also like to thank all of those parents who purchased resources from our EYFS Amazon wishlist, your generosity has meant that our children have even more opportunities to expand their thinking and learning.

Parent behaviour



Please ensure that you speak appropriately to our staff and treat them with the respect that they afford you and your children. Use of inappropriate language, threats or acts of aggression towards staff will not be tolerated on our premises. Anyone behaving in such a way will be asked to leave, they may receive a ban from the premises and their behaviour may be reported to the police. Please also ensure that you are using child appropriate language, we will not tolerate swearing or unkind language on our school premises.

Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very well presented and proud to wear the St Charles badge. Please label coats, shoes, clothing and bags, anything that is removeable and could be lost. We have 235 children in school, all wearing navy blue, we are unable to return unnamed clothing without a label.

We will continue to ask children to come to school in their PE kit, as long as they are wearing the correct uniform. If PE kit standards start to slip, we will revert to getting changed before and after PE lessons. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct colour PE kit. If your child does not have a plain navy blue tracksuit top, they should wear their school sweater or cardigan instead. We have spare kit in school for those children who are not wearing the correct kit.

More information about school uniform can be found [here](#).

Outdoor learning

Forest school/outdoor learning clothing should be kept in school and will be sent home after use for cleaning/drying. Please ensure that it is sent back into school each Monday.

All children should have a pair of wellies in school that fit.

PE Days

Please make a note of the PE days for the Autumn term.

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Tuesday

Year 2 – Thursday

Year 3 – Tuesday

Year 4 – Wednesday

Year 5 – Wednesday

Year 6 - Thursday



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Attendance



Attendance really does matter and impact the life outcomes of your child. We will be celebrating attendance in many ways this year. I hope that sharing this data will reflect the importance of daily attendance. Our attendance target is 96%.

The class who gets the highest attendance will be rewarded with a trip to Rockup climbing centre at the end of the year.

Class	Weekly attendance
Reception	97%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	94%

Instrumental music lessons



If you wish for your child to start group or individual music lesson with MAPAS, please register your child as a New Student via this [link](#).

European Languages Day



We will be celebrating European Languages day across school on Thursday 26th September. The children will get to visit different countries across Europe and we would like all children to wear the colours of their classes country.

Nursery – Spain

Reception – Wales

Year 1 – Bulgaria

Year 2 – Spain

Year 3 – France

Year 4 – N Ireland

Year 5 – Italy

Year 6 - Germany

Charities



We have chosen to support 6 charities this year, one per half term. Each half term we will raise money to support local and national charities.

This half term, we will be supporting McMillan Cancer Support. We will be holding a McMillan coffee morning on Friday 27th September. Please send cakes in on Friday morning.

All welcome, please do come and support us and join us for coffee and cake.

As a family of God, we love to learn and learn to love



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Shoe box appeal



The Beavers and Cubs are collecting items to create shoeboxes to send to Eastern Europe. They are asking for donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo (max 400 ml), bars of soap, nail scissors or clippers, reading glasses, travel size draughts or dominoes, playing cards, new soft toy/teddy, tape measure, DIY tool, solar powered calculator, wind-up radio or torch, mug, cooking utensils, cutlery, sweets and chocolates, lavender bag, stress ball, small hot water bottle, new socks for adults, ladies tights, candle holders, small writing pads, A5 colouring pads, hotel toiletries.

Items can be loose or placed in a shoebox but please don't wrap it.

A donation box will be available in the school entrance hall until Friday 1st November.

Asda cash pot



Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody

opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

If you shop in Asda, please download the Asda Rewards app and select St Charles RC Primary School, M27 9PD to boost our school cashpot. We currently have £152 in our pot. Your own cashpot will still grow.

Charlies - before school club



Charlies has officially opened. Sessions run from 7.45am until 8.50am. Breakfast is served until 8.30am. We have secured some funding to support us as we grow, buying extra storage and resources. If you would like to sign up for a place, please complete the application form [here](#) and send it to the office. Each session costs £5, this can be reduced to £4 by paying through the Government Tax free childcare system.

Invoices will be sent out for this half term by the end of next week, thank you for your understanding whilst we find out fees.

After school clubs

Clubs run from 3.30 – 4.30pm

Monday – Cherry Pips Drama (R-Y6)

Tuesday – Reflections Dance (R-Y6)

Wednesday – Multisports (R-Y6) and KS2 football

Thursday – Premier Sports Basketball (KS2)

Please contact the office if you would like to sign your child up for an after school club.

We work closely with Playkidds and also have a couple of childminders who look after the children before and after school. Details are available from the school office.



St Charles RC Primary School Newsletter



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Our school SUPERSTARS

We had lots to celebrate in assembly this morning, well done to everyone for their hard work.



Letters

Copies of letters sent from school can be found [here](#) on the school website.

End of the school day

Nursery 3:15pm

Reception 3:20pm

Year 1 3:25pm

Year 2 – Year 6 3:30pm

Dates for your diary

SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF WELLBEING

Week 4

Weds 25th

Y4 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome)

Thurs 26th (European Languages Day)

Y3 Class Assembly (All welcome)

Fri 27th

McMillan Coffee Morning

OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Week 5

Weds 2nd

Rosary Whole school Prayer service led by Y6 (9.05am in school - All welcome)

Thurs 3rd (National Poetry Day)

Y1 Grandparents assembly (All welcome)

Week 6

Mon 7th

Parent Drop in – after school in classrooms

Thurs 10th (Children’s Mental Health Day)

Mrs Starkie Day – All wear yellow

Fri 11th

Non uniform for Harvest donation

Week 7

Weds 16th

Mini Vinnie Harvest Assembly (9.05am in hall - All welcome)

Thurs 17th

Author visit – Matt Oldfield

**HALF TERM
18th OCT – 28th OCT**



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