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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our June newsletter.

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their recent trip to **Ormside Education & Residential Centre**, where they had the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting activities that they would not normally experience. We are proud that these residential visits are **fully funded by the school**, enabling all invited children to participate at **no cost** to their families.

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the recent **athletics event**. We had over 40 pupils from Years 3 and 4 representing our school, and they did so brilliantly. We are delighted to share that **the team achieved over nine placing finishes across 1st to 4th place**—an excellent achievement for everyone involved. What made us especially proud, however, was the behaviour of our pupils. While we were at the event, another school took the time to comment on how kind and well-mannered our children were. They had seen one of their pupils fall, and two of our children immediately ran over to help. This act of kindness truly reflects our school values, and we are incredibly proud of them. **Well done to all who took part!**



Our School Councillors also enjoyed a memorable trip to London. Despite some train delays, the children and staff made the most of their visit and had a fantastic time. The group even received a special mention from Maria Breslin, Editor of the Liverpool Echo, who wrote the following:

*A **big thank you** to the pupils and teachers from **St Hugh's Catholic Primary School**, who brought a bit of much-needed joy into my life late on Thursday night. It started ominously with a bridge collapse at Nuneaton meaning multiple cancellations and delays on the west coast line from London Euston. When we finally boarded, the train was inevitably packed. I might not have chosen to sit in a carriage alongside a primary school party but I'm so glad I did. The pupils were definitely the only ones on the train delighted when a lengthy diversion was announced to avoid the collapsed bridge but they certainly made the four-hour journey more entertaining. **They were adorable and a total credit to their families and the school** while the teachers and assistants were patient, good-humoured and caring. So, **thank you St Hugh's** for making a long journey at the end of a long day so much more bearable. **Maria Breslin, Liverpool Echo Editor***



Important Information for Parents: Free School Meals (FSM)



If your child currently receives free school meals, they will continue to receive them until **July 2026**, even if your family's income or benefits change. This is due to a temporary government policy called **transitional protection**.

Are you entitled?

What changes from September 2026?

From **September 2026**, transitional protection will end and eligibility rules will change. All children in households receiving **Universal Credit** will be entitled to a free school meal. We may ask for proof of entitlement and schools **may carry** out eligibility checks

New FSM Categories from September 2026

If your household receives Universal Credit, your child should qualify for a free school meal under the new rules

Targeted FSM

- For families receiving Universal Credit with earnings of **£7,400 or less per year** (excluding benefits).

Expanded FSM

- For families receiving Universal Credit with earnings **above £7,400 per year**.

Do I need to do anything?

Before September 2026

- **Year 2 Parents** to go online at www.liverpool.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals and check if they are entitled and let the school office know

Key Dates

- **August 2026:** Transitional protection ends.
- **September 2026:** All children in households receiving Universal Credit become eligible for free school meals.

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 1st July** - Reception Class will visit Chester Zoo
- Wednesday 1st July** - Transition Day - **Year 6** children **to attend** the High School they have been allocated
- Monday 6th July** - This will be the last week of after school clubs
- Tuesday 7th July** - Rec-Y5 transition will be on Tuesday, 7th July
- Thursday 16th July** - 2.35pm YR6 leavers assembly
- Friday 17th July** - School will **close at 1.00pm** for the summer holiday
- Wednesday 2nd September** - School re-opens at 8.45 (New Reception children will be notified separately)

Hot Weather Advice for Parents

Staying Safe in Hot Weather

When temperatures rise, children can become unwell quickly. Please help keep your child safe by following these simple tips.

DO:

- ✓ Encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- ✓ Dress children in light, loose-fitting clothing.
- ✓ Apply sunscreen before going outdoors and reapply as needed.
- ✓ Keep children in the shade, especially between 11am and 3pm.
- ✓ Use hats and sunglasses when outside.
- ✓ Keep bedrooms and living areas cool by closing curtains during the hottest part of the day.

DO NOT:

- ✗ Leave children alone in a parked car, even for a few minutes.
- ✗ Allow children to spend long periods in direct sunlight.
- ✗ Wait until children say they are thirsty before offering drinks.
- ✗ Encourage strenuous outdoor activities during the hottest hours of the day.
- ✗ Ignore signs of heat exhaustion such as dizziness, headache, tiredness, nausea, or excessive sweating.

If your child feels unwell, move them to a cool place, give them water, and seek medical advice if symptoms do not improve.