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Welcome to our July newsletter.

As we come to the end of another successful school year, we can look back with pride on all that our children have achieved. It has been a busy, exciting and rewarding summer term, filled with opportunities for learning, personal growth and memorable experiences. We would like to wish our Year 6 children every success as they move on to high school in September. They have been a credit to our school, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. We wish them the very best for the future and hope they take many happy memories of St Hugh's with them.

We would also like to say **farewell** to two valued members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities. Miss Galt, a member of our cleaning team, will be taking up a position in a school kitchen, and Ms Bojin, who many families will know as our '**Romanian translator**', will be leaving us to begin her teaching career. We thank them both for their dedication and contribution to our school community and wish them every success and happiness in their new roles.

Our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed a fantastic final term at St Hugh's. They attended a residential visit to Ormside Education Centre, where they developed their independence, resilience and teamwork skills through a range of outdoor activities. They also took part in top-up swimming lessons to help them achieve the important milestone of confidently swimming 25 metres.

The children enjoyed a memorable trip to **New Brighton**, where they took part in bowling and laser tag activities, and they also visited the **University of Liverpool** to participate in a variety of engaging science experiments. These experiences broadened their horizons and provided valuable opportunities to learn in different environments.

We are particularly **proud of the pupils** who have continued learning the trumpet this year. Their commitment and perseverance were rewarded when they successfully passed their music grade 1 exam. Together, these experiences have created lasting memories and helped prepare our Year 6 pupils for the next exciting stage of their education.

STEM Week was another highlight of the term. The children took part in a range of exciting hands-on activities designed to inspire curiosity and creativity. During the **Wonder Weaver Workshops**, pupils learned about science and engineering before launching rockets high into the sky. We were also delighted to welcome a visiting engineer, who shared insights into how things work and inspired children to consider future careers in engineering and technology.

Reception children thoroughly enjoyed making and using string telephones, discovering a fun and practical way to communicate through sound. In addition, a **dental hygienist** visited the school to teach the children about the different parts of the teeth, the importance of oral hygiene and how to keep their teeth healthy. The week was filled with discovery, enthusiasm and a real love of learning.

Sports Day was a tremendous success, with **every class** taking part enthusiastically in a variety of events. The children showed determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship throughout the day and enjoyed a well-deserved ice pop afterwards. We also hosted our own '**St Hugh's World Cup**', bringing together children and staff for football matches and class-based activities that promoted cooperation, enjoyment and school spirit.

To celebrate positive behaviour, children who consistently followed our school rules throughout the term were rewarded with a special water party and ice creams. There was plenty of laughter as they splashed, got soaked and soaked their friends in return.

At St Hugh's, we believe that educational visits and enrichment activities are an important part of our curriculum and provide valuable wider learning opportunities for our children. For this reason, **all school visits are fully funded by the school**, and **we do not ask parents** to make contributions towards the cost. We are committed to ensuring that every child can take part in these experiences, which help to enrich learning, broaden horizons and create lasting memories

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Your partnership, encouragement and commitment play a vital role in helping our children thrive, grow and achieve their very best. Together, we create a strong and caring school community where every child can succeed.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I wish you and your families a restful, safe and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at St Hugh's.

Water Safety Reminder: As the weather gets warmer, please remember to stay safe around water. Always swim with an adult present, follow safety signs and never play near rivers, canals or open water without supervision.

School Meals

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

Thursday 25th June	- Year 3 & 4 Good Shepherd Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral
Tuesday 30th June	- Year 3 visited the Synagogue to learn about Judaism and other religions.
Wednesday 1st July	- Reception Class enjoyed a visit to Chester Zoo
Thursday 2nd July	- Year 4 visited the Palm House in Sefton Park as part of their Science learning
Friday 3rd July	- Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Sefton Park as part of their PSHE lessons.
Monday 6th July	- Year visit to New Brighton
	- Athletic Championship at Wavertree Sport Centre
Wednesday 7th July	- Our Young Marketeers raised £243 by selling vegetables grown in the school garden.
Monday 13th July	- Children with 100% attendance enjoyed a reward trip to the cinema
Tuesday 14th July	- Giant Inflatable Day – All year groups had a fantastic time enjoying the inflatable activities.
	- Year 6 visited the Royal Court Theatre to learn more about what happens behind the scenes in a theatre.
Wednesday 15th July	- Year 4 took part in Bikeability training
Friday 17th July	- End of term - School closes at 1.00pm
Tuesday 2nd September	- School re-opens at 8.45 (New Reception children will be notified separately)

Reminders

Uniform – **Black** school shoes, stud earrings **ONLY**, hair tied back and **NO** nail polish.

Home Time - Please ensure staff know which adult is collecting your child each day.

Contact Information - If your **mobile number or email address** has changed, please update your details with the school office as soon as possible.

Information about school will now be sent via text message or email

