

School Year 2017-2018

Term starts Dates:

Years 1-6 Classes
Wednesday 6th September
8.55am

Reception Classes
Wed 13th - Fri 15th
September 9.00am-9.30am
from Monday 18th
September 8.55am



20th July, 2017

'BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SERVE'

Dear Parent/Carer,

We said farewell to our Y6 pupils today. They 'wowed' us with their production of 'Ye Ha!' last Friday, celebrated their last Mass in school on Monday, had their picnic on Tuesday and finally bowed out in traditional fashion at this afternoon's farewell assembly. They have risen to many challenges over the years and have done themselves, their families and their school proud. They are ready to move on and go with our love and best wishes for the future.

Y6 are not the only ones leaving us today. Mrs Christine Watts retires after a teaching career lasting 39 years, 27 of which were spent here at Ursuline. We can only applaud her for her longevity and be thankful for her dedication to her profession and particularly during her time here. She has touched the lives of hundreds of our children and their families and the lives of many colleagues she has worked with over the years. We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Congratulations to Ally Edwards, winner of the 2016 Spirit of Ursuline Award and to David Turner winner of the 2016 Margaret Ferrari Award. They were presented with their trophies amid much excitement in the hall this morning. They were joined by members of their families, which made it all the more special. Congratulations to all the nominees – a great achievement in itself. Thanks to last year's winners Hollie Cooper (Spirit of Ursuline) and Antton Galfarsoro (Margaret Ferrari Award), who announced the winners and presented the trophies.

Y4 treated us to a spectacular 'Night at the Opera' on 13th July. They sang and performed songs from La Traviata, sang 'Panis Angelicus', danced the Tarantella and finished with a rousing rendition of 'That's Amore' (the encore version of which raised the roof). Thanks to Emma and Roy Weissensteiner for generously giving of their time and for teaching them so expertly.

Our school choir performed their 'Mersey Beat' concert yesterday and it was yet another triumph, following on from 'Good Evening Europe', 'School of Rock' and 'Are you sitting comfortably'? They are getting better and better and rounded off our musical year perfectly. Well done and thanks to our Maestro, Mr Dolan.

We have had two glorious sports days on 12th & 17th July. Our overall winners were Team Parkes, with a points total of 250 points over both days. Thanks to Mrs Morris for her organisation and to the staff for all their hard work in getting the field ready on both days. Thanks also to all the spectators for generating such a great atmosphere.

The last few weeks have seen plenty of other action on the sporting front:

16th June Y6 Girls' Cricket (Won 1 out of 3 matchers)

21st June Cross Country (Emma Astle 3rd for the Girls team and Joe McLean 2nd for the boys team)

23rd June Squash Tournament (2nd)

30th June Y3/4 Quads (2nd)

Things were rounded off nicely when a group of 10 pupils went over to Royal Birkdale Golf Club on Tuesday to watch the practice sessions for The Open.

Thanks to everyone who attended their parents' night appointments last week and for keeping to time. This really helps us to get through, making sure everyone is seen. We hope you found them helpful.

The 'Circus Skills Day' on Tuesday 20th June was a great success. Thanks to the PTFA for subsidising the cost. This provided the children with a uniquely fun experience.

The PTFA Summer Festival on 2nd July was another runaway success. I have never heard so many compliments about one of their events. Thanks to everyone who helped out on the day and for all of the donations of bottles and gifts that came in on the 'own clothes' days.

From 26th June we have had recurring transition activities to enable the children to prepare for life in their new classes in September.

Children starting in Reception in September had their visits between 26th June and 7th July. These went very well and they are all raring to go.

Thanks to Mrs Buckley and her team in the kitchen for their theme day 'Game, Set & Match' on 26th June, setting us up nicely for Wimbledon.

Years 1 to 6 attended the Parish Mass at St Joseph's on the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul (29th June). Their behaviour was immaculate and they sang beautifully, attracting numerous compliments from the Parishioners.

The Y4 First Holy Communion school celebration day on 30th June was a great occasion. Father Martin celebrated Mass with us, supported by St Joseph's sacristan Joan Palmer. The highlight was the children singing 'Panis Angelicus', one of the songs taught to them by Emma and Roy Weissesteiner as part of the opera project – absolutely stunning!

Well done to Jacob Banks, this year's recipient of the Jeff Argent Citizenship Award (in memory of our late Caretaker). A very deserving choice, Jacob received his award from Ann Marie Clegg from Sefton Council. She also presented the school with a certificate confirming our place at the top of the Green Star League for 2016-17. Once again well done to Mrs McIver for all her hard work and leadership.

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Class of the Week
Subject Awards
Improved Presentation Award;
Bucket Fillers of the Week Award.

On behalf of the staff thank you for your support throughout the year and may you have an enjoyable, safe and peaceful summer.



Mark McQueen
Head Teacher