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Dear Parents and Carers,

Walk to School Week: Monday 18th - Friday 22nd May

Get ready to move! Next week, we are launching Walk to School Week to promote healthy habits, reduce traffic, and support a greener environment. Walking or wheeling to school helps children arrive feeling alert, happy, and ready to learn.

This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage healthy habits, reduce congestion around the school, and help lower carbon emissions, all while making the journey to school more fun. Walking or wheeling to school has so many benefits: it boosts physical and mental wellbeing, helps children arrive alert and ready to learn, and supports a cleaner, greener environment.

How you can help:

- **Encourage your child to walk or wheel** to school as often as possible during the week.
- **If walking the whole way isn't practical, try a 'Park and Stride':** park a short distance from school and walk or wheel the last part of the journey. Perhaps park by St Monica's Church and walk up?
- **Log evening walks too:** these also count towards your class total.



Each morning, children will log their active journeys in class. The winning class with the most active trips will earn extra break time! Thank you for joining us in making a positive impact. Let's get moving!

Year 6 - Well done on completing your SATs this week

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs this week with determination, resilience and real maturity. **We wanted to make a fuss of the children today to celebrate their achievement. The children enjoyed:**

- A mini Sports Day
- A celebratory hot chocolate
- Our traditional end-of-SATs treat: a chip barm from Bootle's best chippy

Why not make a fuss of them this weekend, after a week in which they did themselves proud. Can I also say a real thank you to the staff for working Boosters after school to prepare and care for our pupils.



First Holy Communions - Y4 Next Thursday 21st May

Year 4 have been putting the final preparations for their First Holy Communion this week. In school, they have been working closely with our superb catechists, deepening their understanding of the Sacrament and reflecting on the importance of this special step in their faith journey. The children also spent time in our Church, becoming familiar with each section of the Sacrament and helping to prepare for what promises to be a memorable celebration.

A letter has been sent to Year 4 parents and carers with all of the key information, including timings and arrangements for the day. We keep all of our children and families in our prayers as they prepare for this very special occasion.

Attendance Matters

Attendance remains a real strength for our school. Seven classes achieved over 96% this week, which is a fantastic achievement. Regular attendance builds strong routines, supports academic success and helps children develop habits that will benefit them throughout life.

A special well done to our phase winners this week:

EYFS	Miss Byrne: 96.80%
KS1	Mrs Chorzepa: 96.67%
KS2	Mrs Ware: 99.33%

Headteacher's Hot Chocolate

Friday 15th May - Headteacher's Hot Chocolate Winners			
Nursery	Ava Townley: For her fantastic attitude and for bringing such a wonderful love of life to everything she does. Your positivity, enthusiasm and confidence have been a joy to see.	3R	Archie Perry: For showing a mature and sensible attitude towards school life. Well done, Archie - you are a great pupil. Keep it up.
RA	Vincent Smith: For showing great resilience in completing his writing and producing fantastic sentences with fabulous handwriting and pencil control. Well done, Vinny!	3G	Millie Rice: For showing fantastic resilience in Maths. She has approached our fractions topic with enthusiasm and determination. Well done, Millie, you are a Maths Queen!
RH	Thai Shaw: For always trying his best in everything he does. He comes to school with a big smile, works hard, and never gives up. We love having you in our class.	4W	Sabin Noon: For becoming a Rock Hero in Times Tables Rock Stars. His hard work, speed, and determination have taken him to 2nd place on the whole-school leaderboard, just behind a Year 6 pupil. What an achievement. Well done, Sabin.
1H	Pearl Farrell: For being a lovely, smiley, and positive member of 1H who always supports her friends	4T	Rosie Hallmark: For working hard in preparation for her First Holy Communion. She has

	and tries her best in every lesson. A caring and loving pupil who has a heart of gold!		shown real commitment in learning the important parts of the sacrament. Rosie is also a kind hearted and clever young lady who will go far!
1T	Cillian Stafford: For showing aspiration and working hard in his writing. Well done for growing in maturity and consistently following our school rules. A lovely pupil.	5GB	Mark Lennon: For showing great dedication and perseverance in improving his English writing. He has worked incredibly hard on his letter writing. A resilient and kind hearted boy.
2M	Ferne Simpson: For showing a renewed focus in her preparation in her lessons. She is growing into a mature and sensible Year 2 pupil. A pupil who can go far!. Well done, Ferne, you are a fantastic pupil.	5M	Freddie Anderson: For his determination and positive mindset, which he has shown in every lesson this week. His persuasive writing was particularly impressive through his effective use of persuasive techniques. A real superstar.
2C	Lawrence Kristensen: For showing resilience and perseverance in his learning during our Year 2 quizzes. Lawrence has been trying incredibly hard, showing his intellect and ability!	Year 6	All of Year 6: For their outstanding effort during SATs week. Their attitude, determination and positive mindset have been so impressive, it would be unfair to single out individuals after such a fantastic collective effort. You are all superstars.
Miss Tohill	Loui Gilhart (5M): For making great improvements in PE and producing an excellent javelin throw, showing impressive technique and determination.	Mrs Evans	Poppy Clunan: For helping younger children in Breakfast Club with kindness, patience, and care. Your support and positive attitude make a real difference every day.
Mr Gouldbourne	Theo Moran: For writing an excellent and thoughtful story that has earned a place in his class library. Theo has also shown real maturity over recent weeks and is beginning to show his true potential. Keep it up, Theo. Nora Knibbs: For showing great kindness and care towards others. Nora has a big heart to match her big intellect, she works hard, looks after others and shows superb manners every day. Keep it up.		

Upcoming Dates Reminders

As always, we have a jam packed and exciting schedule for the end of the year. We break up next Friday at normal time for half term and return on Monday 1st June. Here is a polite reminder of our end of year activities:

Key Dates for Summer Term	
Monday 18th May - 21st May	KS1 SATs
Thursday May 21st	Y4 First Holy Communion
Friday May 22nd	Pupil celebration Mass for Marie Hulligan with May Procession, normal time finish for pupils
25th - 29th May Half Term	

Return to school Monday 1st June	
Monday 1st June	Multiplication Tables Check for Y4 pupils begins
Wed 3rd June - Fri 5th June	CHET Residential Y5
Monday 8th June	Phonics Screening Check Y1 starts
Wednesday 17th June	Test Week; Nursery 5pm Meeting
Thursday 18th June	Y1 Chester Zoo; New Reception Families, 5pm Meeting
Friday 19th June	100 Year Celebration in school
Saturday 20th June	Teddy Bear's Picnic new Reception and Nursery Children
Wednesday 24th June	Y1 Philharmonic Visit PM
Thursday 25th June	Y6 Transition Day for Sefton; Y2 Philharmonic Hall am
Friday 26th June	INSET Day
Mon 29th June - Wed 1st July	PGL Y6 Residential
Thursday 2nd July	Chester Zoo Y2
Friday 3rd July	Summer Fayre
Monday 6th July	Sports Day (Nursery 9am; Reception 10:15am ; Year 1 11:30am)

Tuesday 7th July	Sports Day (Year 2 9am; Year 3 10:15am ; Year 4 11:30am)
Wednesday 8th July	Sports Day (Y5 9am; Y6 10:15am) / Rocksteady Concert 2pm
Thursday 9th July	School Photo - Whole school 100 Years (all pupils and staff)
Friday 10th July	Y2 Leavers' Assembly, 2pm
Monday 13th July	Reports Out
Wednesday 15th July	Leavers' Assembly Y6, 2pm
Thursday 16th July	Rocksteady Concert, 2pm
Friday 17th July	Finish for Summer (normal time) Guard of Honour Y6 (1:30pm)

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great weekend one and all.

Warm regards,

Mr. James Gouldbourne

Headteacher

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