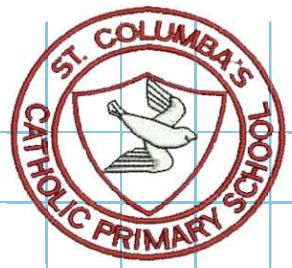


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Dates for your diary

29th Sept- after school

Cross country event at St Margaret Mary's - no school club this day.

2nd October - 9am

Reception phonics workshop

9th October - 9am

Year 1 autumn craft workshop

10th October

'Hello Yellow day'
Own clothes day -something yellow

16th October - 9am

Y2 autumn craft workshop

21st October

Flu vaccinations
Early years open evening 3.30pm

23rd October - 9am

Reception puppet workshop

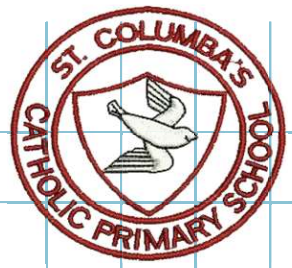
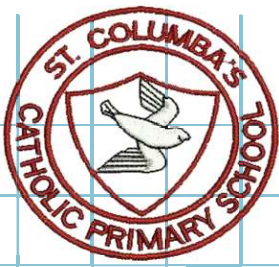
Date TBC- school photo day

Hello Yellow Day

On Friday 10th October the children are invited to wear something yellow, and bring a donation to raise money for Young minds charity. Young Minds UK are the leading UK charity for children and young people's mental health.

School Nurse Support

Our school nurse is changing the way she supports our children and families. Instead of the usual face to face drop in sessions, she will now be running telephone consultations. Each half term we will be given an allocated time slot. Please ensure you speak with the school office if you wish to be contacted.



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Parent information and reminders

We have Achieved the Healthy Schools Bronze Award! 🎉

And we are now on our way to achieving the SILVER Award!
We are committed to helping every child learn healthy habits that last a lifetime.

🥬 Healthy Snacks & Lunchboxes 🍷

We kindly ask that all snacks and lunchboxes include healthy, balanced options such as:

- ✓ Fresh fruit and vegetables
- ✓ Whole grain sandwiches or wraps
- ✓ Low-sugar yoghurts or snacks

✗ Please avoid high-sugar snacks, sweets, and fizzy drinks.

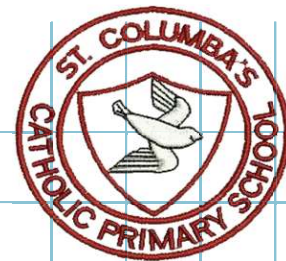
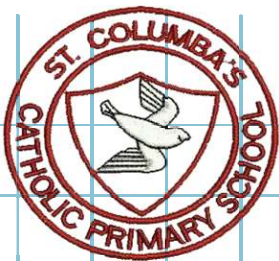
💧 Water Only in Bottles

To support our healthy school goals, only water is allowed in drink bottles during the school day.

(No juice, fizzy drinks, or flavoured water, please.)

☀️ Thank You for Your Support! ☀️

Together, we are creating a healthier school environment for every child.



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👶 Nursery

Maroon tracksuit
Pale blue polo shirt
Black pumps

😊 Reception & Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2)

Grey trousers or skirt
Pale blue polo shirt with school badge
Maroon sweatshirt or knitted cardigan with school badge
Black school shoes only
✗ Trainers are not permitted

😊 Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)

Grey trousers or skirt
Pale blue shirt and school tie
Maroon knitted jumper or cardigan with school badge
Black school shoes only
✗ Trainers are not permitted

☀️ Summer Uniform

Reception & Key Stage 1

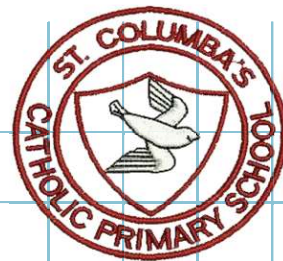
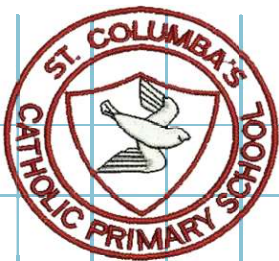
Grey shorts and polo shirt with school badge
Pale blue checked summer dress
Black school shoes only
✗ Trainers, white shoes, or any pumps are not permitted

Key Stage 2

Grey shorts with blue shirt and school tie
Pale blue checked summer dress
Black school shoes only
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🏃 PE Kit

Maroon polo shirt with school badge
Maroon shorts or tracksuit bottoms
Optional: Maroon sweatshirt
Pumps or trainers



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■ Mobile Phones – Reminder for Parents

We kindly remind parents that children should not bring mobile phones into school unless it is absolutely necessary for safety reasons (e.g. walking to and from school independently).

If a mobile phone is needed:

Year 5 and Year 6 only.

It must be switched off before entering school grounds.

It should be handed in to the class teacher or school office at the start of the day and collected at the gate at home time.

Phones are not to be used during the school day under any circumstances.

! If a child is found using a mobile phone during the school day or fails to hand it in, the phone will be kept in the school office and must be collected by a parent or carer.

Repeated misuse may result in the child no longer being allowed to bring a mobile phone into school at all.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a focused and safe learning environment for all pupils.

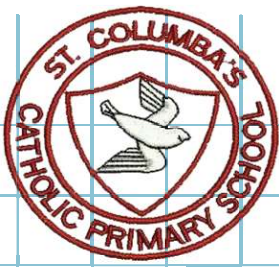
School gates

 **NO SMOKING OR VAPING** 

For the health and safety of all our children:

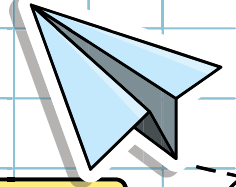
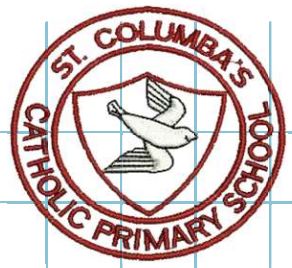
- ✓ No smoking or vaping anywhere on school grounds
- ✓ No smoking or vaping outside the school gates

Thank you for your support.



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Mini Police



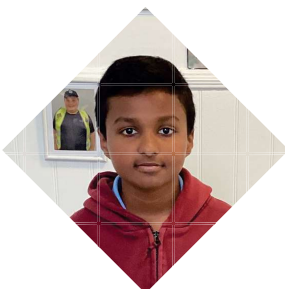
Play Leaders



Digital Leaders

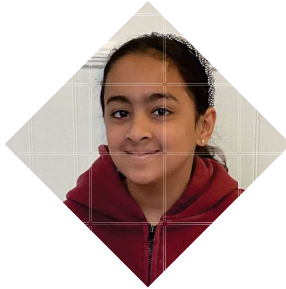


House Captains



Wesley-

Matthew



Helia-

Mark



Maisy-

Luke

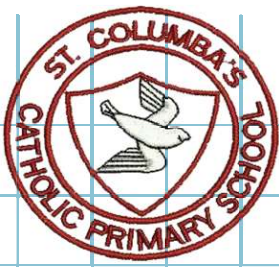


Vinny-

John

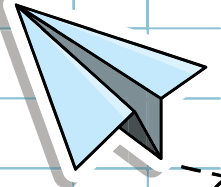
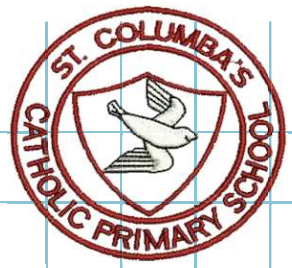
Every child in the school has been allocated a house: Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. Children can earn house points by showing good behaviour in class and around school. Each week, the house with the highest amount of points will be rewarded with an extra breaktime.

Our year 6 house captains are responsible for tallying up their house points each week before assembly.



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Sports news

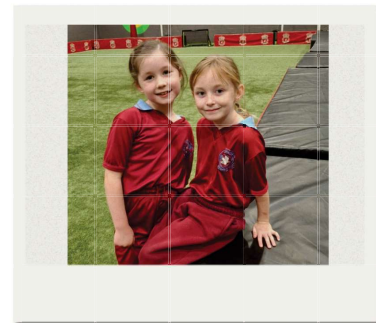


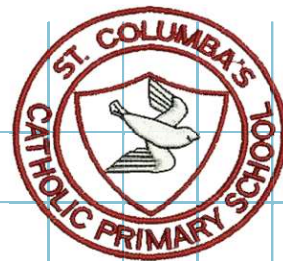
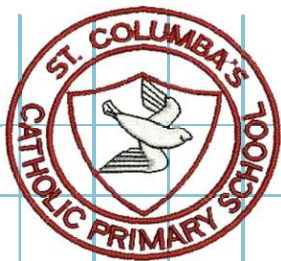
Our Year 5/6 boys football team attended Huyton football league and won several matches and shown real team spirit, well done

boys

Our Year 5/6 girls football team attended the Sylvia Gore Football tournament. They won 3 out of 4 matches and represented school brilliantly. Keep it up girls!

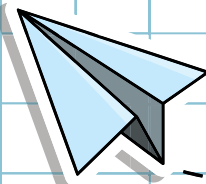
Some of our Year 2 children also attended a football event and had lots of fun!





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Swimming



The children have been thrilled to have the on-site swimming pool for the last 3 weeks.

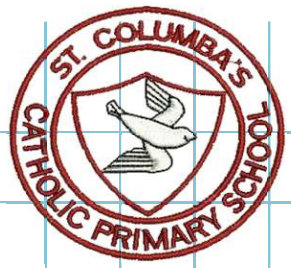
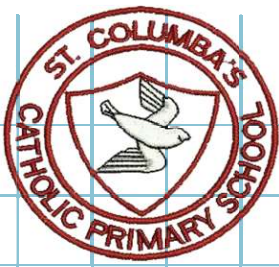
It has been amazing to watch their confidence grow in the water.



Afterschool clubs

Club	Year group	Day
Cross country	Y5/6	Monday
Rocksteady	Y3/4	Monday
Arithmetic club	Y5	Tuesday
Gardening club	Y6	Wednesday
Yoga	Y2	Thursday

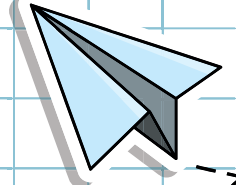




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Attendance

Last year, school finished on 91% attendance. Unfortunately this is lower than the expected standard and also lower than many similar schools within the area.

We want to help every child break down their barriers to education. Families, school, and the Knowsley school attendance service must work together to improve our schools attendance, and ensure children are attending consistently to maximise their learning and opportunities.

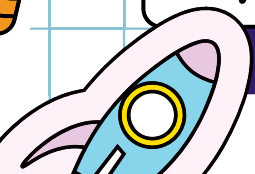
We completely appreciate that there are times where children are too unwell to attend school. Please communicate that with us and provide medical evidence where applicable.

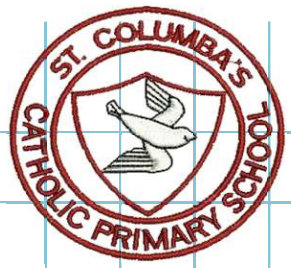
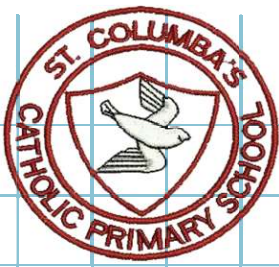
Of course, there are already many reasons for your little ones to attend school BUT we have also created lots of extra incentives to keep them motivated.

- Weekly attendance H.E.R.O (here everyday ready on time)
- Weekly class 'points system' earning class golden time
- Half termly individual certificates and prizes
- Half termly class treat, for the class with the most % points
- Yearly attendance recognition awards
- Postcards home to families
- Attendance raffles- you have to be 'in it to win it'



As always, thank you for your continued support.





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Online Safety

Knowsley CLC are inviting parents to an online session, covering all aspects of children's online lives.

The session will take place on

Wed 1st October 4pm-4.45pm

Please see dojo for the link to join.

Celebration of the word

Peace

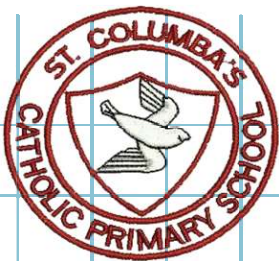
"Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid."

◦ John 14:27

Census day lunch £1

On Thursday 2nd October the children will enjoy a party box lunch with chicken nuggets and chips.

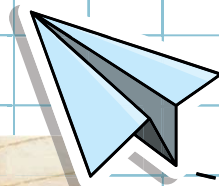
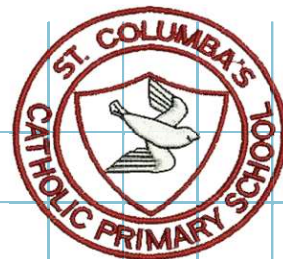
Please note, no jacket potatoes are available this day.



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OPEN EVENING NURSERY & RECEPTION

Are you looking for a Nursery place for
your 3-4 year old?

Are you applying for a Reception 2026
place?

If so, we would like to invite you to our Nursery
and Reception Open Evening.

It will be a great opportunity to see our wonderful
school and ask us any questions you may have!

TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER

3. 30pm

Please contact

stcolumbas@knowsley.gov.uk

If you would like to attend

