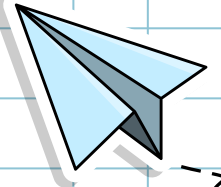


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## Children In Need

Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising.



Together we raised....

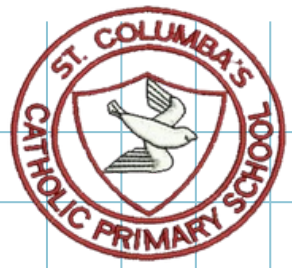
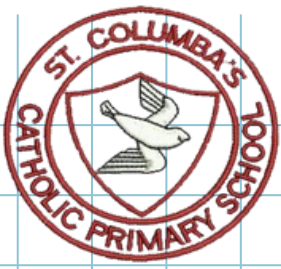
£155.17 for Children In Need



## Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 10th November, children wore odd socks with their school uniform to show their support for Anti-Bullying Week.





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Remembrance Day

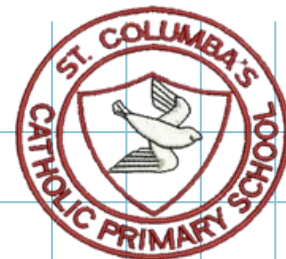


## For the Fallen

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.

- Laurence Binyon -





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## Notice

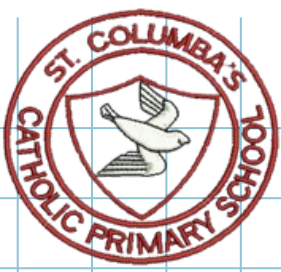


Hillside Dental Practice have informed us that they are currently taking on children as new patients. If your child is not registered at a current dentist, please get in touch with Hillside Dental Practice on 0151 482 0982

## Choir

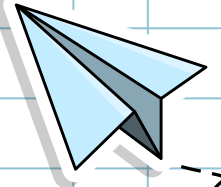
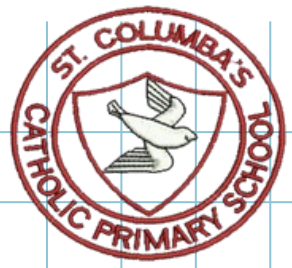
Thank you to all our beautiful children who attended Archdiocesan Office, The St Margaret Clitherow Centre to sing at a service for headteachers and teachers from all over the Archdiocese. They represented our school wonderfully and made us very proud.





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## Y1 topic- The Beatles!

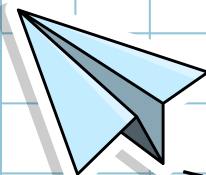
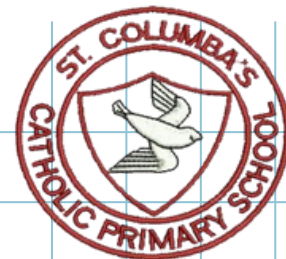
In their history lessons, Year 1 have been learning all about The Beatles and Liverpool in the 1960s. To celebrate the end of their wonderful learning, the children enjoyed a Beatles themed party. It was a fantastic way to bring history to life, and we just had to share some of the amazing photos!





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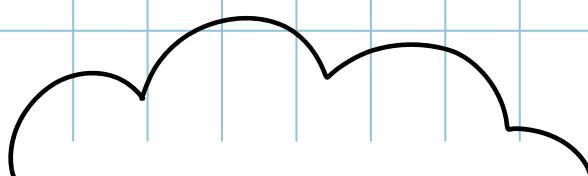
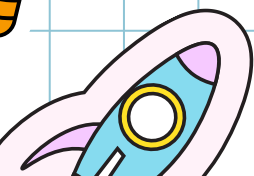
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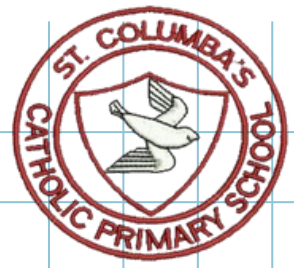
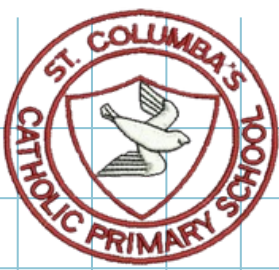
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1 Y4 CARD MAKING 9.30AM  Y5 CARD MAKING 2PM	2 Y3 CARD MAKING 2PM  Y5 AND 6 EMPIRE TRIP (SEE LETTER)	3	4 CHILDREN COLLECTED 1.10PM  CHRISTMAS FAIR 1.30-3.30PM  OWN CLOTHES OR XMAS JUMPERS	5   NURSERY CARD MAKING 9.30AM
8   RECEPTION CARD MAKING 2PM	9	10   EYFS GROTTO TRIP  KS1 NATIVITY 10AM / 1.30PM  Y4 TRIP CATHEDRAL	11   Y1 CARD MAKING 2PM	12   CHOIR CHILDREN SINGING AT HILLSIDE CARE HOME
15   Y2 CARD MAKING 1.30-2.30  ROCK STEADY CONCERT (Y3/4) 2.15PM	16   EYFS NATIVITY 10AM  Y6 CARD MAKING 11AM-12PM	17	18   OWN CLOTHES/ XMAS JUMPERS  XMAS DINNER  XMAS CLASS PARTIES	19   CAROL SERVICE AT CHURCH 9.30AM  SCHOOL CLOSES 2PM

Merry  
CHRISTMAS  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR!

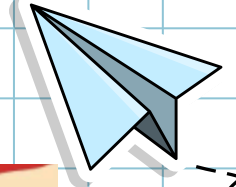






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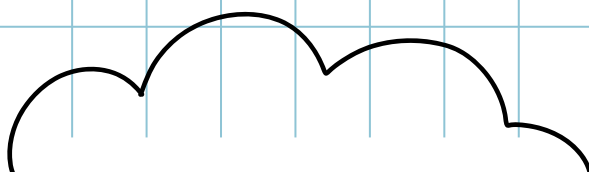
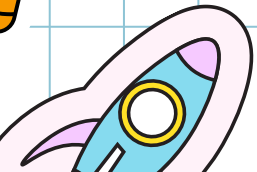
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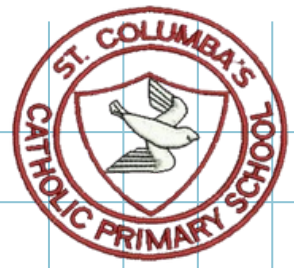
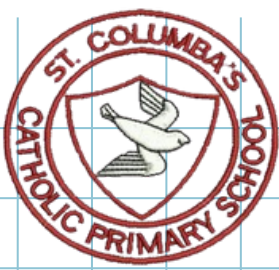
The children can wear their  
Christmas jumpers or their own  
clothes for the whole day.

They will enjoy a Christmas dinner  
at lunchtime.

If you usually pay for your child's  
lunch, a reduced charge of £2 will be  
taken from your ParentPay account  
on this day.

In the afternoon, the children will  
enjoy their class Christmas parties.





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## Reception admissions

Thank you to those who attended our Nursery and Reception Open Evening.

If you were unable to attend but would still like the opportunity to view our lovely school before applying for a Reception place, please contact the school office on 0151 477 8360 or email [stcolumbas@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:stcolumbas@knowsley.gov.uk) to arrange a visit with Mrs Whittaker.

Please note that applications for Reception 2026–27 must be submitted via the online portal before 15th January.

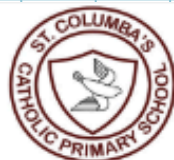
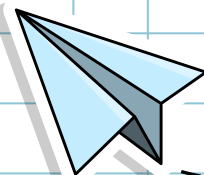
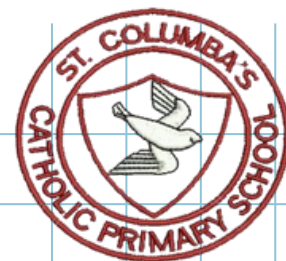
There is no automatic transfer from Nursery to Reception. All parents must submit an application via the portal.

Please contact Miss Banks if you are unsure how to apply.



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## Online Safety Newsletter

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### CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App store.

#### What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/ images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

#### What should I be aware of?

- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that can be used within videos that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

#### Further information

Internet Matters have created this useful guide:  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/skills-building/capcut/>

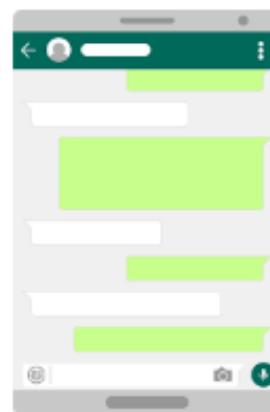
Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version:  
<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/november-2025-primary>

### WhatsApp Update

#### School WhatsApp groups

Are you part of a parent WhatsApp group at your child's school? These groups can be useful for sharing information and reminders, but it is important to use them thoughtfully. Here are some tips on how we can ensure they remain positive and respectful:

1. Be considerate – we know messages can sometimes be misinterpreted so carefully think about what you share. These groups should not be used to share criticisms of the school, staff or other parents and children. Any concerns should always be discussed with the school directly.
2. Don't spread rumours – avoid sharing any gossip within the group.
3. Protect privacy - do not share photos or videos of other children.
4. Think before you send – be mindful of the time and if the message is necessary for everyone.



Our children watch how we communicate, so let's model healthy, online communication to them.

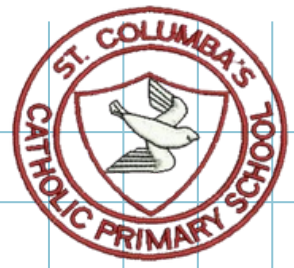
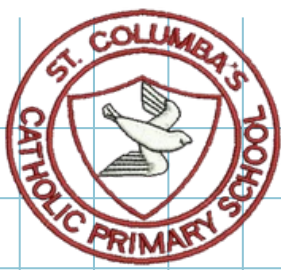
#### WhatsApp Channels

**Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp.** If your child is using WhatsApp, then you should be aware of WhatsApp Channels. Channels are a one-way broadcast tool used by companies and individuals to send updates to followers. WhatsApp Channels can be found on the Updates tab. From here you can view a whole host of channels, including channels that will not be age appropriate and may include adult content.



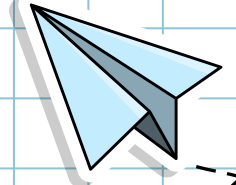
You cannot switch off access to channels and there is no age rating associated with the channels so you would have to access them to know what the content truly is. Klicksafe highlight what you should be aware of:  
<https://www.klicksafe.eu/en/news/was-sind-whatsapp-kanale-und-was-muessen-eltern-beachten>

Find out more about WhatsApp channels in general here:  
<https://faq.whatsapp.com/549900560675125>



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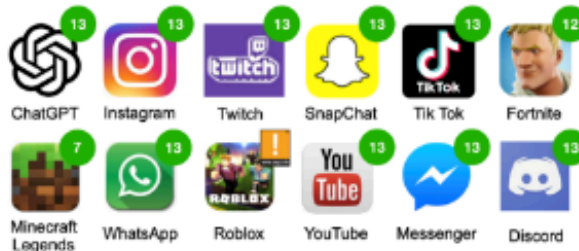


## Age Ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child by showing whether content is suitable for your child's age. Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media— make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough.

### Popular apps and their age ratings

Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are currently accessing.



For users under 18, a parent or legal guardian's permission may be required to use the service

In addition to checking the age rating, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might encounter e.g. violence or bad language within a game.

### What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, **it is also vital to review the content yourself**. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it is necessary to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

### What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

### Further information

You can find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

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## Help to keep children safe online with Techosaurus

The NSPCC have created Techosaurus, a friendly dinosaur to assist you in having chats with your child about online safety. It is aimed at younger children and includes a book and activity pack (both chargeable). You can find out more here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/techosaurus/>

## Online Roasting

Have you heard of this term? It has been around a while now, but Online Roasting refers to a form of cyberbullying. Roasting typically involves making fun and insulting somebody, sometimes with their consent and other times not.

### What can I do?

- Talk to your child about what online roasting is, ask them if they have ever experienced it and what they think about it.
- If this has negatively impacted your child then save any evidence and involve the school (if appropriate). Childline also offer further advice and support in relation to cyberbullying.

### Further information

Find out more here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/online-roasting-signs-cyberbullying/>

## What to do when...from CEOP

CEOP Education have published this poster directing you to the relevant information around six different situations, such as what to do to protect your child from online blackmail. You can access it here:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/globalassets/professional/resources/wtdw-round-up.pdf>

