



# Cathcart Street Weekly Newsletter

Your weekly newsletter about our school!

## This week at School

What a busy and successful half term we've had at Cathcart Street. Thank you for your continued support – the children have shown real determination, kindness and pride in their learning. A special well done to our Year 6 children for their hard work and resilience during SATs. We are incredibly proud of how they approached the tests and supported one another. Our No Pens Day was a brilliant celebration of speaking, drama and creative learning across the school and the Chester Zoo workshops brought animals, habitats and conservation to life with hands-on activities. Year 6 enjoyed a memorable trip to Chester Zoo which deepened their science learning and gave the cohort a lovely day together. Our Eco Club represented us superbly at the Cool Climate Competition trip; their ideas, teamwork and passion for the environment impressed everyone involved. We are so proud of the children for their effort and resilience this half term. Looking ahead, Summer 2 is always one of our busiest and most enjoyable terms. We have performances, sports events, transition activities and family opportunities planned and we are excited to share these experiences with you and to see families joining us to celebrate the children's learning.

As we approach the end of the academic year, I must share some important staffing news. After more than 25 years of dedicated service to Cathcart Street, our deputy head and SENCo, the wonderful Mrs Hughes, will be taking early retirement. Mrs Hughes has been a staple of our school community; her warmth, expertise and commitment have made a lasting difference to countless children and families. On behalf of governors, staff and the whole school community, I want to thank her from the bottom of our hearts and wish her every happiness.

To strengthen leadership, the Governors and I have decided to restructure next year's senior leadership team. Rather than appoint a single deputy head, we will have two Assistant Headteachers. Mrs Harvey will join us as Assistant Headteacher responsible for SEND and Inclusion and Mr Arnold will join us as Assistant Headteacher responsible for Curriculum and Assessment. We are excited to welcome them next academic year and believe their experience will further support our school community.

Thank you again for all you do to support your children and Cathcart Street. Enjoy the half-term break – stay safe and have fun. We look forward to a busy and joyful Summer 2 term.

With best wishes,

Mrs Cookson and the Cathcart Team

## Dates for your diary

Every Monday 9am - Coffee Morning

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Inset day

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Children return to school

Week Beg 1<sup>st</sup> June - Year 4 Multiplication check

Week Beg 8<sup>th</sup> June - Y1 Phonics Check

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June - Eco Trip Thurston

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June - EYFS New Starters Teddy Bears Picnic

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> June - Dance Festival @Floral Pavillion

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June - Y1-Y6 Sports day

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> - Tues 30<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Residential

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Year 4 New Brighton trip

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July - NSPCC in for Y6, Y5 and Y2

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July - New to F2 Parents Meeting

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fair

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July - End of Year Discos

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term 1.30pm finish

## Meet the Teacher

Next half term we will be holding short "Meet the Teacher" meetings so families can meet their child's next class teacher. This is a great opportunity to share any worries, concerns or important information (including likes, dislikes and routines) and to build a positive relationship from the start. Strong home-school communication helps us support your child's learning and wellbeing, so please do come along – we look forward to working together for the best outcomes for every child. Details of how to book will be sent out soon but these will be Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July & Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

## Attendance

Attendance continues to be a huge focus at Cathcart Street.

Our winners the week we finished for half term were;

Phase 1 - Y2 with 98.5%

Phase 2 - Y6 with 98.9%

Our £5 prize will be added to both classes. Well done everyone - keep it up!

Whole school attendance - 89.9%

## Gentle Reminder

Just a gentle reminder that we all want our children to arrive and leave school feeling safe, calm and respected. Please help us by using polite, appropriate language at drop-off and pick-up: children copy what they see and hear.

Please treat all staff and volunteers with courtesy and respect; our staff are here to help and are human, and they deserve to be spoken to kindly.

If you have a concern, raise it calmly so we can resolve it together.

Keep phone calls and messages courteous – if you need to discuss something important, we will listen and work with you, and a calm conversation helps us find the best outcome for your child.

## Summer Fair

We're busy preparing for our Summer Fair and we'd love your help to make it a huge success. Each Friday between 5th June and 3rd July we will hold a themed dress-up/dress-down day: children may come in themed clothes in exchange for bringing a small donation for the fair.

Friday 5 June – Toys & games day (own clothes)

Friday 12 June – Tombola goods (colour day)

Friday 19 June – Toiletries & tinned goods (Countries Day / World Cup)

Friday 26 June – Bottles (crazy hair day)

Friday 3 July – Cakes, biscuits & wrapped sweets (PJs day)

## Nut Free School

Cathcart Street Primary is a nut-free school because we have children with severe nut allergies; this helps keep everyone safe. Please do not send any food or snacks containing nuts or traces of nuts with your child.

## Visit our School Website & Social Media

[www.cathcartstreet.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.cathcartstreet.wirral.sch.uk)

[cathcartstreetwirral](https://www.instagram.com/cathcartstreetwirral)





## We have been enjoying...

Little Stars - We have thoroughly enjoyed stories and activities over the last 4 weeks delivered by Early Years Foundation Trust.

F1 - F1 have had lots of fun practising their skipping skills.

F2 - In F2 we are artists! This week children have loved exploring paint with their very own easel!

Year 1 - Year 1 loved their tennis session with Max last Friday. We learnt how to hold the racket and control the ball.

Year 2 - This week we have been discussing the importance of friendships and what qualities we would like in a friend.

Year 3 - have been having lots of fun exploring which materials reflect light in our science lessons.

Year 4 - This week, Year 4 have been exploring their creative side in our Art and design lesson.

Year 5 - We have been exploring mixed-media art in Art & Design lessons and finished this unit by creating a mixed-media self-portrait using a range of media including paint, text, printing, drawing and photography.

Year 6 - Year 6 had a cracking day exploring their creative side with clay sculpting for no pen day. They thoroughly enjoyed their indePENDant learning time!

