



# Weekly Newsletter

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# Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an eventful week back after half-term,. On the next few pages are some highlights and also some photos from the half-term Activity Club held at school.

## Rail Safety talks

All the children learnt lots from Rail Safety talks by visitors from CAF Rail (led by Oliver and Daniel Harris's dad!)



They're now encouraged to take part in a competition to

**DESIGN A RAIL-SAFETY POSTER**

## Liverpool Schools Parliament

On Wednesday, our head pupils attended the Liverpool Schools' Parliament in the Town Hall to continue a regional discussion about the Mental Health of local children and young people. Well done to them!

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## Online Safety Competition

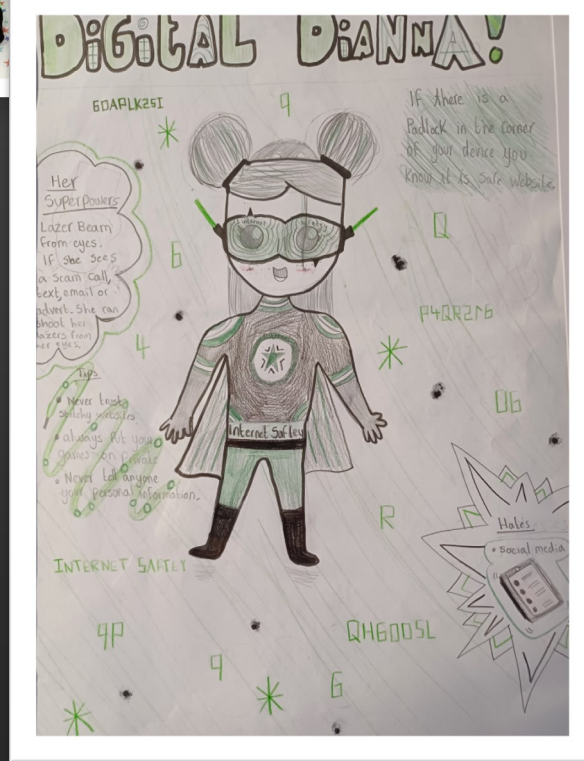
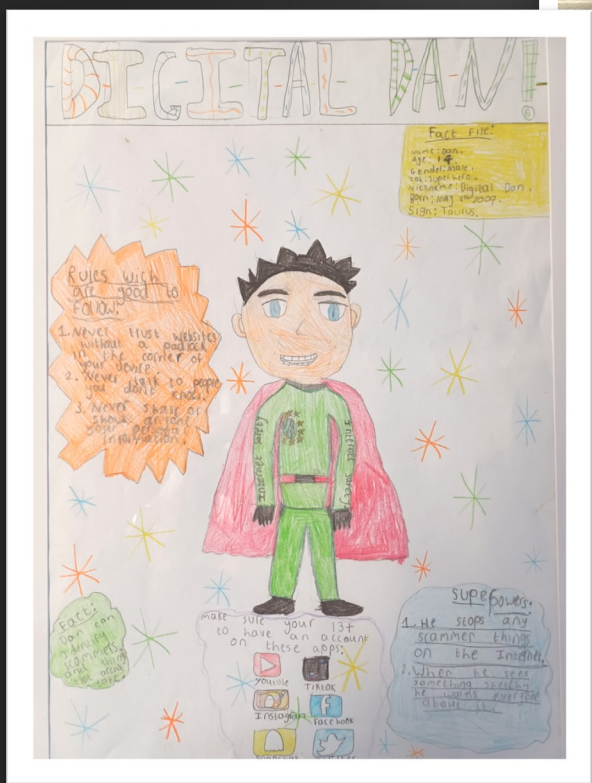
Lianne Greenall from Lydiate Learning Trust joined us this week for an assembly to launch the second annual Online Safety Competition.

Last year, the children were challenged to create an Online Safety character, and Lianne bought the two winning entries made into fabulous plush dolls! Digital Dan and Digital Donna will be displayed in school to remind pupils about how to stay safe on the internet.

For this year's competition, children are challenged to

**WRITE A SHORT STORY ABOUT DIGITAL DAN AND/OR DIGITAL DONNA**

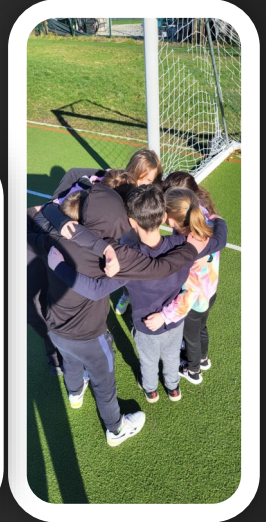
**Winners will receive a prize and be compiled into a KA e-safety book!**



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# Holiday Activity Club



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Themed Days coming up...



World Book Day 2024 is on Thursday 7th March.

We're doing something different this year and all the children will be Reading the beautiful book 'The Wild'. We're asked them to wear something green in celebration of the environmental theme.

On Wednesday 13th March, we'll be joining other Liverpool Schools in Wear Blue for Bobby Day, when we'll be thinking about road safety issues around school. We'll be asking all the children to wear something blue.

**WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH**

# WEAR BLUE FOR BOBBY

THE BOBBY COLLERAN TRUST

HELP US LIGHT UP THE CITY BLUE IN MEMORY OF BOBBY'S 16TH BIRTHDAY AND HELP PREVENT MORE DEVASTATION ON OUR ROADS. ON THIS SPECIAL DAY, WE'LL SEE THE ICONIC RADIO CITY TOWER GLOWING BLUE, ALONG WITH A STRONG SCREEN PRESENCE AROUND OUR CITY, ALL IN HONOUR OF BOBBY'S MEMORY.

WEAR YOUR SUPPORT WITH PRIDE! PURCHASE YOUR BLUE FOR BOBBY T-SHIRTS FROM OUR WEBSITE OR AT OUR CENTRE. EVERY T-SHIRT WORN IS A SYMBOL OF OUR UNITED STAND FOR ROAD SAFETY AND OUR COMMITMENT TO KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE.

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? DONATIONS ARE WELCOME AND EASY TO MAKE VIA QR CODE. YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS WILL SUPPORT OUR ONGOING EFFORTS TO ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY AND PREVENT TRAGEDIES.

TOGETHER, LET'S TURN LIVERPOOL BLUE FOR A CAUSE THAT TOUCHES US ALL.

**PRICES**  
CHILD T-SHIRT £5  
CHILD HOODIE £20  
ADULT T-SHIRT £10  
ADULT HOODIE £25

EMAIL ADDRESS: THEBOBBYCOLLERANTRUSTBOBBYSBASE@OUTLOOK.COM CONTACT NUMBER: 07961418796

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## Packed Lunches

It can be difficult to know what to put in your child's lunchbox, but we have noticed that some children are bringing a lot of sugary items every day. For ideas and guidance, these websites are useful:

[60 kids' lunchbox recipes | BBC Good Food](#)

[School packed lunch inspiration | BBC Good Food](#)

[Healthy packed lunches - British Nutrition Foundation](#)

Pack your child a **HEALTHY LUNCH BOX**

Choose a variety of foods from each food group

**Fruit** +

**Vegetables** +

**Dairy** +

**Wholegrains** +

**Lean meat & alternatives**

**= A Healthy Lunch Box**

MAKE WATER YOUR DRINK

PACK ICE BRICKS TO KEEP FOOD COOL

USE A THERMOS TO KEEP FOOD WARM

NSW Health

This resource was developed and designed by the Health Promotion Services, Western Sydney Local Health District, with contributions by South Eastern Sydney Local Health District and Western Sydney Local Health District.

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# What have we been learning?

## Nursery



We have had a busy start to the new half term. We started our new topic on Space. We read "Whatever Next" by Jill Murphy and then acted out the story using props.

We have a new role play area in our class which we've enjoyed playing in. It is a space station with Mission Control, a space rocket a space den with torches and a space vehicle area. We have had lots of fun here! We are busy designing and building rockets at home.

Our new sound in phonics this week is the R sound as in rocket. We have been practising saying the sound and looking for objects which begin with that sound

In maths we have been learning about time. We sorted activities into day or night activities, we have been using the vocabulary of time such as morning, afternoon, evening etc. We have been sequencing our school day.

On Tuesday in PE we did lots of bean bag skill activities such as balancing, travelling and throwing bean bags.

We went to a talk all about Railway Safety with our special visitors James, Lucy and Simon. Then we designed special Railway Safety Posters.

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# What have we been learning? Reception



This week, Reception have been learning all about Chinese New Year. We have read the story about the zodiac years and their animals and found out they were born in the year of the dog or the pig! We re-enacted the story with masks, made Chinese lanterns, wrote Chinese numbers and danced to Chinese music in P.E.

In phonics we have learnt the sounds 'qu as in queen' and 'ch as in chick'. In maths we have been learning about measure, starting with length using words such as longer and shorter.

We also had a visitor to talk about keeping safe by the railways and we have made posters to enter into a competition. Wish us luck 🍀

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# What have we been learning?

## Year 1



The children have had a lovely first week back in school. They had Forest School, where they explored their surroundings by creating fishing rods for our pond, going on minibeast hunts and creating art using natural materials. They had a great time as always and this week we even saw a bit of sunshine. In Maths, we're continuing to look at numbers to 20. We have now moved onto 1 more and 1 less within 20 and using number lines. The children have worked really hard in Maths this week and should be very proud of themselves. In English, we've started to look at instructions. The children thought about how detailed their instructions needed to be when telling me how to make a jam sandwich. They really enjoyed this activity. In PE, the children are focusing on co-ordination. This week the children were practising different ball skills by moving the ball up and down their body with one hand and around their body also. One of our children was very excited this week when their dad came to visit our school. Daniel's dad and his colleague came to Knotty Ash to talk about rail safety. It is so important to stay safe when near a railway. It's been a busy but fun first week back in Year 1.

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# What have we been learning?

## Year 2



This week in English, Year 2 have been exploring visual literacy and the animation of 'The Dream giver'. They have really enjoyed creating their own dream maker and dreams! The writing has been lovely to read.

We began the week with a talk all about railway safety! The children were all very interested in this...and they are especially excited about the competition. They have been working hard all week, coming up with ideas for a poster all about Railway safety! We really hope someone in our class wins!

The children enjoyed some time in the junior's exercise equipment this week! They had lots of fun playing together.

Year 2 children have worked hard this week designing and creating a safety at home leaflet. They created their own front cover for the leaflet and included lots of information inside the booklet as well! They were all very proud of their finished leaflets.

In Science the children had fun exploring electric circuits and thinking about objects that use electricity and things that need batteries.

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# What have we been learning?

## Year 3



It's been another busy week for Year 3! On Tuesday afternoon, we enjoyed welcoming Mr. Harris who talked to us about keeping safe on the railways. We listened very carefully, asking lots of interesting questions and are looking forward to hopefully designing a winning entry for his poster competition! And this wasn't our only competition this week! Our friend Lianne from Lydiate Learning Trust visited us to introduce the new online safety characters, Digital Dan & Dianna. She asked us to write a story about them which we loved and have already created lots of imaginative tales!

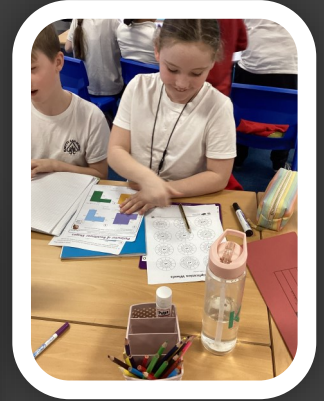
In Reading Explorers, we read a fascinating non-fiction extract learning all about Hatshepsut (the most powerful female pharaoh in Ancient Egypt) and in Science, we learnt all about the life cycle of flowering plants. In Maths, we improved our skills when measuring length and 'rocked out' on TT Rock Stars, increasing our knowledge and speed on our times tables. We investigated Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral, writing 5 'Funky Fact' sentences with different openers as well as progressing with our work on 'The Wilderness War' book, producing our own newspaper report. We also loved getting out into our own wilderness on Monday, having muddy fun in Forest School with Mrs. O'Hanlon!

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# What have we been learning?

## Year 4



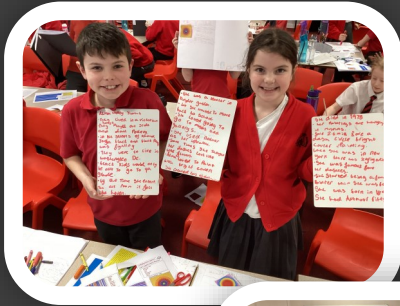
At the beginning of the week, we enjoyed listening to the importance of rail safety by Mr Harris (Oliver's Dad) and his colleague Lucy! The children learnt some brilliant facts about trains! Did you know that it takes the length of 20 Premier League football pitches for a train to come to a complete standstill! A train also weighs the equivalent to 80 elephants! The children used all the knowledge passed on by Mr Harris and Lucy to create rail safety posters which will be going into a special competition. In Maths, we have been calculating the perimeter of rectilinear shapes as well as multiplying numbers by 10 and 100. The children enjoyed writing about their half term break in English and had a brilliant go at writing using interesting fronted adverbials. In PE, we continued our lacrosse skills and in RE the children made a mini book art on prayers in different religions.

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# What have we been learning?

## Year 5



This week has been a belter. It is great to be back in Year 5 and there has been a wide variety of lessons. In maths, we have explored fractions in even more detail and have explored equivalent fractions using lots of practical resources. Then we explored converting between mixed number fractions and improper fractions - the whole class did really well! In English, we read about William Kamkwamba who created his own generator out of recycled goods to help his village. We also enjoyed more of animal farm and discovered the rules the animals have made for all the creatures living on the farm - these can be summarised into, "four legs good, two legs bad!" We also explored an amazing African-American artist named Alma Woodsey Thomas! She was a real inspiration and only became a professional artist in her late sixties after teaching in schools her whole life! What an inspiration!

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# What have we been learning? Year 6



Yr 6 has resembled a newspaper print room this week, with reams of practice SATs papers hot off the presses (the overworked school photocopier!) and piled high in each corner. After completing a full set of six exams (3 for English and 3 for Mathematics), the children recorded their marks in their SATs journals, which they can decorate any way they wish. They'll see their marks rise steadily over the coming months and they'll be amazed at what they can achieve with hard work and self-belief. Not all children in Yr6 have to do these tests of course. For some, it's much more important to focus on their own individual learning needs. For that reason, we have a communication unit for them instead, all about safe use of mobiles and computers. It's centred around a book called 'One Blue Gnu' - a Gnu who texts One friend about a party and then 55 wild animals turn up! The unit includes some party planning, lessons about money and then a trip to the shops to buy supplies. It should be great fun. Have a great weekend all!

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# What have we been learning?

## DRB 1



We had another busy week on how to keep safe! We have been learning all about rail safety, online safety and also recapped on how to keep safe within the kitchen too. Phew! We are now experts 😊

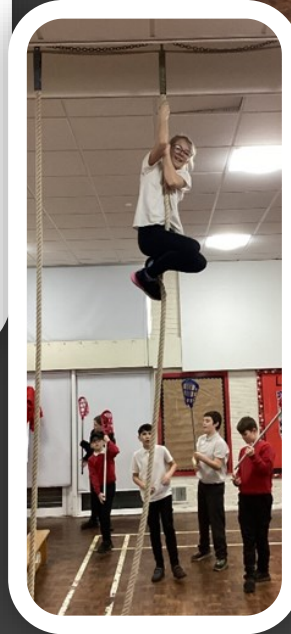
We've also enjoyed sharing our news on what we have been up to over the half term and discussed what the weather has been like. For Language, we have talked about how to make a cheese spread or jam with butter on toast for snack. Then we all had a go at making some too and it was delicious!

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# What have we been learning?

## DRB 2



We've had another busy week in Junior DRB. In our Inclusive Curriculum lessons, we are still enjoying learning about China's Ancient Shang Dynasty – their history and culture are fascinating. In English we've been continuing to write exclamation sentences and have started to use speech marks in our writing too. In maths we have been measuring items around school and converting the measurements from meters to centimetres and centimetres to millimetres. On Friday, we spent some time talking about what our favourite part of the week was: almost all of us said how much we'd enjoyed PE. We particularly enjoy going into our mainstream classes for PE – we always have great fun with our friends!

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# Measles

Message for parents and guardians of children from the Director of Public Health  
Professor Matthew Ashton

Have you heard the news about measles? There is a large outbreak of measles around Birmingham. Many children have been admitted to hospital. It is likely that measles could spread to Liverpool.

Measles is a nasty infection and can make you very sick if you catch it. It starts with a high temperature and a cold with red eyes. Then you get a measles rash that spreads from your face to the rest of your body.

It is very easy to catch if you are not vaccinated. It spreads through coughs and sneezes.

Measles can be very serious for some people. It can cause pneumonia, encephalitis (brain infections) and sometimes even death.

*How to protect yourself and your children from measles:*

The MMR vaccine prevents measles. It is very safe. You need 2 doses to protect you for life.

All children are offered the MMR vaccine. It is free on the NHS.

If your child has missed any vaccine, book an appointment at your GP practice. Check your child's Red Book if you are not sure or ask the GP practice.

It is never too late to catch up if you have missed a vaccine.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>



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**MAKING MONEY  
MAKE SENSE**



Do you need help or advice with:

<b>Money management</b>	<b>Maximising income</b>
<b>Budgeting</b>	<b>Welfare benefits</b>
<b>Banks/credit options</b>	<b>Energy efficiency</b>
<b>Housing</b>	



**We can offer advice and support that is free, independent and confidential.**



**Signs of a Rainbow CIC**

will be at Knotty Ash Community Hub

Tuesday afternoon—1.00 —3.00 pm

Wednesday morning 9.30—11.30 am

Please contact Ruth Carson on 2284222 to make an appointment

or complete a Googlform <https://forms.gle/cbwKstUAtnk15F3M7>



**BROADBAND SOCIAL TARIFF**

If you are on means-tested benefits, you may be eligible for the Social Tariff, which can work out at about £12.00 a month. Most of the big providers have signed up to this, if your provider does not, then change to another company.

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# Term Dates and Events

12th—16th February	HALF TERM
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day (wear something green)
Fri 8th March	Junior DRB trip to Chinatown
Wed 13th March	Wear Blue for Bobby Day
Fri 15th March	Red Nose Day
18th—22nd March	Parent-Teacher meetings
Thurs 21st March	KS1&2 DRB Bowling competition
Thurs 28th March	2pm End of Term
29th March—12th April	EASTER HOLIDAY

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# Family Activities & Support

The latest edition of the Liverpool Parenting Newsletter is here.

[www.allabout-family.co.uk/liverpool](http://www.allabout-family.co.uk/liverpool)

You will find new information about local support available for families and children in Liverpool, along with information regarding events and activities on offer running from March to May 2023.

We have also been sent information about Family Learning and Engagement Courses run by LCC Adult Learning Service. This can be found on our school website, link here:

<https://knotty-ash-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/family-information-and-support/>

For families in receipt of benefits related free school meals, there are a variety of activities over the Summer break, all of which are free and include a meal:

<https://merseyplay.com/summer-haf-holiday-activities-food-2023/>

Locally, St John's Church offer a range of community groups and activities for families:

<https://www.stjohnsknottyash.org/our-community>

There's also a range of groups and activities available at Yew Tree Children's Centre for parents whose children are 0-5 years.

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-years-and-childcare/childrens-centres/yew-tree-childrens-centre/>

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# HOUSING ADVICE OUTREACH

We can help with: disrepair, evictions, homelessness applications, landlord harassment, Property Pool Plus, rent increases and more

Location	When?	Time?
Joseph Lappin Centre (L13 5SH)	Mondays fortnightly from 4th January 2024	12pm - 3pm
Granby Toxteth Development Trust (L8 00F)	Every Tuesday	10am - 4pm
Our House, Walton (L4 6XB)	Tuesdays Fortnightly from 9th January 2024	10am - 2pm
Speke Children's Centre (L24 0TW)	Every Wednesday from 3rd January 2024	10am-2pm
Anfield Children's Centre (L4 2QG)	Every Thursday	10am - 12:30pm
Liverpool Arabic Centre (L8 0TP). For Arabic speakers, translator provided	Every Thursday	10am - 1pm
Sahir House (L2 2AH)	Third Thursday of every month	1pm - 4pm
Everton Community Shop (L4 4AJ)	Last Friday of every month	10am - 12:30pm
The Brink (L1 4JN)	Every Friday	10am - 2pm

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It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

**Other illnesses** Follow this advice for other illnesses:

### **Coughs and colds**

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

### **High temperature**

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

### **Chickenpox**

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

### **Cold sores**

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or to share things like cups and towels.

### **Conjunctivitis**

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

### **COVID-19**

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

### **Ear infection**

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

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## Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough, there's no need to keep them off school. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

## Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice but tie hair back. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

## Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups .

## Ringworm

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

## Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

## Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

## Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

## Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

## Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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