

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Our School Vision

Through valuing all individuals as children of God we believe in promoting an inclusive school community, rooted in mutual respect, understanding and kindness towards others. As

God taught us:

'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life.' (Proverbs 22:6)

Our school's vision is to nurture a resilient community where the love of learning thrives. We

foster an environment where every member feels supported in order to flourish, be empowered to overcome challenges, embrace growth and contribute positively to God's world.

'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

### Attendance

Last year we had a huge drive to improve attendance. This is a shared objective in schools across the country and in Sefton, particularly in our cluster of schools in the STRAND group (all local schools.) We will be sharing good practice among our schools and a shared message.

***You have 190 days to come to school and 175 to do everything else!***

### Be in To Win

Last year we introduced Be in to Win which replaced the 100% attendance reward for the year. We appreciate that there were unavoidable absences and that some children were missing out when it was genuinely unavoidable that they were absent.

To ensure that **all** pupils were able to achieve, we reduced the 100% awards to a full month. To this end if they are absent for a genuine reason they will still be able to work towards the next full month to receive the award and a small prize. We hope that this will also build resilience and drive as they will be encouraged that if they haven't made it for this month then it is ok, because they can try again for next month. We feel it is important for children to know that not everything goes well all the time and that is how things go at times, however, there is always a new opportunity and other chances for success.

Date	Attendance 2022/23 (last year)	Attendance 2023/2024 (this year)	Improvement
November	87 pupils	142 pupils	+ 55 pupils
December	90 pupils	126 pupils	+ 36 pupils
Autumn Term	91.7%	93.6%	& 1.9%
January	91 pupils	126	+35 pupils
March	91	116	+25 pupils
Spring Term	91.5%	93.2%	+1.7%
May	131	140	+9
June	124	137	+13
Summer Term	91.5%	92.6%	+1.1%
Overall for the year	91.6%	93.6%	+2%

Date	Attendance 2022/23 (last year)	Attendance 2023/2024 (this year)	Improvement
September	142 pupils /228	151 pupils/228	+ 9 pupils = 3.94%
October	116 pupils / 228	132 pupils /228	+ 16 pupils = 7%
November	142 pupils /228	100 pupils /228	- 42 pupils = -18.43%

For December the prize will be a small selection box, this was decided by the school council made up of pupils voted on by each class.

### **Expert Support For Every Parenting Challenge**

This is a free website that offers lots of parenting advice on a whole range of everyday topics and challenges such as friendships, screen time, school life and mental wellbeing. There are short videos and articles that you can access that offer you reassurance and strategies to use with your child/children. It is well worth a look. It is free to sign up to and you can unlock a wealth of parenting know how. <https://www.myfamilycoach.com/>

### **My Child's Art**

Please see attached flyer for more information on My Child's Art, which was also sent to you on School Spider

### **Christmas Dinner 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Christmas Dinner is on 17.12.24, envelopes are being sent home to all children in Year 3 – 6 today. If you would like your child to join in on this day, please return your envelope with payment to school as soon as possible.

### **Mentor Lunch 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Our mentor lunch takes place on 19.12.24, envelopes are being sent home to all children in Year 3 – 6 today. Please return your envelope with payment to school as soon as possible. Please note that there is no facility for packed lunch on this day.

### **Vouchers for Christmas Holidays**

Families who are entitled to the vouchers will have the vouchers distributed on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

### **Letter Box to Heaven**

The letter box to heaven in Netherton will be available Monday-Friday for you to drop off any letters/cards to your loved ones who are no longer with us, located outside Barringtons Funeral Services, Marian Square, Netherton. Please see the attached flier for further details.

The letterbox can be a way of supporting people/children at this time of year and beyond and will open from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas Performance Tickets**

Additional Christmas performance tickets can now be requested by sending an [email](#). Please state the date of the performance and the quantity needed. You will also need to send payment into school for the tickets. We have spaces available on all performances.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30PM

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 09.30AM

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30PM

\*Please note that Nursery will not be in the main performances – their performance is taking place on 16.12.24 at 11.00AM and 16.12.24 at 2.45PM\* Information on how to book tickets will be sent to Nursery class parents separately.

*Please note that we do not provide a crèche facility. It is unfair to the children performing to allow any babies or young children into the performance as it can be very distracting. Please make arrangements for them to be looked after as they will not be allowed into the performance. For the same reasons, anyone arriving after the performance has begun, will also be refused entry.*

### **Parent's and Friend's Association (PFA)**

#### ***Christmas Fair***

We are holding our Christmas Fair on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm in the school hall.

KS2 children will come straight to the hall from class and you will be able to meet them there. KS1 and EYFS children should be collected from their class as usual and then please join us in the hall for the Christmas Fair.

We are looking for donations of bric a brac and cakes for the day. Any donations would be appreciated.

#### ***Raffle Tickets***

Raffle tickets have been sent home with your child, the first prize is a luxury hamper. Your support is much appreciated as the funds raised pay for many extras for the children. If you would like extra tickets, please contact school.

#### ***Mufti Day***

We raised £146.20 for Mufti day. Thank you – your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Dates for Next Year 2024/25**

For school term dates for the forthcoming academic year and upcoming events for this year, please see the school calendar on our [website](#).

Year 3 will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon.

Beth Tweddle Gymnastics coaches for Years 4 & 6 every Tuesday afternoon.

## After School Clubs for January 2025

Attached to the newsletter last week were details of clubs being offered for January 2025. This information can also be found on our [website](#). All clubs will start W/C 13.01.25.

There are two types of clubs.

- Clubs that we have received funding for – run for 11 weeks and end w/c 31.03.25.\*
- Clubs that are funded by school – run for 10 weeks and end w/c 24.03.25

If you would like to request a place for your child in the club, please click to send an [email](#).

## Upcoming Events in School

### December

4 <sup>th</sup> December	Multi Skills for Year 4/5 team am
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir to sing at Park Hotel pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa Dash pm
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress Rehearsal am
10 <sup>th</sup> December	1st Christmas Performance – 1.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Christmas performance – 9.30am, Year 3 swimming pm. Christmas Fair – 3.00pm.
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Singing am, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Christmas performance 1.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery performance
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner. Parent Meetings begin at 2pm.
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle making. Last Year 3 swimming.
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Party day & Father Christmas visit.
20 <sup>th</sup> December	9.45am – End of term service at church. All families are welcome. 2.00pm – School Closes for the Christmas holidays.

## St Oswald's and St Helen's Churches Events

08.12.24	4.00PM	St Helen's	Christingle
15.12.24	10.00AM	St Oswald's	Nativity
	6.30PM	St Helen's	Lessons and Carols
24.12.24	4.00PM	St Oswald's	Carols and Christingles
	9.00PM	St Oswald's	Christmas Eve Holy Communion
	11.00PM	St Helen's	Christmas Eve Holy Communion
25.12.24	10.00AM	St Oswald's	Carols and Communion

## Netherton Community Garden Santa's Grotto

Please see attached flier regarding the Community Garden's Santa's Grotto taking place on 07.12.24.

## CAMHS

The Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) put together a monthly newsletter for parents and professionals, signposting support such as groups, training and workshops. Click the [link](#) to have a look and see if there is anything of any interest. If you have any questions you can contact Mrs Keiley (SENDco and Mental Health lead) via the school office.

**Article 31:** Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

**Christian Values** This month's Christian Value is **Creation. Colossians 1:16** "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers, or authorities – all things were created through him or for him



Yours sincerely,



Miss E Murtagh  
Headteacher

### A Prayer for our School

*This is our school,  
Let peace dwell here,  
let peace begin with me.  
Let the room be full of contentment  
Let love abide here  
Love of human kind, love of life itself  
And love of God  
Let us remember that as many hands build  
a house,  
Many hearts build a school.  
Amen*

