

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 7th May 2025

Attendance

Last year we had a huge drive to improve attendance. This is a shared objective in schools across the country and in Sefton. **'You can't teach an empty chair.'**

St. Oswald's own message is:

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

We hope that by working together, attendance will improve and children will achieve fully in school. Please click on the [link](#) to see the guidance for parents regarding attendance:

We reward good attendance each week and are aiming for at least 96% or better attendance.

Congratulations to Year 5 who had the highest attendance for the last week **Y5 – 99.26%** -

Fantastic news and a huge well done to Year 5! Other class attendance was as follows:

Y1 - 97.93%, Y4 - 97.14%, Y2 - 96.55%, Y6 - 95.67%, Y3 - 95.52%, N - 92.39%

R - 91.61%

The classes in **green** are above our target of **96%** and those in **red** are below, some significantly below. We will be targeting those with poor attendance. All classes were above our target last week this is great news and hopefully will continue.

Mentor Lunch

We have a mentor lunch taking place in school Thursday 15th May . Envelopes are being sent home with your child in Years 3 – 6 today.

Wear it Wild

Thank you so much for your support on Wear it Wild day last Friday. Thanks to all of you and the money from Year 3's sponsored silence, we raised a total of £570.37 for WWF.

PE Kits

At last we are getting better weather – can you please make sure all children have their PE kits every day so that we can go outside for PE. Thank you.

Uniform Orders

The time of the year when we ask parents to place their order for uniform for September is here. The uniform order form can be found [here](#). Some prices have been reduced. We will be accepting orders until 3.15pm on **16.05.25**, payment should be made at the time of placing your order.

We are having a pre-loved uniform sale on Friday morning at 08.45AM in the family room.

PFA - Summer Fair

Our Parents and Friends Association is in desperate need of new members to run events and organise fundraising raffles etc.

Over the years PFA have provided many extras for the children that school would not be able to provide. For example, they have paid for the farm to come to school which benefitted each class as they had time to visit the farm and were able to incorporate this within their class lessons. The library was given a huge revamp which has benefitted all children and each class was allocated money to update their class libraries.

Unfortunately, without new members we will have to cancel the Summer Fair which I'm sure you will agree would be a great disappointment to the children and the only money raised would be from the raffle.

If you would be willing to become a member of the PFA please contact Mrs McNally or the school office and they will pass your message to her.

Names in Uniform

Can you please ensure that all items of clothing at school are labelled with your child's name. With the weather turning warm this week, we have had many jumpers, cardigans and coats just left on the playground which do not have names on them handed in or collected by staff at the end of play. Thank you.

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, is free to sign up to and you can unlock a wealth of parenting know how.

Children's University Passports

Any children with a Children's University Passport will need to bring their passport into school before 9th May 2025 for any out of hours learning credits to be added.

Dates for 2025

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

Upcoming Events

May

9 th May	08.45AM Pre loved uniform sale in the Family Room.
12 th May	Year 6 SATS tests this week & Christian Aid – Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar Test. AM.
13 th May	Reading Test AM. Year 4 swimming PM.
14 th May	Maths Papers 1 & 2 AM.
15 th May	Maths Paper 3 AM, Mentor lunch for all classes.
16 th May	Stay N' Play Nursery 10.30am. Nursery & Reception 2.15pm.
19 th May	Welcome meeting for new Reception parents. 5.00pm.
20 th May	9.15am – Reception Class Assembly.
23 rd May	KS2 TT Rockstars competition. Last day for this half term.

Half Term

School Readiness Questionnaire

Please follow the QR code for details of the school readiness survey that Sefton are asking parents of children 0-5 to complete so that they can get a better understanding of parental expectations.

This report will shape the work Sefton are doing with partners to support children to be 'ready to learn'.



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 our SENCO via the school office.

Article 13 Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

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)

Christian Values This month's Christian Value is **Peace**.

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:7**



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*



Yours sincerely,

Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher