

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 14th 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 – 99.07%** - Fantastic news and a huge well done to Year 5! Other class attendance was as follows:

Y3 - 97.41%, Y4 - 95.98%, Y1 - 95.69%, N - 95.61%, Y6 - 95.42%
R - 92.34%, Y2 - 89.22%,

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.

Online Safety Newsletter & Video

As children are much more exposed than ever to online material we are doing all we can to teach them how to be safe and want to be able to help parents and carers do the same. Each month we will be sending home an online safety newsletter, please see attached. This will give you vital information and the latest trends in keeping your children safe when they are online. We hope you find this useful as it is an additional cost to school. It will also be published on the school website. Please see the [link](#) for further information:

Delivered by Kooth, [free webinar](#) on how to keep young people safe online and on smart devices, I know this has come up in consults so would be hopefully helpful

Nursery Admissions

Do you have a child that will be turning 3 before July 2026? Mrs Gall is organising spaces in our nursery class for the next academic year. Application forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded [here](#). We will also need to see your child's birth certificate with their application form.

From September 2025 we are offering a variety of sessions -

- 5 mornings a week (8.30am-11.30am)
- 5 afternoons a week (12.15pm-3.15pm),
- beginning of the week (full days Monday & Tuesday plus Wednesday morning)*
- end of the week (Wednesday afternoon and full days Thursday & Friday)*
- 30 hour sessions (4 1/2 days with the option to pay for an extra session to make 5 full days)

**There will be a charge for beginning of the week and end of the week sessions.*

Please ensure that you apply for your child's nursery place early to get the sessions that you want. Parents are encouraged to visit our new *Early Years Unit* and can arrange a visit through the school office.

Mentor Lunch

We have a mentor lunch taking place in school tomorrow, Thursday 15th May . Envelopes were sent home with children in Years 3 – 6 last Wednesday.

Photo Proofs

Class photo proofs were sent home with your child last week. The deadline for orders to be placed is this Friday 16.05.25 at 3.15PM.

Uniform Orders

The uniform order form can be found [here](#). Some prices have been reduced. We will be accepting orders until 16.05.25 at 3.15PM, payment should be made at the time of placing your order.

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.

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.

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

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

June

2 nd June	School closed – INSET Day
3 rd June	School closed – INSET Day
4 th June	1 st day back – normal time Nursery 8.30AM, 8.45AM for the rest of the school Year 4 Timetables tests begin & swimming PM
9 th June	Book Fair – open to all in school foyer after school everyday this week 3.15PM to 4.15PM 11.15AM – mini-church at church all families welcome
10 th June	PM Year 6 Leavers Service at Liverpool Cathedral
11 th June	10.00AM – Communion at church – Years 1 -6 families welcome
12 th June	Year 6 residential
13 th June	Sporties – New Reception class families. PM Year 6 return
16 th June	AM Year 2 & Year 6 – Children's University Graduations Year 3 & 4 trip to Martin Mere 4.00PM – New Nursery Parent meeting
17 th June	World Cup day – all children will need PE their kits in school
18 th June	Years 1 & 2 to Philharmonic Hall
19 th June	KS2 athletics morning
20 th June	2 nd Sporties for new Reception class parents
23 rd June	Quidditch day for all classes from Y1 – Y6
24 th June	Year 6 to Tatton Park
25 th June	Sculpture trail form 3.30PM – infant playground and school hall
26 th June	Transition day – all children to visit new classrooms and Year 6 to new High schools
27 th June	KS2 TT Rockstars competition
30 th June	Year 5 to Crucial Crew

FSM Vouchers

Vouchers for families that are entitled will be distributed on Monday 26th May.

Active Sefton

Active Sefton offer a range of activities during half term for children and families to engage in physical activity and be more active. Please see attached information flier.

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 22: If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

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**



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*

