

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 21st 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 6 who had the highest attendance for the last week - Fantastic news and a huge well done to Year 6! Other class attendance was as follows: **Y6 - 100%, N - 98.27%, Y1 - 97.24%, Y5 - 96.3% Y2 - 93.79%, Y3 - 93.1%, R - 89.03%, Y4 - 87.5%.**

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.

### **PFA Summer Fair Raffle**

Raffle tickets are coming home with your child today. They are a new design so please fill in the top portion with your details and return to school. The bottom half of the ticket is for you to keep. The price is staying the same - £1 for 4 tickets. Please support the PFA.

## **Uniform Donations**

We are always looking for uniform donations in all sizes and would be grateful if you have any at this time of the year that you send them into us. Thank you for your support.

## **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**

23<sup>rd</sup> May KS2 TT Rockstars competition. Last day for this half term.

### **Half Term**

### **June**

2<sup>nd</sup> June School closed – INSET Day

3<sup>rd</sup> June School closed – INSET Day

4<sup>th</sup> June School reopens

1<sup>st</sup> day back – normal time Nursery 8.30AM, 8.45AM for the rest of the school

Year 4 Timetables tests begin & swimming PM

9<sup>th</sup> June Year 1 Phonics screening tests this week.

11.15AM – mini-church at church all families welcome

10<sup>th</sup> June PM Year 6 Leavers Service at Liverpool Cathedral

11<sup>th</sup> June 10.00AM – Communion at church – Years 1 -6 families welcome

Book Fair – open to all in school foyer after school everyday this week 3.15PM to 4.15PM

12<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 residential

13<sup>th</sup> June Sporties – New Reception class families. PM Year 6 return

16<sup>th</sup> June AM Year 2 & Year 6 – Children’s University Graduations

Year 3 & 4 trip to Martin Mere

4.00PM – New Nursery Parent meeting

17<sup>th</sup> June World Cup day – all children will need PE their kits in school

18<sup>th</sup> June Years 1 & 2 to Philharmonic Hall

19<sup>th</sup> June KS2 athletics morning

20<sup>th</sup> June Mufti day – wear you own clothes day, £1 donation to the PFA.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sporties for new Reception class parents

23<sup>rd</sup> June Quidditch day for all classes from Y1 – Y6

24<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 to Tatton Park

25<sup>th</sup> June Sculpture trail form 3.30PM – infant playground and school hall

26<sup>th</sup> June Transition day – all children to visit new classrooms and Year 6 to new High schools

27<sup>th</sup> June KS2 TT Rockstars competition

30<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 to Crucial Crew

## **Sefton Children’s University Half Term Challenge**

Attached to the newsletter are details of the Children’s University Half Challenge. Responses should be emailed to [seftoncu@elevate-ebp.co.uk](mailto:seftoncu@elevate-ebp.co.uk)

## **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 3:** The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.

## **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

