

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 4th June 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 our Nursery class who had the highest attendance for the last week - Well done **Nursery with 98.96%** attendance! Other class attendance was as follows: **Y2 - 98.62%**, **Y5 - 98.46%**, **Y1 - 98.28%**, **Y6 - 93%**, **Y3 - 92.07%**, **R - 89.03%**, **Y4 - 86.79%**.

The class with the best attendance last half term was Y5.

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.

Staffing

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to both Mrs McNally (our Parent Support Advisor) and Mrs Carr our Reception class teacher/Early Years leader. Both are leaving us in July and we wish them well with their new and exciting opportunities ahead. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking them for their hard work and support for both the children and families over the years, many of you may have been personally supported by one of them or both. They will be a huge loss to the school and leave big shoes to fill.

Mrs Maguire who is currently our acting SENDco will be taking on the role of Early Years Leader and Reception class teacher from September, we have yet to recruit for the pastoral role but we will keep you informed.

Next Year's Staffing:

Nursery	Mrs Gall & Mrs L Jones (TA)
Reception	Mrs Maguire & Mrs Ponting (TA)
Year 1	Mrs Crawford & Mrs Chiu (TA)
Year 2	Mrs Wignall & Mrs N Jones (TA)
Year 3	Miss Ledgerton & Mrs Laffey (TA)
Year 4	Mrs Clarke & Miss Sharples (TA)
Year 5	Miss Lockett & Mrs Berry (TA)
Year 6	Mrs Hughes, Mrs Lees & Miss Rodriguez (TA)

Transition Morning 26th June

On the above morning, every class will be going to the class they will be in next year.

For Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 they will go straight to classroom doors of those classes from 8.45am and be met by their new teachers for September.

For Year 2 moving to Year 3 they will need to go onto the junior playground and line up by the first door next to the main front gates at 8.45am, Miss Ledgerton will be there to greet them.

The rest of Key stage 2 will just move along to the next line and go into their new classroom and meet their new teachers.

It is important that all the children are in as this will give them the opportunity to work in their new classrooms and get to know their new staff a little better before starting in September, this will particularly help those children who are anxious about change or their new class.

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 were sent home with your child before half term. 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. Thank you for your support for 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

June

9 th June	After School Clubs resume this week Year 1 Phonics screening tests this week. 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 Book Fair – open to all in school foyer after school everyday this week 3.15PM to 4.15PM
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	Mufti day – wear you own clothes day, £1 donation to the PFA. 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

Photographs

Class photo orders are coming home with your child today.

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

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