

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Year 4 with 98.81% attendance! Other class attendance was as follows: N - 97.08%, Y1 & Y3 - 96.55%, Y6 - 95%, Y2 - 94.83%, R - 94.62%, Y5 - 88.46%

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.

### **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.

### **Transition Morning 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Book Fair**

Get ready for our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. A fantastic opportunity to explore a wide selection of books and support our school. This year's fair will be open each afternoon from 11.06.25 to 17.06.25 from 3.15pm – 4.30pm in the foyer. We'll have a diverse range of books for all ages, from engaging picture books to captivating novels. Don't miss out on the chance to discover your next favourite book and help us fund new library resources.

You can now pay for books online while you're at the fair – you will be able to scan a QR code on your phone to easily access the Scholastic parent pay website. (NB you will need your card details to pay this way) We will also have a card reader available.

Anyone who reads their book at least 3 times this week will be entered into a draw to receive vouchers that can be used at the book fair. This will be drawn on Friday. Get reading!

## **St Oswald's Church Holiday Club**

Please see attached flier for the St Oswald's Church holiday club. Please click on the QR code on the flier to register.

## **Changing from School Meals to Packed Lunch**

If you would like to change your child from school meal to packed lunch or vice versa when we return in September or at any time throughout the school year, please remember that you must contact school to give school a week notice.

All children in Year 2 have been receiving Universal Infant Free School meals which will continue until the end of Year 2, so if you want to change, you will need to let us know before we return in September.

## **Uniform Donations**

As our Year 6 children will shortly be moving on to their high schools we would greatly welcome any donations of uniform to school that is no longer needed. (We would also like your support with uniform donations of any age / size) Your support with this request will be greatly received.

## **Uniform**

Please see attached document with uniform sale dates for most major retailers.

## **PFA Summer Fair Raffle**

Raffle tickets have been 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.

## **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**

12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential (PM Year 6 return) Sporties – New Reception class families
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 your 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 from 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	Year 3 Trip to World Museum KS2 TT Rockstars competition
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 to Crucial Crew

### **Online Safety Newsletter & Video**

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