

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 18th 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 1 with 98.96%** attendance! Other class attendance was as follows: **N - 97.21%, Y3 - 96.55%, Y5 - 96.15%, Y2 - 94.48%, Y4 - 93.21%, R - 92.9%, Y6 - 92.33%.** 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.

Mufti Day 20th June

On Friday 20th June all children will be able to wear their own clothes for the day, we ask for £1 donation to the Parents and Friends Association (PFA.)

Sculpture Trail 25th June

The sculpture trail will take place on the evening of 20th June after school. The sculpture trail will take place on the infant yard – weather permitting - or the school hall if poor weather. It will be open from 3.15pm until 5pm. The rest of the school will be closed so classrooms will be closed and doors locked. Please do feel free to come and visit and see what the children have made – I know they would love to share this with you all.

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 school this day 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.

Cream Tea lunch

Our cream tea special lunch will take place on Tuesday 1st July.

The menu is as follows:

Mix of sandwiches, wraps or filled buns, mini pizza with veggie sticks

Scones, Jam & Cream

or

Sunshine Cupcakes

Envelopes being sent home today for children from Y3 to Y6.

PFA Summer Fair

The PFA are holding the Summer Fair on 2nd July 25 at 3.00PM on the infant yard, unfortunately we have not gained any further offers of support so the fair will be reduced in what we have available this year unless more volunteers come forward.

Collection of your child -

Nursery - please collect your child at 3.00PM from Nursery and then join us on the infant yard.

Y2, Y1 and Reception - please collect your child at 3.00PMpm from their classroom and then join us on the infant yard.

KS2 - the children will leave via the hall doors at 3.00PM onto the infant yard where you will be able to collect your child and join in the fair.

Donations of cakes and bric-a-brac towards the fair will be greatly appreciated and if anyone does wish to help please contact Mrs McNally.

School Spider Login Change

All parents now need to log into school spider using their email addresses. User names should no longer be used.

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.

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

19th June KS2 athletics morning

20th June **Mufti day – wear you own clothes day, £1 donation to the PFA**

2nd Sporties for new Reception class parents

23rd June **Quidditch day for all classes from Y1 – Y6**

24th June Year 6 to Tatton Park

25th June **Sculpture Trail form 3.15PM – infant playground and school hall**

26th June **Transition day – all children to visit new classrooms and Year 6 to new High schools**

27th June Year 3 to World Museum

KS2 TT Rockstars competition

30th June Year 5 to Crucial Crew **July**

1st July **Sports for All day – all pupils taking part in sporting events**

2nd July **Summer fair – 3.00PM onwards in the school hall. No after school clubs tonight.**

4 th July	Reports being sent home
8 th July	Year 5 to Go Outside, Formby
9 th July	Parent meetings in the school hall if parents wish to follow up from the school reports
11 th July	Sponsored walk (weather permitting)
14 th July	Dress Rehearsal for Year 6 AM & Year 6 leavers BBQ PM (details to follow)
15 th June	Stay N' Play – Nursery AM & Nursery and Reception PM
16 th July	Golden Apples winner's treat AM Year 3 dance performance in the school hall at 3.00PM
17 th July	Nursery & Reception to Imagine That. Years 1, 2, 4, 5, & 6 dance performances in the school hall PM (details to follow of timings for each class) Year 6 Leavers service at 6.00PM – School hall all welcome
18 th July	Final TT Rockstars competition, End of Term Service at church 9.45AM – all welcome

Finish at 2.00PM

Lego Brick Festival

LEGO Brick Festival is coming to Aintree on 19th July. So, if you're a LEGO fan you may want to pop along. Adult tickets are £7 and children's tickets are £5. Please see attached flier for more details.

Online Safety Newsletter & Video

Delivered by Kooth, [free webinar](#) on how to keep young people safe online and on smart devices, many parents have come to school with issues caused at home with online use by their children, we hope you find this useful.

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.

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)

Article 22 You have the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee (if you have been forced to leave your home and live in another country), as well as all the rights in this Convention.

Christian Values This month's Christian Value is **Perseverance**

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." Hebrews 12:1-2



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