

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 25th 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 again to **Year 1 with 100%** attendance! Other class attendance was as follows: **Y4 - 99.64%, Y2 - , 8.28%, Y6 - 97.33%, Y5 - 95.38%, N - 92.83%, R - 90%, Y3 - 87.59%.**

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.

Sculpture Trail This Evening

Please do come along to our sculpture exhibition this evening – weather permitting this will be held on KS1 playground, or in the hall if wet. The school building will not be open as we had threats made by a parent last year so have restricted full access for the safety of all.

Transition Morning Tomorrow

Tomorrow 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.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who visited the Scholastic Book Fair — your support helps bring the joy of reading to our school! Five lucky winners were drawn on Friday 13th to each receive a £5 book voucher and had the opportunity to spend them at the book fair. Joel (N) Daniel, Freddie, Evie (Y1), Ava (Y6) Congratulations to our winners. We hope everyone enjoys reading their new books.

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 were sent home last Wednesday for children from Y3 to Y6.

PFA Summer Fair 2nd July

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.

Sponsored Walk 11th July

Our annual sponsored walk will take place on 11th July, sponsor forms are being sent home with your child today. This year all monies raised will be going to school fund. Please send all sponsor money into school by the end of the term. Thank you.

After School Clubs for September

Details of after school clubs on offer for September can be viewed on our [website](#). Please note that all clubs start w/c 15.09.25.

Please note that all clubs run for 10 weeks, and end w/c 24.11.24. To request places for your child for the clubs please send an [email by clicking on this link](#).

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

26th June **Transition day – all children to visit new classrooms and Year 6 children to their 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.
 4th July Reports being sent home
 8th July Year 5 to Go Outside, Formby
 9th July Parent meetings in the school hall if parents wish to follow up from the school reports
 11th July Sponsored walk (weather permitting)
 14th July Dress Rehearsal for Year 6 AM & Year 6 leavers BBQ PM (details to follow)
 15th June Stay N' Play – Nursery AM & Nursery and Reception PM
 16th July Golden Apples winner's treat AM
 Year 1 dance performance in the school hall at 3.00PM
 17th July Nursery, Reception and Year 1 to Imagine That. Years 2, 3, 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 in school hall all welcome
 18th July Final TT Rockstars competition, End of Term Service at church 9.45AM – all welcome
Finish at 2.00PM

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 30 You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion - or any you choose. Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right.

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,

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