

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 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 2 for the third week running with 96.9% attendance!** Other class attendance was as follows: **Y3 - 96.55%, N - 94.96%, Y1 - 94.48%, R - 93.87%, Y4 - 91.79%, Y5 - 90.77%, Y6 - 90%.**

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.

### **Sponsored Walk this Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Our annual sponsored walk will take place this Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July weather permitting. Sponsor forms were sent home with your child last week. 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.

### **Summer Fair**

Thank you to all those of you who attended and helped to raise funds for the PFA, a massive £1,146.79 was raised. Thanks goes to Mrs McNally for leading the event and to all the volunteers who helped to get the fair together. We couldn't run it without the efforts of some of our Governors and parent helpers so a huge thank you to them.

This means the money raised can go towards the extras that the children would like for the whole school. I will be discussing with the school council how they would like to spend the money.

### **Beat the Goalie Winners**

Red ball winner - Jacob Sole Y6 Blue ball winner - Eliza Bailey Y3

### **After School Clubs**

After school clubs are still running next week, up to and including Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Please note that there are no clubs on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July as we finish this day at 2.00PM.

We still have places available for September for all clubs excluding Yoga and Forest Fun.

### **Dance Performances**

Class dance performances take place as follows:

Year 1 16.07.25 at 3.00PM.

Years 2 and 3 at 2.45PM Year 4, 5 and 6 at 3.00PM.

### **Uniform Donations**

As our Year 6 children will shortly be moving on to their High Schools we would greatly welcome any donations of uniform into 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.

### **Litter Pick Champions**

Last week, we took part in a litter pick around Netherton, focusing on the canal path and the Sefton estate. In just 45 minutes, we managed to fill over 8 bags of rubbish, showing how much of a difference a short effort can make. Our group worked incredibly hard and ended up collecting the most rubbish out of all the schools involved, which we were really proud of. A big thank you goes to all the children who took part – your enthusiasm, teamwork, and effort made a huge impact, and you should all be very proud of yourselves. It was a great way to help clean up our local area and make it a better place for everyone.

### **Dance World Cup**

Ayla (Y4) and Alexa (Y3) are representing England at the prestigious Dance World Cup finals being held in Burgos, Spain this month.

The Dance World Cup is the largest international dance competition in the world, offering a unique cultural and educational opportunity for the children. The children will interact with and learn from dancers and professionals from around the world, gaining invaluable experience and fostering personal growth. We wish them the very best of luck!

### **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.

### **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.

### **L21 Judo**

L21 Judo now operates out of St Oswald's Church Hall.

Each session is run by fully DBS checked coaches, offering exceptional quality tuition and superb value for money. It is their hope to grow the club in our community and thrive once more at their new location, benefiting the pupils in an olympic sport. Please find attached a flier about their Judo club.

### **YKids Winner**

Lottie, a Year 4 pupil, was recently honoured with a Y Kids Pearl Award at a special ceremony held last Friday at the Titanic Hotel. As a young carer, Lottie takes on extra responsibilities at home, yet continues to attend school regularly, work hard in class, and complete all her homework. Her caring nature shines through in everything she does—she even organised a whole-school fundraiser for Zoe's Place during the autumn term. This prestigious award recognises Lottie as someone who grows through challenges, demonstrating strength, kindness, and wisdom far beyond her years. Many Congratulations!

### **Year 6 Chosen Meal**

Year 6 children have chosen their favourite meal and this will be served to all children on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

The menu for this day is as follows:

Pizza, wedges and beans  
Warm chocolate brownies with ice cream

All children in Year 3 to 6 are able to join in for this meal on the day if they wish. Envelopes are coming home with children in Year 3 to 6 today. Children can still have a packed lunch if they wish.

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### **Children Eating out in Summer Holidays / Discounted / Kids Eat Free**

Please see attached information sheet containing information on everywhere kids can eat free or for £1 in the school holidays.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Please find attached information on the summer reading challenge taking place over the 2025 summer holidays. Netherton Library staff came into school and children enjoyed an assembly all about the challenge and the crafts, activities and workshops taking place. The aim is 6 books in total over the holiday.

### **Vouchers for families entitled to FSM**

Vouchers will be issued each Monday over the holidays for families that are entitled.

### **School Nurse Drop In**

The next virtual drop-in session takes place on Tuesday 22nd of July 1.30pm-3pm, even though we will have finished for the end of term by this date, parents can still access this online service. Please see attached for link.

### **Be Active**

Sefton Council's Summer 2025 Be Active Half-Term programme is live and ready to take bookings for a range of activities that they have available. Check out their guide via the link below for full details and booking information: [Be Active school holiday activities](#)

If you have any questions, please email Active Sefton on [active.sports@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:active.sports@sefton.gov.uk) or to book any of the sessions, call them on 0151 288 6286 between 9am and 5pm - Monday to Friday.

### **Summer Diaries**

As we do every year, we would like to encourage as many children as possible to continue with their creative writing throughout the holiday period and to keep a summer diary. Many children choose to include, photos, drawings, tickets etc of where they have been and what they have done. Please ensure it is the children's work – not parents.

It is an absolute joy to receive the diaries from the children when the children return to school in September.

### **Swimming In September**

Swimming will commence for the following classes as follows in September:

Year 3 each Wednesday from 4<sup>th</sup> September. (The first day of the new term)

Swimming kit information can be found by clicking on this [link](#). Please note that the children return back to school at 3.40PM.

### **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**

#### **July**

9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Parent meetings in the school hall if parents wish to follow up from the school reports</b> <b>No after school clubs this afternoon.</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sponsored walk (weather permitting)
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Dress Rehearsal for Year 6 AM & Year 6 leavers BBQ PM (details to follow)
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay N' Play – Nursery AM & Nursery and Reception PM
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Golden Apples winner's treat AM Year 1 dance performance in the school hall at 3.00PM
17 <sup>th</sup> 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
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Final TT Rockstars competition, End of Term Service at church 9.45AM – all welcome <b>Finish at 2.00PM</b>

### **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.

### **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 13** Every child must be free to say what they think and to seek and receive all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

**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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Headteacher