

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 16th July 2025

Thank you!

Thank you to all of you who have supported the school and the children in their education journey, in many ways we have had an extremely successful year. We will be focussing heavily on attendance next year as it the one area we really need to improve.

Measles Reminder for Parents and Carers

Given the rise in measles cases, MerseyCare NHS team will be offering extra clinics. Parents and carers can get in touch with the team to verify their immunisation status if they are uncertain. Appointments can also be scheduled at a time and place that is most convenient for you. Please see the [link](#) for further information about the disease, vaccination dates and locations.

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 **Years 1 & 3 with 99.1%** attendance! Other class attendance was as follows, **Y2 – 95.52%, Y5 - 95%, R - 94.52%, Y4 -94.59%, N - 93.58%, Y6 – 93.33%.**

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.

Sponsored Walk Friday, 11th July

Our annual sponsored walk took place last Friday, 11th July, the weather was glorious and children did their walk first thing in the morning. This year all monies raised will be going to school fund to replace some of the playground pens and borders. Please send all sponsor money into school by the end of the term. Thank you.

After School Clubs

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

Dance Performances *Don't be late*

Class dance performances take place tomorrow **Years 2 and 3 at 2.45PM Year 4, 5 and 6 at 3.00PM**. Please be aware if you are late you will not be permitted into the hall as the parents sit on the stage and children perform in the hall so you won't be able to walk through the hall.

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.

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.

Join the Summer Reading Fun with “Read Your Way”

We're encouraging all families to take part in the **World Book Day Summer Challenge: Read Your Way!** This fun and flexible challenge is designed to keep children reading over the summer holidays, with exciting activities, book recommendations, and ideas to keep them motivated. Whether your child enjoys comics, audiobooks, or adventure stories, the challenge celebrates all kinds of reading. Visit the [World Book Day website](#) to get started and make reading a part of your summer adventures. Let's keep imaginations growing all summer long!



Children's University Summer Challenge

Attached to the newsletter is details of the summer holiday challenge. Your child can collect extra Children's University credits during the summer break by completing this challenge. Please send evidence of your activity SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk

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.

Year 6 Chosen Meal

Year 6 children have chosen their favourite meal and this will be served to all children tomorrow, Thursday 17th July 2025.

The menu is 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 were sent home with children in Year 3 to 6 today. Children can still have a packed lunch if they wish.

All About Family Magazine

Please find the [link](#) to the Summer Issue of All About Family Sefton, inside, parents will find useful advice on;

New Children's Book Reviews, Internet Safety with NSPCC, Family Law with Dawson Cornwell, Heat Stroke , Advice from St John Ambulance, Adult Education, Family Events in the area, plus more....

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 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.

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

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| 17 th 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 th July | Final TT Rockstars competition, End of Term Service at church 9.45AM – all welcome
Finish at 2.00PM |

Parent Mental Health Support Event

Please find attached flier for the event which is taking place at school on 12th 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.

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 15 Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights

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



Yours sincerely,

Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher

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*



