

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone I hope you have all enjoyed the lovely summer and are ready to be back at school. A huge thank you for all your support and generous gifts at the end of last term, staff were overwhelmed and genuinely appreciate the thoughts.

We are looking forward to another year of exciting adventures and the challenges ahead.

This year there will be a continued focus on attendance and punctuality as we want every child to achieve the best possible outcome. We are aiming for all children to attend at least 96% of the school year. Obviously, if there are illnesses and hospital appointments please let us know.

If parents are struggling to get children to school due to their illness please contact school and we will do our best to arrange for the children to be picked up at the beginning of the day and taken home. We need to be contacted as early as possible for us to arrange this, the school office is open from 8.00AM. Please see the [school attendance policy](#).

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)

Attendance

You have 190 days to come to school and 175 to do everything else!

Regular attendance at school is significant to a child's educational development and progress. There is now a bigger [Government drive to improve attendance](#). When a child's attendance falls to 90% or below it is classed as persistent absence. We hope that by working together, attendance will improve and children will achieve fully in school. The school's policy for attendance is available on the school [website](#).

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% attendance. **Year 1** had the highest attendance for the last week of school in July with – **96.8%**. Other class attendance was as follows: **Y6 - 98%, R - 97.42%, Y3 - 96.55%, Y4 - 95.36%, Y2 - 94.48%, N - 93.63%, Y5 - 93.46%**.

The class with the highest attendance for the last term was Year 2.

The class with the highest attendance for the last half term was Year 1.

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.

If you are unable to call school, e.g no credit on your phone, please use School Spider * to report the absence or click [here](#) to send an email to let us know, please try to let us know by 9.00AM. *You will need to log into School Spider to do this, if you need help logging in, please let school know.*

Info for parents from the DfE regarding fines: [Fines for parents for taking children out of school](#)

International School Award Re-accreditation

Our school has been re-awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom. Huge thanks go to Mrs Gall who led the school through the award process.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life work in today's world.

Changing from School Meals to Packed Lunch

If you would like to change your child from school meal to packed lunch or vice versa at any time throughout the term, please remember that you must contact school to give school a weeks' notice.

After School Clubs for September

Please note that all clubs start w/c 15.09.25 and run for 10 weeks.

Uniform

We regret to inform you that due to supply difficulties our uniform order has not been delivered on time as we were promised. We understand that this is frustrating and we are as disappointed as you. We will be looking for a more reliable uniform supplier following this poor service.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We will endeavour to fulfil orders in as quickly as possible.

We will no longer be having preloved sales as they have not been well received, however will continue to support parents throughout the year with preloved uniform. If you would like to see what items of preloved uniform we have available for your child in their size, please contact Mrs Brannigan (Pastoral Mentor) or call into the school office and we will assist you.

Dates for Next Year 2025/26

For school term dates for the forthcoming academic year and upcoming events for this year, please see the school calendar on our [website](#).

Events for September

Year 3 will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon.

Beth Tweddle Gymnastics coaches for Years 3 & 4 every Tuesday afternoon.

Dates: September

3 rd September	1 st day back, swimming begins for Year 3, returning to school at 3.40PM
8 th September	GANGS workshops for Year 6 every afternoon this week
9 th September	Gymnastics for Years 3 & 4 begins
10 th September	Swimming for Year 3
12 th September	Sefton Mental Health Support team delivering workshop for parents 9am – 10am “Supporting your Child’s Emotional Well-being” – see flier attached
15 th September	All after school clubs begin
16 th September	Year 6 to CLAC & Gymnastics for Years 3 & 4
17 th September	Year 5 to CLAC & Swimming for Year 3
18 th September	Year 3 to Awesome Walls
19 th September	Year 4 to Awesome Walls
22 nd September	Mini church at 11.15AM – at St. Oswald’s church all EYFS families welcome
23 rd September	Gymnastics for Years 3 & 4
24 th September	10.00AM - Communion for Years 1 – 6 at St. Oswald’s church, all families welcome. Swimming for Year 3
26 th September	European Languages day & KS2 TT Rockstars competition.
30 th September	Gymnastics for Years 3 & 4

October

1 st October	Outdoor Activity Day for All & Swimming for Year 3
2 nd October	Mentor Lunch
3 rd October	Harvest Festival
7 th October	Gymnastics for Years 3 & 4
8 th October	Swimming for Year 3
10 th October	World Mental Health Day
14 th October	Gymnastics for Years 3 & 4
15 th October	Swimming for Year 3
17 th October	Individual Photos
21 st October	School’s 66 th birthday Gymnastics for Years 3 & 4
22 nd October	Swimming for Year 3
24 th October	Last day of this half term – KS2 TT Rockstars competition.

After School Clubs

After school clubs start on w.c 16.09.25. All clubs are on for 10 weeks. We still have places available at the following clubs. If you would like to apply for a place for your child please click on this [link](#) to send an email.

Monday	Tech Club	Y5 and Y6
Tuesday	Funky Fingers	Y1
	Ozzy's	R, Y1 and Y2
	Remarkable Readers	Y4 and Y5
Wednesday	Choir	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Thursday	Music Stars	Y1 and Y2
	Marvellous Maths	Y5 and Y6
	Puppet Club	Y1 and Y2

Summer Diaries

Did your child complete a summer diary over the summer holiday? If so, please send this into school by 0900AM next Monday morning.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year that have been lots of children signing up for the reading challenge and the school competition has been very close this year! Sefton Library Service are hoping to encourage anyone who hasn't quite finished the challenge to try and get their last books read by **Monday 8th September**. If any children haven't signed up for the challenge yet, they are still welcome to do so at any of the Sefton Libraries before 8th September.

Sefton Children's University Summer Holiday Challenge

Previously attached to the newsletter were details of the summer holiday challenge. Your child can collect extra Children's University credits from during the summer break by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit -unless stated otherwise. All credits count for the final graduations in Year 2 and Year 6. Please remember if necessary to send evidence of your activity SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk

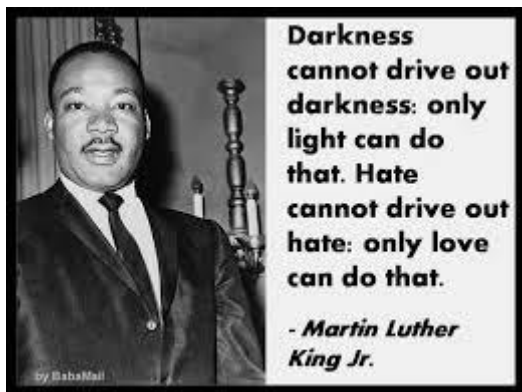
CAMHS

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 Mrs Keiley (SENDco and Mental Health lead) via the school office.

Christian Values This week's Christian Value is Joy.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Article 28 Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free.



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

