

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 24th September 2025

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. Class attendance for the first week back was as follows: **Year 2 - 100%, Year 4 - 98%, Reception – 95%, Year 1 -93.87%, Year 6 93.85%, Nursery 93.18%, Year 3 91.43%, Year 5 - 90%**
Overall school attendance – 95.88%

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](#)

Mentor Lunch Thursday 2nd October

Our whole school Mentor lunch will take place on Thursday 2nd October. Envelopes for children in Year 3 to 6 are being sent home today. Please note that on this day there is no facility for packed lunches.

Harvest Festival – Friday 3rd October 10.00AM in church

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival in church this year, everyone is welcome to join us. All food donations will be given to the Food Bank at church so all donations would be greatly appreciated. Any food packets, tins or cereals would be greatly received. Thank you for your support.

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to St Benedict's Catholic Primary School who have won the 2025 competition and have ranked 3rd in Sefton. A special mention to Netherton Moss who are the most improved school from last year and have ranked in the top 10 most improved in Sefton.

All Netherton schools have done exceptionally well this year and are up 72% from last year on the number of children finishing the challenge. This is a true reflection of the work all our students have put into this year's challenge.

The library service are currently looking to start printing certificates next week and will get these to you as soon as possible.

Tax Free Childcare Account and Universal Credit Parents

Breakfast club fees can be paid directly to Sefton Council (school) via parent's Tax Free Childcare Account. You can use it to pay for [approved childcare](#), for example:

- Childminders, nurseries and nannies
- After school clubs and play schemes

Your childcare provider must be signed up to the scheme before you can pay them and benefit from Tax-Free Childcare.

Universal Credit claimants can receive a contribution towards wraparound childcare costs to help them work or look for work, by claiming the Universal Credit Childcare Costs element. You must pay for the childcare yourself, then claim the costs back from Universal Credit, which will pay you back up to 85% of the amount in the same assessment period or the next if reported late. You must report your childcare costs on your monthly statement, and there is a cap on the amount you can claim, currently up to £1,031.88 for one child and £1,768.94 for two or more children.

Netherton Community Grocery

Netherton Community Grocery is helping to keep thousands of local families fed, based at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Fleetwoods lane, L30 0QG.

No family should have to go hungry. Membership costs £5 per year and are open to anyone who's finding it hard to put food on the table. Once signed up, members and their families can come and shop in store from just £5 per visit, saving up to £20 every shop.

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](#).

Year 3 will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon.

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

Dates:

September

26th September

European Languages day & KS2 TT Rockstars competition.

30th September

Gymnastics for Years 3 & 4

October

1st October

Outdoor Activity Day for All – outdoor, PE kits needed. PM Swimming for Year 3

2nd October

Mentor Lunch

3rd October

Harvest Festival 10.00AM in church

7th October

Gymnastics for Years 3 & 4

8th October

Swimming for Year 3

10th October

World Mental Health Day

14th October

Gymnastics for Years 3 & 4

15th October

Swimming for Year 3

17th October

Individual Photos

21st October

School's 66th birthday Gymnastics for Years 3 & 4

22nd October

Swimming for Year 3

24th October

Last day of this half term – KS2 TT Rockstars competition.

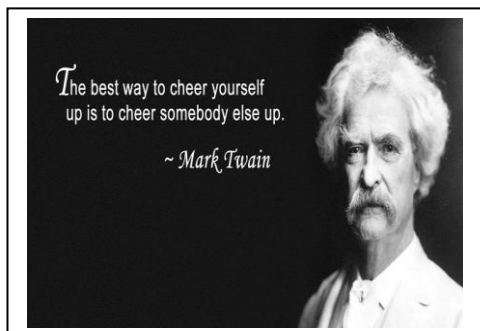
CAMHS

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 **Hope**.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Article 14: Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose.



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

