

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 22nd October 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 6 – 99.26%, Nursery – 99.08%, Year 2 - 99%, Year 3 - 98.21%, Reception – 97.33%, Year 4 - 97%, Year 5 - 92.19%, Year 1 – 91.29%.

Overall school attendance – 96.45%.

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](#).

Our Pastoral Mentor Mrs Brannigan

Hi, I'm the Pastoral Mentor at school and my role is to support children's wellbeing, attendance, and overall development. I work closely with children and families to help with anything that might be affecting a child's time at school, whether it's behaviour, low confidence and self-esteem, sleep difficulties, or challenges at home such as financial difficulties or housing concerns.

I'm here to listen, offer support, and help find practical solutions where we can. My goal is to work together with you to make sure your child feels safe, happy, and ready to learn each day.

If you'd like to get in touch or find out more about how I can support your child or family, please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office

Children's University Half Term Challenge

Collect extra Children's University credits during the October holiday by completing this challenge. For more information please see sheet attached to the newsletter.

Cut Your Carbon in November – Let's Act Together!

This November, after half term, we are excited to be taking part in the **Cut Your Carbon** challenge! It's a fantastic opportunity for us at school, and you as families, to make small, practical changes that can make a big difference to our planet. There are **six simple steps** involved: **switch off lights, walk or cycle instead of driving, eat more plant-based meals, reduce food waste, avoid fast fashion, and cut down on plastic**. We encourage you all to take part and will be sending a tracker home so that you can evidence any changes you make.

To track our progress and to measure the impact we're making, we will upload your carbon-saving actions online via the **Cut Your Carbon website**. Let's work together for a greener future!

Dates for 2025/26

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

Dates:

October

23rd October

Rhyme Time for Nursery parents 2.45PM

24th October

Last day of this half term – KS2 TT Rockstars competition

Half term

27th October – 31st October

November

3rd November

School re-opens

4th November

Gymnastics for year 5 & 6

5th November

AM - Year 6 to Literacy Festival, Bootle Strand

PM – Group 1 swimming with Year 3

7th November

Reception & Year 1 workshop with author Jessica Bowers

10th November

Anti-bullying week. Year 4 Greek day – all to dress up

11.15AM – Mini – church, all over church- all Early Years families welcome

11th November

Gymnastics for Year 5 & 6

12th November

10.00AM – Communion at church – all families welcome

pm – Group 1 swimming with Year 3

14th November

Children in Need Day – all to **wear spots**, either on your face, clothes or just your socks! £1 donation to Children in Need

Sefton Mental Health Support Team – workshop for parents Behaviours that Challenge

9.00AM – school hall – please come along to see what support can be offered if you are struggling or just have an interest.

17th November

Enterprise week

18th November

Gymnastics for Year 5 & 6

19th November

PM – Group 1 swimming with Year 3

25th November

Gymnastics for Year 5 & 6

26th November

PM – Group 1 swimming with Year 3

27th November

Year 2 to Liverpool Cathedral

28th November

Mufti Day – all to wear own clothes £1 donation to PFA

Last day for after school clubs

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 **Dignity**.

Article 16: Every child has the right to privacy.



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

