

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 26th November 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 last week was as follows: Year 2 - 99.3%, Year 4 – 98%, Year 5 – 97.78%, Reception – 96.67%, Year 1 –93.87%, Year 3 – 90%, Nursery – 89.38%, Year 6 - 88.89%
Overall school attendance – 95.38%.

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](#).

After School Clubs

Our last day for after school clubs this term is this Friday 28th November – **there won't be any after school clubs in December**. The offer for clubs next term, starting in the new year is available to view on our website. Please secure your place now if you wish your child to attend. Emails should be sent by clicking on this [link](#). Clubs start w/c 12.01.26 and run for 10 weeks.

The following clubs are already full:

- Outdoor Adventures
- Yoga
- Glockenspiel

Parents & Friends (PFA) Mufti Day 28th November

The PFA will be raising funds and prizes for the school fair on Mufti day. The children can wear their own clothes for the day and we ask for £1 donation to PFA or a prize for the Christmas fair, anything that can be used to put in a Christmas raffle hamper or used as a prize for pull the string.

Christmas Performance Tickets

If you would like to request additional tickets for the Christmas Performances, please call into the office.

Nursery will be sharing some Christmas songs in their classroom for their Christmas performance. This will be on Monday 15th December at 11.00am and 2.45pm. Parents can request 2 tickets for their child's session via class teachers. If your child attends all day you may wish to request 1 ticket for the morning and 1 for the afternoon, so that they have a family member watching them. It would be lovely for you to join us to celebrate this special time of the year.

Smartphone Safety & Cyberbullying: How to support your child

Most 11-year-olds have a mobile phone, but do they know how to protect themselves from cyberbullying? This November, we're inviting parents to join for a free 45 minute webinar. Sefton Mental Health Support Team through Kooth will share practical tips on how to help children deal with potential problems, how parents can spot signs of cyberbullying and what action to take.

Please sign up on <https://connect.kooth.com/events/event/for-families-smartphone-safety-and-cyberbullying-20-nov> if you are interested

What's included?

- Live webinar led by our Engagement and Clinical team
- Follow webinar recording and additional resources

How to sign up

Secure your spot today by following the link above. Once signed up, you'll receive the joining link and further information the day before the session.

Carol Singing

We're delighted to share that **refreshments will be available for purchase during the Carol Service to raise funds for the PFA.** (For adults only) Treat yourself to a warm drink or a festive snack as we come together to celebrate the season. We look forward to seeing you there.

St Oswald's Church Christmas Maker's Market and Funday

Please find attached information on the Christmas Maker's market and Funday taking place at St Oswald's Church on 29.11.25 from 12 Noon - 3.00PM.

Christmas Dinner

Our whole school Christmas lunch will take place on 16th December. Envelopes for children in Year 3 to 6 are being sent home today. Please return your envelope to school as soon as possible before the day.

The menu will consist of

Turkey
Roast Potatoes
Pigs in blankets
Sprouts, carrots, broccoli and cauliflower cheese
Yorkshire pudding
Gravy
Followed by
Ice cream

Mentor (Party) Lunch

Our whole school Mentor lunch will take place on 17th December. 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.

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Dates for 2025/26

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

November

27 th November	Year 2 to Liverpool Cathedral
28 th November	Mufti Day – all to wear own clothes £1 donation to PFA
	Last day for after school clubs
	KS2 - TT Rockstars Competition

December

1 st December	Assessment week
2 nd December	Experience Christmas – Years 5 & 6
3 rd December	PM – Group 1 swimming with Year 3
5 th December	Santa Dash
8 th December	Dress Rehearsal
9 th December	PM 1 st Performance
10 th December	AM 2 nd Performance
11 th December	10.00AM – Carol singing on the KS1 yard, hot drinks on sale for parents.

15 th December	PM 3 rd Performance Making Day 11.00AM & 2.45PM Nursery performances Year 5 to Scarisbrick Hall
16 th December	Christmas dinner day 2.00PM -Parent Meetings
17 th December	Party Day – wear your party clothes, there will be a puppet show, Father Christmas, a Mentor Party lunch. PM – Last Group 1 swimming with Year 3
18 th December	09.45AM – End of Term Christingle service in school hall. Finish at 2.00PM

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 Miss Murtagh (Headteacher) and Mental Health lead via the school office.

Christian Values This week's Christian Value is **Hope**.

Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

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*

