



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>January 2026

## 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	100%
Year 4	99.33%
Reception	99%
Year 6	98.40%
Year 3	97.04%
Year 1	95.99%
Year 5	95.19%
Nursery	83.44%
Whole School	96.91%
Whole School for year so far:	95.42%
Weekly Winner:	Year 2

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.](#)

## National Year of Reading 2026

The Education Secretary is calling on parents to lead by example and make reading a daily habit to help reverse the decline in reading for pleasure, to help give kids the best start in life as part of the Plan for Change.

The call comes as the Department for Education and National Literacy Trust join forces to launch a National Year of Reading, starting this month to kick start a reading revolution. It will reverse the trend as just [one in three aged 8 to 18](#) said they enjoyed reading in their free time in 2025.

Bringing together parents, schools, libraries, businesses and literacy experts, the campaign aims to foster a love of reading for pleasure in children and young people, ensuring all children get the best start in life.

Reading for pleasure isn't just a hobby. It's linked to a range of benefits including stronger writing skills, improved wellbeing and confidence, and even higher future earnings, with new data showing those proficient in reading and writing in primary school [earn £65,000 more over their lifetime.](#)

## Sefton Council's Be Active

Sefton Council's February 2026 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: <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/beactive>

If you have any questions, please email Active Sefton on [active.sports@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:active.sports@sefton.gov.uk) or to book any of the sessions, call them on 01512886286 between 9am and 5pm - Monday to Friday.

## Vouchers

Vouchers for families that are entitled will be distributed on 16.02.26.

## Ofsted

OFSTED are changing how they inspect schools, report to parents and their judgements, there will no longer be an overall judgement for schools but a report card will be provided to give parents information, please see the [short 2-minute video where OFSTED explain the changes](#).

## Dates for Academic Year 2025/26

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

### January – February Half term

28<sup>th</sup> January 1/2 Year 3 swimming pm.

30<sup>th</sup> January TT Rockstars competition.

### February

3<sup>rd</sup> February Gymnastics for Years 1 & 2 pm.

4<sup>th</sup> February 1/2 Year 3 swimming pm.

9<sup>th</sup> February Children's Mental Health Week 'This is my place.'

10<sup>th</sup> February Safer Internet Day

Gymnastics for Years 1 & 2 pm.

11<sup>th</sup> February 1/2 Year 3 swimming pm.

13<sup>th</sup> February Last day of half term – finish normal time 3.15pm.

## Mental Health / Wellbeing Support

Many parents have contacted us regarding concerns around their child's mental health or well-being. Sefton Mental Health Support team can provide advice and support for both parents and pupils if needed. We also have a wealth of information on our [school website](#).

## 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 school's Mental Health lead via the school office.

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

**Article 30:** Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, regardless of whether these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

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*

