



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 11th February 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	98.33%
Year 4	97.67%
Year 3	95.56%
Year 5	95.56%
Reception	95%
Year 1	94.33%
Year 6	93.20%
Nursery	89.54%
Whole School	95.29%
Whole School for year so far:	95.39%

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](#).

Staffing

We welcome back Mrs Keiley from her maternity leave to her role as SENDCO after half term to her usual three days a week.

Mrs Gall will be acting Early Years Leader until Mrs Maguire returns, we are wishing her well and keeping her in our thoughts and prayers while she recovers.

National Year of Reading 2026

World Book Day is on 5th March and this year we are asking for any unwanted children's books that are still in good condition to be brought into school for a book swap.

The idea is that children will be able to swap a book they have read for one they haven't.

Any books left over will be available for anyone who wants to take the books to read.

We are hoping that all children will have access to books that they have not read but have been recommended to them by their classmates. Please start to send in any books that are no longer wanted but still in good condition.

Online Safety Newsletter Safer Internet Day

Attached to the newsletter is the online safety newsletter for Safer Internet Day.

Children's University Half Term Challenge

Attached to the newsletter is the half term challenge.

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](#).

February

Last day of half term – finish normal time 3.15pm

Half Term

23rd February **First day back**

Year 5 swimming AM (Monday to Thursday for 2 weeks)

24th February Year 5 swimming AM & Gymnastics for Years 1 & 2 pm

25th February Year 5 swimming AM & 1/2 Year 4 swimming pm

26th February Year 5 swimming AM

27th February TT Rockstars competition (KS2)

March

2nd March Year 5 swimming AM (Monday to Thursday)

Mini -Church – 11.15am at church – all Early Years families welcome.

3rd March Year 5 swimming AM

Gymnastics for Years 1 & 2 pm

4th March Year 5 swimming AM

Communion – Years 1 – 6 in church at 10am – all families welcome.

1/2 Year 4 swimming pm

5th March Year 5 swimming AM

World Book Day – all invited to wear their favourite book character costume

9th March British Science Week

10th March Year 5 class assembly – 9.15am all year 5 families welcome.

Gymnastics for Years 1 & 2 pm

11th March 1/2 Year 4 swimming pm

16th March Assessment week & Bikeability for Year 5

17th March Year 4 class assembly – 9.15am all year 4 families welcome.

Gymnastics for Years 1 & 2 pm 18th March 1/2 Year 4 swimming pm

19th March Year 3 trip to Cathedral

20th March Easter bunny Fun Run – whole school.

23rd March Year 3 class assembly – 9.15am all year 3 families welcome.

25th March Parent meetings

26th March Dance performances pm (Times to be confirmed nearer the time) Parents welcome.

27th March TT Rockstars Competition KS2.

End of Term Service at church 9.45am – all welcome.

School Closes at 2.00pm for Easter Holidays.

What's on in Southport?

Please see the attached flier for what is on in Southport in the coming months.

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 12: Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.

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*



**“The more you
practice the art of
thankfulness, the
more you have to
be thankful for.”**

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE



