



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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:

	09/02-13/02		Spring term 1 Total
Year 2	99.67%	Year 2	98.72%
Year 1	97%	Year 4	97.39%
Year 3	95.93%	Reception	96.72%
Year 4	95.33%	Year 1	96.06%
Reception	95%	Year 6	96%
Year 6	94.40%	Year 3	94.38%
Year 5	92.59%	Year 5	93.64%
Nursery	86.92%	Nursery	89.31%
Whole School	95.38%	Whole School	95.73%
Whole School for year so far:	95.15%	Whole School Lates	179
Whole School Lates	23		

3816 minutes = 63.6 hours = 9.7 days missed due to being late.

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.](#)

**World Book Day 2026**

We are excited to be celebrating **World Book Day 2026** as a whole school community! This annual celebration is all about inspiring children to discover the life-long pleasure of reading. Books have the power to spark imagination, build empathy, and transport us to new worlds and World Book Day is the perfect opportunity to celebrate that magic.

**Don't Forget Your Book Voucher**

Every child will receive a **World Book Day book voucher**, which can be exchanged for one of the specially selected £1 books or used towards the cost of any full-price book at participating booksellers. We strongly encourage families to make the most of this fantastic opportunity. Choosing a book of their own helps children develop independence as readers and builds excitement around reading for pleasure.

Vouchers can be redeemed at most major supermarkets and bookshops, including stores such as: **WHSmith, Waterstones, and Tesco.**

### **Wooden Spoon Character Competition**

This year, we are adding a creative twist to our celebrations! Each child will be sent home with a **wooden spoon** and invited to transform it into their favourite book character and return to school. Whether it's a daring wizard, a mischievous animal, a brave explorer, or a classic fairy-tale hero, we can't wait to see the imagination and effort that goes into each design!

Children can use paint, fabric, paper, yarn, or recycled materials to bring their character to life. Please ensure creations are securely attached and clearly labelled with your child's name and class. The spoons will be given out on Friday to be brought back for next Thursday. (World Book Day)

### **Reading Book Exchange**

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 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 free books. Please continue to send in any books that are no longer wanted but still in good condition.

### **Costumes**

As World Book Day approaches (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March) we would appreciate any unwanted costumes that the children have out grown or no longer want, they will then be available for parents to take on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. If you wish to give a small donation that would be appreciated. Please do bring any costumes you no longer need into school as soon as possible.

Costumes will be available in the school hall at 3.15PM of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **Revised School Meals Charges April 2026 – Primary Schools**

As you will no doubt be aware, food and raw material costs have continued to rise sharply over the past year and further increases are forecast. Sefton Catering have continued to absorb as much of this as possible, it has unfortunately now been deemed necessary to increase the price of a school meal. The previous price increase was in April 2024. With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 the cost of a set meal provided to all primary schools will be increased by 3% from £2.53 to £2.65 for pupils. If you would like your KS2 child to change to packed lunch or from packed lunch to dinners, please contact the school office, the school office will require 1 week notice to amend the pattern.

### **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](#).

### **Big Walk/Wheel To school**

The challenge takes place between 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March and we can't wait for you to take part. Pupils are encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride to school every day with the view of saving our carbon footprint and getting fitter.

### **Dates for Academic Year 2025/26**

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

#### **February**

26<sup>th</sup> February Year 5 swimming AM

27<sup>th</sup> February TT Rockstars competition (KS2)

#### **March**

2<sup>nd</sup> March Year 5 swimming AM (Monday to Thursday)  
Mini -Church – 11.15am at church – all Early Years families welcome.

3<sup>rd</sup> March Year 5 swimming AM  
Gymnastics for Years 1 & 2 pm

4<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 swimming AM  
Communion – Years 1 – 6 in church at 10am – all families welcome.

1/2 Year 4 swimming pm

5<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 swimming AM  
**World Book Day** – all invited to wear their favourite book character costume

9<sup>th</sup> March British Science Week

10<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 class assembly – 9.15am all year 5 families welcome.

Gymnastics for Years 1 & 2 pm

11<sup>th</sup> March 1/2 Year 4 swimming pm

16<sup>th</sup> March Assessment week & Bikeability for Year 5  
 17<sup>th</sup> March Year 4 class assembly – 9.15am all year 4 families welcome.  
 Gymnastics for Years 1 & 2 pm 18<sup>th</sup> March 1/2 Year 4 swimming pm  
 19<sup>th</sup> March Year 3 trip to Cathedral  
 20<sup>th</sup> March Easter bunny Fun Run – whole school.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> March Year 3 class assembly – 9.15am all year 3 families welcome.  
 25<sup>th</sup> March Parent meetings  
 26<sup>th</sup> March Dance performances pm (Times to be confirmed nearer the time) Parents welcome.  
 27<sup>th</sup> March TT Rockstars Competition KS2.  
 End of Term Service at church 9.45am – all welcome.

**School Closes at 2.00pm for Easter Holidays.**

**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 **Love**.

**Article 3:** The best interests of the child must be the top priority in all things that affect children.

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*



