



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 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:

<b>Year 6</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>95.67%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>93.75%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>93.33%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>91.85%</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>90.24%</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>82.27%</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>92.35%</b>
<b>Whole School for year so far:</b>	<b>95.19%</b>

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.](#)

### Big Walk and Wheel to School

We are currently taking part in the **Big Walk and Wheel to School** from **16th–27th March**. During this time, we encourage children and families to travel to school in an active way wherever possible. Walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school is a great way to support children's **physical and mental wellbeing**, and it also helps to **protect our environment** by reducing traffic around the school. We understand that it may not be possible to travel actively every day. However, we would love families to try to include **at least some active journeys to school** during the two-week event. Each day, we will record how many children travel to school actively. This gives our school the chance to **win exciting prizes and resources** to support active travel. Thank you for supporting us and helping our school stay active!

### Dance Performances Tomorrow - 26.03.2026

Our children have been practising their dance each week and the time has come for them to showcase it to all of you tomorrow. The dance takes place in the hall with the children dancing on the hall floor. Parents will be seated on the stage. We ask that parents are seated promptly for the performances to begin on time. ***If you arrive late to the performance we will be unable to admit you*** to the performance as we would have to stop the performance to allow you to be seated. Please arrive on time to avoid disappointment.

1.15PM Year 1, 2 and 3

2.15PM Year 4, 5 and 6

*Please note that it will not be possible for children to leave school following their performance, children will return to class and be released at the normal school time of 3.15PM.*

### **Easter Bonnet Competition 27.03.26**

Our annual Easter bonnet competition will be held Friday. We do hope that you enjoy making them together at home, we certainly love to see the amazing creations that have been made. All classes will be awarded a first and second prize.

### **Parents and Friends Association (PFA)**

#### **PFA Easter Raffle Fundraiser**

We are excited to be holding an **Easter Raffle** to raise funds for the **Parents and Friends Association (PFA)**. All money raised will go directly back into the school to support resources, activities, and opportunities for the children.

Tickets were sent home with the children last week, please complete the slip which contains your details and return this to school with the money, the draw will take place on Friday 27th March. Raffle tickets are £1 per strip. Every ticket makes a difference, so thank you for supporting our school community! If you would like more tickets, please contact school.

#### **Reception and Nursery Movie Night 14.04.26**

We are excited to invite our Nursery and Reception children to a special Movie Night organised by the Parents and Friends Association.

The children will enjoy a fun evening watching a classic Julia Donaldson Movie with their friends while helping raise funds for the school. All money raised will go directly to the PFA and will be used to support activities, resources, and opportunities for the children.

Date: Tuesday 14th April

Time: 3:15pm – 4pm

Location: School hall

Ticket Price: £3.00 (Inclusive of a small bag of popcorn, a bag of sweets and a drink) We would love it if children could bring along a cuddly toy for the experience. Tickets will be available to purchase at the school office from Wednesday 11th March.

#### **Silent Disco Fundraiser 16.04.26**

Get ready for a night of music, dancing, and fun at our PFA Silent Disco Fundraiser!

We will be holding a unique disco experience for our children; each child will wear a pair of wire-less headphones and be able to dance and enjoy themselves with their friends. All money raised will go directly to the Parents and Friends Association to support activities, re-sources, and opportunities for the children in our school.

Thursday 16th April 2026

Time: 3:15 – 4:15pm (Years 1, 2 & 3)

Time: 4:30 – 5:30pm (Years 4, 5 & 6)

Location: School Hall

Tickets: £3.00 per child (Inclusive of a drink and packet of sweets)

Children in Years 1, 2 & 3 must come to school with a change of clothes and will have time to get changed in class at the end of the day before the disco begins. Children in Years 4, 5 & 6 can come to the disco in party clothes. This is an event for children only, parents are to drop off and collect from the hall doors. The hall doors will open at pick up times when the event finishes, could we please ask you to refrain from ringing the bell as this will disturb the children's fun.

Pick up for Year 1,2 & 3 – 4:15pm

Drop off for Year 4,5, & 6 – 4:30pm

Pick up for Year 4,5, & 6 – 5:30pm

On the evening there will be a small tuck shop for children to purchase some treats at a small additional cost, if you would like your children to get additional treats please send them with some spending money (Max - £2.00) Tickets will be available to purchase at the school office from Wednesday 11th March.

### **Invitation to Participate in the 'Design a Wildly Wonderful Wetland Animal' Competition**

Please see the attached flier for further details, prizes and how to apply.

### **All About Family Sefton**

Please find the [link to the Spring Issue of All About Family Sefton](#), that that you are welcome to share electronically with all your parents. If you would like a PDF version, please let me know and I will send one.

Inside, parents will find useful advice on OFSTED News, New Children's Book Reviews, St John Ambulance advice on winter illnesses, Advice on decreasing screen time during the holidays, Advice on getting your child to read more, SEND advice, NSPCC advice on AI, Adult Education Advice , Family events in the area.

## Children's University Spring Holiday Challenge

Please find enclosed the Spring Holiday Challenge sheet. As always students can choose to do any amount of the challenges and they will need to send the evidence to [seftoncu@elevate-ebp.co.uk](mailto:seftoncu@elevate-ebp.co.uk) with the child's name and school for credits to be added.

## Additional After School Club

We will also be running the following club each Monday: Computer Club with Miss Ledgerton for Y3 & Y4 to be held in the Y3 Classroom, children will be sent home from the Y3/Y4 Doors. If you would like to apply for a place for your child, please send an email to [childrensuniversity.stoswalds@schools.sefton.gov.uk](mailto:childrensuniversity.stoswalds@schools.sefton.gov.uk)

## Dates for Academic Year 2025/26

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

### March

25<sup>th</sup> March Parent meetings  
26<sup>th</sup> March Dance performances pm. Parents welcome but must be on time  
27<sup>th</sup> March TT Rockstars Competition KS2  
Easter Bonnets  
End of Term Service at church 9.45am – all welcome

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

**13<sup>th</sup> April – first day back for all – usual time.**

### April

14<sup>th</sup> April Reception and Nursery Movie Night  
15<sup>th</sup> April ½ Year 4 swimming pm  
16<sup>th</sup> April Silent Disco Fundraiser  
17<sup>th</sup> April Class photographs & Year 5 to the Cathedral  
20<sup>th</sup> April Mini Church – 11.15am at St Oswald's church – all EYFS parents welcome  
21<sup>st</sup> April Year 2 Class assembly. 9.15am school hall -all year 2 families welcome  
22<sup>nd</sup> April Year 4 Sing For Sefton  
10am – Years 1 – 6 whole school Communion at church, all families welcome  
½ Year 4 swimming pm  
24<sup>th</sup> April TT Rockstars Competition KS2  
28<sup>th</sup> April Year 3 Computing trip. Year 1 Class assembly. 9.15am school hall -all year 1 families welcome  
29<sup>th</sup> April ½ Year 4 swimming pm

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



## 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*

