Dear Parents/Carers, Wednesday 4th November 2026

**Attendance**

***You have 190 days to come to school and 175 to do everything else!***

***We can't teach an empty chair!***

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:

Class attendance for the last week before half term was as follows:
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.

**New Menu This Half Term**

A new menu has started this week. The new menu can be found on our website by clicking here.

**Family Life – Sefton Support Services**

**Access the Family Life Toolkit**

The Family Life Toolkit offers trusted information, advice and resources to support families, parents, carers, children and young people. Visit the Family Life Toolkit: Sefton Family Life Toolkit https://www.seftonfamilylife.com/

**Dates for 2026/27**

For school term dates for the forthcoming academic year and upcoming events for this year, please see the school calendar on our website.

**November**

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| 9th November | Anti-bullying week<br>9.15am – Mini-church for all EYFS families at church |
| 11th November | 9.30am Parenting Puzzle Week 2. 10am – Communion at church, all welcome<br>pm – ½ year 3 swimming |
| 12th November | Year 5 History Day – Pupils will be undertaking a fun day of History exploration on Vikings & Anglo Saxons and will put on a performance for Year 5 parents at the end of the day at 2.45pm – all are welcome to come and see what the children have learnt, they'd love to show you. |
| 16th November | Enterprise Week for all pupils – items made will be sold at the Christmas fair. |
| 17th November | Year 4 – Greek Day in school. |
| 18th November | 9.30am Parenting Puzzle Week 3, pm – ½ year 3 swimming |
| 20th November | Children in Need Day & World Children's Day |

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| 23rd November | Last week of After school clubs |
| 25th November | 9.30am Parenting Puzzle Week 4, pm – ½ year 3 swimming |
| 27th November | Mufti-Day to raise funds for PFA. TT Rockstars competition for KS2 |
| 30th November | Assessment week for all pupils. |
| | PFA silent disco – details & tickets nearer the time. |

**Parenting Puzzle**
This is a 5-week course, please see the attached flier for further details. An extra session has been put on by Mrs Brannigan and Sefton Mental Health Support Team to introduce you to the programme and explain what we can offer in terms of support for both you and your child.

**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 Mrs Maguire (SENDco and Mental Health lead) via the school office.

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

**Article 13:** Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

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*






