

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone I hope you have all enjoyed the lovely summer and are ready to be back at school. A huge thank you for all your support and generous gifts at the end of last term, staff were overwhelmed and genuinely appreciate the thoughts.

We are looking forward to another year of exciting adventures and the challenges ahead.

This year there will be a continued focus on attendance and punctuality as we want every child to achieve the best possible outcome. We are aiming for all children to attend at least 96% of the school year. Obviously, if there are illnesses and hospital appointments please let us know.

If parents are struggling to get children to school due to their illness please contact school and we will do our best to arrange for the children to be picked up at the beginning of the day and taken home. We need to be contacted as early as possible for us to arrange this, the school office is open from 8.00AM. Please see the [school attendance policy](#).

Vision

Through valuing all individuals as children of God we believe in promoting an inclusive school community, rooted in mutual respect, understanding and kindness towards others. As God taught us:

'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life.' (Proverbs 22:6)

Our school's vision is to nurture a resilient community where the love of learning thrives. We foster an environment where every member feels supported in order to flourish, be empowered to overcome challenges, embrace growth and contribute positively to God's world.

'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

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. **Reception class** had the highest attendance for the last week of school in July with – **96.8%**. Other class attendance was as follows:

Y1 - 96.4%, Y6 - 96.2%, Y2 - 86.7%, Y4 - 79.3%, Y5 - 78.3%, Y3 - 75.9%, N - 0%

The class with the highest attendance for the last term was Year 2. The class with the highest attendance last year was jointly Year 2 and Reception class.

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](#)

Changing from School Meals to Packed Lunch

If you would like to change your child from school meal to packed lunch or vice versa at any time throughout the term, please remember that you must contact school to give school a weeks' notice.

After School Clubs for September

Please note that all clubs start w/c 16.09.24 and some clubs run for 10 weeks, some marked with an * run for 12 weeks and end w/c 02.12.24.

We still have places available at the following clubs:

Mon Story Club Y1 & Y2
Tues Yoga All year groups
Thurs *Multisports Y5 & Y6
Study Support Y3 - Y6
Fri *Multisports Y3 & Y4

TT Rockstars Y4 8.30 Mon - Fri

To request places for your child for the clubs please send an [email by clicking on this link](#).

Asda Rewards

The 'My Asda' app allows customers to choose a primary school to donate their rewards to. 0.5% of the value of their shop. It is then is put into a pot for the school, if you scan their app when paying. If you could please add the app if you shop in Asda and think of us when paying that would be really helpful; Thank you.

<https://corporate.asda.com/newsroom/2024/02/09/asda-rewards-makes-millions-available-to-primary-schools-with-industry-first-loyalty-programme-giveaway>

Summer Fair

A huge thanks to Mrs McNally and all those who supported the summer fair, we couldn't have run the fair without the support from those who helped and those of you who came along to the fair. We raised a whopping £1,275 for the PFA. Thank you so much to everyone.

Beat The Goalie winners from the Summer Fair

Thank you to our volunteer goalies who helped to run the event.

Red ball - Josh Y6

Blue ball - Skai R

Summer Raffle Winners

Draw took place on 23rd July 2024, winners were as follows:

1	Summer Toys Hamper	Ella-Loti Ferris Y3	001792
2	Aintree Footgolf for 5 people	Ella Coggins Y3	0001749
3	Farmer Ted's Family Pass	Tayla Palmer-Mann Y4	001575
4	Bowlers Riding Lesson	Maya Panaite Y5	000996
5	Bayliss & Harding Wellness Gift Set	Liz Moreira Y2	002485
6	£25 Tesco Gift Card	Ashvand Gangatharan Y2	002347
7	Sand and Water Play Table	A'Rian Lowe R	000321
8	Acorn Farm Family Pass	Ella-Loti Ferris Y3	001785
9	Archery Set	Mrs Varga	001986
10	Bubbles World of Play Pass	Jasper Jefferies R	000456
11	Bubbles World of Play Pass	Jacob Hobson N	002342

SEND Communication Focus Group Sessions

Please find attached flyer with information about the forthcoming sessions.

Maghull High Open Evening

Maghull High School have asked us to share with families the times and dates of their two next open events which may be of interest to Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Thursday 12 September from 1800-2100

Saturday 5 October from 1000-1200

Sefton Children's University Summer Holiday Challenge

Previously attached to the newsletter were details of the summer holiday challenge. Your child can collect extra Children's University credits during the summer break by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit -unless stated otherwise. All credits count for the final graduations in Year 2 and Year 6. Please remember if necessary to send evidence of your activity SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk

Summer Diaries

Did your child complete a summer diary over the summer holiday? If so, please send this into school by 0900AM next Monday morning.

Pre Loved Uniform Sale

The next Pre loved uniform sale is this Friday at 08.45AM in the Family Room.

Dates for Next Year 2024/25

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

Events for September

Year 3 will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon.

Beth Tweddle Gymnastics coaches for Years 3 & 5 every Tuesday afternoon.

4 th September	1 st swimming session for Year 3. Return to school at 3.40pm approx
6 th September	Pre – loved uniform sale – 8.45am onwards 9.30am – 11.30am Year 6 will visit St. Helen's church
9 th September	Year 6 will visit Crosby Lakeside for water activities
10 th September	Year 5 will visit Crosby Lakeside for water activities
13 th September	Outdoor adventure activity day – all classes from Reception to Year 6 – make sure you have a coat as it is outdoors no matter the weather
16 th September	All after school clubs begin. 10.00am – Year 4 rock climbing at Awesome Walls
17 th September	10.00am – Year 3 rock climbing at Awesome Walls
23 rd September	11.15am – Mini church at St. Oswald's church for all Nursery and Reception families GANGS prevention and awareness workshops every afternoon this week
25 th September	10.00am – Communion service at church for all families from Year 1 – Year 6 – all welcome
26 th September	European Day of Languages
27 th September	TT Rockstars Competition for KS2 – get learning those timetables

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 Keiley (SENDco and Mental Health lead) via the school office.

Christian Values This month's Christian Value is **Peace**.

"Romans 12:10 - " If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all...Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."

Article 13. Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their



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*

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher