

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 12th March 2025

Attendance

Last year we had a huge drive to improve attendance. This is a shared objective in schools across the country and in Sefton. **'You can't teach an empty chair.'**

St. Oswald's own message is:

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

We hope that by working together, attendance will improve and children will achieve fully in school. 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% or better attendance.

Congratulations to Nursery who had the highest attendance for the last week with 98.96%.

Other class attendance was as follows:

Y1 - 98.93%, Y6 – 96.67%, Y2 – 95.86%, R - 95.48%, Y5 - 94.83%, Y4- 94.64% Y3- 92.76%

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.

Expert Support For Every Parenting Challenge

This is a [free website](#) that offers lots of parenting advice on a whole range of everyday topics and challenges such as friendships, screen time, school life and mental wellbeing. There are short videos and articles that you can access that offer you reassurance and strategies to use with your child/children. It is well worth a look, is free to sign up to and you can unlock a wealth of parenting know how.

Lamb Visit to School

We are very excited to be having a visit again from some lambs. This will take place on Friday morning and the lambs will be visiting all classes.

Birthday Cakes

If you would like to order a birthday cake for your child, this can be done at the school office, the cost is £3.50. Please note that 14 days notice is now required.

Slow Cookers

We have a few slow cookers still available to parents, if you are interested please call in at the office – cookers will be given out on a first come first served basis.

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 our SENCO via the school office.

Easter Bonnet Competition

Our Easter Bonnet competition will take place on 4th April. There will be a first and second prize for each class.

Dates for 2025

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

Upcoming Events

March

13th March 09.30am Year 4 & Year 6 to Philharmonic Hall

14th March Lambs visit to school

17th March Energy Efficiency Day
 18th March 9.15am Year 4 Class Assembly in school hall. All year 4 families welcome
 19th March 2pm - Year 4 swimming
 24th March Assessment week
 25th March 9.15am Year 3 Class Assembly in school hall. All Year 3 families welcome
 3.45pm Phonics Meeting for Year 1 parents
 26th March 2pm - Year 4 swimming
 28th March TT Rockstars competition
 31st March 10.30am – Stay N’ Play Nursery. 2.15pm – Stay N’ Play Nursery & Reception
 Year 3 sponsored silence for WWF

April

1st April 9.15am Year 2 Class Assembly in school hall. All Year 3 families welcome
 2nd April 2pm - Year 4 swimming & Parent meetings in the school hall
 3rd April Easter Bunny Fun run
 4th April 9.45am – End of term service at church – all parents and families welcome
 Easter Bonnet competition
2pm – School closes for the Easter holidays

After School Clubs after Easter

Details on After School Clubs being offered after Easter can be found [here](#). Please send an email to childrensuniversity.stoswalds@schools.sefton.gov.uk to apply for a place. If children are opting to take a place the expectation is that they attend **EVERY WEEK**.

If children are not committed to attending the clubs we will no longer offer them places on the clubs. We are wasting schools’ funds paying for places that aren’t attended, school budgets are under more pressure than ever.

Please make dentist or doctors appointments for a night when your child doesn’t have a club. If a child is not attending club they will lose their credits, which will affect their chances of graduating.

Staff run the clubs out of goodwill and commit to ten weeks of their time - so we expect the same in return. If you sign up for a club parents and children must show commitment and attend, just as we do.

Please note that clubs commence w/c 28.04.25 and run for 10 weeks. Please note that there will be no clubs w/b 02.06.25

Article 30: Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

Our School 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)

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

Romans 12:19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

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*

Yours sincerely,



Miss E Murtagh
 Headteacher

