

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 26th 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 Year 1 who had the highest attendance for the last week with 98.61%.**

Other class attendance was as follows:

N - 98.72% , Y1 - 98.62%, Y4 - 95.36%, Y6 - 95%, Y3 - 93.45%, R - 92.9%, Y2 -92.41%,Y5 - 91.03%

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.

We are running the 'Be in to Win' scheme again in March – if children are in all of March they will get a cream egg.

Parents Evening

Bookings for our Parent's Evening on 2nd April 2025 have now closed and if you have not made an appointment, school staff will be in touch about an appointment for you to visit your child's class teacher.

If you are unable to make the appointment, please contact school as soon as possible so that we can offer the time slots to other parents or make an alternative appointment for a different date. Again, if you need help with accessing the School Spider App, please contact school.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets were sent home with your child last Wednesday. Your support is much appreciated as the funds raised for PFA pay for many extras for the children. If you would like extra tickets, please contact school.

Easter Bonnet Competition

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

Free School Meal Vouchers for Easter Holidays

We have recently received confirmation that funding for free school meals vouchers has been extended for the next twelve months, we will advise you if this does change. Vouchers for the Easter holidays will be allocated to families on Monday 7th April 2025.

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.

Sefton Family Hubs Easter Timetable

Sefton Council have great days planned for the kids with baby chicks, Easter bonnet making, Easter bonnet parade, football, Easter egg hunt, buzz wire and coconut shy.

Slow Cookers

All slow cookers have now been allocated to parents. Thank you for your interest.

After School Clubs Ending this week

Some after school clubs finish this week. More information can be found on our website. Others continue until Thursday 03.04.25 as follows:

Mon	Gymnastics	R, Y1 and Y2
Tue	Gymnastics	Y3 – Y6
	Yoga	R, Y1 and Y2 3.15 – 4.15
	Yoga	Y3 – Y6 4.15 -5.15
Wed	Wide Awake Club	All children
	Multisports	Y1 and Y2
Th	Multisports	Y5 and Y6.

After School Clubs after Easter

Details on After School Clubs being offered after Easter can be found [here](#). Please note that our spring clubs are at the top of the page, the summer clubs are lower down. 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**.

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.

We still have space in the following clubs:

AM Daily	TT Rockstars Y4
	SATs Boost Y6
Tue	Speed Stacking Y4/5
	Yoga R,1&2
Wed	Choir KS2
	Yoga and Dance KS2
Thur	Glockenspiel KS2
	Study Support KS2

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

28 th March	TT Rockstars competition
31 st March	10.30am – Stay N' Play Nursery. 2.15pm – Stay N' Play Nursery & Reception
	Year 3 sponsored silence for WWF

April

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

St George's Day Special Lunch

On 23rd April, we will be having a special lunch to celebrate St George's Day. The menu will be as follows:

Mince, mash and peas in a giant Yorkshire pudding
or
Leek and Ham pie with traditional greens and roast potatoes
followed by
Bread & Butter pudding
or
Jammy shortbread biscuit

Envelopes are being sent home with children from Y3 – Y6 today. If you would like your child to join in, please return the envelope with payment to school.

Active Sefton

Sefton Council's Easter 2025 Be Active Half-Term programme is live and ready to take bookings for a range of activities that they have available. Check out their guide via the link below for full details and booking information: <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/beactive>

STOSWAY

After Easter KS2 children will have the choice of Stosway sub sandwich added to the menu Monday – Thursday.

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.

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

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
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