

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 2nd April 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 3 who had the highest attendance for the last week with 100%.

Y1 - 99.66%, Y6 - 99.33%, R - 98.06%, N - 97.34%, Y4 - 96.79%, Y2 - 94.83%, Y5 - 92.07%.

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.

Be In to Win

01/03/24 - 28/03/24 116 pupils 100% attendance = 48.95%

03/03/25 - 31/03/25 139 pupils 100% attendance = 58.64%

Increase 9.69%

Fantastic improvement. Thank you to all parents who have supported the improving attendance drive. Keep up the good work everyone.

Parents Evening today

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.

PFA Raffle Tickets

Our Easter Raffle takes place on Friday morning at school following our End of Term Service at church. 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.

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, please see attached.

Children's University Easter Challenge

Details of the Easter Challenge are attached to the newsletter. Responses should be emailed to seftoncu@elevate-ebp.co.uk

After School Clubs after Easter

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.

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

April

- 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
22nd April 1st day back for everyone. Year 4 to Chester for Romans trip.
23rd April Year 4 swimming again.
25th April School – class photos & KS2 TT Rockstars competition.
28th April Year 1 Healthy teeth workshop. Mini-church at 11.15am at church.
29th April Class 1 assembly – 9.15am school hall. All welcome.
30th April Communion at church 10am – all welcome. Year 4 swimming pm.
2nd May Wear it Wild – everyone to wear animal print or costume to raise money for WWF as requested by Year 3 during their class assembly. £1 donation.

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 were sent home with children from Y3 – Y6 last Wednesday. 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>

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 14: Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Murtagh'.

Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher

Have a great Easter holiday everyone. An exciting term ahead full of trips and sporting activities!

On behalf of all the staff and Governors thank you for your continued support, we wish you all a relaxing and peaceful holiday.

