

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 23rd 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 Nursery who had the highest attendance for the last week before half term as follows: **N - 96.41%**

Other class attendance was as follows: **Y1 - 96.21%, Y6 - 96%, Y3 - 95.52%, Y4 - 95%, R - 94.84%, Y2 - 94.14%, Y5 - 90%.**

Half term 24/02/25 - 04/04/25 winner – Nursery

Spring term 06/01/25 - 04/04/25 winners Y3 and Y1.

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.

SENDco

We would like to welcome Mrs S. Maguire to the team who will be covering Mrs Keiley's remaining maternity leave. If you need to speak to her regarding concerns for your child please contact her in school in the usual way, she will be working the same days as Mrs Keiley previously, Monday – Wednesday.

PFA Easter Raffle

Easter raffle 1st prize - Sophie Walker Y6 and 2nd prize - Daniel Duffy Y5

Amount raised - £157.00. Thank you to all who supported the raffle.

Easter Bonnet Competition Winners

Our Easter Bonnet competition took place on 4th April, winners were as follows.

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N AM	Caleb	Riley
N PM	Alicja	Scarlott Rooney
R	Alex	Benjamin
Y1	Lenny	Arthur
Y2	Ruby	Theo
Y3	Joseph	Eliza
Y4	Brody	Riley
Y5	Lauren	Eduarda
Y6	Archie	Maya

My Happy Mind

We are proud to announce that we are a myHappyMind Bronze Accredited school!

This means that as a school we consider the mental health and wellbeing of our children as one of our top priorities. We have created a whole school culture that helps build our children's resilience, confidence and self-esteem as well as teaching them how to self-regulate in those stressful times.

This Accreditation badge has been awarded thanks to all the effort our staff, children, governors and parents have put in to bring the lessons of myHappyMind to life all around our school! To Learn more about the myHappyMind for Schools programme please see the attached flier or visit their website here - <https://myhappyMind.org/>

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.

Formby Family Fun Day - Early May Bank Holiday

Please see attached flier for details of free bank holiday event.

After School Clubs

Please note that clubs commence next week, w/c 28.04.25 and run for 10 weeks. Please note that there will be no clubs running w/c 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

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| 25 th April | School class photos & KS2 TT Rockstars competition. |
| 28 th April | Year 1 Healthy teeth workshop. Mini-church at 11.15am at church. All families welcome. |
| 29 th April | Class 1 assembly – 9.15am school hall. All welcome. |
| 30 th April | Communion at church 10.00am – all welcome. Year 4 swimming pm. |

May

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| 2 nd 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.
Reception trip to Liverpool Cathedral AM |
| 5 th May | Bank Holiday – school closed. |
| 7 th May | Year 4 swimming PM |
| 12 th May | Year 6 SATS tests this week & Christian Aid – Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar Test. AM |
| 13 th May | Reading Test AM. Year 4 swimming PM |
| 14 th May | Maths Papers 1 & 2 AM |
| 15 th May | Maths Paper 3 AM Mentor lunch for all classes. |
| 16 th May | Stay N' Play Nursery 10.30am. Nursery & Reception 2.15pm |
| 19 th May | Welcome meeting for new Reception parents. 5pm. |
| 20 th May | 9.15am – Reception Class Assembly. |
| 23 rd May | KS2 TT Rockstars competition. Last day for this half term |

Half Term

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 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 **Peace**.

“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 4:7**



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*

