



Aintree Davenhill Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13
December
2024

Holidays Are Coming!

We are coming to the end of what often feels like the longest term of the school year as children settle back into school life and get to know new teachers and teaching assistants that are supporting their class.

We are really proud of how the children have adapted to these changes and have worked so hard this term. The children's development has been clear to see and we have been encouraged to see them enjoying their learning across a range of subjects.

The visitors who have popped into classes this term have commented on the children's enthusiasm for learning and their friendliness and welcoming manner. That's something that we see too!

I would like to thank all of the staff at school who work so hard to keep the children safe and to ensure that they have the best support possible to maximise their learning. I am so grateful to those staff who give up their free time at the end of the school day or at lunchtime to enable the children to participate in wider experiences. I am sure that the staff will appreciate the relaxation time that the holidays bring!

If you celebrate Christmas, we wish you a lovely time with friends and family.

Thank you for all your support this term.

Dates for the diary...

December

Monday 16th

Year 3 & Year 4 School
Disco 3:15-4:00

Year 5 & Year 6
School Disco 4:15-5:15

Wednesday 18th

EYFS & KS1 Parties

Friday 20th

12:30 finish

2025

January

Monday 6th

School Opens

Wednesday 15th

Deadline for
applications for
Reception 2025-2026

Nativity Performances

We have been really proud of our Reception and KS1 children for the way that the children have performed in their nativity performances over the last two weeks.

The children were fabulous in their performances and I know that you all really enjoyed watching the children perform - they were all stars! Thank you for coming along to watch! We were very grateful to our Year 5 readers who helped our Reception children tell the Christmas story and two of our Digital Leaders did a fantastic job ensuring all of the technology ran smoothly!

Thank you to all the staff who helped the children practise and encouraged them throughout their performance.



Maghull High Awards' Evening

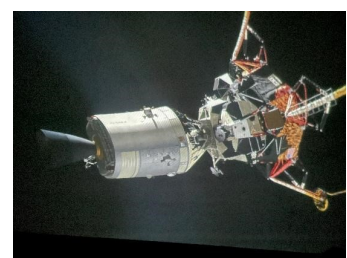
Congratulations to Madison and Gabriel from Year 3 who received an award for their fantastic sporting achievement in KS1. Two of our former Year 6 children (Matilda and Sonny) also received awards for their sporting achievements at Aintree Davenhill. The children were presented with their award by Ryan Ledson - a professional footballer who has played for Everton, Oxford United and who is currently playing for Preston North End. Ryan attended Aintree Davenhill Primary and then Maghull High so it was lovely for the children to receive their awards from him and to hear about what he has achieved in his football career.



Wonder Dome Experience

Last week we had an exciting visit to school from the Wonder Dome Planetarium. Both our Reception and Year 5 children have been learning about the solar system, stars and space. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to continue their learning. During the visit, the children were taken on a captivating journey around the planets, exploring the unique characteristics of each one. They were particularly enthralled to learn about the Apollo astronauts and the historic moon landings. The children in both Reception and Year 5 were able to ask and answer questions during the presentations. Our presenter Matt was very impressed by the children's knowledge!

The Wonder Dome itself provided an exciting environment that truly brought the subject to life.



Cross Country

Well done to some of our children who took part in the British Cross challenge on Saturday 23rd November! Riley, Isla, Halle, Ethan, Mason and Jake all attended Sefton Park to represent Sefton Schools in the event. They ran through knee-deep mud during storm Bert as part of the race. All children represented themselves and the school extremely well!



Year 5 Football

Last week, Year 5 entered the MADCOS football tournament at Active Soccer. They played four group games and won all of their matches. This resulted in the boys playing in the final against Summerhill, which they won 2 – 0. They boys were amazing all afternoon and showed excellent skill, teamwork and sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents, who were able to take the boys to the event.

Well done, Year 5, we are very proud of you.



Everton Mascots

Several weeks ago two of our children had the amazing experience of being mascots for Everton! Benjamin and William were mascots during Everton's matches against Manchester United and Wolverhampton Wanderers. Both boys walked out onto the pitch with the players and had the opportunity to meet the players beforehand too! We hope you enjoyed this special experience boys!



Autumn Term Attendance Review

This week, we will be reviewing children's attendance for the Autumn term. You will receive a letter if we are concerned about your child's attendance and will be monitoring it closely in the Spring term.

Sefton LA expects schools to notify parents when a child's attendance is at 93% so letters will be sent to parents whose attendance is 93% or below. There are different letters depending on your child's attendance percentage.

Please be assured that we take a considerable amount of time reviewing the attendance of all our pupils and take into consideration medical appointments when we review attendance.

Last Week Attendance

It is really important we have a strong finish to the term with regards to attendance. Even though there are parties next week, the children will be completing important curriculum work in D.T and other subjects, and it is important that they take part in this. It will also be lovely for the children to see our staff pantomime and be involved in our Christmas assembly. Your child's attendance matters at all times of the year!

Team Around the School

Janie Cowley, an Early Help Worker and Denise Higgins, a qualified social worker, will be in school every Wednesday. If any parents would like to drop in and ask for any help or support, Janie and Denise would be more than happy to speak to you. If anyone would prefer to speak to Denise via a phone call, her work number is 07816116160 and her working hours are 9:00-5:00.

Home Reading Challenge

Week 02.12.24 - 2M & 3N won our Home Reading Challenge!

Week 09.12.24 - 6G won our Home Reading Challenge!

Well done!

Please hear your child read as often as you possibly can.

House Team Competition

This week, the winning team was VALLEY! Well done!

1. VALLEY (4052 points)
2. MILL (3758 points)
3. ROSE (3682 points)
4. ABBEY (3622 points)



Reception 2025-26 Admissions Deadline

Just a reminder that the admissions deadline for making an application for starting Reception is 15 January 2025.

Shoe Appeal

We are currently collecting flat black school shoes in all sizes, in reasonable condition.

They will be taken by a party of Ormskirk Rotary Club members to Uganda to be reused by some of the 1500 orphaned, homeless or destitute children in the care of the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation living in Kamuzinda Children's Village.

If you can help please send in shoes by Wednesday 15th January. We will not be able to accept them after that date.

Thank you.

