



# Aintree Davenhill Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25  
October  
2024

## Happy Half-Term

We can't believe how quickly that this half-term has gone! The Autumn term often feels like it goes on forever but that certainly hasn't been the case for this half-term! We have been so pleased to see our Nursery and Reception children settling so well to life in school and enjoying their learning. I know the children will be tired after 8 weeks in school so I hope that they have time to rest during the holiday!

In school, we are working hard to promote manners with the children and we would really appreciate your support with this too. It is vital that the children are respectful to other children and all adults in school and again we have been working hard on this and we will continue to do so when we return.

Thank you for your support of school by signing up for Asda's 'Cash for Schools' scheme - we are so grateful as the money that we receive will be used to support the children.

Thank you too for all the food produce that was sent into school for our Harvest Assembly. On Tuesday, this was sent to the South Sefton Food Bank and the food will definitely be put to good use.

## Dates for the diary...

### October

W/c Monday 28th  
HALF TERM

Thursday 31st  
National Closing Date for Secondary school applications

### November

Monday 4th  
Poppy Appeal

Friday 8th  
Matt Oldfield Author Visit

Monday 11th  
Parents Evening

Tuesday 12th  
ODD SOCKS DAY

Wednesday 13th  
Parents Evening

Friday 15th  
Children in Need  
Cake Sale  
Own Clothes Pudsey Related or Spotty

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd  
Scholastic Book Fair

## Girls' Football Team

Our girls' football team have played their first two matches of the season over the last two weeks. Our first match of the season was away to St Thomas'. The girls played brilliantly together, with many of the girls representing our school for the first time, and they worked well as a team. We were unlucky not to convert any of our chances and the game ended in a 0-0 draw.

Our second match was last Friday, away to Summerhill Primary. Again, the girls showed excellent determination and teamwork skills and the match finished in a 6-0 victory to Aintree Davenhill.

Well done, girls!



### Odd Socks Day - Tuesday 12 November 2024

We will be recognising 'Odd Socks' Day on Tuesday 12 November 2024 as part of Anti-Bullying Week. It provides the children with another opportunity to express themselves and celebrate their individuality.



### Poppy Appeal 2024

When we return after half-term, our School Council will be collecting donations for the Poppy Appeal at playtimes and lunchtimes so that we can support our Armed Forces community.



**The collections will continue until 8 November 2024.**

### Home Reading Challenge

This week, **6G** won our Home Reading Challenge! Well done!

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

### Starting Primary School in September 2025

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**

For all children in Nursery it is now time for parents and carers to apply for their child's place at Primary School for Reception 2025. You **MUST** apply through your home Local Authority regardless of where the school you are applying for is located. As long as you live within Sefton, you apply through Sefton even if your preferred school(s) is outside of Sefton.

**Closing date for applications to start Primary School is 15 January 2025.**

**If you do not live within the Sefton area you must apply through your home Local Authority for a Sefton school.**

### 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.

### Shoe Appeal

We are 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 15 January 2024. We will not be able to accept them after that date. Thank you.

## Parents' Evening - 11 and 13 November 2024

You should have received a letter about Parents' Evening which will be held on Monday 11 and Wednesday 13 November from 3:30-6:15pm. If you haven't done so already, please make sure that you contact your child's class teacher for an appointment time. It is vital that teachers are able to speak every parent about their child's attendance and progress this term.

## Children in Need - Friday 15 November 2024

On Friday 15 November 2024, we will be supporting Children in Need.

Children can come into school wearing their own clothes (Pudsey related or spotty if possible) and it would be great if they could bring in a small donation which will be sent to Children in Need.



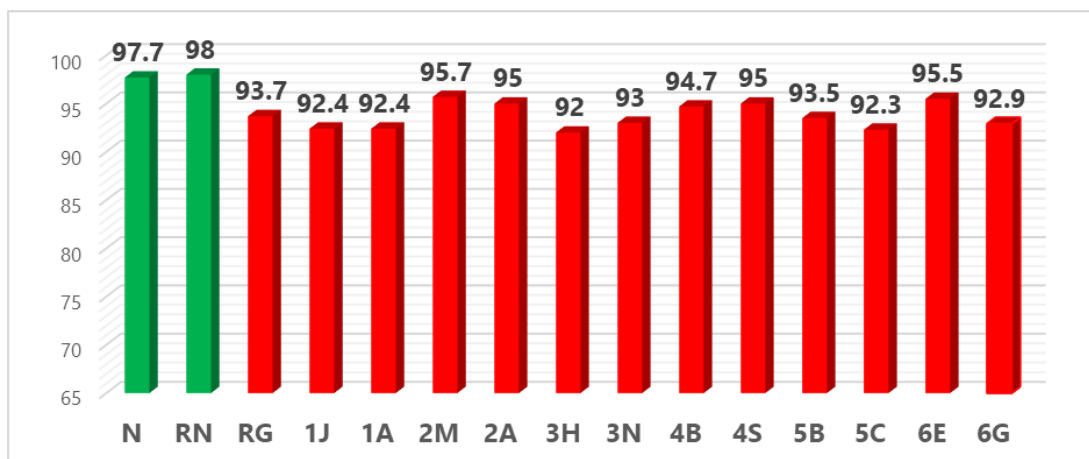
In addition to raising some money by wearing own clothes, we are also hoping to hold a cake sale and are looking for a few volunteers from each class to bake some cakes at home!

Please see the poster shared on Class Dojo.

Your child's class teacher will also be in touch if they have volunteered to make some cakes!

## Aintree Davenhill Primary School Attendance

Average school attendance for **21 Oct 2024** — **25 Oct 2024** was **94.2%**. Our school target is **96.5%**



## Newsletter Changes

After half term our newsletter will be issued every two weeks, so our next one will be issued 15th November. We will continue to update Class Dojo with all forthcoming events and news.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Next half term we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair. This will be an exciting opportunity to promote and celebrate reading in our school! The book fair will be open for families to visit between Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November (at the end of the school day). At the fair, you will be able to purchase and order a wide range of books for children of all ages.

We had an incredible response during our last book fair and it was clear that the children are really enthusiastic to read and buy new books. The funds raised from the Book Fair will significantly benefit our school, enabling us to continue to enhance the selection of books we have available in school to support across the curriculum.

Further information will be shared on Class Dojo nearer to the event. In the meanwhile, please use the following link to browse some of the books that will be available to purchase <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents?nt=t>

**FREE** books for your school when you buy at the Book Fair!

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### Changes to Contacting Class Teachers

I am concerned about the sheer volume of messages from parents via ClassDojo that teachers are expected to respond to on a daily basis. Despite our requests, teachers are still receiving these messages during the evenings and at weekends. As a result of this, **after half-term**, we are making some changes with regards to how parents contact class teachers.

- 1) If you need to discuss a concern about your child or an incident that has happened in school, please speak to the teacher in person or call the school office to request a phone call conversation, or to arrange a meeting with the class teacher.

Teachers will no longer respond to messages about these matters via ClassDojo.

- 2) Teachers will not respond to any messages that they receive after 5:00pm until the next school day.

### P.E Kit

When we return after half-term, children should be wearing a tracksuit for their outdoor P.E lesson as the weather is getting colder. Tracksuits should be plain black.

### Vaping

Just a reminder that parents should **not** be vaping at any time whilst on our school site. This week an adult found a vape that had been dropped near the forest area.

### Zoe's Place

Lily in 4S found out on 9 October that Zoe's Place Children's Hospice was facing closure. She decided to do something about it and that very same night started making bracelets to sell. As part of her efforts she arranged a bracelet making session after school in 4S to get her classmates involved. In total (so far), Lily has raised over ~~£2500~~! We are all incredibly proud of Lily and her amazing selfless efforts to help those around her. She is an incredible role model for us all, keep it up Lily!



### Year 6 Secondary Admissions Applications

For all children in Year 6, it is now time for parents and carers to apply for their child's place at secondary school for Year 7 2025 entry. Parents and carers who live in the Sefton area must make the application online using the Citizen Portal (Sefton's online application facility).

**The national closing date for secondary school applications is 31 October 2024.**

Parents and carers living outside of Sefton will need to apply for a secondary school place for your child via the local authority in which you live.