



Aintree Davenhill Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27
September
2024

Year 5 Football Tournament

On Friday 20th September, some of the Year 5 boys were fortunate enough to take part in a football tournament at Chesterfield High School. The boys did not lose a match all through their pool matches. They worked well as a team and represented the school well.

As the team finished top of their pool of matches, they went through to the final against St Mary's which ended in a 1-1 draw. This has resulted in both teams qualifying to play again in the Maghull finals.

Well done to all of the boys and a huge thank you to the parents for your support.



Dates for the diary...

October

Wednesday 9th
FLU Immunisations

Thursday 10th
World Mental Health Day (Wear Yellow)

Friday 18th
Harvest Assemblies

Friday 25th
School finishes 3:15

Monday 28th-Friday 1st
HALF TERM



Mastering Number

In addition to our daily maths lesson, we follow 'The Mastering Number Programme' in our Reception and Key Stage 1 classes. The children in Years 1 and Year 2 continue the lessons building on their prior learning and our Reception children will begin the lessons. The project aims to secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense for all children from Reception through to Year 1 and Year 2. The aim over time is that children will leave KS1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with number. Attention is given to key knowledge and understanding needed in Reception classes, and progression through KS1 to support success in the future. Over the year, the children will experience using a range of resources and representations, including a small abacus-like piece of equipment called a rekenrek. The following link (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gtb7X2UJNWw>) takes you to a short video where Debbie Morgan, the NCETM's Director for Primary, explains how the abacus-like rekenrek is used to help children develop confidence and fluency with number.



Amazing Achievements

Congratulations to Jack who won a gold and silver medal in Jujitsu competition at the weekend.

An amazing achievement!



Before and After School

We would like to remind parents to ensure that children are supervised on the playground before and after school at drop-off and collection times. The children know that they should not be playing football before or after school as they may hit someone with the ball. The Atholl Crescent, Aintree Lane Field and Eton Drive gates are all closed at 3:30pm as part of our site security. We would appreciate it if you wish to leave by one of these gates that you do so by 3:30pm.

Home Reading Challenge

This week, **3N & 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 **ABBEY**! Well done!



1. **ABBEY** (2625 points)
2. **MILL** (2560 points)
3. **ROSE** (2548 points)
4. **VALLEY** (2370 points)



Hello Yellow Day

To raise awareness for World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10 October, we will be taking part in **#HelloYellow** Day. We would like to invite the children to come to school wearing something yellow. (If you don't have something yellow then own clothes with suitable shoes are fine.) We aim to make the day as big and bright as possible so that we can show everyone in our school community that they are not alone with their mental health.

#HelloYellow

Harvest Assemblies

Our Harvest assemblies will take place on Friday 18 October. On the day of the assemblies, it would be great if the children could bring in some items of food that we will send to the South Sefton Food Bank. We are aware that they are short of tinned rice pudding, tinned potatoes and bottles of diet cordials.

National Teaching Assistant Day

It was National Teaching Assistant Day today! We are very fortunate to have fantastic teaching assistants at Aintree Davenhill and I am extremely grateful for all their hard work. They are skilled at multi-tasking and provide such great support to all children not just academically but socially and emotionally. I'd like to say a huge thank you to them all!



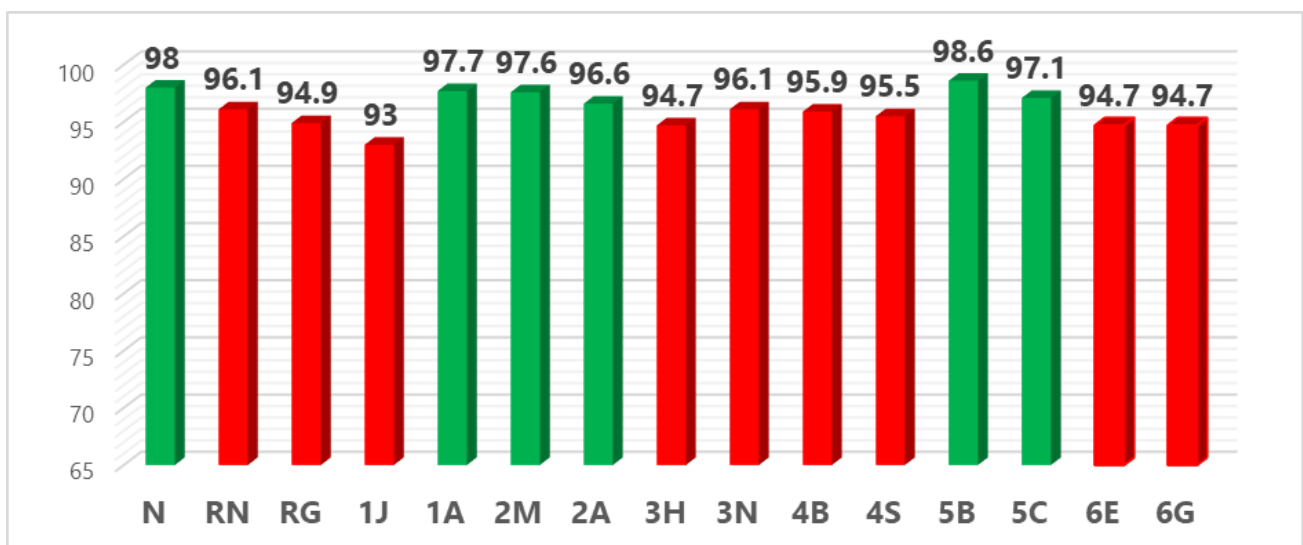
Team Around the School

Denise Higgins, a qualified social worker, who is working as an Early Help Worker, will be in school every Wednesday. If any parents would like to drop in and ask for any help or support, Denise would be more than happy to speak to you.

You can also call her on 07816116160.

Aintree Davenhill Primary School Attendance

Average school attendance for 23 Sep 2024 — 27 Sep 2024 was 96.1%. Our school target is 96.5%



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.

Flu Immunisations

We have received some initial information about the NHS Nursery and Primary School Based Flu Immunisations this year (Nursery-Year 6).

The immunisations will take place on Wednesday 9 October 2024.

You have been sent more detailed information and an e-consent form. If you are unable to access this e-consent form, please ask the school office for a paper copy.

Parents are advised to complete the online consent forms even if they don't wish for their child to be vaccinated.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT PARENTS MUST CONTACT THE IMMUNISATION TEAM REGARDING ANY QUERIES. All communication must be to the team and not to school as they hold all the relevant information. Helpline number is 0151 247 6130.

If you change your mind about your child having the flu immunisation having submitted the consent form, you must contact the team directly before Wednesday 9 October.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024 - 2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
SCHOOL OPENS	Tuesday 3 September
HALF TERM	Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November
SCHOOL CLOSES	Friday 20 December
INSET DAYS	Monday 2 September

SPRING TERM 2025	
SCHOOL OPENS	Monday 6 January
HALF TERM	Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February
SCHOOL CLOSES	Friday 4 April
INSET DAY	Monday 24 February

SUMMER TERM 2025	
SCHOOL OPENS	Tuesday 22 April
HALF TERM	Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May
SCHOOL CLOSES	Friday 18 July
SCHOOL CLOSED (BANK HOLIDAY)	Monday 5 May
INSET DAYS	Monday 2 June Monday 21 July Tuesday 22 July

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025 - 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
SCHOOL OPENS	Tuesday 2 September
HALF TERM	Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October
SCHOOL CLOSES	Friday 19 December
INSET DAY	Monday 1 September

SPRING TERM 2026	
SCHOOL OPENS	Tuesday 6 January
HALF TERM	Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February
SCHOOL CLOSES	Friday 27 March
INSET DAYS	Monday 5 January Monday 23 February

SUMMER TERM 2026	
SCHOOL OPENS	Monday 13 April
HALF TERM	Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May
SCHOOL CLOSES	Friday 17 July
SCHOOL CLOSED (BANK HOLIDAY)	Monday 4 May
INSET DAYS	Monday 1 June Monday 20 July