



Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025

End of Half Term!

The last eight weeks have flown by! As we wrap up Autumn 1, it's been wonderful to see how well our children have settled into their new classes.

Our Nursery and Reception children have been working hard, embracing school life and learning with enthusiasm!

The children deserve a good rest after such a busy half-term, so I hope they enjoy a lovely holiday. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and I am sure they will appreciate the break too!

We will see you all on Monday 3 November 2025!



Dates for the diary...

27th October – 31st October 2025 – Half Term

31st October 2025 – Secondary school admissions closing date.

10th November 2025 – Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week

13th November 2025 – Flu Immunisations

18th November 2025 – School Photograph Day!

Important Reminders

Children should have a pair of trainers to wear when playing games outdoors and a pair of pumps for indoor use. A pair of pumps and a pair of shorts should be left in school for children to wear for their gymnastics lessons. Children are able to come into school in their P.E kit of trainers and tracksuit bottoms but they are not able to wear these items when using the gym equipment so need shorts and pumps in school. Pumps cannot be worn outside as this damages the grip needed for gymnastics.

P.E Kit:

Black shorts

Black plain tracksuit

Plain white t-shirt

Plain black slip on pumps (for indoor use)

Trainers (for outdoor use)

It is important that if the children are wearing their tracksuit or shorts for P.E lessons they should be plain black. There should not be any images, logos or stripes. Leggings are not part of our P.E uniform, children should wear a tracksuit.

Long Hair

Long hair should be tied back for school. For safety reasons in P.E lessons, it is essential that long hair is tied back.

Make-up and Nail Varnish

Children should not wear any make-up for school and will be given a facial wipe to remove it if they do. Nail varnish shouldn't be worn for school and children are not allowed to come to school wearing acrylic or artificial nails.

Earrings

Children should wear small stud earrings. Again for safety reasons, we ask that earrings are not worn on days that the children have P.E lessons (this includes swimming sessions). If children forget, they will be asked to remove the earrings. If they are unable to remove the earrings independently, then unfortunately they will not be able to take part in the P.E lesson.

School Shoes

School shoes should be black sensible shoes or black trainers.

House Team Competition

This week, the winning team was **ABBY** ! Well done!



1. **ABBY** (3703 points)

2. **MILL** (3629 points)

3. **VALLEY** (3542 points)

4. **ROSE** (3491 points)





Cross Country

Last Tuesday, we took a team of children from Year 4-6 to take part in the Sefton Schools' third race of the season. All of the children were brilliant and showed so much determination to navigate a tricky course which was over one mile long.



All of the teams can be proud of themselves and it was amazing to see some of our children finish in medal positions!

We had 1st, 2nd and 3rd from our Year 6 Girls' team and we also had Lucy finish 3rd in the Year 4 race!

The final two races of the season are in February and March 2026 with details released closer to the dates.



Harvest Assemblies

We had a great time during our Harvest assemblies this year!

The children came along with their partner classes which brought a lot of excitement. We were fortunate to have two lovely assemblies led by our Head Pupils, who reminded us all of the importance of gratitude, even for the little things that often go unnoticed.

I would like to say thank you to our fantastic KS2 children, who took great care of their younger peers, and set a great example – showing such kindness.

We are also grateful for all of your food donations which have been sent to the South Sefton Foodbank. Your generosity will make a real difference to families in need.

Thank you once again for your support!



GAME TIME!

Children can wear their own clothes as well as any Pudsey accessories/merchandise.



Bring a Board Game Day!

Friday 14th November 2025

We are excited to announce a special Bring a Board Game Day in support of Children in Need.

At the request of our School Council, children are invited to bring their favourite board game into school to enjoy playing with friends. During the afternoon, the children will have the opportunity to play together across their year group, encouraging teamwork, sharing, and lots of fun!

Important reminders:

- Please make sure your child's board game is clearly labelled with their name.
- Games should be suitable for sharing and age-appropriate.
- Children remain responsible for their game throughout the day.
- Electronic games/consoles are not allowed – just good old-fashioned board games!

This is a wonderful chance for children to relax, connect with others, and support a fantastic cause. Thank you for your generosity in helping us raise money for Children in Need.

We kindly ask for a £1 donation per child, with all proceeds going to

Children in Need.

Netball

Last week, a group of children from Year 6 attended a netball event at Maricourt High School. The children played three games against other local schools.

Despite losing the first game, the children played remarkably well and showed some excellent teamwork skills. The children then went on to win the next two games 7-0 and 7-1. This was the children's first time playing together however this did not show, they passed the ball beautifully and scored some incredible goals.

This is the first of three netball events this year and we are now looking forward to the next one in the spring term. Well done everyone!

Book Fair

Come to our book fair and spot the books you'll love to read!

Dates: Tuesday 18th November, Wednesday 19th November & Friday 21st November 2025

Time: After School

Location: Small Hall

Please see more information about the bookfair on the attachment posted on the Dojo class story!

Anti-Bullying Week 2025




Anti-Bullying Week will take place during the week beginning **Monday 10th November** and has the theme 'Power for Good'. The week will begin with '**Odd Socks' Day**. All that the children need to do is wear odd socks to school that day! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique for Anti-bullying Week! The week will be launched with assemblies for each Key Stage led by Bully Busters. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors (ABAs) will help to lead some sessions and activities during the week in different year groups to discuss and understand the important messages about Anti-bullying. This link provides further information for parents about Anti-bullying week.



<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/parents-and-carers>

The children in school learn that the definition of bullying is...

Repeated negative behaviour that is intended to make others feel upset, uncomfortable or unsafe.

Verbal 	Indirect 	Physical 
<p>Verbal bullying behaviour is the repeated, negative use of speech, sign language or verbal gestures to intentionally hurt others</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using hurtful words • using discriminatory or offensive language or swear words. 	<p>Indirect bullying behaviour is the repeated, negative use of actions which are neither physical nor verbal to intentionally hurt others</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spreading rumours • purposefully excluding another person • damaging or stealing someone's property • cyberbullying 	<p>Physical bullying behaviour is the repeated, negative use of body contact to intentionally hurt others</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • kicking • punching • slapping • inappropriate touching • spitting

Here in Aintree Davenhill, we **DO NOT** tolerate any form of bullying. Our computing and PSHE curriculum teaches children about bullying, cyberbullying and staying safe when online. It is vitally important that parents and carers at home reinforce these messages also. The best way to protect your child from cyberbullying is to take an active interest right from the start. They need your love and protection online as much as they do in the real world. What your child is exposed to will depend on how they're using the internet. For example, social network users are more likely to experience cyberbullying, see sexual or violent images, or have contact with strangers. The link below provides lots of useful advice and support for parents.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/all-about-bullying/online-bullying/what-online-bullying>

School Term Dates 2025–2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

INSET DAY - Monday 01st September 2025

SCHOOL OPENS - Tuesday 02nd September 2025

HALF TERM - Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025

SCHOOL CLOSES - Friday 19th December 2025

SPRING TERM 2026

INSET DAY - Monday 05TH January 2026

SCHOOL OPENS - Tuesday 06th January 2026

HALF TERM - Monday 16th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026

INSET DAY - Monday 23rd February 2026

SCHOOL CLOSES - Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM 2026

SCHOOL OPENS - Monday 13th April 2026

BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 04th May 2026

HALF TERM - Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026

INSET DAY - Monday 01st June 2026

SCHOOL CLOSES - Friday 17th July 2026

INSET DAY - Monday 20th July 2026

Home-School Partnership

We know how important it is to work closely with you as parents as we know how much of a difference it can make to the children's educational outcomes.

We value you sharing any information about your child that will help us to support them in school - we want them to feel happy and safe. We are also happy to discuss any concerns that you have about any of our procedures or our approach.

We would ask that you do come and speak to us in these instances as a face to face conversation or a phone call provides the opportunity for us to ask questions in order to find out further information that might be needed.

ClassDojo messages are great for sending quick messages but not for matters that need far more information.

We understand that you will be concerned if your child comes home from school upset - this is something we would not want to happen, and we will make every effort to investigate your concerns and try to resolve them as quickly as possible.

We ask that you speak respectfully to the member of staff at school who is trying to help you without shouting at them.

MADCOS (Maghull and District Cluster of Primary and High Schools) Code of Conduct

MADCOS has created a Code of Conduct that we are asking all parents of children attending MADCOS schools to support and adhere to. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with it.

Let's work together for the good of our children!

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 Thursday 13 November 2025.

You will be 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. The 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 Thursday 13 November 2025.

Home Reading

We would ask for your help with your child's reading. It is so important that all of our children continue to practise to read regularly. Whilst adults in school make every effort to hear the children read, we are not able to do this as often as we would like and so we would ask that you hear your child read at home at least three times a week.

Team Around the School

Janie Cowley, an Early Help Worker, and Bryony McIntyre, a social worker, will be in school every Wednesday. If any parents would like to drop in and ask for any help or support, they would be more than happy to speak to you. If you would like to call them instead, their work numbers are below:

Janie Cowley - 07815645471

Bryony McIntyre - 07967334387

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 2026 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 2025.



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.

Are You Missing Out?

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a free school meal regardless of their family's income, however by registering for means tested free school meals, if your child is eligible, school will receive additional funding from the 'pupil premium' grant. This enables us to offer;

- targeted additional support for an aspect of their learning
- free places at our Breakfast Club
- free school jumpers or cardigans
- support to pay for school trips
- support to pay for your child to be included in after school activities that have a fee

If you think you may be entitled to means tested free school meals please contact your local authority.

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals/>

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/education-and-schools/financial-support/free-school-meals>



Early Years School Tours

We are holding a number of early years school tours for September 2026 Nursery and Reception applicants.

Thursday 27th November 2025 10:15am

Wednesday 7th January 2026 2:30pm

If you would like to book onto a tour please contact the school office on 0151 5261162 or by email admin.aintreedavenhill@schools.sefton.gov.uk

We look forward to welcoming you and showing you our wonderful school.

Snack and Packed Lunch Reminders

As part of our ongoing commitment to being a 'healthy school', we would just like to remind you that at break times, the following snacks are permitted:

- Fruit
- Veg
- Cereal bars
- Crackers, rice cakes etc.
- Yoghurt (e.g. frubes etc.)

We ask that you avoid giving your child crisps, pastries, chocolate covered items, etc. during break times.

Packed lunches should also not contain any sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks. Such snacks can have a detrimental effect on children's focus throughout the day. We suggest a biscuit/small cake as a treat in packed lunches. We are a 'nut aware' school and so would ask that children do not bring to school any food that contains nuts as children within our school can have a severe allergic reaction even to indirect contact with nuts.

As part of our weekly PSHE lessons, we work hard on teaching the children about good nutrition and a healthy, balanced diet. We ensure the children are aware that such treats are fine on occasion, however, staff have become increasingly concerned by the amount of less healthy snacks that are being consumed on a daily basis on the playground and in the lunchroom.

We appreciate your ongoing support. If you have any queries or concerns, please speak directly with your class teacher.

Sefton Social Care Advice Line for SEND

In recognition that families of children and young people with complex needs and special educational needs often need a bit more support, Sefton has launched a Social Care Advice Line for SEND.

This advice line is staffed by two experienced social workers with a good knowledge of the Local Offer in Sefton. Parents are invited to use this phone number to find out more about what a Social Care assessment for a child entails to help families make an informed decision before approaching Social Care, and to talk about what other help might be available. Voicemails will be responded to within 7 days at which point the social worker will return the call for a discussion.

The telephone number for our Social Care Advice Line for SEND is 0151 934 2196.

The social workers will not create a referral or record any family details when families ring for advice using this phone number.

All referrals for social care assessment or concerns about a child should continue to be referred through our Integrated Front Door. Please note, this number is not the contact number for the duty social worker in our Children with Complex Needs service and should not be used for this purpose.

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SCHOOL CLOSES - Friday 18th December 2026

SPRING TERM 2027

INSET DAY - Monday 04th January 2027

SCHOOL OPENS - Tuesday 05th January 2027

HALF TERM - Monday 15th February 2027 - Friday 19th February 2027

INSET DAY - Monday 22nd February 2027

SCHOOL CLOSES - Thursday 25th March 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027

SCHOOL OPENS - Monday 12th April 2027

BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 03rd May 2027

HALF TERM - Monday 31st May 2027- Friday 04th June 2027

INSET DAY - Monday 07th June 2027

SCHOOL CLOSES - Tuesday 20th July 2027

INSET DAY - Wednesday 21st July 2027