



Newsletter

Friday 12th December 2025

End of the Autumn Term

As we reach the end of the autumn term, it's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown! This term is one of the longest, and we have been incredibly busy. It's wonderful to see how well the children have settled into their new year groups and the progress they have made.

We would like to extend our thanks to parents, for prioritising your child's reading at home. Your support truly makes a significant difference to their learning journey, and we appreciate the time and effort you dedicate to this important aspect of their education.

A huge thank you also goes to our staff, who have supported the children and their families in many ways this term. Their commitment and hard work do not go unnoticed.

We hope you have a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on the first day of the Spring Term – Tuesday 6 January 2026.

Final 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 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 assemblies. Your child's attendance matters at all times of the year!

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 ROSE ! Well done!



1. ROSE 4551 points)

2. ABBEY (4336 points)

3. VALLEY (4327 points)

4. MILL (4295) points)



Attendance

This week, we will be reviewing children's attendance for the Autumn term. Sefton LA asks 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 445 pupils and take into consideration medical appointments when we review attendance.

As we mentioned in our newsletter at the start of the school year, we want to remind you that if your child is absent from school for five consecutive days, a member of our Senior Leadership Team may conduct a home visit. This is part of our commitment to your child's welfare.

While we always aim to inform you before a welfare visit, this will typically be done via Class Dojo. Please understand that we are not able to make phone calls prior to visits, as we could be visiting multiple homes in one day. Additionally, unforeseen circumstances at school may prevent us from adhering to a specific time for the visit.

Furthermore, our Sefton Attendance Support Officer will also be making home visits for children whose attendance is below 90% and who have an attendance plan in place. This is part of Sefton's attendance procedures.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Reception 2026-27 Admission Deadline

Just a reminder that the admissions deadline for making an application for starting Reception is 15 January 2026.



Santa Dash

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Santa dash on Wednesday, participating in the run with their partner classes and a dance at the end! We want to say a huge thank you to the older children who looked after the younger children during the run. It was lovely to see their kindness and care. The children really enjoyed the treats they received at the end of the run which were kindly provided by the FODS. If your child was able to collect some sponsors, we would appreciate it if any kind donations could be sent into school. We are very grateful for all your support.



Nativities



Our Reception, and KS1 children performed exceptionally well during their nativity performances over the last two weeks. It was great to see their enthusiasm and joy on stage, and we know that you will have loved seeing them take part. They loved performing for you, too!

Thank you to the staff, who worked hard to prepare the children and ensure everything ran smoothly.

Next week, we are excited for the Nursery sing-a-long. We look forward to seeing our youngest children perform and share more festive cheer. Thank you for joining with us to celebrate this season!

Girls' Football

Aintree Davenhill Girls' team have had a busy few weeks and have continued their unbeaten start to the season. They played St Thomas's and had an impressive victory of 9 - 0 and they also played St Georges and drew 3 -3. They have shown excellent teamwork and determination in both their matches which they have played. They have shown confident passing and sharp finishing as well as showcasing great sportsmanship and skill. Well done.



Netball

The Year 6 netball team played a friendly match against Melling last week. For most, this was their first ever competitive game of netball. The match finished 8-4 to Davenhill and the children showcased some amazing netball skills. They worked brilliantly as a team and were led superbly by their captain Lucas Savage. Well done to everyone who played.

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.

Christmas at Aintree Davenhill



Christmas Dates for the Diary



With Christmas around the corner we have some dates for your diary to make sure you don't miss out on the festive fun!

05th December 2025: Reception Nativity Performance

09th December 2025: Santa Dash

10th December 2025: Christmas Lunch

11th December 2025: Year 2 Nativity Performance

12th December 2025: Year 1 Nativity Performance

15th December 2025: Year 5 & 6 Christmas Parties

16th December 2025: Year 3 & 4 Christmas Parties

17th December 2025: Nursery Singalong for Parents

17th December 2025: School Discos

Children can come to school in their own clothes with appropriate footwear.

19th December 2025: End of Term - School Finishes at 12:30pm

