



Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2025

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to see the children return after the holidays, and we've enjoyed hearing all about their adventures! They have settled in really well, and the teachers are pleased with how positively they have returned to their work.

As we embark on the National Year of Reading, we are excited about the opportunities this brings for our children. We know how crucial it is for them to develop a love of reading, as well as strong reading skills that will support their learning across the curriculum. This journey begins with our youngest learners, making significant progress in their phonics during the Early Years and Year 1. We are so grateful to your commitment to supporting your children at home with reading. This will make so much difference to them not only during their time in education but in life too. We look forward to sharing more about our reading initiatives and celebrating the joy of reading together!

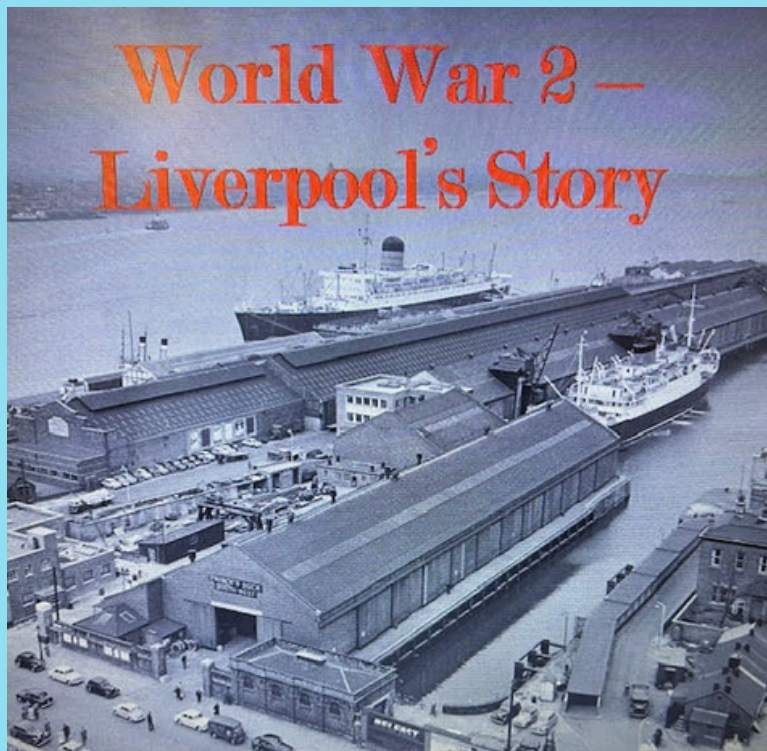
Class Assemblies

The children are really excited about performing their class assemblies for parents this term. We ask that when you come into school to watch the children perform you do not take photographs or make recordings to ensure the safety of all our children. Thank you.

6E Class Assembly

Class 6E delivered a fantastic assembly this week, focusing on World War 2 and the Liverpool Blitz. The children really brought the topic to life with amazing costumes and clear, concise facts—it felt just like a living history lesson! The audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance, especially the singing of 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary.' We would like to extend a special thank you to our parents for your wonderful support with the costumes.

Well done 6E and a big thank you to Mr Ellis, Mrs Brown and Miss Branford for their hard work in helping the children to prepare! Great work, 6E!



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 **ABBEY**! Well done!



1. **ABBEY** (3292 points)

2. **VALLEY** (3211 points)

3. **MILL** (3183 points)

4. **ROSE** (3044 points)





Aintree Davenhill Year of Reading



At Aintree Davenhill, we place great importance on promoting the joy of reading for pleasure. Reading is a fundamental skill that opens doors to a wealth of knowledge and imagination. It is our aim that our pupils embrace reading as a lifelong hobby.

That's why we are thrilled to be part of the government's National Year of Reading strategy! The National Year of Reading 2026 is a special initiative designed to help children and adults across the UK enjoy reading even more.

This year, we encourage everyone to explore all kinds of stories, books, comics, magazines, websites, and even audiobooks, all under the exciting theme 'GO All IN'. Throughout the year, we will be organising special activities to foster a love for reading within our school community.

Additionally, local libraries and communities will host fun events and challenges to help everyone discover a type of reading they adore. To find out about some lovely events happening nearby in the coming months, please click on this link: [Local Events](#).

We will keep you updated about all the exciting things we do in school to celebrate reading!

Get Away 'N' Stay Safe Project

We are delighted that Tesco Stronger Starts have selected Aintree Davenhill Primary for the customer vote in Tesco stores. Our project Get Away 'N' Get Safe is an inspiring programme delivered by a former Probation Officer which we hope will empower Year 6 children to reject a gang lifestyle.

Voting will commence from mid-January 2026 until the end of March 2026 in the following stores: Kirkby Express L32 2AE, Fazakerley Longmoor Lane Express L9 OEF and Fazakerley Longmoor Lane Express L10 9LF

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here: <http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

To vote, you will need to make a purchase of any value within store. You will receive one token per transaction.

Thank you for your support

EYFS and Key Stage 1 Reading

We would like to remind you of the fantastic resource we have for home reading. We are lucky to have access to the Oxford Owl e-book library which includes a wealth of free e-books for your child to choose from as well as our home reading books for phonics. Home reading is essential for speedy progress through our phonics scheme and beyond. The homework expectation for all children is that they read at home at least 3 times each week. Children from Reception to Year 2 have received login details from their teacher, they can access the student area by logging in at www.oxfordowl.co.uk. For support logging in please watch the short clip linked here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCRa6gROth8>

If you have an issues accessing the e-books or require a hard copy of your child's reading book then please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible so they can continue to read at home.

Cross Country

After a brilliant first half of our Cross Country season, 7 of our children have been selected to represent Sefton Schools in the upcoming Merseyside County Primary Schools Cross Country Championship on 31st January. All children who have taken part so far have represented our school brilliantly and we hope that they continue to do so for our final two races!



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.