



Newsletter

Friday 13th February 2025

5B Class Assembly

Well done to 5B, for their exciting assembly on the Victorians – the children looked fantastic in their costumes. 5B shared their enjoyment of learning and spoke confidently to the audience.

It was great to see their enthusiasm for the topic, and their eagerness to plan and present the information in an engaging way.

Thank you to Mr Briscoe and Mrs Leicester for helping the children prepare.

3C Class Assembly

What a fantastic way to end the half-term with 3C's assembly this week! The children showcased their impressive knowledge of the Stone Age, and their great acting truly brought to life the differences between Stone Age and modern-day life.

We all enjoyed the 'Living in the Stone Age' song, and I'm sure everyone who watched the assembly found themselves singing it for the rest of the day! A huge well done to 3C!

I would also like to thank to Miss Clarke and Miss Evans for their support in helping the children prepare for the assembly!

Wishing you all a restful half-term break.

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 VALLEY! Well done!



1. VALLEY (3373 points)

2. ABBEY (3292 points)

3. MILL (3121 points)

4. ROSE (3041 points)



Attendance – Punctuality

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children attend school every day. Your partnership makes a real difference to their success and wellbeing.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving late to school and this is having an impact on not only the children who are arriving late but also the rest of the school. Even a few minutes late each day can have a significant impact on your child's learning.

Why being on time matters:

- The school day starts promptly, and important learning begins straight away.
- Morning lessons start with phonics, reading or morning maths and key instructions for the day.
- Arriving on time helps children settle calmly and confidently into their learning.
- It supports good routines and positive attitudes to school.

When a child arrives late, they may:

- Miss key explanations that make the rest of the lesson harder to understand.
- Feel unsettled or embarrassed entering the classroom after others have started.
- Need extra support to catch up.

The impact of being 10 minutes late each day can be considerable. Over a year, this time can total approximately 4-5 school days. That is nearly a full week of learning missed across the school year.

When a number of children arrive late:

- Office staff are taken away from their duties to escort children to class.
- Lessons are disrupted as children enter after teaching has begun.
- Valuable teaching time is lost across multiple classes.

This affects not only the children who are late, but the smooth running of the entire school.

How you can help:

- Aim to arrive at school a few minutes early.
- Prepare bags, uniforms, and lunches the night before.
- Establish a consistent morning routine at home.

Your support ensures that every child starts the day ready to learn and helps our school run smoothly for everyone.

Thank you for working with us to give the children the very best start each day.

Attendance – Appointments

As we continue to work together to support our children's education, I would like to remind you of our policy regarding appointments during school hours. Whenever possible, we kindly ask that appointments are scheduled outside of the school day. If this is not feasible, please ensure that your child is away from school for the least amount of time necessary to attend their appointment.

To streamline communication, we request that all information regarding appointments, including any evidence of the appointment, be sent directly to the school office. This will help us keep our Senior Leadership Team informed and ensure that we are all on the same page regarding your child's attendance.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Ofsted Update

Whilst our last inspection was only in 2023, we thought this information may be helpful for parents to understand the changes. The link below will take you to a page which explains Ofsted report cards for your child's education, including a video and guidance on what's changed from the old system.

[Understanding Ofsted report cards and grades](#)

Collecting Children from the Office

If you haven't yet completed your password form and returned it to school, we would ask that you do so as soon as possible.



World Book Day – Thursday 5 March 2026

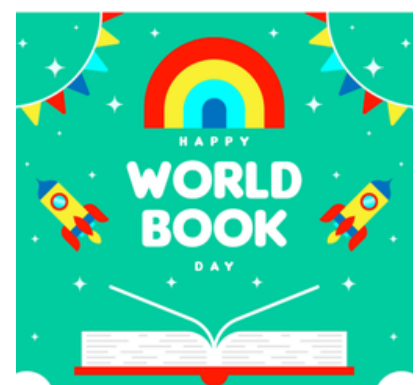


World Book Day 2026 will be on Thursday 5 March 2026. This is a great opportunity for children to share the joy of reading for pleasure.

To celebrate World Book Day, your child will bring home a £1 book token. Use it to get a FREE book! Simply take it to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at worldbookday.com/participating-retailers

As requested by our School Council and our Reading Champions, we're excited to announce that the children can come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book or comic book. Please encourage them to bring in the book their character is from. It could even be a character from one of the fantastic free books you can buy with the World Book Day book token. Alternatively, children are welcome to wear their own clothes and bring in their favourite book instead.

Also, we are excited to announce an art competition to celebrate World Book Day 2026. Children are invited to draw their favourite character from a book or comic. They can use any drawing materials they like, and creativity is strongly encouraged. There will be prizes awarded for the best drawings, and selected artwork will be displayed in the library to celebrate our love of reading. Please pass entries into the class teacher before Thursday 5 March. We look forward to seeing the wonderful characters the children choose to bring to life.





Football



Our Year 6 football team put in a fantastic performance at the recent schools' tournament, showing great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. Competing against strong opposition, the children were brilliant and played with confidence and resilience. After a series of exciting matches, the teams finished in an impressive 2nd and 3rd place, a real achievement that reflects the pupils' hard work, positive attitudes and commitment. All players represented the school superbly and should be very proud of their efforts.



Well Done!

Well done to George in Year 6 who was chosen as 'man of the match' twice in a month when playing for his team AFC Knowsley. Fantastic, George!





FODS – Raffle Tickets



Don't miss your chance to win big while supporting a great cause. [Earlier this term, raffle tickets were sent home for our adult raffle, if you haven't yet returned your tickets please do so as soon as possible. There are lots of great gifts up for grabs!

If you would like tickets, they can be purchased at the school office. The big draw will take place on 27th February 2026.

Thank you for your continued generosity and spirit, we are grateful for the fantastic school community that we have.



FODS – Raffle Donations



The secret to a great raffle is, of course, the prizes. We are currently seeking voucher donations to fill our prize pool. We are calling on any businesses that would like to donate vouchers for the raffle! Any donation would be a great help and would go towards supporting our school community.

If you or your business can donate a voucher, please drop it off at the school office, or email: fodchair.aintreedavenhill@schools.sefton.gov.uk

TT Rockstars Tournament

A huge well done to all children who took part in our NSPCC TT Rockstars Tournament. We had thousands of times table questions answered as part of the tournament and pictured below, are the top three children from each class. After the first round, class 4B and 5B reached the final with 4B narrowly finishing as overall champions. Well done everybody!



FODS – Clothing and Ink Cartridges Collections

Any used ink cartridges you can't seem to get rid of? Head to our main office where there is a box to dispose of them in!

We still have our clothing collection, any clothes you wish to donate please drop in the 'Roberts Clothing Box' which can be found by the year 2 entrance.



Calling New Members!

If anyone would be interested in joining the FODS team, please email:
fodchair.aintreedavenhill@schools.sefton.gov.uk

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.