



Friday 20th March 2025

Eton Drive and Atholl Crescent Gates Closure from 13.04.26

In our last newsletter, I informed you about the decision to close the Eton Drive gate after Easter. Following the recent hoax incident in the Merseyside area, some parents have expressed concerns regarding the number of entry and exit points for our school site.

Whilst our caretakers are committed to minimising the time the gates are open, the size of our site means this can take some time. We have listened to your views and have now decided to close both the Atholl Crescent and Eton Drive gates after Easter.

The Aintree Lane Field and the Aintree Lane gates will be the only entry/exit points moving forward.

I kindly ask that parents continue to park away from the school site and walk their children to school to minimise traffic congestion. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Warm Weather Uniform Alternatives



As we look forward to returning after the Easter break, we hope for warmer weather! This is a reminder that children are welcome to wear alternative uniform options during the warmer months.

Mid grey shorts

Pale blue and white gingham school dress

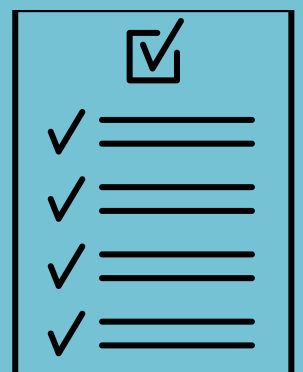
Summer hat or baseball cap

Continue to wear black shoes with no heel or plain black trainers (Children should not wear sandals or white trainers/pumps for school.)

We ask that children do not come to school wearing acrylic nails. For safety reasons, children with acrylic nails will not be able to participate in P.E. lessons or lunchtime coaching sessions. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

Amazing Attendance

Well done to class RG and class 5S whose attendance has been excellent over the last two weeks!



New Reporting an Absence Procedures

We wanted to take a moment to inform you about a slight change in our procedures regarding how you notify us when your child is absent from school.

On the first day of absence, you can reach out to us either by phone or through a ClassDojo message. It is essential to provide a brief reason for your child's absence. For instance, if your child is unwell, please share a few details about their illness.

If your child is absent for more than one day, we kindly ask that you call the school to discuss their absence with a member of our Administrative Team or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. This allows us to ensure we are providing the best support for your child during their time away.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain a strong partnership for the benefit of your child's education.

FODS

We would like to say a huge thank you to the FODS team for all their hard work organising the adult raffle, the Easter raffle and the discos this term. We are so grateful for the FODS members' willingness to give up their free time to help the children at Aintree Davenhill. Their support has made a massive difference to the school and the children have benefited immensely from the items they have purchased for us.



Netball Tournament



Last week our Year 6 netball team played their final matches of the 25/26 MADCOS league. They had a tough few games to play against St John Bosco and Holy Rosary in order to play to secure 1st place. They won both of these games and were announced winners of the league. We are very proud of everyone who has contributed throughout the year. They have shown remarkable team work, enthusiasm and skill. Well done everyone!



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 MILL ! Well done!



1. MILL (3099 points)
2. VALLEY (3062 points)
3. ROSE (3008 points)
4. ABBEY (2746 points)





World Book Day Art Competition

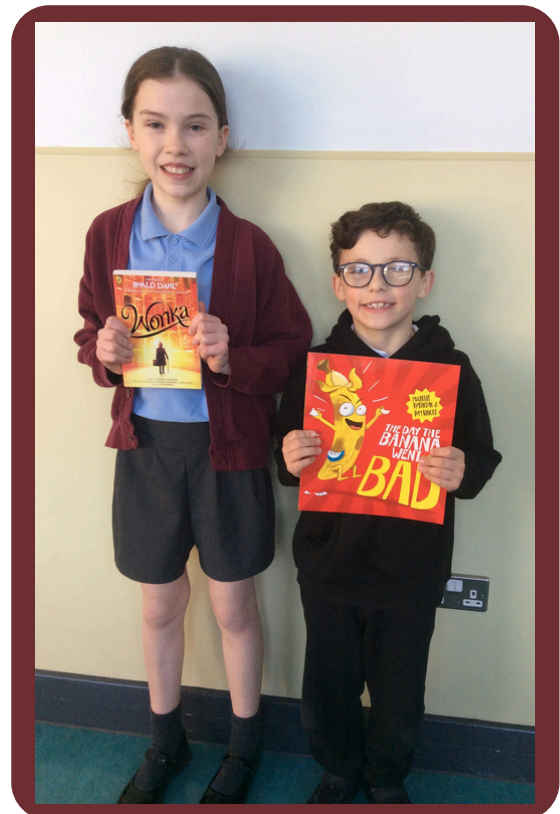


Thank you to all the children who took part in our World Book Day art competition. We were delighted to receive so many fantastic entries, with children creating wonderful drawings of their favourite book characters. It was lovely to see such enthusiasm for reading and creativity across the school.

Our Reading Champions had the very important job of looking through all the entries and choosing a winner from each year group. They were very impressed by the effort, imagination and artistic talent shown by everyone who entered.

Each class winner received a book as a prize, and their drawings will be proudly displayed in the school library for everyone to enjoy.

Well done to all of the winners, and a big thank you to every child who took part. We hope the competition has inspired even more reading and creativity.



2M Class Assembly

2M's assembly was a wonderful celebration of Kenya! The children spoke so confidently, and their performance was enjoyed by us all. The children's singing of a song in Swahili was amazing, and we all enjoyed their dance to 'Waka Waka' at the end. I'm sure everyone who watched the assembly now feels inspired to visit Kenya! A big thank you to Mrs McGowan and Mrs Bentley for their hard work in helping the children prepare for this fantastic assembly. Well done, 2M! We are so proud of you all.

4N Class Assembly

4N's class assembly helped us to consider people who inspire us! The assembly highlighted many of our core school values, including inspiration, courage, determination, equality, and excellence. 4N delivered an important message: we don't need to be famous to inspire others; our everyday acts of kindness can make a significant impact. Well done, 4N, for your fantastic performance! There was some great acting on display! Thank you to Mr Barker and Mrs Payne for their support in helping the children prepare for the assembly.



Congratulations

Mr Agar is getting married over the Easter holidays and we would like to wish him all the very best for his special day!

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!

Goodbye

Mrs Swanepoel leaves Aintree Davenhill next Friday to take up another job outside of education. We would like to thank Mrs Swanepoel for her enthusiasm, care and commitment to school and for all her hard work over a number of years. We wish her all the very best in her new role.

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.

Cross Country – Final Race off the Season

A huge congratulations to all of our runners who have taken part in a cross country event this season. We have been well represented across the year groups with lots of children taking part. The final league tables have been sent through and we are delighted to announce that our Year 5/6 Girls' Team have again won the Cross Country League. Our Year 4 Girls' team managed to finish in third place overall.

Well done to every child who has taken part and we look forward to lots more getting involved next year!



Cross Country – National Championships

We would like to send good luck to Isla, Halle and Lucy who have been selected to represent Merseyside County in the National Championships at the weekend. They will be travelling to Loughborough to compete against the best in the country and have truly reached the highest level of primary school cross country racing.

Go and do yourselves proud!!



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.