



Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026



## Year 5 Trip



Year five enjoyed a trip near the end of term to Liverpool Philharmonic Hall to attend the school concerts. This is always a lovely event and children can experience classical music brought to life. The theme this year was 'Citizens of the Earth: Music for What Matters'.

There was a focus on environmental conservation as well as children's global rights. It was fantastic for the children to deepen their understanding of the instruments of the orchestra and the different sections as well as understand that classical music is for all. This is an annual event and we hope to participate next year.



## Year 6 Residential

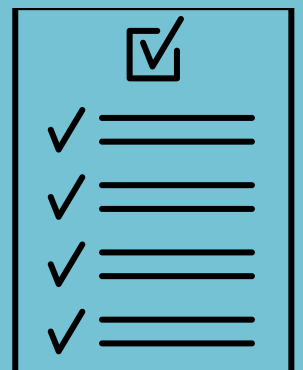


Before Easter, our Year 6 children had an unforgettable experience at Tower Wood in Windermere during their residential trip. They embraced a variety of outdoor adventurous activities both on-site and in the Lake District, including ghyll scrambling, hiking, caving, canoeing, and high ropes. The staff who attended were incredibly impressed by the children's fantastic behaviour and their eagerness to tackle new challenges. A huge well done to Year 6!

I would also like to extend my thanks to the seven dedicated members of staff from across the school who accompanied the children (Mrs Gibson, Mr Ellis, Mr Hardwick, Miss Boileau, Miss Branford, Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Dodd). Their willingness to leave their families for a few days and sacrifice their free time to ensure the safety and enjoyment of our children made this wonderful experience possible. I am truly grateful for their commitment and support.

## Amazing Attendance

Well done to class 2M and class 6E whose attendance has been excellent over the last two weeks!





# Scholastic Book Fair



This half term we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair. This will be an exciting opportunity to promote and celebrate reading in our school! The book fair will be open for families to visit at 3:20pm in the hall on Wednesday 29th April, Friday 1st May and Tuesday 5th May.

At the fair, you will be able to purchase and order a wide range of books for children of all ages. We will be accepting card payments, contactless and apple pay. No cash will be taken. We had an incredible response during our last book fair and it was clear that the children are really enthusiastic to read and buy new books. The funds raised from the last Book Fair were used to purchase books for each class. The children were able to choose their own books for their classrooms which was very exciting.

Your support at our Book Fairs enables us to continue to enhance the selection of books we have available in school. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Happy Retirement!

I would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to Mr Haworth, who will be retiring on Friday after many dedicated years as one of our caretakers at Aintree Davenhill. Mr Haworth has been an important part of our school community, ensuring that our environment is safe, clean, and welcoming for all children and staff.

We wish Mr Haworth all the best in his retirement and hope he enjoys this new chapter of his life. Thank you, Mr Haworth, for everything!

# 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 (1407 points)

2. MILL (1257 points)

3. ROSE (1184 points)

4. VALLEY (1174 points)



## 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.