



Aintree Davenhill Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9 October 2026

We have been thinking about our school values a lot and we have been so impressed with how the children are able to remember our values (equality, excellence, respect, friendship, inspiration, determination and courage). We are particularly proud that the children understand what these values mean and what we want them to look like at Aintree Davenhill. Well done, everyone!

WELL DONE!



Attendance

Well done to Year 5 and 6 whose attendance has been fantastic during the last two weeks!





Dates for the diary...

- **16 October** - Harvest Assemblies.
- **19 October** - School Tour for Nursey and Reception applicants - 2:30pm.
- **23 October** - Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
- **26 - 30 October** - Half Term
- **31 October** - National closing date for Secondary school applications
- **5 November** - Flu Immunisation
- **9 & 11 November** - Parents' Evening
- **13 November** - School Photographs

HOUSE TEAM COMPETITION

This week the winning house team is....

ROSE

2. Abbey- 4,131 with 4,425 points
3. Valley- 3,990
4. Mill- 3,954





Harvest Assemblies

Our Harvest assemblies will take place on **Friday 16 October 2026**. On the day of the assemblies, it would be great if the children could bring in some items of food that we will send to the South Sefton Food Bank.



Singing



As we have been preparing for our Harvest assembly, we have been learning songs that help the children to appreciate Harvest time but also understand the importance of being thankful for what we have and finding ways to help others. The children in both key stages have made us really proud of them because their singing has been superb!

Appointments

If your child has an appointment in the morning but it is not right at the start of the school day, please bring them into school as usual before taking them to their appointment.

Arriving at school, even for a short time, helps your child to settle into the day, join their classmates and take part in important morning learning and routines. It also supports a calm start and avoids them missing more school time than necessary.

After the appointment, please bring your child back to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Parents' Evening

You should of received a letter about parents evening which will be held on **Monday 9 and Wednesday 11 November 2026** from **3:30-6:15pm**. If you haven't done so already, please make sure that you contact your child's class teacher for an appointment time. It is vital that the teachers are able to speak to every parent about their child's attendance and progress this term.



Dodgeball



Last week, a group of Year 4 children proudly represented Aintree Davenhill in the MADCOS Dodgeball Competition. With 12 teams competing, our two teams played an impressive 11 games between them, showing fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

We are incredibly proud that our teams finished 3rd and 4th place! Well done to all the children who took part — you represented our school brilliantly!





Year 6 Secondary Admission Applications

For all children in Year 6, it is now time for parents and carers to apply for their child's place at secondary school for Year 7 2026 entry. Parents and carers who live in the Sefton area must make the application online using the Citizen Portal (Sefton's online application facility).



The national closing date for secondary school applications is
31 October 2026

Parents and carers living outside of Sefton will need to apply for a secondary school place for your child via the local authority in which you live in.

St Giles' 70th Anniversary

St Giles' will be marking its 70th anniversary with a community celebration on **Sunday 18 October from 2:00–6:30pm** at **St Giles Parish centre**. The event brings together great food and drink from Penthorpe & Azvex Brewery, Bernie's Kitchen and Berries and Bakes, plus live music and the St Giles social club bar will be open. Families are warmly welcomed, with free crafts for children and inflatables on the green (weather permitting). Each **£12 ticket (£13.50 via Eventbrite)** includes a branded pint glass, a beer worth up to £6, plus membership of our small social club bar. All are welcome to join this special milestone event. For tickets contact Rev Nathan on **revnathanthorpe@gmail.com** or telephone **07795158792**.

Flu Immunisations

The immunisations will take place on Thursday 5 November 2026.

Information and an e-consent form have been sent out. If you are unable to access this e-consent form, please ask the school office for a paper copy. Parents are advised to complete the online consent forms even if they don't wish for their child to be vaccinated.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT PARENTS MUST CONTACT THE IMMUNISATION TEAM REGARDING ANY QUERIES.

All communication must be to the team and not to school as they hold all the relevant information.

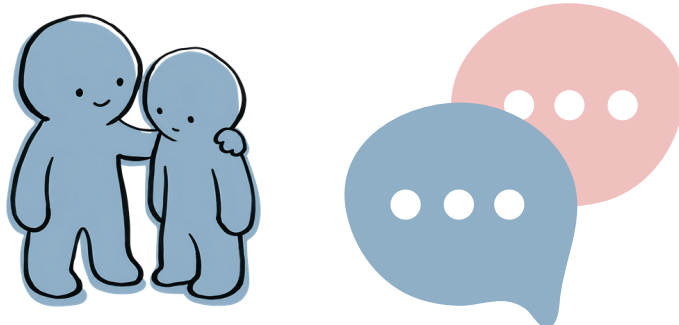
Helpline number is 0151 247 6130.

If you change your mind, about your child having flu immunisation having submitted the consent form, you must contact the team directly before Thursday 5 November 2026.

Team around the school

Janie Cowley, our Early Help Worker, will be in school every Wednesday. If any parents would like to drop in and ask for any help or support, she would be more than happy to speak to you. If you would like to call her instead, her work number is below:

Janie Cowley - 07815645471



The Big Survey



We would really appreciate your support in helping your child complete The Big Future survey, led by **Dame Rachel de Souza**, the Children's Commissioner for England.

The survey gives children and young people an important opportunity to share their views about what it is like to grow up in England today, including their experiences, concerns, hopes for the future and what they would like to see change.

The survey only takes around **5 minutes** to complete. Younger children may need some help reading or understanding the questions, but it is important that the answers reflect your child's own thoughts and views.

Please take a few minutes to sit with your child and support them in having their voice heard.

The survey can be completed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>



The closing date is Friday 23 October 2026.

Thank you very much for the support in helping our children have their say.

