Aintree Davenhill Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 23 October 2026

The last eight weeks have flown by – they seem to be going faster each year! As we come to the end of Autumn 1, it's been wonderful to see how well our children have settled into their new classes. Our Nursery and Reception children have been enjoying school life, working hard and developing their independence.

We have been extremely proud of our Year 1 and Year 2 children with how well they have conducted themselves around school. They set a fantastic example to others with their wonderful walking and our singing assemblies have been an absolute joy (I know Mrs McGowan agrees with me)!

A special mention to our Year 6 children who have matured so much this half-term. We have been really proud to see how they have made the most of each learning opportunity in class and have worked with focus. They have also set a superb example to the rest of KS2 during our assemblies. Well done, Year 6 – you have been stars!

The children deserve a good rest after such a busy half-term, so I hope they enjoy a lovely holiday. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and I am sure they will appreciate the break too!

We would like to say thank you for your support. We know that there are many, many parents who are so supportive of school and that is very much appreciated.



We will see you all on Monday 2 November 2026!



Attendance

The children's attendance has been absolutely fantastic this half-term and we finish the half-term with attendance of **96.6%** which is a significant improvement compared to this time last year. The children have benefited from this consistent attendance at school – they have settled well and they are making good progress with their learning. Thank you for all your support with this. We look forward to continuing in this positive way after half-term.

Dates for the diary...

- **26 - 30 October** - Half Term
- **31 October** - National closing date for Secondary school applications
- **5 November** - Flu Immunistation
- **9 & 11 November** - Parents' Evening
- **11 November** - School Tour for Nursey and Reception applicants - 10:00am.
- **13 November** - School Photographs
- **20 November** - Children in Need

HOUSE TEAM COMPETITION

This term's winning house team is....

ROSE

with 16,865 points

2. Abbey - 16,700
3. Valley - 15,690
4. Mill - 15,672







Children in Need

On **Friday 20 November 2026**, we will be raising money to support Children in Need. Children can wear their own clothes on the day, with Pudsey-related or spotty clothing if possible. It would be great if they could bring in a small donation, which will be sent to Children in Need.

Our School Council has chosen for the children to spend some time during the day playing board games with their partner classes. It would be lovely if the children could bring a board game into school with them so that everyone can enjoy this shared activity.

AINTREE DAVENHILL FOOTBALL

The Year 6 boys put in a determined performance against Holy Rosary in a competitive match. Despite the result not going Davenhill's way, the boys showed great effort, teamwork and a positive attitude throughout. As the game progressed, the team grew in confidence and there were some encouraging moments of play, with the boys continuing to work hard for one another. Well done to all the players for their commitment and determination!



Poppy Appeal

When we return after half-term, our School Council will be collecting donations for the Poppy Appeal at playtimes and lunchtimes so that we can support our Armed Forces community. The collections will continue until **Tuesday 10 November 2026.**

Parents' Evening

You should have 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.





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.

Scholastic Book Fair

Next half term we will be holding our first Scholastic Book Fair of the new school year. This will 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 corridor outside the large hall. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 17th November (Nursery and Reception)
Wednesday 18th November (Year 1 and Year 2)
Thursday 19th November (Year 3 and Year 4)
Friday 20th November (Year 5 and Year 6)

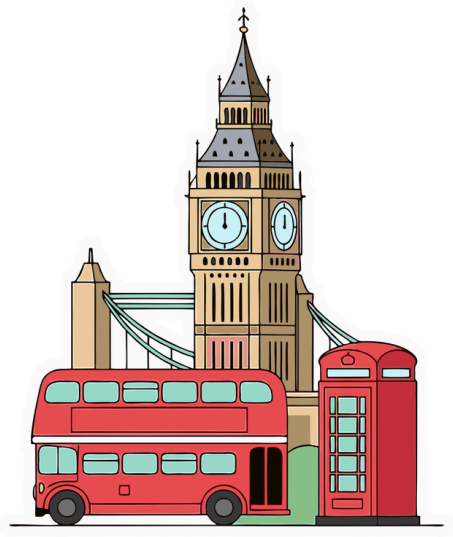
Families with more than one child in school can choose to visit on any one of the year groups' days applicable to your children.

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 Fair enables us to continue to enhance the selection of books we have available in school. We look forward to seeing you there!



Great Fire of London Theatre Show



Year 2 enjoyed a theatre show from the Trunk Theatre Company as part of their history topic on the Great Fire of London. The children were thoroughly entertained as they watched the different characters, such as Samuel Pepys and the Lord Mayor try and tackle the fire! Year 2 have loved this history topic and they have been able to recall so many facts about what happened in 1666. Well done Year 2!







Cross Country

So far this season, we have taken part in three league races and one local race with our cluster of schools. We have taken more than 50 children from Year 3-6 to each event, and they have performed so well. All children have represented Aintree Davenhill with pride and we look forward to our final two fixtures in February and March, to see how the league finishes.

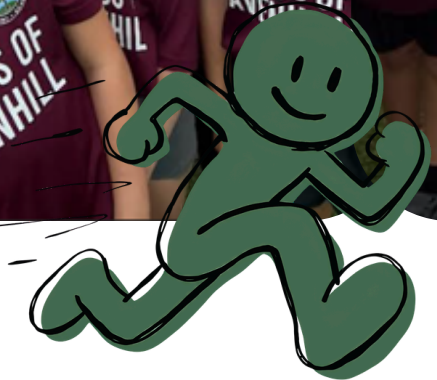
Well done!











Take 10 to Read!

As part of the National Year of Reading, some of our classes took part in the National Literacy Trust's Take 10 to Read Guinness World Record attempt on Thursday 8th October. Children brought in their favourite books from home and enjoyed taking time out of their busy school day to share in the joy of reading. They also watched a live author event, inspiring them with stories and celebrating the magic of books. It was a fantastic opportunity to encourage a love of reading and remind everyone how enjoyable reading can be!



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 contact her instead, her email is below:

Janie Cowley - Janie.Cowley@sefton.gov.uk

