



DATES

SEPTEMBER

Friday 27th – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Monday 16th – Carbon monoxide awareness assembly & workshops

OCTOBER

Monday 2nd – Flu spray for all children

Friday 25th – School closes for ½ term

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th – school re-opens at 8.50am

Monday 18th – Individual and family photographs

DECEMBER

Tuesday 10th – KS1 Play at 9.30

Wednesday 11th – KS1 Play at 9.30

Thursday 12th – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th – EYFS Play at 9.30

Friday 13th – EYFS Play at 9.30 & KS2 Tableau at 2.00 in Church

Monday 16th – Father Christmas is in town!

Tuesday 17th – Christmas Film Afternoon

Wednesday 18th – Santa Dash & Hot Chocolate (pm)

Thursday 19th – Christmas Party Day

Friday 20th – **School closes at 1.00pm**

St. George's Catholic Primary

Newsletter

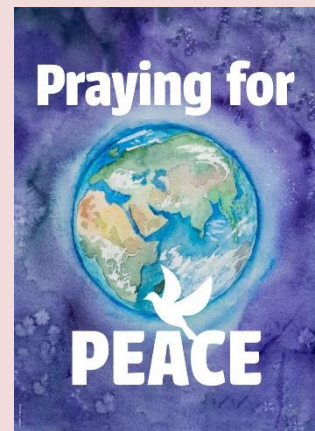
6th September 2024

WELCOME BACK

Well we have already completed the end of our first week and I'm delighted to say it's just been a pleasure. What a great start to the year with beautifully presented children and superb punctuality! We couldn't ask for more!

The children have settled so well into their new classes, and the theme from our assembly (Praying for Peace) has flourished through the school.

It's lovely to have the school full again; full of happiness and laughter.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

We are delighted to welcome 4 new staff members this year who have joined our St. George's family.

Mrs. Quigley and Mrs. Hughes both join Year 6, in the absence of Miss. Poulson.

Mrs. Carey joins Year 3 to work alongside Mrs. Quick, and Miss. Duffy joins Reception, to work alongside Mrs. Ellison.

We are delighted to have them onboard and look forward to working with them.

DOUGAL AND BARNEY – OUR THERAPY DOGS

With the welcome to all those new, we also have to say goodbye to our lovely friends, Barney and Dougal. They have been with us for a number of years now, supporting some of our children when times are difficult. They have been a big part of our school, a real focus for a lot of everyone's attention, and it's been a pleasure to have them around. Huge thanks to their mum (Melanie) and we hope to see them now and again as they head off to their new job.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

It won't have escaped your attention that the DfE have brought out their most robust attendance procedures to date. These came into effect on 19th August 2024. They have been adopted by Sefton so all schools deliver the same messages and have the same procedures.

Our new policy – **School Attendance & Punctuality Policy 2024-2025** – is on our school website, and you will have already received two letters (one electronically; one hard copy) that set out some of the main points that have changed since last year.

PLEASE don't take these procedures personally – they come as a blanket policy unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Please also be aware that fines are no longer just for term-time holidays; lates and unauthorised leave will also contribute to penalty fines.

I STRONGLY encourage all parents to read the policy and procedures, and the possible consequences that may be involved from now.

Remember, just as in previous years, we will ask for evidence of doctor / dentist / hospital appointments in order to authorise leave.

If you are late, parents MUST sign children in and record the reason for being late.

And finally, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, don't ask children to lie about their holidays. IF you are taking an unavoidable holiday, please complete the form (attached / available on the website) and take your holiday. This helps us to accurately report our attendance data to the DfE on a daily basis.

THANK YOU

DATES FOR DIARIES

We have made a start on some of the upcoming events this term, even organising Christmas, which seems so far away! Please keep an eye on these dates as the weeks go by. Over the next few weeks, we'll be adding in dates for trips, events, parents' meetings, etc.

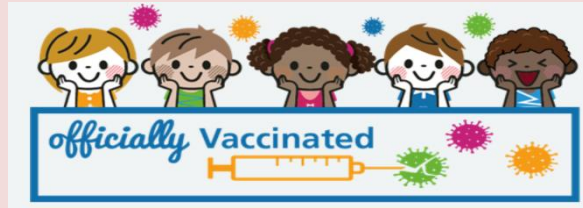
NAMES ON UNIFORM

It's the start of the year so PLEASE can all children have their names in all parts of their school uniform. Items without names often don't find their way back to their owners and end up going to charity! It may seem extreme, but even shoes need labelling. It's amazing how many shoes we end up with as the year goes by. Permanent markers are normally great for jumpers, cardigans, ties and coats. Just check every few weeks they are still clear otherwise your child's clothing may end up in the termly heap that's practically impossible to get through.



FLU NASAL SPRAY

Please make a note of **WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER** for your children's immunisation (Nasal Flu Spray)! **PLEASE SEE BELOW** from our school nurse team:



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to a new school term; we hope you had a lovely summer break. Your Child's flu immunisation is due this term.

It's important that all parents/carers read and respond to this message to avoid receiving further telephone calls, texts and letters from our service.

Please visit this link <https://econsent.mersecare.nhs.uk/> and complete your Child's flu form with a **yes or no** by the **13/09/24**. You can select the nasal spray for the best protection or the alternative injectable flu if required via this link.

Any forms completed late may result in your child not receiving their flu immunisation at the school session.

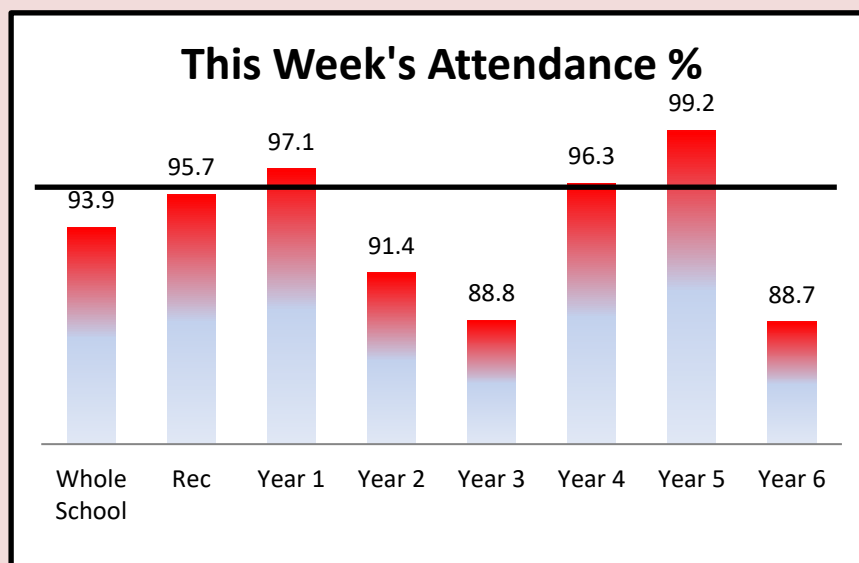
Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will help to protect them as well as more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu this year.

If you require any further support, please contact the Sefton school immunisation team on 0151 247 6130 who will be happy to help.

There is also a 2-minute video prepared for children by the NHS: [NHS Video for Kids](#)

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below. **The school target is 96% - as represented by the black line.**



WELL DONE TO YEAR 5 WHO HAVE STORMED THE ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK and a special well done to Year 1 who were so close!

DINNER MENU JUST IN

Today, we have received the new Sefton hot dinner menu. This week will have been WEEK 1, so if you'd like to help you child choose their dinner, please see below for next week. This has also been loaded up to the school website.



Week 1

Monday
BBQ Chicken
with Sunshine Vegetable Rice
or
V Mac & Cheese
with Mixed Green Salad
Shortbread Biscuit

Tuesday
Big Breakfast
or
V Tuna Pasta Bake
& Crispy Salad
Oat, Apple & Honey Slice

Wednesday
Chicken & Vegetable Pie,
Carrots & Peas,
Roast Potatoes
or
V Quorn & Bean Chilli
with Boiled Rice
Fruit Jelly & Cream

Thursday
Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread
with Side Salad
or
V Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry,
Vegetable Rice
Fruit Sponge & Custard

Friday
Fishy Friday
Garden Peas & Sweetcorn,
Chipped Potatoes
or
V Broccoli & Cauli Cheesy
Pasta Bake
Chocolate & Banana Brownie

Week 2

Monday
Cooks Choice Pizza,
Coleslaw, Mixed Salad,
½ Jacket Potato
or
V Tomato, Basil & Roasted
Vegetable Pasta
with Crispy Salad
Peach & Pineapple Flapjack

Tuesday
Oven Baked Sausage,
Mashed Potato & Garden Peas
or
V Veggie Curry with Rice
& Naan Bread
Homemade Mini Biscuit
& Fresh Fruit Slice

Wednesday
Honey Glazed Gammon,
Cauliflower, Broccoli & Gravy
with Paprika Roasted Potatoes
or
V Vegetable Tray Bake,
Crispy Green Salad
Jam Sponge & Custard

Thursday
Chicken Korma Curry
with 50/50 Rice,
Naan Bread
or
V Cheese & Potato Puff,
Baked Beans
Ice Cream Pot

Friday
Fishy Friday
Mushy Peas
Chipped Potatoes
V Veggie Fajitas with Mixed
Salad, Chipped Potatoes
Lemon Drizzle Cake

Week 3

Monday
Sausage & Tomato Pasta
with Mixed Salad
or
V Veggie
Cottage Pie & Greens
Fruity Oat Cookie

Tuesday
Chicken Tikka Curry
With Boiled Rice & Naan Bread
or
V Pizza Pockets
with Salad Sticks, Potato Wedges
Vanilla Cup Cake

Wednesday
Roast Turkey & Gravy,
Sweetcorn & Green Beans,
Paprika Potato
or
V Quorn Bolognese with Pasta
& Onion Bread
Marble Cake

Thursday
Cajun Chicken & Vegetable
Pasta with Herby Bread
or
V Cheese & Onion or Salmon &
Broccoli Frittata with Jacket
Potato & Salad
Frozen Yoghurt Pot

Friday
Fishy Friday
Garden Peas & Sweetcorn,
Chipped Potatoes
or
V Bean & Cheese Quesadilla with
Crispy Mixed Salad
& Chipped Potatoes
Cookie

Available daily:
Fresh sandwiches, jacket potatoes
with fillings, salad and fresh bread

Also available daily:
Fat free yoghurt, fresh fruit, fresh fruit juice,
semi skimmed milk and fresh water

V Suitable for vegetarians

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