



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

In God's light, we love, learn and grow together

But the Lord says, "Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new things I am going to do." (Isaiah 43:18-19)

WELCOME BACK -HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We

hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and New Year. There are many new exciting changes for school in 2024; we look forward to them all. We are awaiting the build of a disabled toilet and our old IT room will be renovated into a library and intervention room. We now have a much better office, staffroom and intervention room, which staff and children appreciate. We are hoping to join the Pope Francis MAT in September and praying for the windy weather to pass and spring sunshine to arrive.

Mrs Scott x

Dates to Note

Friday 2nd February – Parent Coffee morning arranged by Mrs Lynn Rudd; Pastoral Advisor 9-10:30am

6:30pm Enrolment Mass at St Peter and Pauls Church for those making their Holy Communion

Tuesday 6th February – 2pm-6pm Virtual Parents Meeting

Wednesday 7th February – 2pm-5pm Virtual Parents Meeting / 3:15-4:15- Final Holy Communion Session

Friday 9th February – Chinese New Year Day. £2 donation for food and activities. Children can come to school wearing red, gold or oriental dress. No football kits. Term Ends 2:30pm

Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb – HALF TERM BREAK

(School Holiday Club 9am-3pm. £15 a day. Wed 14th- Fri 16th. Places need to be pre-booked and paid in advance to arrange staffing)

Monday 19th February – Spring Term 2 begins

Tuesday 20th February- Olympic Athlete to visit school PM

Tuesday 27th February - Cross Country Race after school

Thursday 7th March – DIVERSITY CONCERT 7PM.
Mountford Hall, Liverpool

Friday 8th March – World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character and bring the book to school. Y5&6 to visit Pritchard Bookshop

Tuesday 12th March - Cross Country Race after school

Wednesday 27th March – Whole school assembly 2pm. Parents invited.

Thursday 28th March – Mad Hair day. Bring in £1 donation. Term ends at 1:15pm

Sefton Parent Carer Forum

Sefton Parent Carer Forum (SPCF) are holding a number of events for Children's Mental Health Week 2024:

Mon 5th Feb - Come and Chat session with Camhs, SPCF Shared Space, Cambridge Road, Bootle, L20 9LQ, 9:30-11:30am.

Tue 6th Feb - Drop-in coffee morning at St Thomas Primary School, Kenyons Lane, Lydiate, L31 0BP, 9:00-10:30am.

Wed 7th Feb - Drop-in coffee morning at St Michael's High School, St Michael's Road, Crosby, L23 7UL, 9:30-11:30am.

Fri 9th Feb - we will be joined by Kooth, at SPCF Shared Space, who will be delivering training on 'Supporting people to manage anxiety with self-care'. 12:30-2:30pm.

Booking is required. Please email events@seftonpcf.org

SPCF are also holding a Parent/Carer Conference on Mon 11th Mar. As part of this conference there are inaugural SEND Awards. They are asking our parent & carers to nominate those people or settings that have had a positive impact on their life. If you would like to make a nomination, please click the link, by 16th Feb.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5sNjPBUj8g?origin=lprLink>

Reading Challenge

Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Hooper would like to see as many photographs of the children reading in random places. The more obscure the better. A display will be put up in school ahead of World Book Day. You can send your photos into the office at office@stmaryscatholic.co.uk. The owner of Pritchard's Bookshop in the village will pick 4 of the best who will receive a voucher for the store. Get reading and good luck!

Drop off times Children need to be in school for **8:55am** otherwise they will incur a late mark. Lessons start at this time and if children are missing the first 5 or 10 minutes they can be anxious to try and catch up. Extra work such as reading and catch ups begin in classes from 8:40am. There are lots of children arriving late this term.

Wednesday Word

This week's Wednesday Word is also on the Catholic Life of Our School page. Please take some family time to read 'Teacher'.

Holy Communion



Holy Communion sessions are almost finished. Catch up sessions will begin in school next week during lunchtimes. Please make sure you contact Father John to book your child's Communion date and Reconciliation date.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY: 2023-24

Sefton council class any child below **90% as persistently absent**. Our whole school target is **96%**, which tends to be in line with national averages. It is so important that children attend school as much as possible. We understand that this cannot be the case with genuine illnesses.

I am pleased that our attendance has been climbing and the children have been receiving award in school for this. Thank you to all for all the effort on getting the children into school and reducing the term time holidays.

DARK GREEN- Very Good (96%+)	GREEN - Good (95-95.9%)	AMBER- Slight Concern (94.9-90.1%)	RED- Below the acceptable level- Classed as persistently absence level (below 90%)			
WHOLE SCHOOL - 95.2%						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.8%	94.4%	95.9%	98.4%	93.8%	95%	93.8%

Half Term Club

To book February club, please contact the school office. The club will run from 9am-3pm and costs £15 from Wednesday 14th February- Friday 16th February. Children need to bring their packed lunch. As the club will be run by the school, new registration forms will need to be completed when the children arrive. Mr Lloyd (Billy) will have them ready. We are excited for all the activities and games.

Reading Books

There are an increasing number of school reading books and reading diaries being lost by children. Most schools have moved to online reading schemes due to the cost of replacing books. This is something I am passionate about **not** doing. I feel the children need to physically hold a book and not read on a screen. From this week, any reading books that are lost will incur a charge of **£4** to replace. Any diaries lost will incur a charge of **£2**.

It is so important the children read at home as well as in school. Please continue to support this as it helps all aspects of their learning and develops their love of reading. Even reading to your child for 5 minutes at bedtime can greatly increase their vocabulary. Thank you to all those who sign the reading diaries. Mrs Scott





Join Us For Children's Mental Health Week 2024

**Monday 5th
February**

We will be joined by CAMHS

Camille Hayward,
Mental Health Practitioner
&

Janine Chan,
Assistant Clinical Lead

Come along and chat to them
about any concerns you may have,
and hear about any updates within
the service.

Sefton CAMHS



**Friday 9th
February**

We will be joined by Kooth

Holly Jackson,
Engagement Lead
Delivering training on
Supporting people to
manage anxiety with
self-care

(booking required
events@seftonpcf.org)



Sefton CAMHS



Children's Mental Health Week 2024



SPCF Shared Space,
Cambridge Family
Wellbeing Hub,
Cambridge Road, Bootle,
L20 9LQ

Sefton PCF SEND Awards 2024



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Please click the link or use the QR Code to put forward your nominations.

Nominations close on 16th February.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5sNjPbuj8g?origin=lprLink>

If you wish to nominate more than one person or setting in a single category then please do on a separate form. There are 10 categories and you do not have to nominate for each one, although you are welcome to do so.

SUMMER



In Sefton

Old Christ Church
Waterloo Road
Waterloo
L22 1RE

MAY 17

15:00pm - 20:00pm

Any queries please email
events@seftonpcf.org



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