



Happy New Year, 2025-2026!

Autumn Term 1, Week 1 News

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Thursday 4th September 2025

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Dear Families,

Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to the new school year. I trust that you all enjoyed a lovely summer holiday and that you are all ready for an exciting and productive year ahead. Thank you for ensuring the children have come back to school; ready to learn, smiling and looking so smart! It's great to be back! 😊

Welcome to our Class of 2032, our New Tiddles!

We have been so impressed with how well our new tiddles have walked into school this morning and yesterday morning. They have made the best start to their Valewood journey and long may that continue.

INSET Days 1 & 2

Staff made a very positive start to the school year. Everyone participated in training on Dyslexia, Oracy and Safeguarding. We have also agreed on some key dates which we have included in our Important Dates, for your information.

New Admin Assistant at Valewood

We are happy to welcome Mrs Harding to Valewood. She has already made a great start in the Office, alongside Mrs Kearney, and with Mrs Groom during initial induction. I know that you will all help to make Mrs Harding feel very welcome to our Valewood family.

Important Information on File

Contact Details...

Please make us aware of any changes to contact details/addresses etc ASAP. You can update this yourselves, at any time, via the Arbor Parent App. N.B. We need to have an additional family member's/close friend's (who do not live in your household) contact details on record, in case of an emergency.

Medical Information...

We kindly ask that you email Mrs Harding at admin.valewood@schools.sefton.gov.uk if your child has any updates regarding any medical conditions/allergies etc. N.B. If your child has an inhaler/an EPI pen/any long term prescribed medication in school, it is your responsibility to ensure it is clearly labelled and that the medication is in date.

Permissions for Photos/Social Media...

We also kindly ask that you email Mrs Harding if your permissions have changed regarding your child being photographed for Instagram/school website/Dojo etc.

Meet the Teacher: Y1 to Y6 – Tuesday 9th September

Next Tuesday you will be able to meet with your child's new class teacher. Session 1 will be at 3.15pm and session 2 will be at 3.45pm. Parents/carers who are unable to attend can expect to find the information on Class Dojo and online on our school website.

Wishing you all a very positive start to the school year.

Best wishes,
Helen Tantouri

KEEP CLEAR LINES OUTSIDE THE CAR PARK & ELECTRIC GATES

You will have all noticed, I am sure, Sefton Council's markings outside the school car park. N.B. It is illegal to park on these lines. Sefton Council has informed us that the Legal Notice will be going up on Sherwood Avenue this week. Anyone found to be parked/obscuring the school car park entrance will be breaking the law. For the safety of all of our school pedestrians, please do not drive down to the bottom of Sherwood Avenue to turn around, as the school now has electric gates on the car park entrance, with access only for staff with vehicles. Thank you.

CALLING PROSPECTIVE PARENT GOVERNORS

With the resignation of two parent governors at the end of last year, given their children were moving to new schools, we are seeking to appoint new governors this term. If you are interested in putting yourself forward as a Valewood governor, please email your expression of interest to admin.valewood@schools.sefton.gov.uk by Monday 15th September at 12noon. Once we have expressions of interest, we will contact parents/carers for a personal statement - to go to a ballot.

Uniform

We hope that the lovely uniform the children have returned to school in is fully labelled to minimise 'lost property'.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school, except for small stud earrings which will need to be removed (by the child, themselves) for swimming lessons. Watches are allowed, except for smart watches/Fit Bits etc.

Permission Letters: Mobile Phones & Walking Home Unaccompanied

Children are discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school. However, in Y5 & Y6, if children are walking home without an adult, a mobile phone can be stored in the School Office. Parents/carers need to sign to give consent. N.B. Any electronic device brought to school is at the owner's risk.

Parents and carers also need to give written consent that their child can walk home alone.

TERM DATES for 2025-2026 are on our website and below...

Please be advised that holidays in term time will not be authorised.

OUR SCHOOL DAY IS FROM 8.40am to 3.15pm

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2025 – 2026

	AUTUMN TERM 2025	SPRING TERM 2026	SUMMER TERM 2026
<u>Term commences</u>	Wednesday 3 September	Monday 5 January	Monday 13 April
Mid-Term Holiday	Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February	Monday 25 May to Tuesday 2 June
<u>Term Ends</u>	Friday 19 December	Friday 27 March	Thursday 16 July

INSET Days: Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Monday 1st June 2026
Tuesday 2nd June 2026
Friday 17th July 2026
Monday 20th July 2026

Important Dates (*subject to change)

1 st September	INSET Day – Staff only to attend
2 nd September	INSET Day – Staff only to attend
3 rd September	Children return for Autumn 1
9 th September	Meet the Teacher Sessions: 3.15pm & 3.45pm for Y1 – Y6 classes
10 th September	School Tour for Prospective Families, 9am
15 th September	Y5 Bikeability week
15 th September	Reception – class start together
16 th September	School Tour for Prospective Families, 9am
19 th September	Y4 Forest School
24 th September	PTA hosts our Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9am – all welcome
24 th September	Y4 Forest School
3 rd October	Y4 Forest School
6 th October	Valewood’s Diversity Week – Pyjama Day!
8 th October	School Tour for Prospective Families, 9am
10 th October	Hello Yellow for Mental Health Awareness Day – wear a pop of yellow!
10 th October	Y4 Forest School

17 th October	School Tour for Prospective Families, 9am
17 th October	Y4 Forest School
22 nd October	Initial Parents Evening 1: 2.00pm – 5.30pm in the School Hall
23 rd October	Initial Parents Evening 2: 2.00pm – 5.30pm in the School Hall
24 th October	Finish for Half Term Break, 3.15pm
3 rd November	Return to School for Autumn Term 2
21 st November	PTA Christmas Fair, 5pm – 7pm
5 th December	Christmas Book & Brew (Session 1) 9 - 10am
5 th December	Christmas Book & Brew (Session 2) 10 - 11am
11 th December	Reception Nativity, 9am
12 th December	Carols by Candlelight, 6pm
17 th December	Whole School Panto Trip
19 th December	Finish for Christmas Holidays – 1.30pm