



Friday 9th October
2026

Newsletter

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News from Headteacher

Polite reminder

If you need your child to attend After School Club please be reminded that you need to book their space on Arbor. Last minute bookings are accepted, but only if we have adequate staffing. Breakfast club also needs to be booked in advance unless it is an emergency. This too is to ensure we have adequate staffing. If you are bringing your child to Breakfast Club, please buzz at the gate and then come to the main door with your child. Please do not wait at the gate as staff may need to speak with you.

Attendance Matters

In the summer term, the children decided that attendance should be celebrated both individually and as a class. They decided that each half term the class with the best attendance would be rewarded with an attendance breakfast and the attendance award. The first breakfast will take place on Tuesday 20th October, but who will it be?

Class	Attendance
Reception	96.9%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 2	98.5%
Year 3	89.9%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	98.9%

The highest attending class will be announced on Monday 19th October.

Safeguarding

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL!

For the safety of all our pupils and staff, nuts and nut products are not allowed on school premises. This includes food brought in for snacks and packed lunches. Products that contain Nutella, peanut butter and coconut are not allowed in school. There are many delicious and safe nut-free snacks such as crackers, fruits cups, yoghurts, pancakes and the healthiest of all a piece of fruit that the children can bring to school to keep their energy levels up. Thank you for your understanding and support as we keep everyone safe in school.

Up and coming events

14th October Readathon events and community reading relay

16th October PTA Disco

20th October Attendance breakfast class TBC

22nd October PTA AGM

3rd November Parents' Evening 1

4th November Parents' Evening 2

Over the past few weeks Mrs Harding has been busy collating a list of all the dates for this school year. It is a long list but going forward we want families to have as much notice regarding school events as possible. Each month she will also share a calendar of dates with highlights for each month. This will be shared on dojo and will be on display in the notice board.

Quote of the Week...

The best way to predict the future is to create it!

Achievements – Sporting Successes

Sefton School Girls – Well done Connie!

Connie is one of our outstanding footballers, representing Valewood in the school and the girl's teams. Her hard work and dedication have paid off as she has made the Sefton School girls' team. I received an email from the team's lead which included this lovely comment...

"Connie's conduct, attitude and application throughout the trial process were a credit to the school, and her selection is something

Teachers' Corner: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

This week's teachers' corner is a reminder from Mrs Salzano about the importance of recycling at home to educate your children for their future. We have work to do on this in school but I'm sure you can all get involved at home too!

Eco reps

Mrs Salzano and 4 of our Eco-champions ventured off to St Lukes Primary School to take part in an Eco-conference led by the Crosby Wombles. The children represented the school with interest and demonstrated our Valewood values. Well done, Oliver, Izabel, Seb and Alberta.



I'm sure both her family and everyone at Valewood Primary will be very proud of."

What an achievement!

Football

Football is still going strong this year with Y6, Y5 and Y4 taking part in the competitions at Chesterfield. Mr Hutson and Miss Sullivan were so proud of the attitudes and efforts of all the children who took part.

Today it is the girls' turn to shine – I can't wait to hear all about it.

Cross country

Several children have taken part in the cross-country races being held across Sefton. We have had representation in each category and the children have had lots of success with individuals coming in the top 50, top 30 and even number 22!

Thank you to all the families and Mr Burns for supporting the children to take part in these races.

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2026 – 2027

OUR SCHOOL DAY IS FROM 8.45AM TO 3.15PM

	AUTUMN TERM 2026	SPRING TERM 2027	SUMMER TERM 2027
<u>Term commences</u>	Thursday 3 September	Tuesday 5 January	Monday 12 April
Mid-Term Holiday	Friday 23 October to Friday 30 November	Monday 15 February to Tuesday 19 February	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June
Term Ends	Friday 18 December	Thursday 25 March	Friday 16 July
	71	53	64

PLEASE NOTE – Request for holidays/leave during term time will not be authorised and you WILL BE ISSUED WITH A FIXED PENALTY NOTICE FINE.

INSET Days: Tuesday 1 September 2026
Wednesday 2 September 2026
Friday 23 October 2026
Monday 4 January 2027
Monday 19 July 2027
Tuesday 20 July 2027
Wednesday 21 July 2027

Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May 2027

IMPORTANT DATES 2026 – 2027 (subject to change)

October 2026

2 nd October	Y6 Forest School
5 th October	School Tour for Prospective Families 9am
9 th October	Hello Yellow for Mental Health Awareness – wear yellow to school (no donations)
9 th October	Y6 Forest School
13 th October	Brew Crew Coffee Morning 9am-10am
14 th October	Readathon Day – Wear your customised T-shirts!
16 th October	Y6 Forest School
16 th October	PTA Autumn Disco – 5.30pm – 7pm
19 th October	Individual & Sibling School Photographs
19 th October	Foodbank/Harvest Contributions
20 th October	Attendance Breakfast – Class TBC
20 th October	School Tour for Prospective Families 1.30pm
20 th October	Y1 Harvest Festival Performance 2.30pm – Y1 Families welcome
21 st October	Infant awards Assembly (Plus Year 5) 9am
22 nd October	Junior Awards Assembly 9am
22 nd October	Finish for Half Term 3.15pm
23 rd October	INSET Day – staff only attend

November 2026

2 nd November	Return to School for Autumn Term 2
3 rd November	Parents Evening – 2.30pm – 5.30pm
4 th November	Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm
10 th November	School Tour for Prospective Families 9am
11 th November	Whole School Flu Immunisations
20 th November	Non-Uniform Day – Bottles for the Tombola PTA Christmas Fair
24 th November	Y3 Trip to Liverpool Museum
27 th November	Non-Uniform Day – Gifts for the PTA Christmas Fair

December 2026

4 th December	Non-Uniform Day – Cakes for the PTA Christmas Fair
4 th December	PTA Christmas Fair 5pm – 7pm
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day/ Santa Dash
11 th December	Carols by Candlelight
15 th December	Whole School Panto Trip
17 th December	Christmas Book & Brew (session 1) 9.00am – 9.40am
17 th December	Christmas Book & Brew (session 2) 9.50am – 10.30am
17 th December	Last After School Club session
18 th December	Breakfast with Santa
18 th December	Finish for Christmas Holidays
18 th December	After School Club is closed

January 2027

5 th January	Children return to School for Spring Term 1
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February 2027

10 th February	Infant Awards Assembly 9am
11 th February	Junior awards Assembly 9am
12 th February	Finish for Half Term 3.15pm

22 nd February	Return for Spring 2
23 rd February	Parents Evening 2.30pm – 5.30pm
24 th February	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
24 th February	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood
25 th February	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood
26 th February	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood

March 2027

4 th March	World Book Day – Dress up optional
5 th March	Bikeability Y5 & Y6
8 th - 11 th March	Bikeability Y5
18 th March	Forest School Book & Brew (session 1) 9.00am – 9.40am
18 th March	Forest School Book & Brew (session 2) 9.50am – 10.30am
24 th March	Infant Awards Assembly 9am
24 th March	Last After School Club session
25 th March	Junior awards Assembly 9am
25 th March	Finish for Easter Holidays
25 th March	After School Club is closed

April 2027

12 th April	Return for Summer 1
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May 2027

3 rd May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
5 th May	Y4 residential trip to CHET
10 th May	SATS week
19 th May	Infant Awards Assembly 9am
20 th May	Junior awards Assembly 9am
21 st May	Rock Kids Day – Come to school dressed as a Rock star!
	Valefest Launch
21 st May	Valefest Family BBQ 5-7pm
27 th May	Teach Rex – Animal Visit!
28 th May	Finish for Half Term 3.15pm

June 2027

7 th June	Return for Summer 2
7 th June	Sports Day led by the Military School
	• Infants @9am - all morning • Juniors @1.30pm – all afternoon
	Parental participation encouraged!
7 th June	Return for Summer 2
26 th June	PTA Summer Fair - Proms on the Playground 2pm

July 2027

7 th July	Infant Awards Assembly 9am
8 th July	Junior awards Assembly 9am
15 th July	Last After School Club session
16 th July	Finish for Summer Holidays
16 th July	After School Club is closed

19 th July	INSET Day – Staff only to attend
20 th July	INSET Day – Staff only to attend
21 st July	INSET Day – Staff only to attend

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Term commences	Monday 6 September	Wednesday 5 January	Monday 24 April
Mid-Term Holiday	Monday 25 October to Monday 1 November	Monday 14 February to Monday 21 February	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
Term Ends	Friday 17 December	Thursday 6 April	Thursday 20 July
	69	61	58

INSET Days: Wednesday 1 September 2027
Thursday 2 September 2027
Friday 3 September 2027
Monday 1 November 2027
Tuesday 4 January 2028
Monday 21 February 2028
Friday 7 April 2028

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2028