



SEFTON PARK

Term 1 Newsletter Week 1

Welcome Back!

Hello and a big welcome back to Sefton Park! We hope you've all had a lovely summer, with plenty of time to rest, recharge and enjoy some adventures together. An especially warm welcome goes to the new families joining us this year, we're really happy to have you as part of the Sefton Park community. The start of a school year always feels like a fresh new chapter, and we can't wait to see what the months ahead will bring.

This first newsletter is a little longer than usual as we've packed it with lots of useful information to help get the year off to a smooth start. We've also created one easy-to-use calendar with key dates for the year, which we hope makes planning ahead that bit easier for everyone.

At Sefton Park, we're all about curiosity, creativity and high expectations and we're looking forward to working together to make this a really exciting and successful year for the children. Here's to a brilliant start!





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Meet the Teacher

There will be no Year group newsletters this term, instead there will be a meeting with the class teachers and wider Year group team, these will be held on the following dates at the following times. Please make every effort to attend as this will ensure you have the chance to ask any questions about upcoming events.

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 1	Wednesday 10th September	3:00-3:30pm
Year 2	Thursday 11th September	3:00-3:30pm
Year 3	Thursday 11th September	9:00-9:30am
Year 4	Wednesday 10th September	9:00-9:30am
Year 5	Tuesday 9th September	9:00-9:30am
Year 6	Tuesday 9th September	3:00-3:30pm





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Welcome to Our New Team Members!

We're delighted to be welcoming some fantastic new staff to Sefton Park in September, each bringing their own strengths, passions, and experience to enrich our school community.



Miss Horrobin
Eucalyptus Class



Miss Whalley
Beech Class



Miss Wollas
Cypress Class



Miss Witt
Ash Class



Miss Elvin-Moudrova
Ash Class



Mrs Boocock
Willow Class



Mrs Roselem
Willow Class



Miss Brown
Banyan Class



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Exciting Changes at Sefton Park

We're delighted to share some exciting changes taking place at Sefton Park this year to make sure our children receive the very best, broad and balanced education.

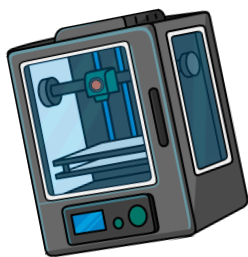
Spanish (MFL)

From this term, children will be taught Spanish by a subject specialist for 75 minutes each week. We believe that the ability to speak another language and understand another culture is an incredibly important part of being a global citizen, opening doors and opportunities for children in the future. Lessons will not only focus on learning the language, but also immerse children in the culture, helping them to see the world through different perspectives.



ICT in The Hive

We're also introducing specialist ICT teaching with Mr Evans in our brand-new creative hub, The Hive. This space has been transformed into a centre for curiosity and creativity, thanks to generous donations of technology from Deloitte (a huge thank you to Frankie for making this possible) and the incredible support of parent volunteers Fran and Heather, who helped paint and prepare the room. With 3D printers and new resources, ICT will now come to life in purposeful and exciting ways, from making and building to designing and problem-solving. ICT will be taught in Terms 1, 3 and 5 for 90 minutes each week.





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Music

Music is another area we are proud to be expanding this year. Mr Evans will be leading whole-class teaching of keyboards, singing and composing in Terms 2, 4 and 6 for 90 minutes each week. Alongside this, we're thrilled to be working with Folkstars to provide small group tuition, with the hope of making Sefton Park a leading school for music in the country.

These sessions will be supported by parental donations of £7 per week, helping us to sustain this charitable model. Importantly, non-payment will not exclude any child from accessing lessons, something we feel is essential in keeping with our ethos of a well-rounded education for all.

From the feedback and number of parents who have said through our survey that they are willing to contribute, we feel that we would be able to make this programme run.

This new offer will roll out in three stages:

- **Stage 1** (from midway through Term 1): Small group string instrument sessions (10 children at a time) for Year 1 & 2, taught on Fridays for 30 minutes.
- In the afternoons we will be able to offer 18 spaces for KS2 children to play guitar, 18 spaces for violin & 18 spaces for keyboard. These would be in smaller groups of a maximum of 6.

Should this model be successful and financially viable, we will then move on to stage 2 which would be to expand the model of groups of 10 learning stringed instruments to Key Stage 2.

- **Stage 2** (from January): In addition to this, there will time from 2:30pm - 4:00pm which we are hoping to allocate to further lessons should demand be there.
- The same model scaled up for Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6).

At present, we don't have capacity to offer drumming lessons, but we are exploring ways to include this in the future. We really hope you are able to support and contribute to this music provision, as we believe it will enrich and enhance children's opportunities enormously.

We will be sending out specific information on how to sign up for this, in the coming weeks.

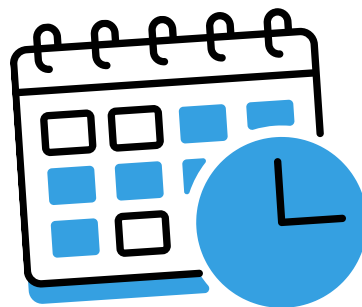




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Term Dates

Term	Starts	Ends	INSET Days
1	2 nd September 2025	24 th October 2025	2 nd & 3 rd September 2025
2	3 rd November 2025	19 th December 2025	None
3	5 th January 2026	13 th February 2026	5 th January 2026
4	23 rd February 2026	2 nd April 2026	None
5	20 th April 2026	22 nd May 2026	20 th April 2026
6	1 st June 2026	22 nd July 2026	12 th June 2026





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Uniform

As we begin the new school year, please ensure your child comes to school in the correct school uniform each day (Juniors only). Details of our uniform and PE kit expectations can be found on our website:

<https://www.seftonparkschools.co.uk/school-uniform-and-pe-kit/>

A reminder that children should also have the correct PE kit ready which they can wear to come in to school. Information about your child's PE days will be shared with you during the upcoming Meet the Teacher meetings.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards and making sure all children are ready for learning.



Attendance & Punctuality

At Sefton Park, we really want every child to get the very best out of their time in school and being here every day makes a huge difference. Even missing a day here and there adds up quickly. For example, 90% attendance (that's just one day off every two weeks) actually works out as almost four whole weeks of learning lost in a year.

Getting in on time matters too. A calm, settled start to the day helps children feel confident and part of the class straight away. When they arrive late, it can be harder for them to slot in, and they often feel like they're playing catch-up.

Thank you for helping us give the children the best possible start each morning. A good routine at the beginning of the day sets them up for success and helps our whole school run smoothly.



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Wraparound Care

If your child is booked into an after-school club but won't be attending for any reason, please let the school know as soon as possible. This helps us keep everyone safe, saves staff time checking where children are, and makes sure clubs run smoothly.

Thank you for helping us keep things organised and stress-free for the children and staff!



School Snacks

A quick reminder about snacks in school: children are welcome to bring something for break time, but we ask that these are healthy choices such as fruit, vegetables, or similar. Please remember that sweets are not allowed and that we are a nut-free school due to allergies.

Healthy options like fruit or veg help them feel fuller for longer and keep their brains ready for learning.

Thank you for helping us keep snack time both healthy and safe for everyone!





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Join Our Governing Body

We're excited to share that there will soon be some spaces available on our school governing body. Adverts for these roles will be coming out later in the term, and we'd love for members of our school community to consider getting involved.

Governors play a really important part in school life. They help shape the direction of the school, support and challenge leaders, and make sure every child has the best opportunities to succeed. It's a rewarding role that makes a real difference and a fantastic way to be part of the Sefton Park journey.

Keep an eye out for more information later this term if you're interested!

Note from the SEND Team

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely summer break.

We would like to let you know about a new dedicated email address for any SEND concerns or communications. This will help us respond to queries more efficiently. The email address is:

send@seftonparkschools.co.uk

The inbox will be monitored by Rebecca Earnshaw (SENDSCO) and Lisa Chester (Assistant SENDSCO). We aim to reply within two working days, unless the matter is urgent.

Many thanks

The SEND team



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Clubs

**Kung Fu Club (Rec/KS1 - Mondays / KS2 - Tuesdays)
3.30-4.20pm / Infant Hall (Rec/KS1) & Junior Hall (KS2)**

Join our fun, energetic afterschool Kung Fu Clubs where kids build confidence, discipline and fitness, in a safe and supportive environment. Led by Sifu Kee every class is packed with fun new self-defence skills each week and learning through play and teamwork.

Term 1-2 bookings: [Kids Kung Fu School | City Gongfu](#)

**Year 2–6 Circus Skills Club (Year 2-6 - Thursdays)
3.30-4.20pm / Junior Hall**

Step into the spotlight with our dazzling afterschool Circus Skills Club for Years 2–6! From plate-spinning to diabolos, hula hoops to balance boards, kids will master thrilling tricks while boosting coordination, confidence, and creativity. It's laughter, learning, and a little bit of magic—no clowning around!

Term 1-2 bookings: [Children's Activity Clubs | Thrive KIDS](#)

**Year 2–6 Coding Club (Year 1-4 - Fridays)
3.00-4.00pm - Computer Room**

Unleash your child's digital creativity in this classroom-based tech adventure! They'll learn the basics of coding through games, storytelling, and interactive activities, building valuable problem-solving and logic skills, all while having fun!

Term 1-2 bookings: [Children's Activity Clubs | Thrive KIDS](#)

All sessions are taught by fully qualified kids club instructors, with enhanced DBS and instructor's insurance, ensuring your child's experience is safe and enjoyable.



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3:30pm - 6pm - Booking link:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/2681-932204/>

3:30pm - 4:30pm - Booking Link:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/2681-932205/>

4:30pm - 6pm - Booking Link:

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dance classes

Connecting through dance

Invisible Threads provide a variety of dance and exercise classes for all ages to boost participants physical and mental well-being.

About the Sefton Park

Reception – Year 3 Dance Club

These upbeat dance classes are themed and help develop children's team work and motor control skills through high energy warm ups, team games, dance routines and creative tasks.

All our teachers are:

- ✓ Enhanced DBS certified
- ✓ Energetic
- ✓ Enthusiastic
- ✓ First Aid Trained
- ✓ Safeguarding Trained
- ✓ Skilled at sharing their love for dance & music
- ✓ Dance & Movement Qualified

Time: Thursdays 3.30- 4.30pm

Dates: Thursday 11th September - 18th December

No Classes: Thursday 30th October

Click the link to our Policies:

<https://invisible-threads.co.uk/policies/>

There you will find our...

Safeguarding, GDPR, Staff Code of Conduct, Behaviour, Refunds and Safer Recruitment Policies

Don't forget to bring...
Water bottle & P.E kit or dance clothes

Booking form:

Please send the form to register your interest. Do not send payment until your place on the club has been confirmed. After confirmation, your payment needs to be received within 3 days otherwise the place may go to someone else.

We do not take photographs in any of our clubs.

Child's Name:	Parent / Carer's Names:
	Contact Number:
Child's Year Group:	Second Contact Name & Relationship:
Email Address:	Second Contact Number:
Does your child have any medical conditions, special educational needs or physical disabilities about which you think we should be aware? (please provide details):	
CLUB FEES: 14 weeks x £5.50 = £77	Please put 'SURNAME'SPAUT25' as a reference.
Please make payment via BACS Transfer to: INVISIBLE THREADS DANCE.	Ac Number: 06014182 Sort Code: 04-00-04

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