



# SEFTON PARK

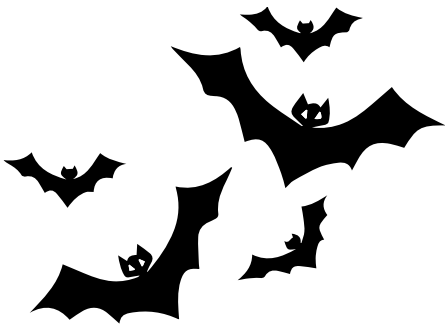
Term 1 Newsletter Week 7

## Headteacher's Note

As we head into the final week of what has been a really busy and positive first half term, I just wanted to take a moment to say a huge thank you for all your support. The children have worked so hard and have settled brilliantly into their new classes and routines. It's been wonderful to see the school so full of energy, enthusiasm, and smiles every day.

It's also been lovely to catch up with so many of you during parents' evenings over the past couple of weeks. We hope those conversations have been useful and have given you a clear sense of how your child is getting on. If you didn't manage to see your child's teacher this time, please do contact them directly to arrange a convenient time for a chat before we break up.

With just one more week to go, there's still plenty happening in school, so we'll be finishing the half term on a high note! I hope everyone enjoys the final few days before the break, and that you all have a happy (and safe!) Halloween and a well-deserved rest. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.





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## Sefton Spotlights - Help Required

It's nearly showtime! Our brilliant Sefton Spotlights performers are busy rehearsing for Oliver Jr and we'd love your help to make the performances shine.

If you're interested in volunteering on the evenings of our shows (December 16th and 17th), please come along to our next Parent Volunteer Meeting on Tuesday 21st October at 4pm. It's a great way to get involved and be part of the excitement behind the scenes!

We're also on the lookout for old grey school trousers and white shirts that can be transformed into costumes for our workhouse children. Any donations can be dropped off at the school office thank you so much!

And finally, keep your eyes peeled... tickets for Oliver Jr will go on sale at the start of next term!

We can't wait to share all the hard work our young stars have been putting in. Consider yourself invited!



# SEFTON PARK

## Folkstars Reminder - KS1

The Folkstars music tutors will soon be providing weekly small group ukulele tuition to the whole of Year 1 and Year 2 on Friday mornings, with a free instrument for every child to take home and borrow. So that we can plan the best possible experience for kids, we ask that all parents / carers complete the sign up form (link below).

The cost is a suggested contribution of £7 per week (free for pupil premium) which includes the instrument to take home for the whole of the year. If you are unable to pay then your child will still receive the tuition. However, we do require a significant number of parents to contribute regularly to make the scheme viable. Even if you are not able to contribute, please complete the following form below as it is essential for us to gather information in advance: [www.folkstars.co.uk/seftonpark](http://www.folkstars.co.uk/seftonpark)

### MORE INFO

These lively group sessions will mix instrumental learning with a little singing and dancing and introduce children to a range of musical styles. We'll also be working towards performances in and out of school. Our aim is to provide an inclusive space for kids to enjoy playing and progressing together, to create a direct pathway towards guitar, piano and violin tuition (offered at KS2) and hopefully to spark a lifelong love of music.

Poster attached.

Recent feedback:

“He came out of school buzzing and can't wait for the next session” - Y2 parent

“She has played music to us every night - it is magical to see her so engaged!” - Y2 Parent

“He absolutely loved the session and asked if he could please do Folkstars everyday!”  
- Y1 Parent

More info:

Folkstars is a non-profit run by Sefton Park parents and setup to give more primary school children the chance to learn an instrument. Since 2024 we have provided free instruments and affordable tuition to almost 200 kids across schools in the area. We also host regular community events (Pirate Ceilidh and Burns Night) where kids can perform in front of friends and family. If you have an instrument or any other questions please email [info@folkstars.co.uk](mailto:info@folkstars.co.uk)

All the best,

Will



# SEFTON PARK

# FOLK STARS



FRIDAY MORNINGS AT SEFTON PARK, Y1 & 2

# LEARN UKULELE



WITH FUN SONGS & LIVELY DANCES

**£7** SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION  
FREE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM

FREE INSTRUMENT TO TAKE HOME

*"He came out of school buzzing and can't wait for the next session."* -Y2 parent

SIGNUP: [FOLKSTARS.CO.UK/SEFTONPARK](https://folkstars.co.uk/seftonpark)



# SEFTON PARK

## Folkstars Reminder - KS2

The Folkstars music tutors will soon be providing weekly small group guitar, violin and piano tuition to KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) during schooltime on Friday afternoons. To sign up for these lessons please visit [www.folkstars.co.uk/seftonpark](http://www.folkstars.co.uk/seftonpark)

The cost is £7 per week (free for pupil premium) which includes a free guitar or violin (and a limited number of keyboards) to take home and borrow. Lessons last 30 minutes. For your child to be considered for tuition we ask that you complete the following form below, giving as much information as possible:

[www.folkstars.co.uk/seftonpark](http://www.folkstars.co.uk/seftonpark)

### MORE INFO

These lively group sessions will introduce children to a range of musical styles with the option to learn chosen pieces, work towards performances, grades or just for fun.

Our aim is to provide an inclusive space for kids to enjoy playing and progressing together, to create a direct pathway to further tuition and hopefully spark a lifelong love of music.

Poster attached.

Recent feedback:

"A brilliant opportunity to get kids into music" - Y5 parent

"Our daughter found one-on-one lessons awkward. Your fun approach, working towards performances and the social aspect appeals to her much more." Y4 parent

More info:

Folkstars is a non-profit run by Sefton Park parents and setup to give more primary school children the chance to play music. Since 2024 we have provided free instruments and affordable tuition to almost 200 kids across schools in the area. We also host regular community events (Pirate Ceilidh and Burns Night) where kids can perform in front of friends and family. If you have an instrument to donate or are able to support the scheme in other ways please email [info@folkstars.co.uk](mailto:info@folkstars.co.uk)



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WWW.FOLKSTARS.CO.UK

# LEARN AN INSTRUMENT

FRIDAYS AT SEFTON PARK, Y3-6

GUITAR  
VIOLIN  
PIANO



FREE INSTRUMENT PROVIDED

£7 PER WEEK (FREE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM)

LESSONS DURING OR AFTER SCHOOL

LEARN IN A GROUP WITH FRIENDS

WORK TOWARDS PERFORMANCES OR GRADES

SIGNUP: [FOLKSTARS.CO.UK/SEFTONPARK](https://www.folkstars.co.uk/seftonpark)



# SEFTON PARK

## Pupil Premium Funding

When your child starts with us in Reception, we check if the school is eligible for extra funding called Pupil Premium, which is dependent on whether you receive certain benefits. We are aware that many families have changing circumstances over the time your child is with us at Sefton Park. If you now receive any of the following benefits, please get in touch with the school office.

- Universal Credit if your household income is less than £7,400 a year or £616.67 month after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

عندما يبدأ طفلك معنا في مرحلة الاستقبال، نتحقق مما إذا كانت المدرسة مؤهلة للحصول على تمويل إضافي يُسمى "قسط التلميذ" والذي يعتمد على ما إذا كنت تتلقى مزايا معينة. نحن ندرك أن العديد من العائلات تمر بظروف متغيرة خلال فترة وجود طفلك في المدرسة. إذا كنت تتلقى الآن أيًا من المزايا التالية، فيرجى الاتصال بمكتب المدرسة.

الائتمان الشامل إذا كان دخل أسرتك أقل من 7400 جنيه إسترليني سنويًا أو 616.67 جنيه إسترليني شهريًا بعد الضريبة

دعم الدخل

بدل الباحثين عن عمل القائم على الدخل

بدل التوظيف والدعم المرتبط بالدخل

العنصر المضمون من ائتمان معاش الدولة

الائتمان الضريبي للأطفال (طالما أنك لست مؤهلًا أيضًا للحصول على ائتمان ضريبي للعمل ولديك دخل إجمالي سنوي لا يزيد عن 16190 جنيهًا إسترلينيًا)

الائتمان الضريبي للعمل (يُدفع لمدة أربعة أسابيع بعد توقفك عن التأهل للحصول على ائتمان ضريبي للعمل)

--الدعم بموجب الجزء 6 من قانون الهجرة واللجوء لعام 1999



# SEFTON PARK

## PTA Thanks

Thank you to everyone who bought, sold or donated cakes and uniforms/halloween costumes last Friday for the PTA. We made nearly £500- so this is amazing and the PTA is so grateful for all your help.





# SEFTON PARK

## Nursery Places Available This Year

We are delighted to share that we still have a few spaces available in our Sefton Park Nursery. If you, or anyone you know, are currently looking for a nursery place, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Our nursery is led by expert practitioners, who provide a warm, nurturing and stimulating environment every single day. The team is dedicated to supporting each child to develop their confidence, curiosity and independence through a rich mix of play, exploration and early learning.

Being part of Sefton Park means our youngest children also benefit from feeling part of the wider school community, giving them the very best start to their school journey.

Word of mouth is always our best recommendation, so if you know a family who might be interested, please point them in our direction, we'd love to welcome them in for a visit and to show them what makes our nursery such a special place.

**We are currently looking at changing some of the nursery hours next academic year, and applications for this will be opening shortly.**





# SEFTON PARK

## Join Our Governing Body

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted with the response we have had to our invitation to join the governing board. We have received four applications from parents who are interested in becoming Governors and as there is only one Parent Governor vacancy, we must now hold a ballot. All parents and carers of Sefton Park School are invited to vote.

Each of the candidates have expressed why they would like to be a governor and this information is shared below.

You can vote online by clicking on this link to [Sefton Park Primary School Governor Election Voting Form](#).

Or you can get a ballot paper from the school office and cast your vote there.

Only parents & carers with children at Sefton Park School are eligible to vote and there can only be one vote per person. To ensure integrity of the ballot we will be asking parents and carers to input their email address into the form. This information is for validation purposes and will only be seen by the clerk to governors. The email addresses will be removed from the ballot information before it is sent the returning office where the votes will be counted.

We will let you know who has been appointed once the ballot has closed and the votes have been counted.

Thank you very much for your time.

Kindest Regards  
Corrie

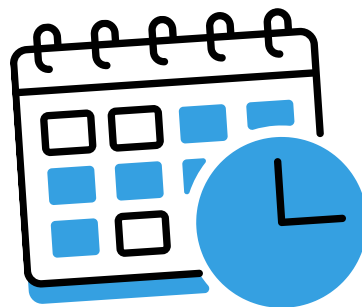
Corrie Bell  
Chair of Governors  
Sefton Park Schools



# SEFTON PARK

## Term Dates

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





# SEFTON PARK

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Level 3**

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