



# SEFTON PARK

## TERM 2 NEWSLETTER WEEK 2

### Welcome Back – A Busy and Brilliant Start to the Half Term

It's been wonderful having the children back in school, and as we reach the end of our second week, there's a real sense of energy and positivity across Sefton Park. You should have now received your year group newsletters, which give a flavour of the exciting learning and opportunities planned for the term ahead.

Even in just a short time, the children have already experienced so much. Some year groups have been out on school visits, including trips to Cardiff Castle to explore the WWII bunkers and to the Ancient Technology Centre, where Year 5 fully embraced life as Vikings for the day. In school, we've marked Odd Socks Day, observed Remembrance together with respect and reflection, and supported Children in Need with our usual enthusiasm and generosity.

We've are also set to welcome two new staff members to the team. And of course, our Oliver! rehearsals are in full swing, the cast are working incredibly hard and, true to the spirit of the show, they're certainly "asking for more"!

It's shaping up to be a fantastic half term, and we're grateful for your continued support.





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Sefton Spotlights - Help Required

Dear volunteers!

As we prepare for our upcoming performances of Oliver Jr, we are looking for volunteers to help backstage and during key rehearsals. A strong volunteer team is essential to keeping our performers safe, supported and calm throughout the production.

Please share this message and Google Form link with anybody in our wider school community who you think would be interested in helping out.

Please sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/MqpFW2aX5PUjgsUD8>

We especially welcome volunteers who are not planning to watch the performance from the audience — for example:

Parents/carers of children not in the cast

Older siblings or family members

Friends or relatives who would like to help behind the scenes

Governors and members of the wider school community

These volunteers are incredibly valuable, as most but not all backstage roles mean you are not able to watch the performance.

What's involved:

To be confident in your backstage role, most but not all volunteers will need to attend:

At least one rehearsal

Thursday 4th December, 3:30–5:30

Thursday 11th December, 3:30–5:30

Dress rehearsal:

Tuesday 16th December (during the school day)

Volunteer briefing meeting:

Tuesday 2nd December, 3:45pm

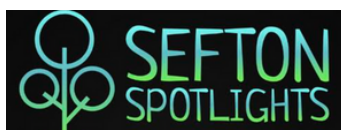
Performances

Tuesday 16th December and/or Wednesday 17th December

If you would like to volunteer in a role that allows you to watch the performance, please indicate this on the form. We will do our best to balance family needs with production requirements when arranging the rota.

Thank you so much for your support — it truly makes a huge difference to the children and to the success of the show.

The Sefton Spotlights Team





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## Folkstars Reminder - KS1

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

We are absolutely delighted with the incredible success of Folkstars since its launch this term. The impact across the school has been immediate and genuinely inspiring.

Children are excited about music again – you can feel the buzz in classrooms, corridors and even on the playground as pupils talk about the instruments they're learning, the songs they're practising and the joy of making music together.

What makes Folkstars so special is that it's giving every child the chance to engage in music, regardless of experience or background. It has opened up new pathways for creativity, confidence and collaboration, and teachers are already noticing how this renewed enthusiasm for music is helping children flourish in their learning more broadly.

A huge thank you to all the families who have already signed up. Your support is what makes this incredible resource possible, and we are truly grateful. If you haven't signed up yet, please do – even if you're not in a position to make a financial contribution. Signing up alone allows Folkstars to send an instrument home with your child so they can practise, explore and continue their musical journey beyond the classroom.

Together, we are creating something very special. Thank you for helping bring music to life at Sefton Park.



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# 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)



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## Staff Appointments

### Welcoming Mr Pavey

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Pavey as Miss O'Loughlin's replacement when she begins her maternity leave at the start of Term 3. We know you will join us in wishing Miss O'Loughlin every success and happiness as she prepares for this exciting new chapter.

Mr Pavey brings a wealth of experience to Sefton Park. He is an incredibly skilled teacher with particular expertise in Year 6, and having served as an Assistant Headteacher for eight years, he adds real depth and strength to our school team. We are confident that he will provide excellent continuity for the children and make a fantastic contribution to the life of the school.

We look forward to welcoming him fully into the Sefton Park community next term.



### Welcoming Our New Caretaker – Sam Merrick

We are very pleased to welcome Sam Merrick as our new caretaker. Sam has worked with us on and off over a number of years, and we are delighted that he is now joining the team permanently.

Sam brings a fantastic work ethic, real enthusiasm for the role and impressively high standards – all of which will be great assets to the school. He already knows our community well, and we know he will play an important part in keeping Sefton Park running smoothly and looking its best.

We are thrilled to have him on board, and I hope you will all join us in welcoming Sam to the team.



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## PAPAYA Talk

We are pleased to have booked a workshop with Sarah Vaine from Papaya (PARENTS AGAINST PHONE ADDICTION IN YOUNG ADOLESCENTS)

Sarah will talk through topics including:

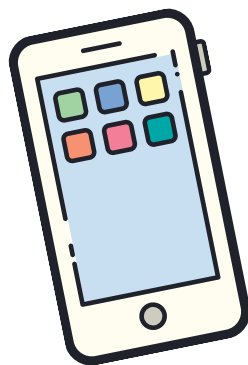
- The link between mental health and wellbeing and spending too much time online
- Strategies for delaying the smartphone
- Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology

Question and discussion time

The workshop is on Thursday 20 November at 7.00pm in our Junior Hall.  
This is for parents and carers only. There is not a creche available.

Please complete the form to reserve your place.

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## MUGA Before School

We are increasingly noticing a significant number of children arriving very early to use the MUGA before school. While we are happy for the children to enjoy this space in the mornings, we are concerned that some are arriving before 8:00am, which means they are on site for an extended period without supervision.

Our priority is always the safety and wellbeing of every child. To help us ensure that all pupils are safe, we kindly ask for your support in making sure that the MUGA is only used from 8:30am onwards.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe.





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## Winter Fair



We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Join us for a festive afternoon of fun — enjoy a treat from the café, a mulled wine from the bar, get creative with some crafting, find your perfect festive Jumper, and round off the day with a joyful sing-along before heading home with a Christmas Tree!

How you can help:

- Festive Jumper Sale: Donate your pre-loved Christmas jumpers to our sale and help everyone get into the festive spirit!
- Cakes: Bake or buy some tasty treats (cupcakes or single portions preferred). Please drop them off at reception after school on Friday or bring them along on Saturday. No Nuts please.
- Tombola Prizes: Small prizes are much appreciated — alcohol donations can be left with the office.
- Singathon: Get involved! Whether you're a solo star, part of a group, or ready to jam with instruments, we'd love to hear you. To book a slot, text Laura on (07817 678396).
- Can you lend a hand? We are looking for helpers on Sat morning, during the event and to clear up after. Please email [chair.sefton.pta@gmail.com](mailto:chair.sefton.pta@gmail.com) or speak to your PTA Class rep if you can help!

Please leave all donations on the benches outside the reception playground during the week of 1st December.

We're so excited to see you there!





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## 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.**

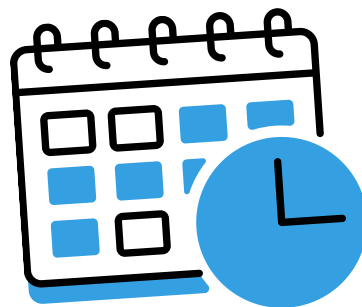




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## Term Dates

Term	Starts	Ends	INSET Days
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





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## Key Dates

- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 height and weight checks
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Parents/Carers to come and look at Christmas decorations 8:45-9:00am.
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Winter Fair 1pm-4pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - New Nursery Starter Stay & Play
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Oliver! Opening night
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Oliver! Closing Night
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - End of Term