



SEFTON PARK

TERM 2 NEWSLETTER WEEK 4

It's Christmas!

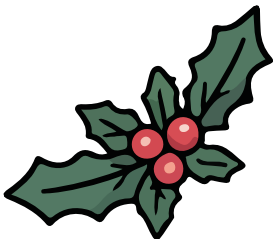
It has been a wonderfully busy and uplifting few weeks at Sefton Park, filled with moments that truly showcase the strength, kindness and spirit of our school community. Our Year 6 pupils have been brilliant ambassadors during the recent prospective parent tours, guiding visitors with confidence, maturity and genuine pride in their school. The feedback has been glowing, and it's a credit to the children who represented Sefton Park with such enthusiasm.

We were also delighted to welcome parents to our PAPAYA session this week, focusing on safe and healthy phone use. Thank you to everyone who joined us for such an important and timely conversation; it was encouraging to see so many families engaging thoughtfully with the challenges and opportunities of the digital world.

On the sporting front, our Year 6 basketball team represented the school superbly, showing teamwork, determination and great sportsmanship throughout the event. They did us proud.

And finally, some festive magic is on its way! Over the weekend, the Sefton Christmas Fairies will be hard at work around the school, sprinkling a little fairy dust to make sure that by Monday the building is looking as Christmassy and magical as ever. We can't wait for the children to see the transformation.

As always, thank you for your continued support for everything we do at Sefton Park. There is so much to celebrate, and we're excited for the weeks ahead.





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Come and See the Christmas Magic – Monday 1st December

After a weekend visit from the Sefton Park Christmas Fairies, the school will be looking wonderfully festive and ready for the children to enjoy. To share the magic with our families too, we would love to invite parents and carers into school on Monday 1st to see the children's work and admire the beautifully decorated spaces.

The doors will be open from 8:45am, and you are very welcome to come in, take a look around and celebrate the start of the festive season with us.

We look forward to seeing you there!





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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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Return of Chess at Sefton Park – The Mr Simson Cup

We are delighted to announce that chess is making a long-awaited return to Sefton Park. Since Mr Simson left, we have missed both his passion for the game and the calm focus it brought to so many children. In recognition of the huge contribution he made to our school community, we will be renaming our annual chess tournament The Mr Simson Cup, a fitting tribute to a much-loved member of staff.

We are also excited to reintroduce chess as an after-school club for KS2 pupils, beginning in January. The sessions will be led by qualified chess coaches, who will spend the first part of each session teaching key skills, strategies and rules of the game before children have the opportunity to practise and play against one another.

Please see the poster attached below for full details.

Chess Club

Please note, by completing this form you are only expressing an interest in your child attending chess club and are happy for us to pass your details across to the Checkmates after school club.

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

* Indicates required question

Parent/Carer name *

Your answer

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Testimonials

"My son found the course to be very enjoyable, interesting and informative."

Eoghan M

"10 out of 10, the teacher is really nice and it's great fun"

Patrick (student)

"Our child really liked the problem solving and demonstrations on the computer connected to the big tv. More of that is great!"

Kate



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PAPAYA Talk

This week, we were pleased to welcome PAPAYA (Parents and Professionals Advocating for Young Adolescents) to Sefton Park to deliver an informative and thought-provoking session for parents and carers. The workshop focused on supporting children with safe, healthy and balanced phone use, an increasingly important topic in the lives of young people.

PAPAYA shared practical guidance, helpful strategies and real-life examples to help families navigate screen time, online communication and the challenges that come with growing up in a digital world. It was fantastic to see so many parents engaging in open discussion and taking away ideas that can be used at home straight away.

For anyone who was unable to attend, or for those who would like to revisit the content, you can view the slides from the session using the link below.

We are grateful to PAPAYA for their expertise and to all who joined us for the session. We will continue to look for opportunities to support our community with the ever-evolving landscape of digital wellbeing.





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Christmas Decoration SOS

As many families begin preparing to put up their Christmas decorations, we wanted to ask, if you are planning to part with any decorations this year, we would be truly grateful for donations to the school.

Over the years, we have built up a lovely collection of decorations, but many of them are now reaching the end of their lifespan. If you happen to be getting rid of any items, either before or after Christmas, we would be delighted to give them a new home and use them to help make the school look magical next year.

There is absolutely no expectation to buy anything new, this request is only for decorations you are already planning to pass on. Any donations, big or small, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and generosity.





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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 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 Applications 2026/27 Now Open - Please Spread The Word

We are pleased to share that applications for our Sefton Park Nursery are now open. Choosing the right start for a child's educational journey is incredibly important, and we are proud of the nurturing, engaging and joyful environment our nursery provides. As always, the best advert for our school is the families who are already part of it.

Word of mouth truly makes the biggest difference, so if you know friends, neighbours or relatives who may be looking for a nursery place, please do let them know about us. To support families interested in joining, we have a number of upcoming tour dates:

- 12th December 2025: 9:15–9:45am
- 20th January 2026: 4:00–4:30pm
- 23rd January 2026: 9:15–9:45am
- 24th February 2026: 4:00–4:30pm
- 27th February 2026: 9:15–9:45am

These tours offer a wonderful opportunity to see the nursery in action and meet the team.

We would be grateful if you could help spread the word—your support makes a real difference.

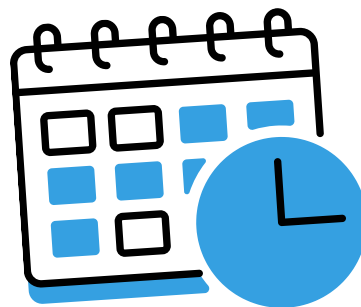




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Term Dates

Term	Starts	Ends	INSET Days
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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Key Dates

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