



SEFTON PARK

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER WEEK 3

Halfway Through the Term...When Did That Happen?

Welcome back to our fortnightly newsletter and what a bumper edition it is! There has been a real buzz around school over the last couple of weeks, with so much going on that it's been hard to fit it all into just a few pages.

Our programme of trips and visits has continued at pace, giving children the chance to step beyond the classroom and bring their learning to life. These experiences are such an important part of what we offer at Sefton Park, helping children build confidence, curiosity and a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Alongside this, school life has been full and vibrant, from exciting learning in classrooms, to enrichment activities, events and moments worth celebrating. This newsletter gives just a snapshot of the energy, creativity and commitment that our children and staff bring to school every day.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy reading about everything that's been happening and sharing in the many highlights from across the school.

Warm wishes,
Alex





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CAREERS WEEK

Thinking about the future

Careers Week (9–13 March) – We Need Your Help!

Our Careers Week, taking place from Monday 9th to Friday 13th March, is always a highlight of the year, giving children the chance to hear real stories about different jobs and the many pathways open to them. As the world of work continues to change, these experiences are more important than ever in helping pupils broaden their horizons and imagine future possibilities.

Although Careers Week is still a little way off, we're starting to plan now and would love support from parents, carers, friends, family members or neighbours who might be willing to come into school for a short visit. Sessions are very flexible – this could be a short talk, a Q&A, or a simple hands-on activity and staff are always happy to help shape ideas.

All careers are welcome, and we are particularly keen to hear from women working in STEM to ensure our girls see a wide range of role models. If you or someone you know could help during the week of 9–13 March, please complete the Google Form and feel free to share it widely. Thank you for helping us inspire the next generation.

[Click Here to sign up](#)



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Languages Day - Celebrating our Community

We are delighted to be holding a Languages Day in Term 4 (**Tuesday 24th February, Week 1**), where we will be celebrating all of the languages spoken across our school community. This will be a joyful opportunity to recognise the rich cultural diversity that makes our school such a special place, and to celebrate the many identities, stories and traditions that our children bring with them.

As part of this day, we would love to invite some language experts from our community! We are welcoming any parents, grandparents or other family and community members who speak another language to come into your child's class to share and teach a little of your language and culture. This could be through simple words and phrases, songs, stories, games, or anything else you feel comfortable sharing.

Visits could take place on Languages Day itself, during Week 1 of Term 4, or later on in the term, depending on availability. Your involvement would help children see language learning as something living and meaningful, and strengthen the sense of belonging and pride in our diverse community.

If this is something you would be interested in, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Miss Smith
MFL Lead





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World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

World Book Day takes place every year and this year we will be celebrating it on Thursday 5th March. It is always one of the highlights of the school year and a brilliant opportunity to celebrate the magic, imagination and joy that books bring.

On the day itself, and in the lead-up to it, we will be running a range of exciting workshops and events across the school, all designed to celebrate the incredible worlds that stories can take us to. As one child recently said, “Books are like doors – you open them and you’re somewhere else.”

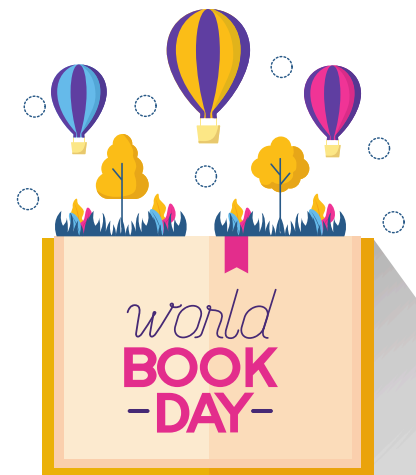
Encouraging a love of reading is something we care deeply about at Sefton Park, and we know that this love is often sparked and nurtured at home through shared stories, bedtime reads and seeing adults enjoy books too.

Over the half term, if your child would like to, they are very welcome to take a photo of themselves reading in a weird and wonderful location and share this with their class teacher. These are always a joy to see and help celebrate reading in fun, creative ways.

We would also love to see children dress up as their favourite book characters on World Book Day itself. However, we fully recognise that not all children may wish to dress up, and this is absolutely fine. We are also very mindful of the cost involved. As a parent, I know how quickly children grow and how little time outfits for one-off events can sometimes be worn.

With this in mind, if anyone has any old costumes they would be happy to donate, please do bring them into school. We will be creating a rail of free dress-up outfits for children to choose from in the run-up to World Book Day. Further details and dates will follow in a future communication.

We’re really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day together and sharing our love of reading with the children.





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Sefton Spotlight Parents Information Evening

Dear parent / carer,

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be holding a Sefton Spotlights Parent and Pupil Information Evening on Tuesday 27th January at 4.00pm.

The session will include details of our planned Sefton Spotlights events throughout 2026, including information about our next production in December. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. The session will run for no longer than one hour.

The information shared will be most relevant to children in the Junior School. However, parents of children in the Infant School who would like to learn more about Sefton Spotlights are very welcome to attend.

We hope to see many of you there.

Kind regards,
Charlie Evans
Director, Sefton Spotlights Musical Theatre Club





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Year 6 Parents Evening

This term, we will be holding a Year 6-only parents' evening during the final week of term. This additional meeting is designed to support children and families as we move closer to the SATs period, providing an opportunity to discuss progress, next steps and how best to support learning at home.

Please note that all other parents' evenings will take place next term, as usual. Sign-ups for the Year 6 parents' evening will now open on **Monday 26th January at 9:00am.**

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure our Year 6 children feel confident and well prepared for the months ahead.





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MUGA - Important Notice

We are really sad to say that we still have a significant number of children arriving incredibly early to school, some before 8am to access the MUGA. Whilst we want to encourage children to be active, as this is not supervised and we need to ensure that children are safeguarded on site, we will be locking the MUGA and playground from next week.

This means that children will not be able to access the playground **until 8:30am**.

Infant Books

Infant families, we are missing lots of numbered reading books. Some children in Reception and Year 1 are having to read paper copies instead of real books. Please check at home for any stray books that have a numbered label on (see picture below) and return them to school as soon as possible.



IFTAR

Planning Meeting

Sefton Park will be hosting an Iftar this year. If you'd like to help organise, please come and join us on the 29th after school.

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إفطاراً هذا العام إذا كنتم ترغبون
في المساعدة في التنظيم،
تفضلوا بالانضمام إلينا يوم 29
بعد انتهاء الدوام المدرسي.

29/1/26

Time: 3.40 PM



Jumble Sale!

Saturday January 24th

2-4:30pm FREE entry

Gloucestershire County Cricket Club

Nevil Rd, BS79EJ



Community Event ~ all welcome

Saturday January 24th:

Donation dropoff 9am-12pm

Jumble Sale & Cafe 2-4:30pm

Clean items in good condition only please.

Fee to donate: £2

All funds raised will go to

The Grand Appeal

Southmead Hospital Children's Centre

Sefton Park School PTA (organisers)

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We would also like to ask for your help in spreading the word about our nursery. Word of mouth is, without doubt, the most powerful and trusted form of recommendation, and there is nothing more valuable than families sharing positive experiences with friends, neighbours and the wider community. Across the city, pupil numbers are falling, and it is increasingly important that we ensure our nursery remains full, vibrant and sustainable. A strong nursery supports not only our youngest children, but the wider school community too, helping us continue to offer the high-quality provision and opportunities that families value.

If you know anyone with a child of nursery age, please do encourage them to consider Sefton Park and to get in touch with us. Your support really does make a difference, and we are very grateful for your help.



Sefton Park School Nursery



Applications now open for September 2026

Come and visit us. Arrange a tour and see how, *'Staff spot, nurture and develop pupils' talents.'*

For more information call the school office on **0117 377 3290** or email office@seftonparkschools.co.uk

[Apply online](#)

For 3-4 year olds

15 & 30 hours funded places

Open 8:30am-3:00pm (Mon - Fri) Additional hours of wraparound care available



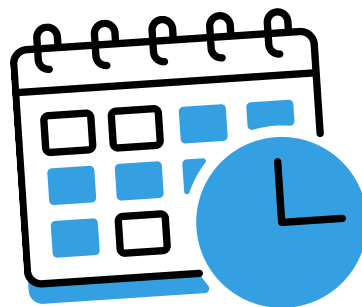


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Term Dates

Term	Starts	Ends	INSET Days
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	15 th June 2026

Please take note of the changed INSET Day date for Term 6.





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Term Dates 2026/27

Term	Starts	Ends	INSET Days
1	Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026	Thursday 3 rd September & Friday 4 th September
2	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026	N/A
3	Monday 4 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027	Monday 4 th January 2027 & Tuesday 5 th January 2027
4	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Friday 25 th March 2027	N/A
5	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027	N/A
6	Monday 7 th June 2027	Friday 23 rd July 2027	Monday 21 st June 2027

