



SEFTON PARK

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER WEEK 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been really lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. There has been such a positive atmosphere around the school, and it has been wonderful to see the children settling back into their routines, reconnecting with friends and getting to know their new classes and teachers.

It has also been great to see so many of you at the year group meetings this week. Thank you for taking the time to come along. We really value the partnership we have with our families, and these meetings are an important opportunity to share expectations for the year ahead and help everyone start the year feeling informed and connected.

There is already a real sense of energy and excitement around the school, and we are looking forward to another fantastic year together. We have lots planned and, as always, want this to be a year in which our children feel happy, supported and able to be and do their very best.

Thank you for your continued support, and welcome back to another year at Sefton Park.

Best wishes,

Alex Powell
Headteacher





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Community Groups

This year, we are introducing our new Community Groups: Bear, Lynx, Wolf and Falcon. The names were chosen because of their links to the animals that would once have been found in the ancient woodlands of Britain, helping us build a strong sense of identity and connection to the natural world around us.

Every child will belong to one of these groups, bringing together pupils from across the school. The aim is to strengthen our sense of community, create opportunities for children of different ages to work together and celebrate the positive contribution they make to school life.

Children will be able to earn points for their Community Group by showing our values, making positive choices, supporting others, looking after our school and approaching their learning with a positive attitude. The emphasis is very much on encouragement and recognition: noticing children doing the right thing and helping them understand that their choices can make a real difference to themselves and the wider community.

These groups are about belonging, teamwork and celebrating all the small things our children do every day to make Sefton Park a great place to be.





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Morning Snacks & Allergies

As we settle back into the new school year, we wanted to remind families about snacks and food brought into school. We know mornings can be busy and that children naturally enjoy treats, but what they eat during the school day can make a real difference to their energy, concentration and readiness to learn.

We all know that chocolate, doughnuts and other sweet foods are tasty, and there is absolutely nothing wrong with enjoying them in small amounts. However, they should be treats rather than a regular option for morning snack. Foods that are very high in sugar can lead to a quick spike and then a drop in energy, which is not helpful when children are trying to concentrate and learn.

We would therefore ask families to send children in with healthy snacks such as fruit, vegetables or other suitable options. If we continue to see items such as chocolate-covered doughnuts, sweets or similar foods being brought in for morning snack, these will be taken away and the child will be offered fruit or toast instead, we will of course understand if there are sensory needs, or SEN needs which make certain foods more challenging.

We also need to be absolutely clear that **nuts must not be brought into school**. We have both children and staff with nut allergies, and new guidance means this is an area we will be monitoring very carefully. This includes obvious nut products as well as foods containing nuts, such as some cereal bars, spreads and baked goods.

We appreciate everyone's support with this. It is not about banning treats altogether, but about making sure that everyday choices in school support children's health, learning and the safety of our whole community.





Dates for the Term Ahead

Date	Time	Year Group	Event
14th Sep	10:30-12:30	4	Swimming - this will be every Monday
15th Sep	9:00-12:00	5	Explorer Dome - In school experience
16th Sep	All Day	6	Lifeskills Trip
22nd Sep	9:00-9:30	Reception	Meet the Teacher presentation
23rd Sep	14:00	All	Prospective Parent Tours
30th Sep	All Day	6	Millenium Centre Theatre
8th/9th Oct	All Day	5	Magdalene Farm Residential Trip
8th Oct	14:00	All	Prospective Parent Tours
8th Oct	16:00-17:00	Nursery, Reception	EYFS Literacy Evening - if you are new to Year 1 you are also very welcome to attend.
12th-16th Oct	Various	All	Parents Evenings commence - sign ups will be available 2 weeks before
13th/14th Oct	All Day	All	Individual School Photos
15th Oct	All Day	4	Roman Trip to Caerleon Fortress
20th Oct	10:00	All	Prospective Parent Tours
21st Oct	All Day	All	Flu Vaccinations
23rd Oct	All Day	SRB	Bristol Bears Trip
23rd Oct		All	End of Term 1

SEFTON SPOTLIGHTS NEEDS YOU!

Join our backstage team for our December production

First volunteer meeting
Tuesday 15 September
3:45pm

Join
the
Spotlight

Our December production may still feel a little way off, but behind the scenes the work starts now – and we're looking for parents and carers to help make the magic happen.

Who can help?

Any parent or carer is warmly welcome — including parents of cast members, who are always hugely valued. We would also especially love to hear from parents of children not in the cast this year, as they may be able to help with 2 or 3 performances.

Volunteer roles include:



Chaperones & wing marshals



Sound, lighting, projection & AV



Hair & make-up



Mic handlers



Stagehands & backstage crew



Camera operators



...and more

CREW

COSTUMES

LIGHTS

SOUND

MAKE-UP

MAGIC

No theatre experience needed — just enthusiasm, reliability and a willingness to get stuck in.

Be part of the magic this December ✨

FOLK STARS



SEFTON PARK TUTORS FOR SEPT 2026



ANDY
TAYLOR:

GUITAR + UKULELE

BEN
MOWAT:

VIOLIN + GUITAR



PETE
MILLS:

PIANO + GUITAR

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Years 4, 5 and 6 AT SEFTON PARK

LEARN AN INSTRUMENT

CHOICE OF GUITAR / VIOLIN / PIANO

FREE INSTRUMENT TO TAKE HOME & BORROW

£7 PER WEEK (30 MIN GROUP LESSON)
FREE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM

*"A GREAT OPPORTUNITY
TO GET KIDS INTO MUSIC" – Y5 parent*



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

Super Scrap Costume Crafts!

at Children's Scrapstore

Free crafting in our Playroom for Sustainable Fashion Week

Create costumes reusing our scrap at these
FREE drop-in sessions* aimed at families.

These sessions run from **10:00am – 12:00pm**
Saturday 3rd & **11:00am – 1:00pm Sunday 4th** of
October, as well as **2:00pm – 4:00pm** on both days.

www.childrensscrapstore.co.uk/free-events

No unaccompanied children.

*This activity is drop-in on a **first-come, first-served** basis.
There is no guarantee of a place when extremely busy.
Children's Scrapstore will also be a community
venue for **St Werburghs Arts Trail** this weekend.

Join us on Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October 2026!



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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

