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TERM 1 NEWSLETTER WEEK 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

With just two weeks of term left, there is still plenty happening at Sefton Park! We have started welcoming families on tours for Nursery and Reception places for next September. It is lovely to share our school with prospective parents and let them see the learning, play and creativity that fill our classrooms. If you know anyone looking for a place, please encourage them to get in touch.

Year 5 are currently on camp and having a blast, including the experience of eating “electric daisies”! We look forward to hearing their stories when they return. These experiences are a chance to build independence, strengthen friendships and discover the confidence to try something new.

Year 6 have visited the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff, while Year 4 are looking forward to their trip to the Roman fortress at Caerleon next week. Visits like these bring learning to life, sparking curiosity and giving children experiences to draw upon back in the classroom.

Thank you to all the staff whose planning, energy and care make these opportunities possible, and to families for your continued support.
There is plenty to look forward to as we make the most of our final fortnight before half-term.



Best wishes

Alex Powell
Headteacher





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Parents Evenings Reminder

Parents' evenings run throughout next week, beginning Monday 12 October. Please book your appointment through Arbor if you haven't already done so. Bookings remain open until midday on the day of your appointment.

This is a lovely opportunity to hear how your child has settled in, celebrate their progress and discuss their next steps. If you need help booking, please speak to your child's class teacher.

We look forward to seeing you!

Reading Challenges

Dear Parents/Carers,

We wanted to remind you of the Reading Challenges that we celebrate at the end of term.

These challenges will supplement the books the children read at home and we hope they will create moments at home for connection and conversation around books and authors.

The last assembly at the end of term will celebrate and showcase reading challenges that your children complete. They will also be reviewed in class with your child's class teacher on the last Tuesday of the term.

Please only bring up to 2 per pupil each half term. This could include written work, photographs, drawings or videos. If you need to email anything please email your child's class teacher OR Early Phase please upload to Tapestry.

At the end of each term, each class will choose a Reading Winner who will receive a certificate to recognise significant effort, progress or achievement in reading.

Happy Reading!
The Sefton Park Team



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Love of Reading Challenges EYFS

The love of reading challenges are to promote the love of reading. They will encourage children to discover, engage and reflect on their reading. They will also encourage conversation and reading with others.

	Can I?	What did I do?
1	Can I read to my pet or teddy?	
2	Can I make up a game from a book?	
3	Can I share something funny from my book?	
4	Can I read a notice or road sign near my house?	
5	Can I learn a new nursery rhyme?	
6	Can I retell a story using my toys or teddies?	
7	Can I visit a library and get a new book?	
8	Can I find out something new?	
9	Can I talk to an adult about the books they enjoy?	
10	Can I read a book that an adult recommends to me?	

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Love of Reading Challenges Year 1 and 2

The love of reading challenges are to promote the love of reading. They will encourage children to discover, engage and reflect on their reading. They will also encourage conversation and reading with others.

	Can I?	What did I do?
1	Can I list what my family enjoys reading?	
2	Can I retell a story with props?	
3	Can I learn a poem by heart?	
4	Can I listen to an audio book?	
5	Can I read a leaflet, instructions or a recipe?	
6	Can I draw something I have learnt from a non-fiction book?	
7	Can I make a special reading den for both myself and an adult to use and read together?	
8	Can I draw a cartoon strip showing the main parts of a story?	
9	Can I talk to an adult about the books they enjoy?	
10	Can I read a book that an adult recommends to me?	

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Love of Reading Challenges Year 3 and 4

The love of reading challenges are to promote the love of reading. They will encourage children to discover, engage and reflect on their reading. They will also encourage conversation and reading with others.

	Can I?	What did I do?
1	Can I create a collage to show what I have read?	
2	Can I make up a game from a book?	
3	Can I create a new front cover and talk about it?	
4	Can I read aloud my favourite song lyrics?	
5	Can I draw a cartoon strip showing the main parts of the story?	
6	Can I surprise an adult with facts that I have learnt from a non-fiction book?	
7	Can I visit a library and get a new book?	
8	Can I read under the stars with my family?	
9	Can I talk to an adult about the books they enjoy?	
10	Can I read a book that an adult recommends to me?	

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Love of Reading Challenges Year 5 and 6

The love of reading challenges are to promote the love of reading. They will encourage children to discover, engage and reflect on their reading. They will also encourage conversation and reading with others.

	Can I?	What did I do?
1	Can I make an A-Z of authors, book titles or favourite characters?	
2	Can I read a new author?	
3	Can I write an alternative ending to a book in the same style as the author?	
4	Can I make a board game based on a favourite book?	
5	Can I rearrange my bookshelf by colour, genre or size?	
6	Can I ask an adult about a book they remember from school?	
7	Can I visit a library and get a new book?	
8	Can I note everything I have read in a day on a timeline?	
9	Can I write a book review and publish it on a given website?	
10	Can I read a book that an adult recommends to me?	



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

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Term Dates 2026/27

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

