

Childwall CE Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 13th February 2026

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week at school. Mrs Carew launched the week in Monday's assembly, introducing the children to this year's theme of Belonging. Throughout the week, pupils have taken part in a range of activities focused on supporting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Mrs Carew and Mrs Birchall also organised three parent sessions across the week. Two sessions, led by Mrs Carew and Mrs Birchall, focused on how families can support children's mental health and wellbeing at home. A further session was delivered by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and explored healthy sleep habits for children. If you would like copies of any of the resources shared during these sessions, please contact the school office.

Mrs Birchall has also been very busy delivering wellbeing sessions to every class across the school. We encourage you to talk to your child about what they enjoyed during the week and how you might continue some of the activities and ideas at home.

For further support and advice, the following websites may be helpful for parents and carers:

- **NHS – Every Mind Matters**
<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters>
Practical advice for supporting children and young people's mental wellbeing.
- **YoungMinds (parent and carer support)**
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent>
Guidance, reassurance and advice for parents supporting their child's mental health.
- **Anna Freud Centre – parents and carers**
<https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/parents-and-carers/>
Clear information and resources about children's mental health and emotional wellbeing.
- **Place2Be – supporting children at home**
<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/>
Advice and activities to help children talk about feelings and build resilience.
- **NHS – children's sleep and bedtime routines**
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sleep-and-tiredness/healthy-sleep-tips-for-children/>
Helpful tips for supporting healthy sleep habits at home.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday, we also marked Safer Internet Day in school. Mr Dutton led a whole-school assembly to launch the day, and classes then took part in a range of activities linked to this year's theme. The children explored how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly, and discussed how to seek help if something online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable. It always feels particularly important that Safer Internet Day takes place during the same week as Children's Mental Health Week. As a school, we recognise the significant impact that online activity and digital technology can have on children's wellbeing in today's society.

To further support families, Mr Dutton and I will be delivering an online session for parents and carers on internet safety on Tuesday 24th February at 5.00pm via Zoom. Further details and the joining link will be shared shortly. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

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Y4 LENT SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS

Year 4 led a wonderful Lent service at All Saints Church on Wednesday morning. The children spoke and sang beautifully, and represented our school with great confidence and respect. It was a lovely, reflective service and a special opportunity to come together as a community during Lent. Well done to all of our Year 4 pupils – we are very proud of you.

CHINESE DRAGON NEW YEAR PERFORMANCE

We were delighted to begin our Chinese New Year celebrations this week with a spectacular dragon dance, which took place on Wednesday morning. The children were absolutely thrilled to see the magnificent dragon and were captivated by the colourful, mesmerising costumes and movements. It was a wonderful way to bring this important celebration to life and to help the children learn more about different cultures and traditions. Thank you very much to everyone involved in providing such a memorable and exciting experience for our pupils.



MOCK SATS

Year 6 have completed a full week of mock SATs this week, and we would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for the hard work, focus and resilience they demonstrated throughout. The assessments have helped staff to identify any gaps in learning so that we can continue to support pupils and ensure they are as well prepared and confident as possible for their statutory assessments in May. We are very proud of the mature and positive attitude shown by the whole cohort.

NEW CHESS CLUB

We are pleased to confirm that there has been enough interest for our Chess Club to go ahead. Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest so far. We are currently waiting for a few final details and will share the full information with families as soon as it becomes available.

LOCAL AUTHOR VISIT- SOPHIE MELIA

We are delighted to announce that local author Sophie Melia is coming to school on Monday 2nd March to discuss her first children's book, *What If?*, with the children. *What If?* is a wonderful story of Asad and his journey in discovering how friendship and kindness can change the course of a life.

As part of her visit, Sophie is signing copies of her book. It is available in Waterstones (as well as a certain well known online shop that shares its name with a rainforest.....). But if you would like to purchase one directly from her, and support a local author, please send in £7 cash in a clearly named envelope with 'Sophie Melia *What If*' written on it, and ask your child to give it straight to Mr Gillin. These will then be signed and given out on the day. If you have already purchased a copy, Sophie will be more than happy to sign it.

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Our award winners

House Point
Winners this
week are:

FAITH

Merit Achievement Award Winner

- RO** Soren - for reading his book so brilliantly
- RG** Harry - For always being ready, respectful & resilient!
- Y1B** Belle - For always trying her best and facing challenges with resilience.
- Y1G** Carter - Super progress in his maths, reading and writing
- Y2C** Luca - For a half-term filled with effort, hard work and resilience.
- Y2M** Michael – great recall of religion learning
- Y3J** Josie - for writing an excellent TV news report
- Y3K** Harriet - for thoughtful and reflective contributions to Children's Mental Health Week
- Y4F** Leia- For demonstrating a positive attitude towards her work and practising her handwriting to achieve her pen licence.
- Y4K** Robyn- for resilience during Maths lessons
- Y5D** Elise - For being a wonderful and supportive friend and for always setting an excellent example to others
- Y5K** Alba- For settling into a new school with confidence, enthusiasm and positivity.
- Y6RP** Callum - a fantastic improvement in your handwriting
- Y6M** Noah -For showing excellent perseverance during our recent assessments, demonstrating determination and a positive attitude throughout.

Christian Value Award

- Albie - For showing great perseverance in Phonics
- Joseph - For always showing kindness to his friends
- Loren- For showing resilience with his phonics assessment.
- Riley - being a ray of sunshine all day every day
- Evie - Being such a loving and compassionate friend.
- Albert - always being a thoughtful and loving friend
- Elliot - for bringing joy to everyone with his cheerfulness and enthusiasm
- Harry - For always thinking of others before himself.
- Seth - For showing compassion to his peers and always being a good friend.
- Anais - for always being kind and compassionate to all.
- Abigail - For always showing kindness, compassion, respect and understanding. She has also shown such resilience this week!
- Honor - For always being a kind, loving and compassionate friend to everyone
- Olivia - smiling through challenges and being resilient
- Emelia - For showing our school values of love and compassion through her kindness and care for others.

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Below is an outline of the National Curriculum times tables expectations for each year group:

Year 1 Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Recall and use doubles of all numbers to 10 and corresponding halves.

Year 2 Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.

Year 3 Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.

Year 4 Recall multiplication and division facts for all multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

Year 5 & 6 Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12.

TTRS Battle of the Bands Results

This week's Times Tables Rockstars

Year 2	2N	Y2	Thomas M, Albert B, Daniel F
			Cari, Harry D, Christos
Year 3	3K	Y3	Josie, Joshua G, Emily C
			Elliot W, Harry R, Mohammed
Year 4	4K	Y4	James B, Sabrina, Alice W
			Gethin, Will, Marley
Year 5	5D	Y5	Courtney, Nathan, Max L
			Ryan, Jake B, Logan
Year 6	6M	Y6	Isaac, Sienna H, Alfie
			Charlie, Zoe, Poppy

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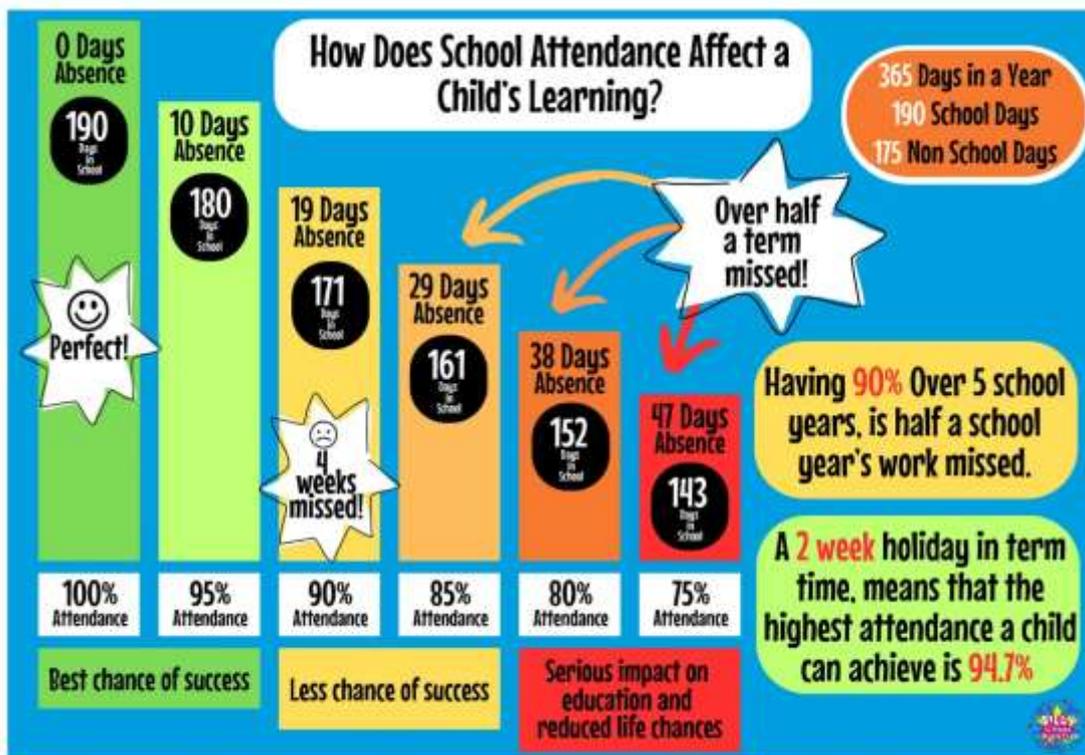
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Our attendance

We know how busy mornings can be, but we wanted to take a moment to remind everyone just how important good attendance and punctuality are for our children. Being in school every day – and arriving on time – helps children feel settled, confident and ready to learn alongside their friends. Even missing the odd day here and there can really add up over time. The infographic below shows the impact of missed school and how it can affect children’s learning, friendships and confidence as they move through school. We’d really encourage you to take a look.

Of course, we completely understand that some children have genuine circumstances that prevent them from attending school, such as health or medical needs. These situations are absolutely understandable, and we always appreciate open communication so we can support families in the best way possible. Thank you, as always, for working with us to give our children the best possible start. Every day in school makes a difference!



Whole School Attendance- this week	Class Attendance			
	RO	95%	RG	97.9%
96.5%	Y1B	95.3%	Y1G	92.7%
Whole School Attendance- to date (this academic year)	Y2C	97.4%	Y2M	99.3%
96.4%	Y3J	96%	Y3K	99.4%
Class Attendance Winners	Y4F	93.3%	Y4K	97%
3K	Y5D	97.3%	Y5K	96.9%
	Y6M	96.2%	Y6RP	97.1%

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Achievements beyond the school gates



A huge well done to Leo in year 1 who came first in his ski race in his age group. It was such a special moment for him, and it really boosted his confidence. Amazing news Leo keep up the good work.



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Our family of faith

**Our Christian
Value this term
is:**

LOVE

A reflection of love from Miss Wikeley

As we approach Valentine's Day and the half term break, we have been thinking in school about love — not just the kind that includes cards and chocolates, but the deeper kind of love that we show every day.

In the Bible, we are shown that love is at the very heart of who God is: "God is love" (1 John 4:8). That's a powerful and comforting thought. It means that when we show kindness, patience and forgiveness, we are reflecting God's character in our daily lives.

One of the most famous passages about love is found in 1 Corinthians 13, which tells us that "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud." These words help us think about what love looks like in action. Love is not just something we say — it is something we do. It is choosing to be patient when it's difficult, choosing to forgive, and choosing to include someone who feels left out.

Jesus teaches us in John 13:34, "Love one another as I have loved you." This is a challenging instruction as it reminds us to treat and love others with the same love that Jesus shows us: love through compassion, respect, commitment and sacrifice. In school, this might look like helping a friend with their learning, sharing equipment, using kind words or standing up for someone who needs our support.

As we head towards the half term break, perhaps we can all take a moment to think about how we can show love at home and in our community. A small act of kindness and love can make a big difference — we can start with a smile, a thank you or a helping hand. May this Valentine's week remind us that love is more than a celebration for one day; it is something we must practise every day. May we wish all our families a restful and joyful half term full of love.



Services at All Saints Church, Childwall during February

Sunday services – 9.15am, 11am and 5pm, with Ignite Youth Service taking place at 6pm in the Church Hall.

The 9.15 service is available on YouTube each Sunday shortly after the service. The Vicar will share it via email if you request to have your name added to the email list. Tea and coffee are served in the Childwall Abbey Hall between the two morning services. There are also refreshments served after the evening service.

Thursday services: 10.45 am: Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer in Church followed by tea and coffee.



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ELSA Support

Mrs Birchall.

I probably could take up the whole newsletter with all the amazing activities children have done this week for Children's Mental Health Week! I have had the pleasure of teaching every class this week.

EYFS/Year 1 talked about what it feels like to 'belong' and where/who we belong to and coloured in a lovely picture.

Other classes sessions focused on 'The Grand Hotel of Feelings' book. We looked at two emotions; sadness and anger. The children and I talked about how those feeling can look like, what they feel like and what strategies and techniques we can use to help those feelings.

Yr 2-3 had to write/draw in a suitcase different techniques sadness or anger would need to take with them to the hotel. The children worked as a team on each table to come up with ideas.

Yr 4-6 had to write/draw an information sheet for the hotel manager, (who was me!), on what I would need to have in the rooms ready for anger or sadness to stay. I was completely blown away with all of the children, their ideas, for participating and working as a team.

Also, this week, myself and Mrs Carew ran two parent/carer workshops. We talked through what support is offered within school and outside agencies, some strategies and techniques they could use and any general questions. Thank you to all the parents/carers that attended and gave us positive feedback and also suggestions for future workshops.

I hope you all have a lovely half term x



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Reminders



We are delighted to invite you to a **parent/carer workshop** with Claire McGuffie, Lead Specialist Practitioner for **Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN)**, SENISS, on **Monday 2nd March** from **9.15-10.15am**. Claire will be delivering training to staff members during the previous week and this workshop will give an overview of SLCN that are common in children and ideas for how they can be supported. If you are able to attend, even if just for part of the session, please email Mrs. Rice using the following email address: senco@childwallce.com

ASD Training Team - Social Communication/Social Interaction Workshops

Dates: 26th and 27th February 2026

Time: 9.30am – 12 noon

Venue: Zoom

Dear Parent/Carer,

If you have concerns about social communication and interaction or your child is awaiting assessment from the ASD Pathway, we would like to invite you to attend the above workshops on Social Communication and Social Interaction/Behaviour.

Session 1: overview to build your understanding of the areas that may cause difficulties/gaps for you child and strategies to support.

Session 2: question/answer opportunity to discuss specific areas of concern.

You need to attend session 1 to access session 2.

If you wish to attend, please contact the team: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local Offer for future training and workshops:

Liverpool ASD Training Team | Liverpool Family Information; SEND Directory

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely, ASD Training Team

Please also see link of other courses that are coming up: [Whats on in Liverpool Spring Term 2026](#)

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Super League Basketball Cup Finals, Sunday 22 March 2026 | AO Arena Manchester

We're pleased to share access to **specially discounted tickets (over 50% off)** for the upcoming **Super League Basketball Cup Finals**.

Held at the AO Arena Manchester on **Sunday 22nd March 2026**, this is the finale of one of British basketball's premier knockout competitions and features some of the most thrilling on court action from both the men's and women's professional leagues in the UK.

Enjoy fast-paced action, elite players, and first-class entertainment — all in front of a roaring **9,000**-strong crowd!

You can find out more on the event, including our promotional video and event schedule, by visiting <https://www.superleaguebasketballm.co.uk/2026cup/>

Ticket Offer & Booking

Our school has secured tickets for just **£10 per person** — a saving of over 50% (normal prices: £26 Adult/£22 Child).

Book your tickets here: <https://www.britishbasketballshop.com/products/2026cupprimary>

Simply click "**Add to Cart**" and adjust the quantity as needed. Tickets will be dispatched directly by Super League Basketball.

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Next week's menu

Here is a reminder of our lunchtime options:

1. Packed Lunch for Junior Children
2. Packed Lunch with Fishy Friday for Junior Children
3. School Dinner

Once you have selected an option, this will need to remain the option for the remainder of the half term. This ensures that our kitchen staff are able to order and prepare the correct number of school meals. The cost of a school dinner is £2.40 per day and must be paid for weekly in advance. All infant children receive a Universal Free School Meal.



Lunch Menu Week 1



w/c 23rd Feb	 Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Carrot & Coriander	Tomato & Basil	Chef Choice	Pea & Spinach	Chef Choice
HOT MAINS	Tomato & Basil Pasta V	Wholemeal Spaghetti Bolognese with Salad & Garlic Bread	Chicken Fajitas	Ham Roast Dinner with Cauliflower Cheese & Roast New Potatoes	Fish Cake or Fish Fingers with Chips & Mushy Peas
	Spanish Omelette with Salad V	Vegetarian Sausage Toasties V	Cheese & Red Onion Quiche V	Vegetarian Chilli with Rice V	Veggie Fingers with Chips & Mushy Peas V
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about today's special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad V	Fresh Fruit Trifle	Sticky Toffee Pudding	Bakewell Cherry Slice	Cheese & Crackers



Available Daily: Jacket potatoes with tuna, cheese or beans, salad, hummus, fresh fruit and yoghurt

Please speak to a member of staff about dietary requirements. All menus are checked by a nutritionist and adhere to School Food Standards.

V Vegetarian
● Vegan
 Oily fish

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23/2/26		Online Safety session for parents/ carers via Zoom 5pm		Y4 Hope Science Microteach 9.30am - 1pm	Christian Value afternoon: Hope 2.15pm - Year 6 Family Learning Mathematics Mastery Focused/ SATs Update
2/3/26	Local Author Sophie Melia. Children can buy a book for £7	World Book Day- all children welcome to come into school dressed as their favourite book characters	Year 4 PGL	Year 4 PGL EYFS – Fairytale workshop Class RO 1.00-1.50 Class RG PM 2.00-2.50	Year 4 PGL Reception stay and Play (30 AM and 30 PM)
9/3/26	Year 5 Bikeability- 12 children from 5D	Year 5 Bikeability- 12 children from 5D	Year 5 Bikeability- 6 children from 5D and 6 children from 5K Year 6 Crucial Crew-PM Chavasse House, Childwall	Year 5 Bikeability- 12 children from 5K	Year 5 Bikeability- 12 children from 5K
16/3/26 Neurodiversity Week and Science week	EYFS Parents Meeting 1.15-6.30pm	3.15-4.30pm – EYFS, Year 1 and 2 Disco	B-Tales Easter 9.30 am KS1 AM and 1.30pm -KS 2 PM 3.15-4.30pm – Year 3 and 4 Disco	3.15-4.30pm – Year 5 and 6 Disco	Red Nose Day (children can wear own clothes for £1 donation)
23/3/26		Year 2 Barnstondale	Year 5 Easter Service at All Saints 9:30am Year 2 Barnstondale	PM – Easter Bonnet Parade Parents from 2.00pm	Finish for Easter

Feedback from parent/ carer meetings in December highlighted that parents and carers felt as though there was too much going on at the end of the term and so the meetings would be better at the beginning of a term. With this in mind the spring meetings are as follows:

Y1 & 2 Tuesday 14th April pm

Y5 & 6 Tuesday 21st April pm

Y3 & 4 Thursday 24th April pm

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