Holy Family Catholic Primary School.

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Half term already - it has come around so quickly! Have a lovely restful week and we will see you recharged and raring to go on Monday 2nd November!

Attendance & Punctuality:

Year 4 has the best attendance this week with 96.8% and Year 1 have the best punctuality with 99.8%

Overall this half term Y4 have the best attendance and Y1 have the best punctuality – they will get some extra playtime!



Please see our half-termly Attendance newsletter attached

Leave in term time cannot be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Each case will be reviewed on an individual basis.

A reminder that we have a new dedicated email address for reporting absences. Please contact attendance.hfp@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Leave of Absence Requests:

If you need to request leave during term time please use the form which can be found here: https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/2024-2025-3/



Our Values of the Week:



Each week in school we focus on Different values. These are supported with Picture News, Class Worships & discussion. Please click on the links to read what the children have been doing in class.

Democracy
https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/catholic-social-teaching/

Life & Dignity
https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/y1-y6/

The Religious Life of School:

Our next Stay & Prays this term in school at 9am:
Y1 – 24.11.26
Y2 – 26.11.26
EYFS (Reception & Pre-School) – 01.12.26

We started this week with a lovely Celebration of the Word from Y5 – well done children.

You can read 'The Wednesday Word' at:
https://www.holyfamilyprimary.com/page/?title=2026%2D2027&pid=338

Black History Month



Staff.....

We welcome Mrs Anderson to school as our interim SENDCo. Please continue to direct any issues to the office and these will be forwarded on to Mrs Anderson.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 23rd October:	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Monday 2nd November:	Relax Kids Active Sefton: Y6 Mindfulness Y4 swimming
Tuesday 3rd November:	Y6 Forest School. ***Children will need long trousers & tops, wellingtons & waterproofs***
Monday 9th November:	Relax Kids Active Sefton: Y6 Mindfulness Y4 swimming
Tuesday 10th November:	Y5 Forest School. ***Children will need long trousers & tops, wellingtons & waterproofs***
Thursday 12th November:	Michael Rosen Day - activities throughout school
Friday 13th November:	BBC Children in Need – own clothes day

2pm: Y5 & Y6 Class Mass with Fr Kevin, ***all Y5 & Y6 parents welcome, children can go home with parents after Mass***

More dates up can be viewed on our Google Calendar

Going for Green!

Good Attitude:

James, Elena, Raiya, Ben, Grace, Mia & Bella

Good Achievement:

Sienna, Alexandra, Elouise, Deon, Jewel, Ralph & Olivia

Lunchtime:

Elena & Teddy

School Admissions for September 2027

Closing date for applications to start secondary school in September 2027 is **31 October 2026**.

Closing date for applications to start primary school in September 2027 is **15 January 2027.**

Applications for places should be made online **https://www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions**

Show Racism the Red Card

Today, everyone wore red and we have all done activities relating to this year's theme of Change Hearts, Change Minds, Change Lives.



School Tours

Are you or someone you know, looking for a Reception place for your little one in September? Book a tour to come and see our school in action. We also have available places in our new preschool.



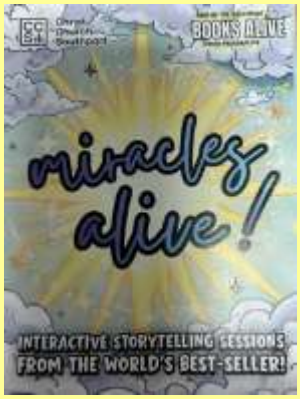
School nurse drop in – 23rd October – 1.15-4.15pm



What's on in Southport this half term …

This is the link to the autumn issue of All About Family Sefton that has lots of helpful advice and information.

If you'd like more Southport specific information take a look at www.yoursouthport.com which has lots of information about days out and half term activities closer to home.



Children's University – please send direct to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk



SEFTON children's UNIVERSITY

October half term Challenge 2026

Activity 1 **Autumn scavenger hunt** Below is a link to a website where you can get a free scavenger hunt. Print it off or write down the list of things you need to find & tick things off as and when you see them. https://www.myohana.co.uk/blog/autumn-scavenger-hunt#download-your-free-autumn-scavenger-hunt-printable	**Activity 2** **Liverpool River of Light** Why not visit the free Liverpool River of Light artwork which is running from Friday 23rd Oct to Sunday 1st November. To gain a credit create a poster with your favorite light display and what you enjoyed the most.	**Activity 3** **Autumn Science experiments** Have a go at some science experiments at home. You could do Leaf Chromatography (why leaves change colour), Pumkin Volcano, Or Conker Sink or Float experiments but check out the link below for instructions. https://www.supercamps.co.uk/blog/science-of-autumn-experiments	**Activity 4** **Half term baking.** Have a go at making some half term treats, you could make some biscuits, flapjacks, themed filled peppers or muffins. Check out the link below for some ideas: https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/10-half-term-recipes-kids
Activity 5 **Make something out of recycled materials!** You could find sticks, stones, leaves and flowers and create your own artistic landscape on paper or canvas. Or you could try making some jewellery out of pasta, pretzels or cereal, you could use string to tie it all together. https://thecraftingfoodie.com/recycled-crafts-for-kids/	**Activity 6** **Get moving!** Create a mini indoor obstacle course, you could use pillows, chairs, blankets to build a fun course then time yourself doing it. Or you could organise an at-home sports day…be creative and create races with the things you have at home. https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/activities/indoor-activities-for-kids/#home	**Activity 7** **Books Alive! Once upon a town** Books Alive! is bringing a world of story telling , creativity and fun to Southport on 24-31 October. The Jolly Postman Trail will be taking over the town centre and there will be a packed festival of stories at the Atkinson. Merseyrail will be doing a special £2 return ticket (£1 for children). To gain your credit do a book review of your favourite book there.	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the October holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit (unless otherwise stated) when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or send it to your local Children's University. Send it to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk