



# Kew Woods News

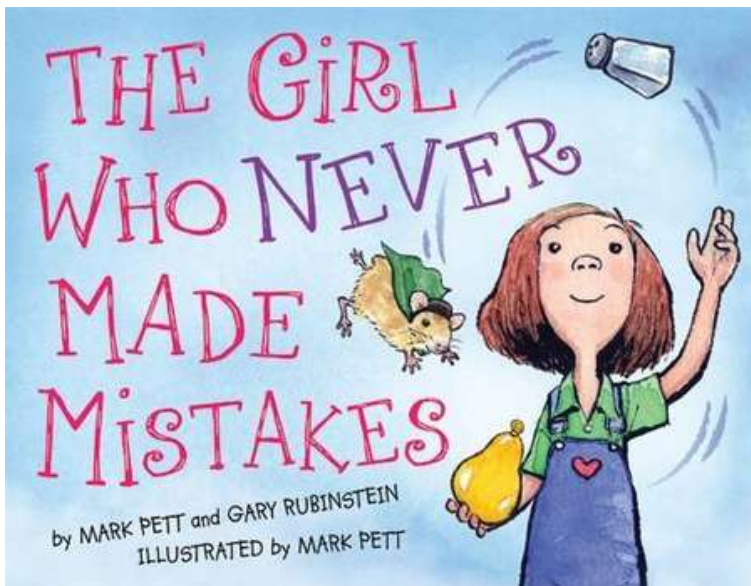
Friday 27th February



## Welcome Back to Spring 2!

On Monday, Miss Checkley welcomed the children back to school and read the book 'The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes', which is focused on growth mindset; learning and growing from your mistakes.

On Friday, we held our first Celebration Assembly of the half term.



**Executive Headteacher**

**Christina Greaves**

**Head of School**

**Leanne Checkley**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

**School attendance this week is 95% which is above national average.**

**Well done to class 6W who had the**

**highest attendance at**

**Dates: 98.9%**

**March**

**2nd** - KS Quidditch Day  
(children to wear PE kits)  
Sean Perkins (author)  
book sale in the hall after school

**3rd** - Paul Cookson (poet)  
book sale in the hall after school

**5th** - World Book Day  
(children to wear themed clothing)

Book swap at break time

**6th** - Year 5 art gallery in the hall after school

**w/c 9th** - RK Forest School

**9th and 10th** - Year 6 Residential to Robinwood

**11th** - Year 3 and Year 5 trip to Edgehill University

**12th** - EYFS Stay and Read at 2:40pm





# Dojo Winners!



## This Week's Class Dojo Winners

Amanah	NSY
Archie	RK
Emilia	RW
Felix	1K
Zachariah	1W
Freya E	2K
Ava	2W
Daisy	3K
Alfie	3W
Elliott	4K
Phoebe & Savannah	4W
Alexander	5K
Timmy	5W
Taylor	6K
Nehal	6W

***This Week's Big Question is linked to our school values - Connect and Kindness:***

***'Does how we behave matter as much as how well we play?'***

BIG QUESTION of the week!

Here is a summary of what the pupils thought:

1K - It matters how we behave. If we are kinda and take turns, everyone has more fun. Playing nicely is as important as being good at the game.

1W - We need to learn how to behave well and play nicely otherwise we might upset people.

2K - How we behave is important because if we follow the rules and be kind, everyone stays safe and the game is more fun. Being kind and fair helps everyone to enjoy games.

2W- Yes, because being kind and playing nicely is just as important as being good at the game. If you're mean, no one wants to play with you. But if you're kind, everyone can have fun!

3K - Yes, behaviour is very important. If we are honest, fair and calm, the whole team works better together. Playing well can help us win, but behaving well helps us enjoy the game. We think enjoying it is the most important thing.

3W - It's important to show good sportsmanship as you could be suspended and have serious consequences for not following the rules.

4K - How we behave is important because when we play for a team, we represent them and their values. We should follow rules because it means that we can play fairly, safely and enjoy the game. We can become role models for others so it is important to behave appropriately. It feels good to win but we should also learn how to lose gracefully.

5W-How we behave matters just as much as how well we play, because bad behaviour or poor teamwork in football can lead to mistakes, arguments, and even relegation. We also use this idea in other subjects, where kindness, effort, and team spirit help us learn and succeed together.

***Next Week's Big Question is:  
Is looking after our oceans important?***



# Year 3 Chester Trip

After studying the Romans in history last half term, Year 3 went on a trip to the Chester Grosvenor Museum, where they marched through the city to as Roman legionaries, examined artefacts and took part in several workshops to extend their learning about life in Roman times. They had a great time stepping back into history and immersing themselves into Roman life!





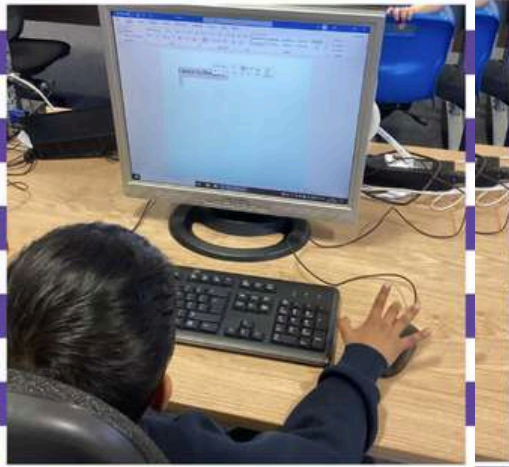
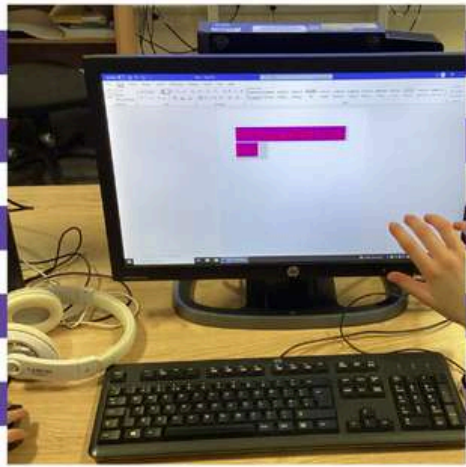
# Developing a Love of Reading



3W enjoyed visiting the library this week.



## Year 2 Computing



In computing, 2K have been typing sentences and editing them by changing the colour, size and font. They are working hard to develop their computing skills - keep up the good work!





# PE and Sport at Kew Woods



There's been lots of sporting activities taking place in school this week.

1K loved their first Yoga lesson of this half term.

Some of our Year 6 boys went up to LFC Football Academy in Kirby on Tuesday. Mr Walton and Mr Thompson was impressed with their great attitude and commitment.

On Thursday, our Year 3 and 4 gymnastics team represented school. They completed a floor routine and two vaults. They showed fantastic courage and super skills and finished with a silver medal! Well done to them all!



# NURSERY

## newsletter

### This week

This week, we have been reading the story Each Peach Pear Plum. Through this story, we have been encouraging mark making and supporting the children in recognising that print and marks carry meaning. We have also started Phonics. In phonics, the children have been identifying pictures linked to sounds and have begun to sort and match objects by their initial sound with adult support. In Maths, we have been focusing on the number 6, exploring different ways to represent it, creating 6 using practical resources, and looking for groups of 6 in our environment.

### Next week

Next week, we are reading the traditional tale Jack and the Beanstalk. We are linking this to our Maths learning as we will be exploring height and length. The children will be measuring lots of different things, including beanstalks. We are also going to be planting our own plants, just like Jack. In addition, next week is World Book Day, and the children will be creating their own front cover for a book.



### Reminders

Please remember to send your home learning to [learningselfie@kewwoods.com](mailto:learningselfie@kewwoods.com) and ensure you are connected to your child's new Dojo account.



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This may offer privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats involve multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can exclude people, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uninteresting or upsetting.

### SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include influencers posing as family members in an emergency or linking users to revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private communications.

### DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

### EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

Channels are an optional feature that allows users to follow updates from public figures or organisations. However, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

### UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location and if not managed correctly, this can show others – even those in muted groups – to most people's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

### COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Spammy' feed and has introduced an 'AI Assistant - Meta AI' into the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Balance Unknown Contacts' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.

### TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.

### BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something makes them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone, but let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.

### TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to show inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Buchanan is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and texting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.





**KNOWKNIFE CRIME**

Southport  
Learning  
Trust



## Help Us Keep Our Community Safe with #kNOwKnifeCrime

Since July 2023, schools in the Southport Learning Trust have been coming together to raise funds for #kNOwKnifeCrime – a youth campaign dedicated to educating and empowering young people with essential life skills. We're passionate about creating safer communities and equipping our pupils with the knowledge and confidence to make positive choices.

### Why Your Support Matters

- **2023:** Our schools came together to raise an impressive £5,200, which enabled us to install bleed control kits and cabinets outside our buildings.
- **2024:** We partnered with schools across Sefton and collectively raised £30,000, resulting in 86 bleed control kits and cabinets being placed throughout the community.
- **2025:** We achieved another milestone, pushing our mission forward by fundraising an impressive £10,000 to deliver first aid training through the Mini Medics programme.

This year, we're determined to go further – expanding Mini Medics training to even more schools. This essential training equips pupils with practical first aid skills and the confidence to act in emergencies, empowering them to step up when it matters most.

### Support Our Upcoming Events

We've got an exciting ~~lineup~~ of fundraising events coming up, within individual schools and across the Trust, and we'd love your support!

- **Week Commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Thousands of pupils within Southport Learning Trust, will take part in the **TCS Mini London Marathon in Schools**. This will involve school children of all ages and abilities completing a two-mile course within their school setting, to fundraise and raise awareness for #kNOwKnifeCrime.

- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**

Over 180 pupils will participate in a **Relay Run** across the Trust, covering 30 miles from Bootle to Maghull to Formby to Southport – symbolically linking our communities together.

- **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

We're taking 60 pupils to London to participate in the **School Mile Race** – a unique chance for young people to cross the iconic TCS London Marathon Finish Line and earn the coveted Mini Marathon medal.

- **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

We're excited to announce that five of our amazing colleagues and dedicated staff are taking on the incredible challenge of running the **London Marathon**, in partnership with #kNOwKnifeCrime –

- **Mr I Raikes** – CEO | Southport Learning Trust
- **Miss B Low** – Associate Assistant Headteacher, Head of Year & PE Teacher | Maghull High School
- **Miss L Checkley** – Head of School | Kew Woods Primary
- **Mr J Roberts** – Head of Year & PE Teacher | ~~Meols Cop~~ Meols Cop High School
- **Mr J Woodley** – Head of Science | Birkdale High School

Let's rally behind them and show our support as they prepare for this amazing achievement!

## How You Can Help

Your sponsorship means everything to us. Whether it's encouraging our pupils in their school mini marathons, supporting fundraising activities within your schools or backing our staff as they take on the London Marathon, every donation counts.

## Fundraising Pages:

Southport Learning Trust (Overall Page) - [London Marathon | Charity Champions Lancashire | Lancashire Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids](#)

Bedford Primary School: [Bedford Primary School | Charity Champions Lancashire | Lancashire Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids](#)

Hudson Primary School: [Hudson Primary School | Charity Champions Lancashire | Lancashire Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids](#)

Kew Woods Primary School: [Kew Woods School Southport | Charity Champions Lancashire | Lancashire Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids](#)

Merefield School: [Merefield School | Charity Champions Lancashire | Lancashire Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids](#)

Birkdale High School: [Birkdale High School | Charity Champions Lancashire | Lancashire Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids](#)

Greenbank High School: [Greenbank High School | Charity Champions Lancashire | Lancashire Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids](#)

Maghull High School: [Maghull High School | Charity Champions Lancashire | Lancashire Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids](#)

Meols Cop High School: [Meols Cop High School | Charity Champions Lancashire | Lancashire Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids](#)

Range High School: [Range High School | Charity Champions Lancashire | Lancashire Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids](#)

Stanley High School: [Stanley High School | Charity Champions Lancashire | Lancashire Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids](#)

Together, we can make a difference and empower our young people. Thank you for your support!

**KNOW  
KNIFE  
CRIME**

#kNOwKnifeCrime



**cashforkids**



## BONUS BALL FUNDRAISER

Happy half term!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

To be in with a chance of winning £100, visit the office to purchase your number!

81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Miss Checkley will be running the London Marathon and raising money for #kNOwKnifeCrime

**Stake:**  
**£5**

**Prize:**  
**£100**

**£400 towards the charity!**

# HELP US NAME OUR 14 NEW FOOD WASTE VEHICLES!

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

- Open to all Sefton residents
- We are only looking for creative, family friendly names with a food waste or recycling theme.
- The winning names will be proudly displayed on the vehicles, and winners will be invited for a special photo opportunity with their named truck!

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW  
TO ENTER



**COMPETITION OPENS: MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY**  
**COMPETITION CLOSES: MONDAY 23RD MARCH**  
**WINNERS ANNOUNCED: MAY 2026**



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS,  
PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.SEFTON.GOV.UK/BINS-AND-RECYCLING](https://www.sefton.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling)

# Reception & Year 1

During the February half-term, your child will not bring home a phonics book or spellings. Instead, we kindly ask that you spend a minimum of 10 minutes each day watching one or two phonics video with your child. All you will need is a laptop, tablet or a phone, and a quiet space!

Your child will have received a letter in their book bag with a QR code. This QR code will have 10 videos which have been carefully selected for your child to watch.

Here are some additional videos which will be available from the 13<sup>th</sup> February until the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

## Reception



Set 1 Special Friends



Word Time 1



Word Time 2

## Year 1



Set 2 & 3 Sounds



Speedy Reading



Longer Words



Free eBook library – practise reading with phonics eBooks - Oxford Owl

Help your young child learn to read, and love to read, with our eBook library, containing hundreds of free eBooks. Developed for children aged 5–11.

Oxford Owl for Home



Parent guide to Read Write Inc. Phonics - Oxford Owl

Find out what Read Write Inc. Phonics is and find eBooks, videos, and kits to help your child as they learn to read with Read Write Inc. Phonics at home.

Oxford Owl for Home



Meols Cop High School Presents

# Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION

4th - 6th March 2026

Southport Little Theatre, Houghton Street,

PR9 0PA

7.30pm

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# Ramadan

## IFTAR

WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

5:30PM

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please complete this link to let us know you are coming



EMAIL: [enquiries@greenbankhigh.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@greenbankhigh.co.uk) for questions





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young people  
and families

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# EARLY YEARS SEND TEAM

## Parent/Carer Coffee Morning



Has your child got Special Educational Needs/Disabilities?  
Do you want to know more about SEND processes and the support available in Sefton?

Do you want to meet other parents/carers of children with SEND?

Meet with professionals from Aiming High, Early Help, Sefton Parent Carers and the Autism and Complex Needs Teams.

### North Sefton

#### Southport

Linaker Family Hub,  
PR8 5DQ  
10am-12pm

7<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Central Sefton

#### Maghull

Hudson Family Hub,  
L31 5LE  
10am-12pm

28<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

### South Sefton

#### Seaforth

South Sefton Adult  
Education Centre,  
L21 1 EZ  
10am-12pm

12<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
16<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Take time for you and have a brew! All children welcome.

For more information please contact:

[Lauren.Wilding@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:Lauren.Wilding@sefton.gov.uk)



# Sefton Family Hubs



## Tea & Toast at Linaker

LET'S TALK!



Join us for relaxed weekly sessions where you can talk, listen, and connect with others in your community. Whether you're a teenager, parent or carer, everyone is welcome.

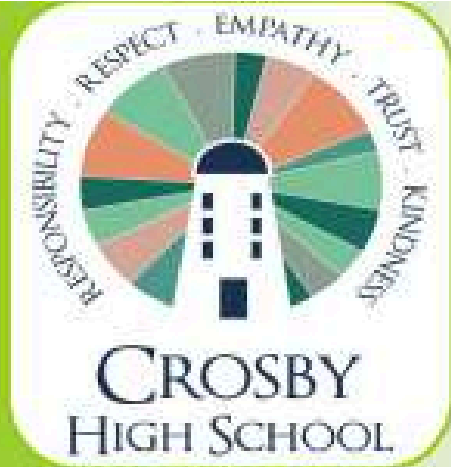
Each week, we chat about topics that matter to you and our friendly staff are here to listen and link you with helpful advice and services.



Scan the QR code or visit [www.sefton.gov.uk/familyhubs](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/familyhubs) to view our Tea & Toast calendar



**Drop-in every Tuesday and Thursday**  
**9:15am - 10:15am**  
**0151 288 6765**



# Open Day Schedule 2025-26

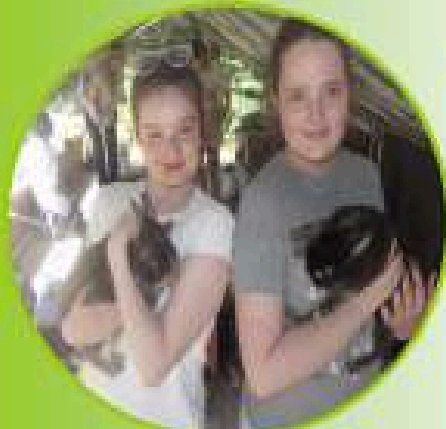
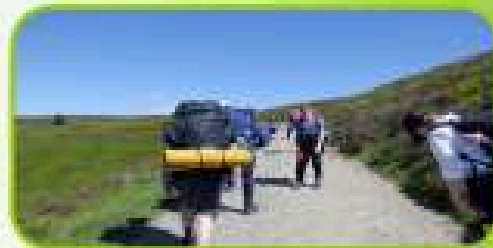
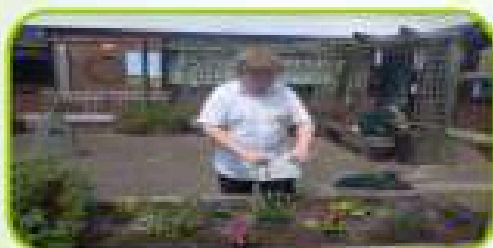
Contact: Paula Morgan

Crosby High School, De Villiers Avenue,

Crosby, L23 2TH Tel: 0151 924 3671

Email: paula.morgan@crosbyhigh.org

If you require further information or wish to book an alternative appointment



**30th September 2025**

**2nd December 2025**

**19th March 2026**

**14th May 2026**

**18th June 2026**



**Tours are at  
1.00pm and 2.00pm**

