



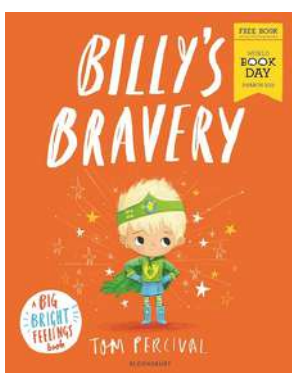
Kew Woods News

Friday 6th March



World Book Day 2026

On Thursday, we had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day. We started and ended the day with whole school assemblies. In the morning assembly, Mrs Greaves and Miss Williams explained more about this special day, the importance of developing a love of reading and read the World Book Day picture book Billy's Bravery, which is a wonderfully reassuring and uplifting story about finding your courage. In the afternoon, we read our school story, which had been written throughout the day by Year 6 pupils. We also celebrated the creativity of the costumes children (and staff) were wearing.



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ATTENDANCE:

School attendance this week is 96.7% which is above national average.

Well done to class 5W who had the

highest attendance at

Dates: 100.%

March

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

13th - Children's

University Passports due

in.

Year 3 Roman Exhibition

in the hall after school.

w/c 16th - RW Forest

School

20th - World Down

Syndrome Day - wear

odd socks

24th and 25th - Parents'

Evening for Nursery-Year

5

26th - School closes at

1:30pm







Dojo Winners!



This Week's Class Dojo Winners

Harry J	NSY
Amelia	RK
Imogen	RW
Amaya	1K
Roman	1W
Riley	2K
Holly	2W
Layton	3K
Sienna	3W
Joshua G	4K
Skye	4W
Gracie	5K
Lillie-Marie	5W
Olivia P	6K
Matilda P	6W

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

BIG QUESTION of the week!

Here is a summary of what the pupils thought:

1K - Rubbish might make the sea creatures poorly because they get caught up in it. Also, fish will not be good to eat if they live in dirty water.

1W - It is important to look after our oceans because it keeps all of the sea animals safe. If we don't look after it, the animals in the sea could get hurt. The sea might not be our home but it is the home for lots of different animals.

2K - It is important to look after our oceans by keeping them clean and quiet. We should keep the animals safe because the ocean is their home.

2W- We should look after our oceans because they are home to lots of amazing animals like: fish, whales and turtles. The ocean gives us clean air to breathe and helps keep our planet healthy. If we take care of the oceans and keep them clean, the animals can live safely and we can enjoy the beaches and seas for a long time.

3K - We think it is important because it is a giant home for lots of sea creatures. Animals like turtles, dolphins and fish could get hurt by rubbish or polluted water. We can help by picking up litter, recycling plastic and not wasting water. If everyone works together, we can keep the oceans safe and healthy for the future.

4K - We should protect our oceans because species of animals could become endangered or extinct if we don't take care of their habitat. We need to make sure we look after the fish so that people can fish and there is enough food for other animals. Animals communicate with each other through sound and loud sounds can affect their hearing. Plants give off oxygen which is needed in our oceans. Ocean noise pollution can cause animals to panic and become disorientated.

5W-We need to look after our oceans because marine animals need clean water. Rubbish can hurt them. If we put litter in the bin, we help keep the ocean safe.

6K - It's important to look after our oceans because they are home to amazing creatures and help keep our climate stable. When rubbish and plastic end up in oceans, it damages habitats and harms animals. By recycling, reducing plastic and looking after our environment, we can help protect the oceans for everyone.

***Next Week's Big Question is:
Why does silence matter?***



Quidditch



On Monday, KS2 had their annual Quidditch day.





Developing a Love of Reading

This week has been all about books, books and more books! We have had book swaps, mystery readers and our Book and a Brew event to celebrate our love of reading!





Author and Poet Visits

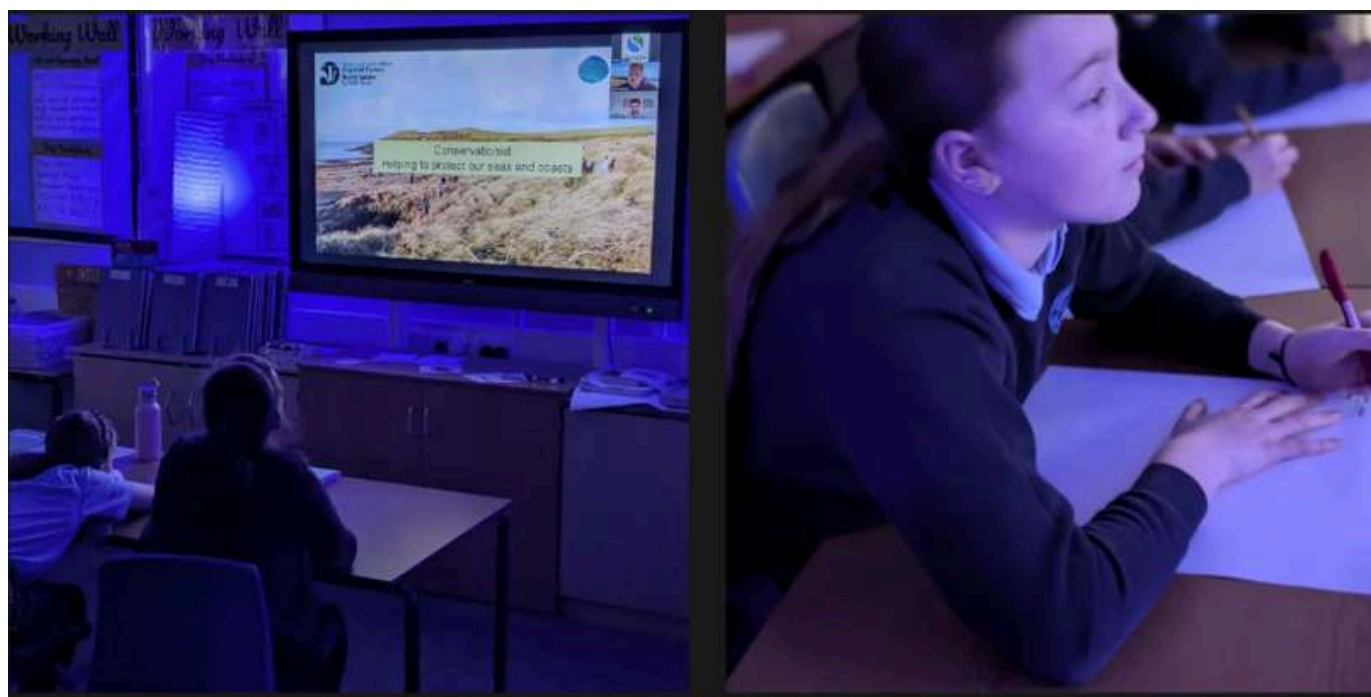
This week, the author of the Oscar and Ben series, Sean Perkins, visited our EYFS and KS1 classrooms and inspired them in their story writing during the workshops. KS2 welcomed the poet, Paul Cookson, who delivered a hilarious assembly then worked with each year group to develop their confidence and show how they too can be poets!





Careers Curriculum

On Friday, Years 5 and 6 ended an extremely busy week by having a Careers Focus Day as it is National Careers Week. Year 5 took part in a live lesson based on 'Green Jobs for Nature' and learnt about different careers linked to nature and the environment, which links well with our wider learning about climate change. Year 6 took part in a live lesson about marine biology then conducted their own research into marine-based jobs.





Premier Stars!



Our Year 5/6 mixed football team competed in the LFC Premier Stars Finals, this week. The team did themselves and Kew Woods proud by finishing third in their group. Well done team!



Swimming Superstar!

One of our Year 4 pupils competed at the weekend at the Racing for Regionals Gala in Darwen; achieving incredible PBs in every race and winning seven medals! Not only this but she also made a massive achievement with her times meaning that she has qualified for counties in the 10/11 year age group at only 9 years old! A huge well done to our swimming superstar! We are all very proud of you!





B Team in Action



The B Team went from celebrating World Book Day to representing Kew Woods in league fixtures. They played three matches, gaining some crucial points and moving us up the league table. No, that isn't our new Lorax mascot, that is our star striker!



Superstar!

A huge well done to one of our EYFS children for passing her grading in taekwondo and getting her orange belt!





Social Signature

This week the School Council enjoyed making Birthday Cards to celebrate the 100th Birthday of a resident at Ivy Gate Lodge Care Home.



The staff at Ivy gate were delighted to receive the children's cards and will present them tomorrow.

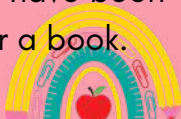


NURSERY

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This week

This week, we have been reading the traditional tale Jack and the Beanstalk. We have linked this to our Maths learning as we have been exploring height and length. The children have been measuring lots of different things, including beanstalks. We also got ourselves into height order! We have also been planting our own plants, just like Jack. In addition, this week is World Book Day, and the children have been creating their own front cover for a book.



Next week

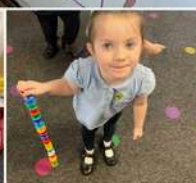
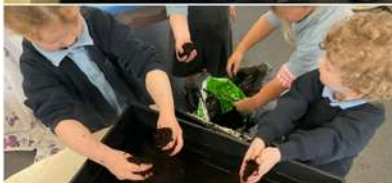
Next week, we are continuing our traditional tales topic and reading The Three Little Pigs.

We are using this to help us talk about key events and characters in stories and express our ideas.

We will also be experimenting with simple symmetry through paint printing - we are making our own symmetrical butterflies! In Maths, we are beginning to look at mass. We are going to use real-life items and scales to find out which is lighter or heavier. We will also be using our knowledge to make guesses about what is heavier or lighter. It is also Science Week next week! We will be going on an exploration walk and looking at animals and their habitats.

Reminders

Please remember to send your home learning to learningselfie@kewwoods.com and ensure you are connected to your child's new Dojo account.



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 33.7% enjoying it in 2023. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel. However, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Just show us reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we can be reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading interests, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or ask and you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to use all ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorly and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to discuss it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need advice to read and focus on our book. However, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the conversation.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can follow your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives. However, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can add and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like Polyglot and use the Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There are some times when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the real pieces of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading Issue of 'Be It or Capture It' will do it. It's their theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Show why you enjoy it. It's to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained! When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

Carl Pearson is a literacy adviser and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English and Literacy Excellence Centre.



The National College

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 13th February until the 3rd 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



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 20th 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 22nd 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 25th 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 26th 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 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!

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KNIFE
CRIME**

#kNOwKnifeCrime



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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!



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EASTER EGG HUNT

& Easter Bonnet Making and
Easter Crafts!



6th April 2026 at 2pm!

Join us for a Fun Afternoon
of Easter Activities!

How about we bring *Ladies Day* to you?

Join us at Ivy Gate Lodge for

LADIES DAY

– 10th April 2026 –

In return, please help us raise money for a
minibus to take our residents to *Blackpool Lights!*



Tickets: £10

*Including Afternoon Tea,
A Glass of Fizz on Arrival
& Entertainment Throughout the Day!*



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 CLOSSES: 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)



Mental Health
Research for
Innovation
Centre

NHS

Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust



Mental health
apps for children,
young people
and families

Are you feeling stressed, anxious or low?

Explore our online library of
safe, approved apps covering
anxiety, low mood, sleep,
eating disorders, support for
neurodivergence and more.

Mental health
apps can help,
but which one
should you
choose?



Scan the QR code to
find out more

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

7th November 2025
9th March 2026
19th June 2026

Central Sefton

Maghull

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

28th November 2025
2nd February 2026
22nd May 2026

South Sefton

Seaforth

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

12th September 2025
12th January 2026
16th April 2026

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

For more information please contact:

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.

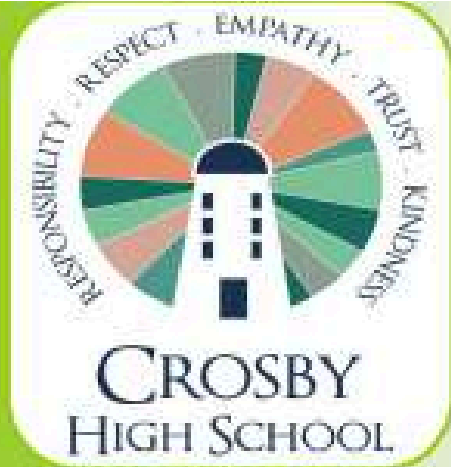
Each week, we chat about topics that matter to you and our friendly staff are here to listen and link you with helpful advice and services.



Scan the QR code or visit
www.sefton.gov.uk/familyhubs to
view our Tea & Toast calendar



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



Open Day Schedule 2025-26

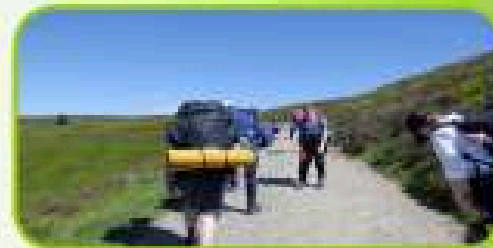
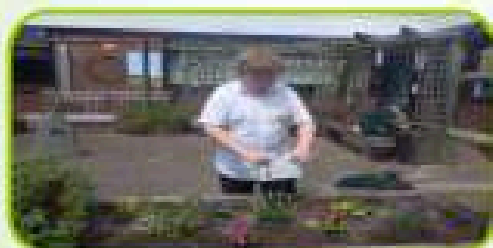
Contact: Paula Morgan

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**

