



# Kew Woods News

Friday 8th May



## Kindness Connect Believe

To finish another busy week at Kew Woods, we had a lovely celebration assembly where lots of children were celebrated by their teachers for showing our values and our code of conduct. Well done everyone!

Mrs Greaves also gave out our class attendance awards and our London Mini-Marathon runners shared their experiences of going to the London Marathon.



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**ATTENDANCE:**

**School attendance this week is 96.9% which is above national average.**

**Well done to class 5W who had the**

**highest attendance at 100%**

**Dates:**

**May**

**w/c 11<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 SATs Week**

**13<sup>th</sup> - RK music performance 2-3pm (book on Ticket Source)**

**15<sup>th</sup> - Speak Out, Stay Safe NSPCC Assembly  
Year 6 SATs party in the afternoon**

**w/c 18<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Forest School**

**Walk to School Week**

**18<sup>th</sup> - B Team Cup Final at Southport FC at 4pm**

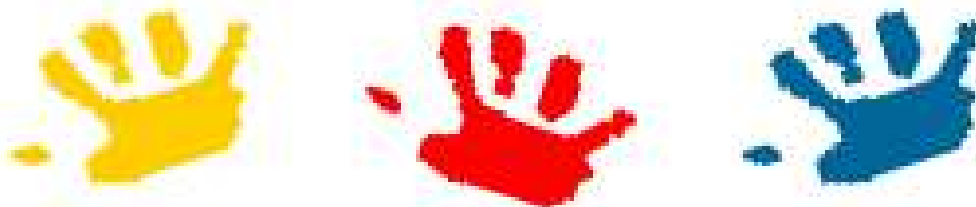
**19<sup>th</sup> - A Team Cup Final at Southport FC at 5pm**

**19<sup>th</sup> - 3:30pm Year 6 Parents' Meeting**

**20<sup>th</sup> - Wear yellow for World Bee Day**

**Year 5 London Trip**

**22<sup>nd</sup> - School closes for half term**





# Dojo Winners!



## This Week's Class Dojo Winners

Noah R	NSY
Sora	RK
Alan & Lottie	RW
Annabella	1K
Emily B	1W
Ellis H	2K
Maisie M	2W
Albie T	3K
Harry L M	3W
Ariella M W	4K
Lily A	4W
Harley	5K
Adam	5W
Isaac	6K
Leah	6W

***This Week's Big Question is:  
Is it too late to start something new?***

***This question links with Mental Health and the British Value of Individual Liberty.***

BIG QUESTION of the week!

Here is a summary of what the pupils thought:

1K - We all agreed that it's never too late to start something new. We were surprised and excited to see Eileen run her marathon.

1W - No, it is never too late to try something new. All you need to do is believe in yourself and you can do it. It is always good to try something new.

2K - It is never too late to start something new because it is important to try new things and it can make us happy.

2W- No matter your age, or situation, you should always try new things. It is good for our brains and bodies.

3K - Trying something new can help us discover new talents that we did not know we had. Someone might start dancing and love it. Someone might try coding, painting, or playing an instrument for the very first time. We also think adults can start something new too. Adults can learn a language, play a sport, cook new foods or even change jobs.

3W- It's never too late to choose you! You never know the right time to start something so it's important to try new things and enjoy your life the way you want to.

4K - We came to a consensus that it is never too late to try something new. Even if you don't feel confident or are worried about not knowing anyone, you should still have a go. People can learn new skills and make new friends at all times in their lives.

4W - Age doesn't have to limit what we can do - as long as you are healthy, you can do anything you set your mind to. It is never too late to learn something new!

6K - Trying something new is a good way to fill your time so it is a good idea to get a new hobby, meet new people and try new things that you've always wanted to do. By running her first marathon at 74, Eileen proved that you are never too old to try something new.

6W - We thought it was never too late to start something new particularly with sport - as long as the person is physically able to take part. It often makes people feel better when they start sports. Eileen only started running in her 70s and has now run many marathons, showing that you are never too old to achieve your goals. We believe this will have a positive impact on her mental health as she gets older because it is important to keep active.

***Next Week's Big Question is:  
What values are important in sport and in life?***



# Sport at Kew

There have been a range of sporting events taking place this week. On Thursday, some of our Year 4 children had had a fantastic morning at Formby Hockey Club learning some new skills and displaying some superb teamwork and on Friday some of our Year 5 children took part in a Judo session, where they learnt new skills too.

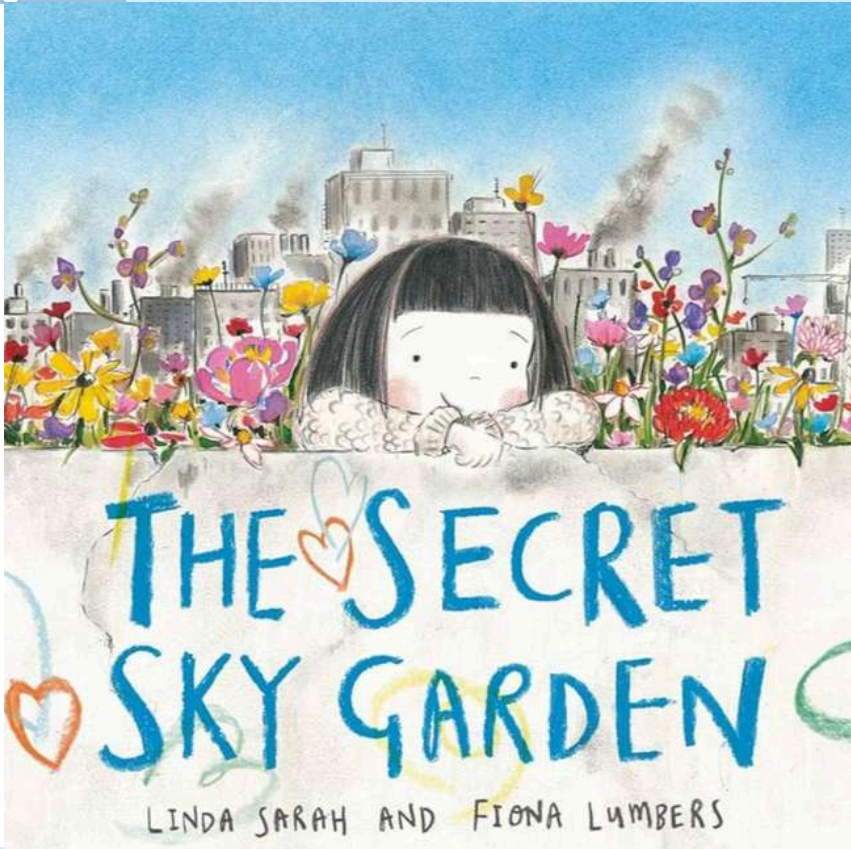
A huge congratulations to our A Team, who battled to a fantastic 1-0 victory over a very strong Churchtown team on Thursday evening. This was the Duddy Shield semi-final, which means that they secured their place in next week's final at Haig Avenue! What an achievement!

That now means that BOTH our A Team and B Team will be competing in cup finals at Southport FC. next week. All supporters are very welcome to come and cheer the teams on. B Team play at 4pm on Monday and A Team play at 5pm Tuesday. LET'S GO KEW!

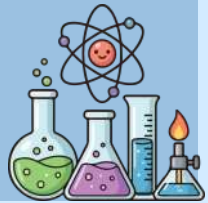






# Developing a Love of Reading




In English lessons, Year 2 have been reading *The Secret Sky Garden*. They have used this book to help them write instructions linked to their science topic of plants.



## Year 1 Science

 WEATHER INVESTIGATIONS 



Exploring how rain falls through clouds as the water gathers, gets heavier and bursts through the clouds.

Year 1 have been enjoying conducting experiments in their seasonal change science unit. They created their own clouds and rainfall!



# Year 3 Maths

This week, Year 3 have been learning about volume and capacity. They took their learning outside and took part in four different water challenges based around estimating and measuring volume. They especially enjoyed the relay race at the end where they had to fill 750ml of water using different containers.



## Social Signature

We are very proud of one of our pupils, who is spending her free time fundraising by making loom band accessories. She is showing our values of kindness, connect and believe in the community. Well done!



# NURSERY

## newsletter

### This week

This week in Nursery, we read the book *Come On, Daisy!* and introduced the children to lots of new vocabulary. We supported them to use this new vocabulary to describe objects, characters and events in the story. In maths, we started our shapes topic, beginning with 2D shapes. The children learned to recognise and name circles, triangles and rectangles, and talked about their similarities and differences. We also helped the children to recognise similarities and differences between where we live and another country, encouraging them to explore and talk about different environments and ways of life.

### Next week

Next week in Nursery, we will be reading the book *Oi Frog!* and exploring its fun and silly rhymes together. We will be using oracy throughout the week to help the children develop their speaking and listening skills, encouraging them to talk about the story, share ideas, and join in with discussions. In maths, we will continue our shapes topic, focusing on 3D shapes. The children will begin to recognise and talk about different 3D shapes and their properties, developing their understanding of how these shapes appear in the world around them. We will also be copying, creating, remembering and repeating short sequences that our friends and we create. This will support the children to develop their ability to follow and recreate patterns with increasing confidence.

### Reminders

Please remember to send your home learning to [learningselfie@kewwoods.com](mailto:learningselfie@kewwoods.com)



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## HELPING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN NAVIGATE THE ONLINE WORLD

Neurodivergent people tend to be early adopters of technology, and many influential innovators in this space are neurodivergent themselves. It's therefore likely that a neurodivergent child or young person may be drawn to the online world from an early age. This isn't a concern in itself, but understanding both the benefits and potential risks is essential. Here are ten key considerations to support safe and positive online experiences for neurodivergent children.

### 1 TREAT ONLINE LIKE THE REAL WORLD

You wouldn't allow a child to cross a road without guidance – you'd hold their hand, use a pedestrian crossing, and model safe behaviour. In the same way, a neurodivergent child's first experiences online should be supported by an adult who can guide and explain safe and responsible digital behaviour to them from the outset.

### 2 MODEL RESPONSIBLE USE

Children learn from what they see. Show all children, regardless of neurotype, what responsible internet use looks like. Reflect on your own use of social media and AI. Consider how often you use them and your own understanding of these platforms. Talk openly about when and why you use these tools, helping all children develop a balanced and informed approach.

### 3 KNOW YOUR LIMITS

Current government guidance suggests no solo screen use below the age of two, with a maximum of one hour per day for two- to five-year-olds. Screen time can support communication and connection when shared with an adult. However, passive watching can affect neurodivergent children's attention and language skills. Focus on the type of content they watch, encouraging slower-paced and meaningful material rather than fast-paced, overstimulating content.

### 4 CONSIDER AGES AND STAGES

For older children and teenagers, agreed limits are important. Screen time can be beneficial, but it should form part of a balanced lifestyle. Neurodivergent children may find online communication easier than real-world conversation, supporting their social interaction. However, it shouldn't be their only option. Encourage a range of activities, including creative play, physical exercise, and opportunities for real-world connections.

### 5 KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Discussions about online safety should begin early and continue as children grow. However, neurodivergent children may worry about getting things wrong or being misunderstood, meaning these kinds of conversations should feel open and fair, rather than like a lecture. If a child encounters a problem – such as a scam or inappropriate content – they need to feel able to speak to a trusted adult without fear of judgement or embarrassment.

### 6 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

You aren't expected to be an expert, but it's important to stay informed about the platforms, games, or apps neurodivergent children use in order to provide practical support. Social media platforms have age limits, and many apps and games offer parental settings that can control access. Schools and families should work together to understand these tools, helping neurodivergent children use them safely while keeping up to date with new features and changes.

### 7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Children and young people often know more about current technology than adults, meaning it's important to recognise that controls may be bypassed. Clear, predictable boundaries should be used, based on trust and consistency. Involving children in discussions that affect them helps them feel heard. This is particularly important for neurodivergent children, who may respond strongly to perceived unfairness.

### 8 UNDERSTAND AI CONTENT

The internet now includes large amounts of AI-generated content, including images, videos, and stories. These can be difficult to identify. Children should be encouraged to question what they see and check the information using trusted sources. Neurodivergent children may interpret content literally, meaning adult guidance is important in helping them recognise what's real and reliable – and what isn't.

### 9 EXPLAIN AI LIMITATIONS

AI isn't the same as a search engine. It generates responses based on prompts and patterns, and its accuracy depends on how it's used. Sometimes, it produces incorrect or unrealistic information, known as 'hallucinations'. Both adults and children need to understand this and learn how to check information carefully using reliable and trusted sources.

### 10 CLARIFY AI RELATIONSHIPS

AI can feel conversational and personal, but it's not capable of real relationships. It learns from patterns in user input rather than human understanding. Some neurodivergent children may experience a sense of connection with AI chatbots, particularly if they find social situations challenging. It's therefore important to explain that these are simulated conversations and aren't a substitute for real, human relationships.

### Meet Our Expert

Catrina Lowri is a neurodivergent former SENCO and Advisory Teacher who works with nurseries, schools, colleges, and businesses to improve inclusion for neurodivergent people. She is the Founder and Director of Neuroteachers and the author of "The Other 29 – How Supporting Your Neurodivergent Learner Can Improve Teaching and Learning for the Whole Class".



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# 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

# Piano, Guitar & Singing Lessons

at Kew Woods Primary School



## Piano, Guitar and Singing Lessons at Kew Woods Primary School

Link Learning are offering piano, guitar and singing lessons at Kew Woods Primary School. Lessons are taken weekly during the school day during term time. We'll be in touch with you once we receive your registration to answer any questions you may have.

All our tutors are enthusiastic musicians able to teach up to a high level and have recent DBS certificates.

For any queries please get in touch via telephone at 07305507504 or email at [admin@linklearning.education](mailto:admin@linklearning.education)

### What we offer

- Creative tuition tailored to the interests and learning style of the individual
- Digital resource pack
- Termly progress reports

### Tuition price

- Individual - £9 per lesson (15 minute duration)
- Individual - £18 per lesson (30 minute duration)
- Paired - £12 per lesson (30 minute duration)
- Paired - £6.50 per lesson (15 minute duration, guitar and Singing only)

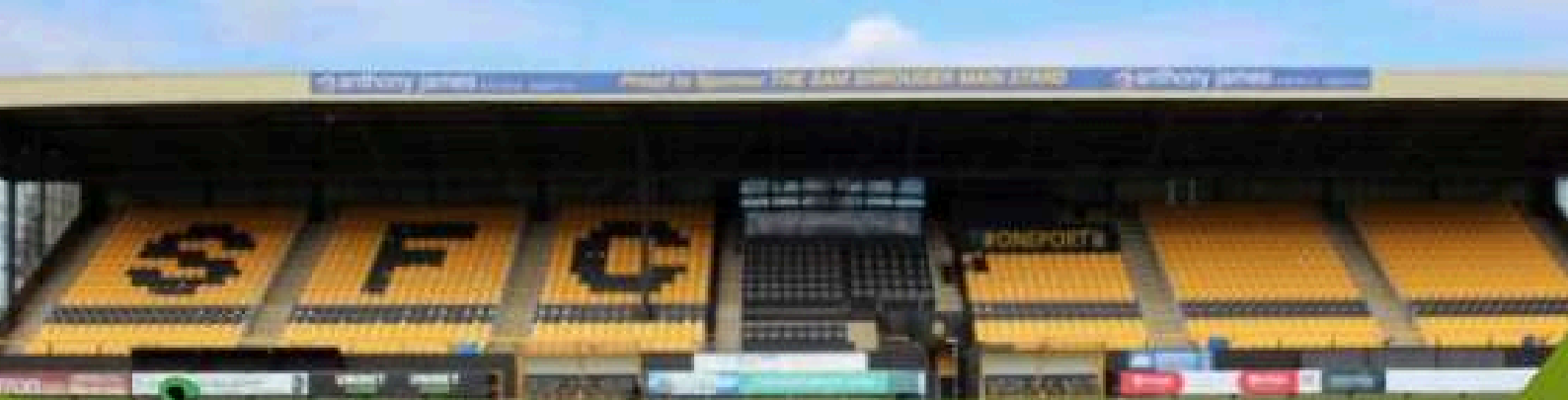
Please register at [www.linklearning.education/register](http://www.linklearning.education/register)

LinkLearning is a team of teachers, musicians and artists who believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop and express their creativity.

We work with schools, children's hospitals and community centres to deliver high-quality creative activities that encourage exploration, discovery and experimentation.

In our music lessons we focus on the individual learning styles and interests of our pupils.

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# SOUTHPORT FC FOOTBALL SESSIONS

## RECREATIONAL FOOTBALL

A fun and relaxed session for children aged 8–12, taking place every **Tuesday** from **5–6pm** at **KGV MUGA**. It's a great opportunity for young players to come along, make new friends, stay active, and enjoy football in a welcoming environment. No need to book, just turn up and play for only **£2** per session.

## INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL HUB (SEND)

Our inclusive football session runs every **Tuesday** from **6–7pm** at **KGV MUGA**, designed specifically for young people aged 8–14 with **SEND**. These sessions provide a safe, supportive, and enjoyable space where participants can build confidence, develop skills, and have fun through football. All abilities are welcome, and our friendly coaches are there to support every player. The session costs **£3** per participant.



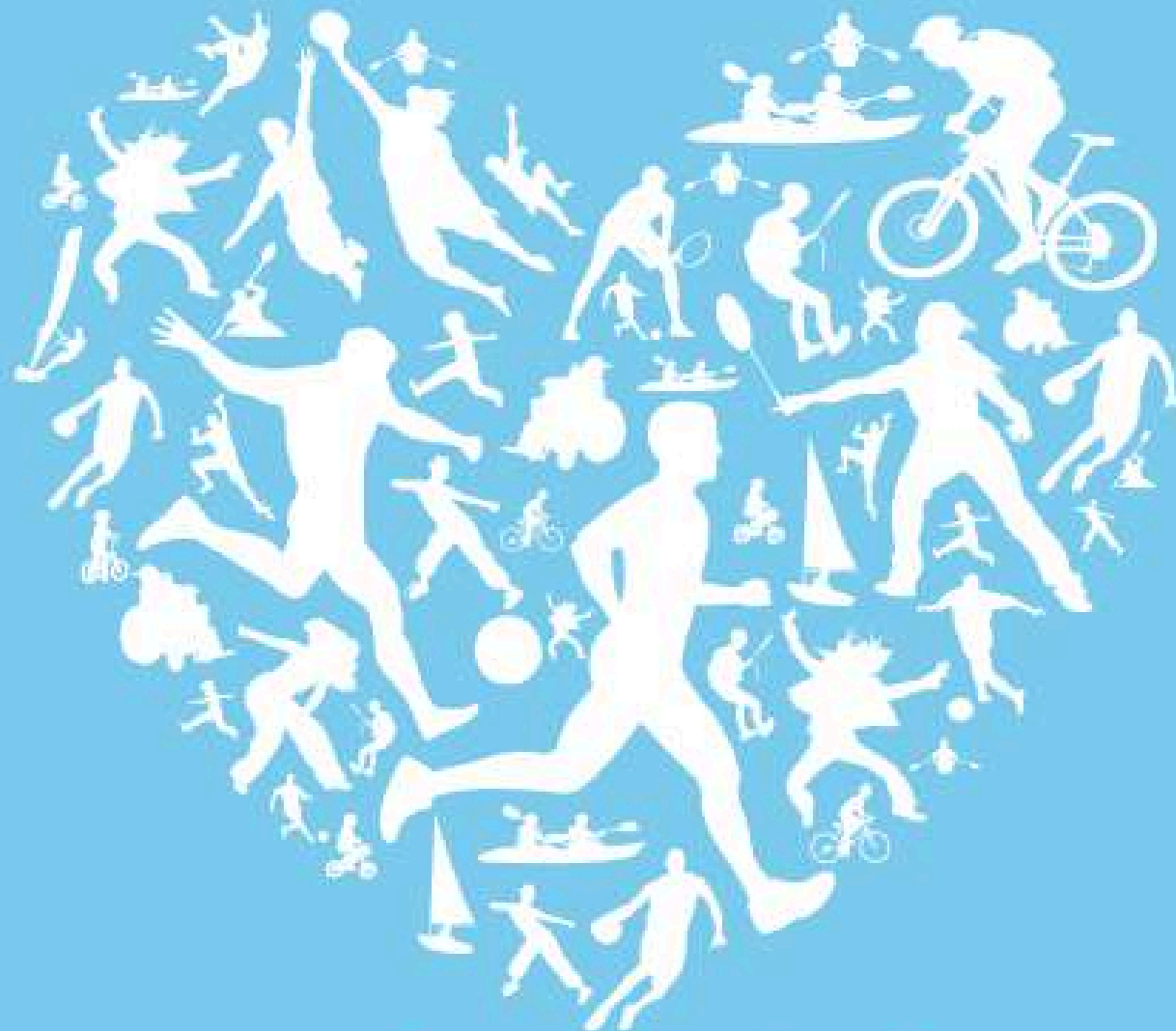
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[www.sefton.gov.uk/beactive](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/beactive)

# Be Active



## Love the holidays

### May Half Term Holiday Guide

Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May 2026

Bootle / Crosby / Litherland / Maghull / Netherton / Southport

# School Holiday Programmes

**Fun for all children**

## Dance Camps and Workshops

Led by our in house dance expert Jenn. Our dance camps and workshops will give children the opportunity to learn new, choreographed dance routines from their favourite films/songs. Take part in singing activities and enjoy dance and drama based games.

**No discounts will be applied.**

## Be Active Swimming Sessions\*

Discounted swim sessions are available in all of our swimming pools as part of Be Active during allocated time slots in; Meadows, Dunes, Bootle and Crosby swimming pools.

## Sports & Games

For children from reception age to 12 years old, our days are packed with a variety of different sports and games such as dodgeball, archery, team building activities and much more. Children will be split into age specific groups and led by our enthusiastic Active Sefton Coaches who will create a happy and safe environment for your children.

\* Full prices apply to accompanying adults. Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult at all times. 1 Adult : 2 Under 8's. Floats and music are not guaranteed at every session.





## Bootle Leisure Centre

North Park, Washington Parade, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 5JJ

Activity	Time	Days	Age
Be Active swimming session	<b>Session 1:</b> 10am - 11.15am <b>Session 2:</b> 11.30am - 12.45pm <b>Session 3:</b> 1.00pm - 2.15pm <b>Session 4:</b> 2.30pm - 3.45pm	Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May	0-16 years

Due to the popularity of our swimming programme, we have introduced a time banded session system throughout half term holiday period. Coloured wristbands will be sold 15 minutes before the start of each session. Only the main pool will be open due to essential maintenance works.

## Crosby Leisure Centre

Mariners Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 6SX

Activity	Time	Days	Age
Dance Camp	9am - 3pm	Wednesday 27th May	*4-12 years

\*Children age 4 must be in Reception



# Dunes Leisure Centre

Esplanade, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 1RR

Activity	Time	Days	Age
Swim & Splash	10am - 12pm	Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May	0 - 16 years
Swim & Splash	2pm - 4pm	Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May	0 - 16 years

# Litherland Sports Park

Boundary Road, Litherland, Liverpool, L21 7LA

Activity	Time	Days	Age
Sports & Games	9am - 3pm	Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May	*4 - 12 Years

\*Children age 4 must be in Reception

# Meadows

Meadows Leisure Centre, Hall Lane, Maghull, L31 7BB

Activity	Time	Days	Age
**Be Active Swimming Sessions	10am - 12pm	Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May	0 - 16 years
**Be Active Swimming Sessions	1pm - 3pm	Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May	0 - 16 years
Dance Workshop	1pm - 4pm	Thursday 28th May	*4 - 12 years

\*Children age 4 must be in Reception

\*\* the learner pool is shut on Tuesday's and Thursday's 9am - 12pm





## Ditch your Stabilisers

We have two sessions of this extremely popular activity available during this holiday; proving to be the ideal way for families to get their children riding and with a fantastic success rate, these hands-on sessions for families offer the perfect opportunity to give your children a head start with their cycling.

With support, advice and guidance from our enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff, we provide you with the tools to get your children riding independently without stabilisers and achieve that real land mark moment in their lives that they'll remember for years to come.

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear for the session along with their bike & cycle helmet that fits.

Children must be accompanied by an adult who must participate in the session. Please note this session is outside.

When	Where
Tuesday 26th May 9am - 12pm or 1pm - 4pm	Litherland Sports Park, Boundary Lane, Litherland, L21 7LA





## Prices and Booking

Days / Activity	Pre-booking	Saver Plus	Turn up on the day
1 day	£17	£14	N/A
Dance Camp	£17	N/A	N/A
Dance Workshop	£10	N/A	N/A
Ditch your stabilisers	£15	N/A	N/A
Be Active Swimming Sessions*	N/A	£2.40	£3.20

\* full prices apply to accompanying Adults £7.00





**£5.50 per session**

# TOTS GYMNASTICS

## Gymnastics classes for 2 - 4 year olds

- A fun introduction into gymnastics
- Develop social skills
- Helps to build skills such as co-ordination, balance, dedication and self-confidence
- No special kit required



## Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre

Tuesdays 9:30am - 10:15 am or

10:30am - 11:15am

Term time only

**Booking is essential**

**SCAN HERE**

### **BOOK NOW**

To register a place, visit [www.activeseftonfitness.co.uk](http://www.activeseftonfitness.co.uk) -  
click Book Online and select Active Sefton>Tots  
Gymnastics

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Sefton Council 



Kids Activity Session's based on some of the following activities

### WATER BASED

Kayaking  
Bell boating  
Raft  
Building Sup

### LANDBASED

Archery  
Fencing  
Orienteering  
Problem Solving

REGISTER ONLINE



Crosby Lakeside has the right to change any of the above activities on day due to environmental weather conditions in the interests of participant safety. equipment needed towel, footwear you don't mind getting wet

Date	Activity	Time	Age	Price
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Kids Activity Session	9.30am - 12.30pm or 1 - 4pm	8 - 15	£28
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Kids Activity Session	9.30am - 12.30pm or 1 - 4pm	8 - 15	£28
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Kids Activity Day	9.30am - 4pm	8 - 15	£40
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Kids Activity Day	9.30am - 4pm	8 - 15	£40

To book: Visit <https://activesefton.gladstonego.cloud/book>

Booking is limited to 10 per session Book early to avoid disappointment. Payment is required at time of booking Subject to availability



**AGE 1-4  
YEARS**

# TOTS DANCE



**THURSDAY  
1 - 2PM**

**NETHERTON ACTIVITY CENTRE  
GLOVERS LANE  
NETHERTON  
L30 3TL**

## ACTIVITIES

**MUSIC, SINGING & DANCING**  
SINGING AND DANCING SESSION  
FOR 1-4 YEAR OLDS.  
COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!



CONTINUING OUR  
INTRODUCTORY PRICE  
**£3 PER  
SESSION**



# How to Book

## ONLINE BOOKING INFORMATION

Bookings for Sports & Games, Dance Camps, Ditch your stabilisers sessions and Dance Workshops activities are online ONLY - please visit <https://activesefton.gladstonego.cloud/> **book to book your place**. Search Active Sefton then select the session you wish to book.

For more information on how to create an account to book, please visit:

<https://www.activeseftonfitness.co.uk/activeseftonbookings>

For more information or help, contact the Active Sefton Team on **0151 288 6286** or

email [active.sports@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:active.sports@sefton.gov.uk)

## MOBILE PHONES AND TECHNICAL DEVICES

Please can we ask all children to keep mobile phones / tablets at home or in their bags during our Be Active sessions. As part of the registration process, our coaches ensure we have contact numbers for all parents/guardians, so should we need to contact you at any stage during the day, we are able to do so.

## PACKED LUNCHES

Active Sefton encourages children to eat a healthy balanced diet and get active. Just like our schools in Sefton, we ask that you try and make healthier lunch choices and do not give your children chocolate, sweets, cakes or fizzy drinks. Below are some ideas to help you pack up a healthy lunch box for your child to bring with them to our school holiday camps.

- Swap white bread for wholemeal bread for sandwiches.
- Swap fizzy and juice drinks for water.
- Swap high sugar, high fat products such as chocolate, sweets, cakes and crisps for fruit, sugar free jelly and plain popcorn.
- Include some chopped up vegetables as a snack with a low calorie dip such as hummus.
- This lunch box guidance is intended to help children develop and practice healthy eating habits. A nutritious meal at lunch time can help children, concentrate and increase their energy levels and performance. Give some of the swaps a try!

**For more information on any of our programmes, please follow us at**

 [activesefton](#)  [active\\_sefton](#)

Or visit us at [www.sefton.gov.uk/beactive](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/beactive)

# 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

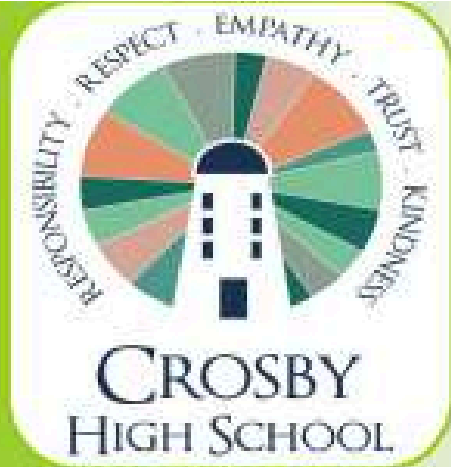
12<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
16<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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)





# Open Day Schedule 2025-26

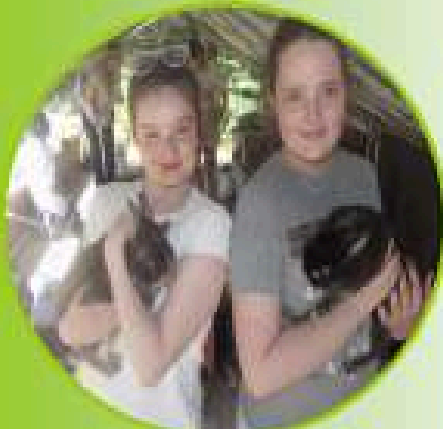
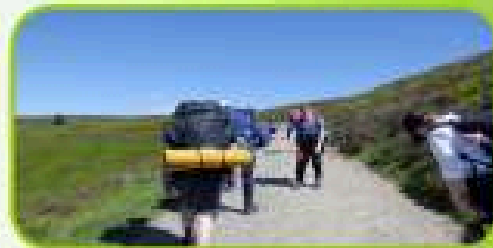
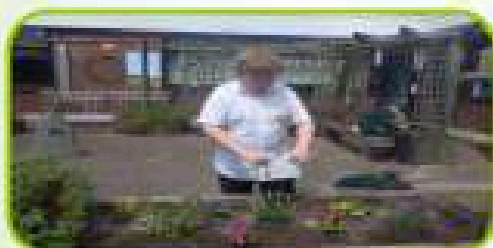
Contact: Paula Morgan

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**