



Kew Woods News

Friday 24th October



Connect, Kindness, Believe

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ATTENDANCE:

**School attendance this week
is 95.5% which is above
national average.**

**Well done to class RK who
had the
highest attendance at
99.2%**

Dates:

November

5th - School reopens

wc/ 10th - Anti-Bullying
Week

10th - Parents' Evening

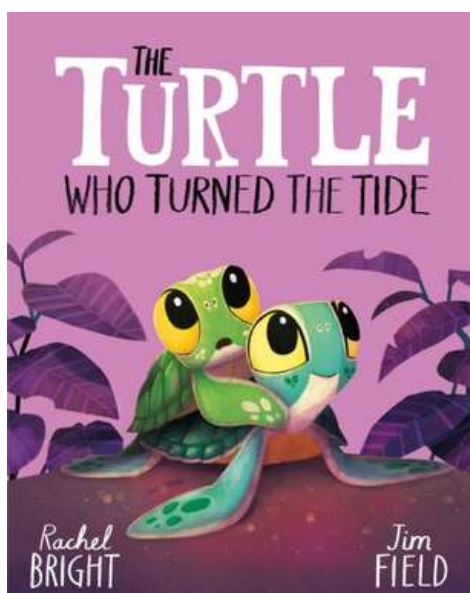
13th - Parents' Evening

14th - Children In Need
Day

11th -21st - Year 5

Bikeability

We started the week with a whole school assembly. Miss Checkley read the powerful story *The Turtle Who Turned the Tide*. This book had a beautiful message and was a reminder that no matter how small we are, we each have the power to change things for all.



NEW Class Twitter Accounts

- ▶ Follow your children's classes at:
- ▶ Nursery @nurserykew
- ▶ Reception @receptionkew
- ▶ Year 1 @Y1Kew
- ▶ Year 2 @Y2Kew
- ▶ Year 3 @Y3Kew
- ▶ Year 4 @Y4Kew
- ▶ Year 5 @Y5Kew
- ▶ Year 6 @Y6_Kew



This Week's Class Dojo Winners

Sora	RK
Allayah	RW
Arianna & Milo	1K
Molly	1W
Aadhya	2K
Elise	2W
Alby	3K
Yasmin	3W
Izzy	4K
Mia T	4W
Arpith & Oscar	5K
Penny	5W
Taylor	6K
Matilda	6W

***This Week's Big Question:
Why do you think it is important to remember and celebrate Black History?***

BIG QUESTION of the week!
Here is a summary of what the pupils thought:

1K - it is important to celebrate all the important things people have done so we don't forget.

1W - We should treat everyone fairly and celebrate our differences.

2K - It is important to celebrate inspirational people and their stories and remember that everyone should be treated kindly and equally.

2W - It is important to never forget the suffering of people in the past and also the brave people who helped to end segregation.

3K - We celebrate Black History to say thank you to the people who fought for everyone to be treated kindly and equally. It is important to celebrate because everyone's stories should be told, and we can learn from them.

4K - It is important to celebrate and remember Black History so we can remember the sacrifices made by people and how they changed the world for others. It is important for everybody to be treated fairly and with respect.

4W - It is important to celebrate Black History and we have learnt about inspiring people from the past. We have discussed previous learning and talked about amazing individuals such as Rosa Parks and her bravery to fight for equal rights.

5K - As a class, we discussed the importance of celebrating Black History to honour the sacrifices and achievements of those who changed the world. We also explored fairness and respect for all people. Using the Benin Bronzes as an example, we debated whether artefacts taken during colonial times should be returned to their rightful owners.

5W - It is important to celebrate Black History Month so we can learn about different cultures. It can bring people together and help build connections.

6K - It's important to celebrate Black History so we can learn about inspiring people, understand the past and make sure everyone feels respected and included.



3K Music



3K have been learning about ballads in their music lessons. The class have been identifying their features, understanding how they convey different emotions and have progressed to performing their own. You can listen to their version of Ordinary by Alex Warren on our Instagram page.



Visitors

On Friday, KS1 had a fantastic morning with our special visitors. They were visited by the local firefighters and learnt how to put a fire out with the hose and even listened to the sirens.

Thank you Southport Fire station!





Year 2 PE



In their gymnastics lessons, Year 2 have been creating sequences with balances and jumps in them.



A Team Strike Again



The A Team played three matches at Larkfield on Tuesday evening. They won every match with some fantastic results: 9-1, 8-1 and 3-0. Well done boys!



Halloween Disco



From Nursey to Year 6, the children had a spooktacular time at our Halloween Disco on Thursday night. They were dressed to impress and had fun dancing and playing games.



NURSERY

newsletter

This week

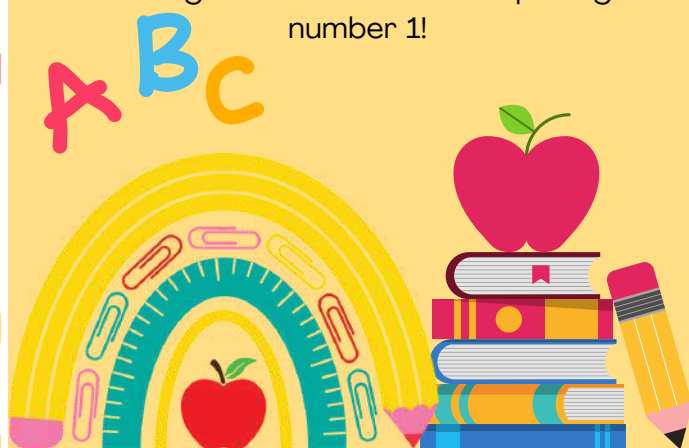
This week, Nursery have had a brilliant time!
We read the book Brown Bear, Brown Bear and used a fun song to help us remember what comes next in the story.

We also scooped out the insides of a pumpkin — some of us were very brave and even tried a pumpkin seed! Some children loved them, while others weren't so sure.

Next, we used paint to design our own pumpkins, and there were lots of amazing creations!
After a fabulous half term, we celebrated all of our hard work with a cosy movie afternoon with our teddies.

Next week

Next week is half term. After the break, we will be learning about autumn and exploring the number 1!



Reminders

Please send your child with a named water bottle, spare clothes and shoes. Don't forget puddle suits and wellies so we can enjoy outdoor play in all weathers! Please could we ask that any fruit in lunch boxes is sliced or squashed to make it easier and safer for the children to enjoy.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often 'gone when they're gone'.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including iGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

At Kew Woods we use Read Write Inc. Phonics to support in teaching your child to read. Over the half term there will be no reading books or spellings sent home as children will be re-grouped when we return to school. We encourage you to still read with and to your child daily or use the QR codes below to watch Read Write Inc sounds videos and the sound pocket book that has gone home with your child today.

In the appropriate QR code there will be 10 videos for you to watch one a day for the children to gain confidence in the sounds.

Reception



Year One



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



Early Years Speech and Language Project

Parent/carer advice line

Dear Families

- If you have **concerns** about your child's speech and language development and they **have not yet been referred** to speech and language therapy you can contact our advice line. We will book in a call to discuss your child and your concerns.
- We can give you strategies to try at home, discuss what we would expect for children at different ages, give advice about referrals etc.
- We are a team of speech and language therapists working with Early Years settings in Sefton
- If you are interested in a phone call to chat about your child's speech, language and communication please contact us on earlyyearsadvicelinesefton@alderhey.nhs.uk and we will get back to you with a date and time for a phone call

When you email us please include:

- Your name and telephone number
- Your child's name and the setting they attend

Email us on: earlyyearsadvicelinesefton@alderhey.nhs.uk

- Please check your emails for our reply with the date and time we will call you
- We will also ask you to return some basic information so we have your child's details

Please note: this advice line is just for children who aren't referred to speech and language therapy. If your child is already referred to speech and language therapy you can contact our speech and language therapy department on childrensslt@alderhey.nhs.uk or 0151 247 6109 and our admin team will be able to direct your query to the right person.

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

Sefton Family Hubs



Our Timetable
September - December
Support. Grow. Thrive.

Sefton Council



Sefton Family Hubs

Talbot Street Family Hub

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Morning

9:30am - 11:30am
Family Advice & Guidance
Drop-in

9am - 5pm
Volunteer Programme
Booking required

9am - 3pm
Sefton Welfare Rights
Appointment Only
Enquiries to
welfare.rights@sefton.gov.uk

9:30am - 11:30am
Family Advice & Guidance
Drop-in

9:30am - 11:30pm
Henry Programme
Targeted Group
Booking via Health
Visitors
Runs monthly

9:30am - 11:30am
Family Advice & Guidance
Drop-in

10am - 5pm
Sefton Parents/Carers
Group Coffee Morning
Drop-in

10am - 12pm
Careers Connect
Drop-in (16-18)

9:30am - 11:30am
Family Advice & Guidance
Drop-in

9:30am - 11:30am
Family Advice & Guidance
Drop-in

Afternoon

1pm - 2:30pm
Little Explorers / Peeps
For ages 0-4
Drop-in

3:30pm - 4:30pm
Gardening Club - Edible
Gardens
Drop-in (Runs September -
October)

3:30pm - 4:30pm
Little Chefs
Booking required

1pm - 5pm
Family Law Advice
Appointment Only

12:30pm - 5pm
Sefton Parent Carers
1-1 Drop-in

1pm - 3pm
ACEs (Young People)
Targeted Group in
schools
(Starting October 2025)

Virtual Offer

Information, Advice, and
Guidance

Breastfeeding Support

Parent Carer Panel

St. Andrews Place, Southport, PR8 1HR | 01704534975 | Seftonfamilyhubdeliveryteam@sefton.gov.uk

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Morning

10am - 12pm
Sensory Baby
Drop-in

9:30am - 11am
Baby Clinic
By appointment only
via Health Visitors

9:30am - 11am
Sefton Breastfeeding
Support Group
Drop-in

Afternoon

Canning Road Methodist Church, PR9 7SS | 01704534975 | Seftonfamilyhubdeliveryteam@sefton.gov.uk

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Sefton Family Hubs

Linaker Family Hub

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Morning

9:15am - 11:30am
Parent Carer
Drop-in

9:30am - 11:30am
Youth Connect 5
Targeted Group
Booking Required

10:30am - 11:30am
Baby Massage
Booking required

9:15am - 10:15am
Tea and Toast
Drop-in

10am - 12pm
ACES (Female)
Targeted Group
Booking required

Phoenix Healing CIC
Freedom Programme
By appointment via 07368
686 730

12pm - 5pm
Midwives - Stop Smoking in
Pregnancy
Appointment Only

1pm - 5pm
Parent Carer Panel
Online Twilight Session

6pm - 8pm
Caring Dads
Targeted Group through
Brighter Kinder Futures -
brighterkindertutures@sefton.gov.uk

12pm-2pm
SWACA for Men
1-1 Drop-in

12pm - 2:30pm
Incredible Years
Targeted Group
Booking required

1am - 2pm
Bee Kind Parenting
Course
Booking required
(Starting October
2025)

9:15am - 10:15am
Tea and Toast
Drop-in

10am - 12pm
Riding the Rapids
Targeted Group
Booking required

1pm - 3pm
Chattertime
Booking required

Virtual Offer

Information, Advice,
and Guidance

Breastfeeding
Support

Parent Carer Panel

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	9:30am - 10am & 10:15am - 11am Toddler Rhyme Time at Birkdale Hub Station Master's House - call to book	9:30am - 10:15am Jo Jingles For 18m - 3yrs 10:45am - 11:30am Jo Jingles For 3m - 18m Dates: 9/9 - 21/10 Facilitated by partners Booking Required £42 for 7 weeks	9:30am - 10:10am Dancing Songbirds For 18m-3yrs Drop-in 10:30am - 11am Baby Rhyme Time For birth to crawling Drop-in		9am - 11:30am Positive Parenting Course Booking Required
Afternoon	1:30pm-2:30pm Baby Yoga For 6 - 12 month olds Dates: 22/9 - 13/10 Facilitated by partners £10 Booking Required	1pm-3pm Baby Weigh-in Book with your Health Visitor			1:30pm - 2:30pm Baby Massage For 6wks - 6m Dates: 26/9 - 17/10 Facilitated by partners £10 Booking Required

Farnborough Road Infant School, Farnborough Road, Birkdale, PR8 3DF | c.horton.fs@schools.sefton.gov.uk
Call us to book your place on 01704 572 579

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning		10am - 11am Little Treasures For birth to crawling Drop-in	9:30am - 11:30am Life's for Living Sefton (Children) Booking required 10am - 12pm Life's for Living Sefton (Adults) Booking required		10:30am - 11:30am Little Chefs For 2 - 5 year olds Dates: 19/9 - 24/10 Facilitated by partners Booking Required £15 for a 6-week course
Afternoon	1pm - 2pm Baby Weigh-in Book with your Health Visitor	1:30pm-2:30pm Top Tots For 18 months + Drop-in	1pm - 2pm Toddler Group For 18 months + Drop-in		Saturday 10am - 12pm Dad's Club Drop-in Dates: 4/10 & 8/10

Kings Meadow Primary School, Meadow Lane, Ainsdale, PR8 3RS | c.horton.fs@schools.sefton.gov.uk
Call us to book your place on 01704 571606

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FOR PARENTS & CARERS



WANT MORE INFORMATION?

0151 288 6286

active.sports@sefton.gov.uk
www.henry.org.uk



Eating Well for Less

Learn how to eat healthily without overspending.

- Budget-friendly shopping tips
- Meal planning for healthy family meals

Understanding Children's Behaviour

Discover what's behind your child's actions and how to respond effectively.

- Understand the feelings behind behaviour
- Parenting tips for boundaries and cooperation

Looking After ourselves

Find ways to manage stress and prioritise your wellbeing.

- Practical strategies to reduce family stress
- Tips for staying calm and balanced

Fussy Eating (5-7 Years)

Make mealtimes enjoyable and help your child try new foods.

- Fun ways to encourage trying new foods
- Meal ideas packed with the nutrients they need



"This is the best thing I could possibly have done to help me to be a better mum."
— Parents from our Healthy Families Workshops

In partnership with



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Upcoming Sessions:

Kew Woods Primary School
Understanding Childrens Behaviour - Monday 13th October
Fussy Eating - Monday 20th October
Healthy Teeth - Monday 10th November

All groups will start at 2pm.

sign up today!

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between
01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022?

If so, your child is due to start
school September 2026!



**You MUST apply for a school place
online before 15 January 2026**

For more information or to make an
application, scan our QR code or go to
www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool



sefton.gov.uk 0151 934 3590
admissions@sefton.gov.uk

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What does autism look like in teenagers?



Join the National Autistic Society's Teen Life programme for parents and carers of young autistic people aged ten to 16.

Teen Life programme

Get together with other parents to share advice and experiences. The six-session programme covers:

- understanding autism in teenagers
- women and girls
- self-esteem
- stress and anxiety
- puberty
- planning for the future.

**"What a course!
I would strongly
recommend
any parent with
a teenage child
on the autism
spectrum attend
this programme."**

Parent



This is your local licensed Teen Life group leader, trained by the National Autistic Society.

Contact them for more information:

Name: Libby Woods

Contact: seftonnastraining.gov.uk





Teenlife Parent Programme - Information

AUTUMN 2 2025

VENUE: Meols Cop High School, Meols Cop Road, Southport, PR8 6JS.

Sessions will be 9.30am- 12 noon

*This is a **free** course for both **parents/carer and a professional from school if parents wish and school can attend**. It runs weekly during the school day.*

Attendance is recommended to all sessions and is a great way to share good practice for both home and school and support families and carers with a child aged 10 and above with an autism profile through this programme.

Please see below for dates:

Session number	Date	Topic
1	4/11/25	Understanding autism
2	11/11/25	Understanding autistic identity
3	18/11/25	Stress and anxiety/ understanding behaviour
4	25/11/25	Health and well-being
5	2/12/25	Puberty
6	9/12/25	Education/ Transition to adulthood

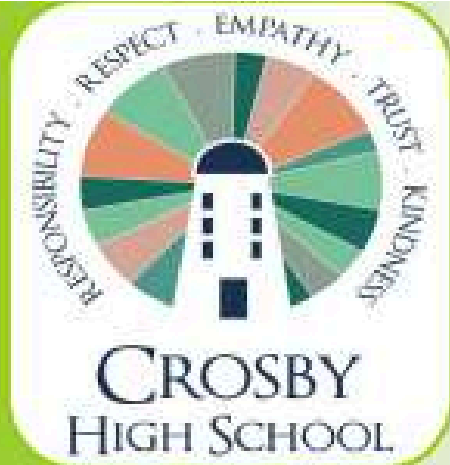


myHappymind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

Parental app is available here -

<https://www.learn.myhappymind.org/Customer-Parents-Resources-Activation-Code> - code 146895





Open Day Schedule 2025-26

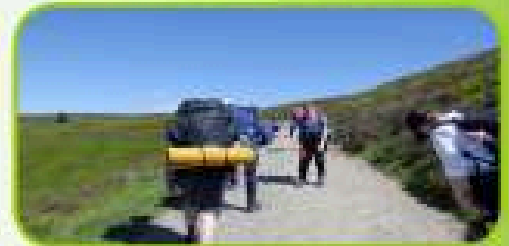
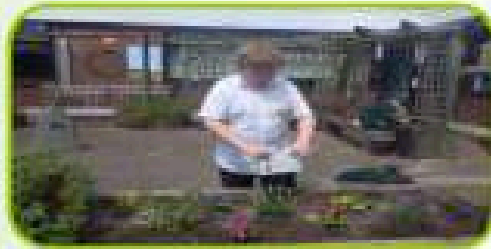
Contact: Paula Morgan

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**

Here be Treasure

Private Fun
for all the family

Bootle Children's Literary Festival



29TH OCT - 15TH NOV 2025



Treasure Hunts
Giant Sandpit
Competitions
Meet Jack Sparrow
Free Family Workshops
Meet authors

PLUS

Schools Programme
Poetry Book Launch



Bootle Strand Shopping Centre, Kingsley & Co and various
other locations. Check out our website for full
programme www.bootlechildrenslitfest.co.uk

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PRESENTS

HERE BE TREASURE

Bootle Children's Literary Festival 2025



OCT HALF TERM

THURS 30TH - SAT 1ST NOV
& SAT 8TH/15TH

THE STRAND
SHOPPING
CENTRE

FIND US IN THE
HIVE, NEXT TO
SHOEZONE



11 - 3PM



- DIG FOR TREASURE
- WALK THE PLANK
- PIRATE TRAINING
- MEET PIRATES
- LEARN THE PIRATE CODE
- PIRATE CRAFTS
- TREASURE HUNT

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SINGING SO
OUR FRIENDS
CAN GO
TO SCHOOL

Your local concert:

Ormskirk Parish Church,

Church Street, Ormskirk, L39 3RD

Monday 13th October 2025, 7pm,



with

. Tickets £5.50/£8.50

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