



NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

What a spectacular week it has been at our school! As the summer term draws to a close, our community has come together to celebrate sportsmanship, history, and the exciting countdown to the end of the academic year.

A Fantastic Sports Day

We kicked off the week with our annual Sports Day, and it was a joy to see so many students participating with enthusiasm and determination. The team spirit, encouragement, and outstanding athletic efforts made it an incredibly enjoyable day for everyone involved. Thank you to all the staff who organised the events.

100 Years of David Attenborough Community Evening

Our community evening was a profound success as we gathered to recognise and celebrate the upcoming 100th year of Sir David Attenborough. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their environmental projects and reflect on the vital importance of protecting our planet. Thank you to our school community for making this educational and inspiring evening so memorable.

The Countdown to Hillfest is On!

The excitement is building as we enter the final countdown for **Hillfest**, our ultimate end-of-year summer festival. Please remember that to secure a place at the festival, students must maintain full attendance from Monday 13th July until Thursday 16th July.

Important Reminder: Last Day Dismissal

Please note that on the final day of term, Friday 17th July, school will finish for the summer holidays at **12:00 pm**. Please ensure arrangements are made for your child's safe travel home at this earlier time.

Thank you for your continued support during this action-packed term!

Many thanks

Julia Anderson-Nicholls
Principal

"SUMMER
IS THE
PERFECT TIME
TO RESET AND
RECHARGE."

Year 10 Geographers get stuck into their river study fieldwork

Our Year 10 Geographers completed their physical fieldwork investigation into the changing long and cross profile of the River Rothay in Grasmere today — and what a fantastic day it was!

Every pupil did the Geography Department, the school, and their parents proud — and should be proud of themselves too. Behaviour and manners throughout the day were exceptional, and pupils should be pleased with their data collection efforts, measuring the width, depth, and velocity of the river at four different sections. Fieldwork complete for this year!

Mr. Campbell
Geography Subject Leader



PE Star Performers from last week



Veronica	9 TH
Alex	9 JR
Jacob	7 JMu
Kiara	9 KBH
Charlie	9 JR
Lois	7 JMu
Riley	7 RS
Jaidan	9 OM
Piotr	7 CSY
Jayden	7 HP
Michael	8 RLC
Lillia	8 RLC
Albie	9 TH
Elliot	9 KBH
Oscar	8 HT
Hallie	9 TH
Emily	9 KBH
Isabella	9 EB

Hillfest 2026

Excitement is building for **Hillfest 2026**, which will take place on **Friday 17th July** for all pupils who consistently demonstrate the Hillside Way.

Pupils attending Hillfest will enjoy live music performances, karaoke, a football tournament, inflatables, games and a dedicated chill-out zone. Refreshments will also be available throughout the event, including snacks available to purchase from the dining room and an ice cream van. Pupils are encouraged to join in the festival atmosphere by wearing their own festival-themed clothing. Tickets for the event cost £2.50 and are available to purchase now on Parent Pay.

This year's event features an exciting line-up of emerging artists and performers. Among them is **Precious Pepala**, **Runaway Club** and **Sammy Angelo**.

Finishing times for pupils on the 17th July are as follows : **12:00pm**





Hillside Showcase: Celebrating the Best of the Best!

If you've been through the school foyer recently, you may have noticed something rather special taking pride of place!

Over the final two weeks of term, we're delighted to be displaying the **Hillside Showcase** – a fantastic exhibition celebrating some of the incredible talent, creativity and academic excellence of our pupils. Open to students from **every year group**, the Hillside Showcase gave everyone the chance to submit a piece of work that reflected their passion, skill or knowledge in a subject of their choice. From stunning artwork and imaginative creative writing to impressive scientific lab coats, mathematical problem-solving and much more, the standard of entries was truly outstanding.

Each department carefully selected what they considered to be the **'best of the best'**, and these exceptional pieces now form our showcase exhibition. As pupils move between lessons, they can stop to admire the work of their peers, while visitors to the school are given a wonderful glimpse of the talent, dedication and enthusiasm that make our school such a vibrant place to learn.

The Hillside Showcase isn't just about celebrating achievement—it's about inspiring others. We hope that seeing these fantastic examples encourages even more pupils to challenge themselves, explore their interests and take pride in the amazing work they produce throughout the year.

A huge congratulations to everyone who entered the showcase and an extra well done to those whose work has been selected for display. We are incredibly proud of all of you, and we can't wait to see what next year's Hillside Showcase has in store!

Mr. Rayson

Project Lab Shirt – Celebrating Creativity in Science

The Science Department was delighted by the fantastic response to this year's **Project Lab Shirt** competition. Pupils were challenged to design their own lab shirt, using their creativity and imagination to produce eye-catching and original designs inspired by science.

After carefully reviewing all of the entries, the Science Department came together to select the winners. We are pleased to announce that **Luke and Jacob in Year 7** were chosen as our **joint winners**, impressing the judges with their outstanding designs.

Congratulations also go to our runners-up:

- **Ava-Lily and Charlotte** (Year 9)
- **Summer** (Year 8)
- **Amelia and Aayan** (Year 7)

The standard of entries was extremely high, making the judging process a difficult one. Well done to everyone who took part and showcased their creativity and enthusiasm for science. You can see the winning entries on display in the foyer as part of the **Hillside Showcase**. Be sure to take a look and celebrate the fantastic work of our talented pupils!



Mr Wardale

Summer 2026

With the summer holidays approaching, there are plenty of opportunities for young people across Sefton and Liverpool to stay active and have fun. Discounted swimming sessions will be available at Bootle Leisure Centre throughout the holidays, while Litherland Sports Park will be hosting sports and games sessions on weekdays, giving children the chance to take part in a variety of activities and keep active over the break. Please see websites for more information.

As many families head to the coast during the warmer months, pupils have also been reminded about the importance of water safety. Open water can present hidden dangers, including strong currents, cold temperatures and sudden drops in depth. Crosby Beach remains permanently red-flagged, meaning people should not enter the water because of dangerous tides, shifting sandbanks and deep mud.

Key Water Safety Advice

The key summer safety advice to remember is:

- Visit a lifeguarded beach and swim within yellow flags
- If you get into trouble Float to Live; tilt your head back with ears submerged and try to relax and control your breathing. Use your hands to help you stay afloat and then call for help or swim to safety if you can;
- Call 999 in a coastal emergency and ask for the Coastguard;
- Do not enter the water or attempt to save someone yourself.



SPORTS & GAMES

WHEN & WHERE?

**WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY -
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST**

9AM-3PM

LITHERLAND SPORTS PARK, BOUNDARY ROAD, LITHERLAND,
L21 7LA

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS
SUITABLE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR,
INCLUDING PLENTY OF REFRESHMENTS FOR
THROUGHOUT THE DAY

active sefton **Be Active** Sefton Council

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LIFE'S FOR LIVING

INDOOR SUMMER FAIR

TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR
SEN YOUTH CLUB

DATE: 29TH AUGUST

TIME: 12-3PM

**PLACE: THE NAC,
NETHERTON L30 3TL**

MARKET STALLS BOUNCY CASTLE REFRESHMENTS AND MORE...

FUN FOR EVERYONE!



Wellness Walk

Join us for a refreshing...

**BRING A
DRINK &
PICNIC**

**SATURDAY
22ND AUGUST 26**

MARINE PARK, CROSBY -
10:30AM-1PM
(The Grass, by the Park).

**ADHD,
AUTISM,
AWARENESS.**

Come walk your way to better health...
physically, mentally, and emotionally. Let's
take steps together toward a healthier,
happier you! Families and Friends all
welcome.

**ADHD, AUTISM, NEURODIVERGENCE,
AWARENESS WALK AND TALK.**
Followed by a
Talk & Support picnic.
Bring a blanket, drink, picnic & refreshments.
(A Raffle, (Optional).

**WALK,
BREATHE,
RECHARGE,
CHILL.**

Stronger Starts

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EVERY WEEKDAY 8 WEEKS FROM 6 JULY - 28TH AUGUST

active sefton presents

PARK NIGHTS

Archery
Crazy Golf
Cornhole
Beat the Goalie
Plus Many More

**FREE sport and activities for
young people this summer!**

MONDAYS 5-7PM
Lonsdale, Litherland & Derby Park, Bootle

TUESDAYS 5-7PM
Potters Barn, Seafarth & Abbeyfield Park, Netherton

WEDNESDAYS 5-7PM
Canning Road, Southport & Rimrose Valley (field by chaffers running track)

THURSDAYS 5-7PM
Duke Street, Formby & King George V, Maghull

FRIDAYS 5-7PM
Killen Green, Netherton & Bedford Park, Birkdale

Activities can vary and will be weather dependent. For more information please contact the team on 0151 588 6286 or email active.sefton@sefton.gov.uk or follow us on social media: Facebook: @activeSefton Instagram: active_sefton