



Children in Need

Along with many schools nationally, BPS has always supported Children in Need and this year will be no different. Usually we have a simple Mufti day but this year we have been thrown down a personal challenge by the team at **BBC Radio Merseyside** to encourage as many children as possible to register for our run that we be doing on **Children in Need Day on Friday, 13th November**. I don't think many of you will have heard me talking about this on the radio last week but at 9.20am on Wednesday, 4th of November, you will be able to hear our children from the school interviewed live to talk about what we are doing and...we will also have a special visit from **THE Pudsey** too.

Now, here's the important bit....every child will be encouraged to take part in the run on the 13th which will be laps around the playground and playdeck **BUT**...only those that register officially will receive a special medal.




For this you will need to go to:



www.runpudsey.co.uk

When registering, you will need to enter our school's unique code:

7F1A

Once your child has signed up, they will be given their own unique fundraising page. Please share this page with family and friends and encourage them to sponsor your child. Every donation, no matter how big or small, will help us to raise as much as possible for BBC Children in Need.

Our School Council have requested that children wear yellow or dress up as Pudsey for the run! We would love to see lots of bright yellow outfits and Pudsey-inspired costumes as we come together to support this fantastic cause.

Remember—only children who sign up directly with Children in Need will receive their Run Pudsey medal.

The medals will be sent to school after the event for us to give to the children.

Parking Rule Confirmation

Following several queries, Blue Badge holders can park on double yellow lines for up to three hours, **but not on corners or near junctions if it causes an obstruction, danger, or breaks local safety rules**. Parking on a corner severely blocks visibility for other drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, meaning you can still receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). Parking on or close to a junction/corner blocks sightlines and is explicitly restricted or enforceable as dangerous positioning. I hope this clears things up.

Parents Evenings—Questionnaires

You should have all now received information regarding times and dates. Around the time of your meeting you will be sent a copy of our latest questionnaire—please complete these and return to school. They will be used to help inform us of areas for improvement and tackle any issues that you may feel need addressing. Nice words are always welcome and appreciated too!

Attendance

We hope you had a good read of our recent Attendance Newsletter. There is much to celebrate as our Attendance figures head positively upwards. There will be a new newsletter after half term, let's hope that we will continue to go from strength to strength. Included in the next Attendance Newsletter will be clips from the DfE to help you decide if your child is *too ill for school*.

Book Fair

It's a long way off but we have booked the fair this year to coincide with World Book Day in March next year instead of the usual November date.

We want our school to offer a wide range of enrichment activities. We recognise that these can come at a cost. We want every child to be included. If you ever need any support, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Email: support.birkdaleprimary@schools.sefton.gov.uk

- The **Sefton Family Life Toolkit** is a free virtual family hub launched by Sefton Council back in May 28, 2026. It connects parents, carers, and young people with local services, health guidance, SEND support, and family hub events through the website: www.seftonfamilylife.com

The toolkit has been created to make finding help in Sefton easy, clear, and accessible. Whether you are:

- Looking for advice
- Searching for local services
- Supporting a family member
- Finding activities or events

I've had a really good look through and it feels really welcoming and helpful at every step of your family's journey.

What You'll Find in the Toolkit

The Sefton Family Life Toolkit brings together information and resources for families across all stages of life, including:

- Pregnancy and early years development
- Parenting support
- SEND information and guidance
- Health, education, and wellbeing
- Local events, activities, and Holiday, Activities & Food (HAF) programmes
- Sefton's Family Hubs and community support

You'll also find easy-to-use resources, downloadable materials, and direct links to trusted services available across Sefton. 5 Gold Stars from me to the hardworking Sefton team who put this together and maintain it!



Explore the toolkit today:
www.seftonfamilylife.com
 or scan the QR code

- **DISCOS!** Thank you to everyone for a really successful run of SPOOKTASTIC discos this week! The children (and staff!) looked fab! Have a lovely time next Saturday if you are out and about!
- **The Autumn edition of All About Family Sefton** magazine is available to read here including the following: Discover a Great Read, NSPCC Counselling, Lifesaving Skills, How to Reduce Packed Lunch waste and Local Events:
www.allabout-family.co.uk/sefton

That's all for now. Stay safe next week and we all look forward to seeing you again at the normal times on Monday, 2nd November.

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