



MARTYRS NEWS



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Pyjama Day in Nursery



Today is **day 22** of our Ninja Reading Challenge! How are you getting on! The children who achieve a White Belt will be awarded their certificates after half term. Keep it up over the half term - you could earn another 7 points! We announced our **Social Signature Superstars** for this half term during today's assembly (see winners on page 4). Well done everyone. What an amazing example of the wonderful children we have in our school. I am extremely proud of you all!



Be safe, be happy, have fun!

Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
23 rd Feb	8.45am	School Starts
27th Feb	evening	PTA Comedy Night
2nd Mar	9.00am	End of Topic Y5/6 Y6 Parents invited
5th Mar	All Day	World Book Day
18th Mar	All Day	Y4 RLPO trip
23rd Mar	9.00am	End of Topic Y5/6 Y5 parents invited
24th Mar	9.00am	End of Topic N/R Nursery parents invites

Ash Wednesday Mass

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season. This falls on **Wednesday 18th February**. This will be observed in mass as follows:

10.00am St Robert Bellarmine Church

6.00pm English Martyrs Church

World Book Day!

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**. As in previous years our celebration activities will be arranged so they are manageable for everyone with little or not cost to parents. Further details will follow after half term outlining our plans for the day. There will be no 'fancy dress' requirements.

Parking outside school!

The morning and after school drop off around school is extremely busy and can be hectic. However, please remember to **park safely** and not on the zig-zags directly outside the school entrances. Also, a reminder to **not park over our neighbours driveways**. Allow enough time in your morning routine to park respectfully and safely.

Attendance Matters!

Our school target is **95%+** and we are currently at **95.2%** so far this year, which is really positive!

Fabulous
FRIDAY FIVE

Class Attendance:

- 1st 1A - 100%**
- 2nd 3B & 2A - 98%**
- 3rd RB - 97.8%**

Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

The children are having lots of fun playing with their new ramps outdoors. They are working together to make high and low ramps for their vehicles. They are observing how the speed of the vehicles changes depending on how steep their ramp is.



Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

We have been talking about how we are welcomed into school, our homes and our church. How we say good morning to each other, wear smiles on our faces and take care of one another. We talked about how we are part of Jesus' family and how Jesus welcomes Everyone. We made banners decorated with our names and drawings of our faces celebrating that Jesus welcomes us all.



Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge



Over the last two weeks in Year 1, we have been enjoying the poem "If I Had a Beak." The children explored different types of birds and beaks. We thought carefully about the nose they would choose and what food it would smell. They used their imaginations to compose their own lines, thinking about rhyming words and interesting adjectives. We were so impressed with their creativity and enthusiasm, and they loved sharing their wonderful ideas with the class!

Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

As part of their Maths work on 2D and 3D Shape Year two have been busy making their own shapes. They used spaghetti and marshmallows to make cubes, cuboids and square based pyramids. They used Geo Boards and bands to make 2D shapes. They made repeating patterns using spheres and cubes.



I liked making 3D shapes with marshmallows!
-Alby

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Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

As part of our art topic we have been studying mandalas. These patterns are used in Hinduism and Buddhism and use concentric circles.



Year 4

By Mrs O'Connell & Mrs Cattermole

Year 4 have been busy completing their art unit of work for collage and printmaking. We have been inspired by Kente cloth and African art.



Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

This week, we investigated which materials are soluble. Use a range of different materials, we observed what happened when they were added to water.

'I liked seeing how the different materials reacted when added to the water especially the oil when it sat on top.-Geoge



Year 6

By Ms Goulbourne, Mrs Naisbett & Mr Lacey-Kiggins

Well done to the Year 6 children who took part in the South Sefton Sportshall Athletics event this week. They demonstrated excellent team work and gave 100% in all the track and field events.



Have a look at what we have been doing in class. Don't forget to check out our class blogs on the school website.

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Friday 6th Feb 2026

Nur All Day	Mason	3A	Florence
Nur AM	Patrick	3B	Reuben
RA	Rosina	4A	Oliver
RB	Leah Grace	4B	Elsie Grace
1A	Sophia	5A	George
1B	Lucas	5B	Bradley
2A	Evelyn	6A	Daisy
2B	Albert	6B	Joseph



THE POWER OF YOU

SUPERSTARS

Nur All Day	Aoife	3A	Albie
Nur AM	Harper	3B	Annie
RA	Phoebe	4A	Matilda
RB	Nula	4B	Jake
1A	Roman	5A	Isabella
1B	Benjamin	5B	Elsie
2A	Louis	6A	Nola
2B	Phoebe	6B	Marnie

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Brownies

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Mrs Smith



9th Bootle and Litherland English Martyrs Brownies currently have space for any girls aged between 7 and 10 who wish to join. They meet on a **Thursday** evening in the Parish Hall **6.15pm to 7.45pm**. If you wish for your daughter to join, please register their name on the following website:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/ .

If you have any queries or questions please email: engmartbrownies@outlook.com

Safer Internet Day

Mr Dinsdale & Mr Roach

We celebrated our Safer Internet Day with a special assembly to learn about AI. Our digital leaders held two assemblies for KS1 and KS2 which were fantastic. Well done and thanks for all your hardworking.



PTA Pyjama Day

The children enjoyed the novelty of attending school in their pyjamas today. Thank you to everyone who donated £1 to the PTA. They have some amazing events coming up this year - please support our fantastic PTA. All the money that is raised is given back to our children. Keep an eye open for the next big thing that the PTA are help fund.



Kin-ball Tournament

Well done to the Year 5 children who took part in the South Sefton Kin-ball competition this week. Both teams came joint first. Well done for quickly learning the new sport and for excellent teamwork.



Netball Tournament

Well done to our Year 6 netball team who have been competing in the South Sefton netball league since September. They have really improved as a team and showed great determination and dedication in both games and practice.



Sports Awards

We have achieved the **Gold School Games Marks** award for our commitment and engagement in the School Games for 2025.

Our girls football team have also been awarded the **Equal Access** award for our participation in the Girls Football School partnership for 2025.

These are both amazing achievements and reflect the hard work and involvement of all the children and staff.



GOOD NEWS!



Well Done
Everyone!



Term Dates 2025-26

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Autumn Term 2025 - (73 Days)

Term Starts:

Wednesday 3rd September

Half-term Holiday:

Monday 27th Oct - Friday 31st Oct

Term Ends:

Friday 19th December, 2pm.

Spring Term 2026 - (55 Days)

Term Starts:

Monday 5th January

Half-term Holiday

Monday 16th Feb - Friday 20th Feb

Term Ends:

Friday 27th March, 2pm.

Summer Term 2026 - (62 Days)

Term Starts:

Monday 13th April

Half-term Holiday

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Term Ends:

Thursday 16th July, 2pm.

Total Days:

190 Pupil days

195 Teacher days

Bank Holiday:

Monday 4th May

Inset Days:

Autumn 2025:

Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September

Summer 2026:

Monday 1st June

Friday 17th July

Monday 20th July

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Wrap Around Care Offer

Breakfast Club:

Contact number: 0151 928 5601

We run Breakfast Club for children aged 3-11 on site by our own staff from **8am-8.45am** daily Monday to Friday.

Our Infant (**Nursery to Y2**) provision is based in the main hall (*enter via the Main School Entrance*).

Our Junior (**Y3 to Y6**) provision is based in the dining hall (*enter via the separate gate on School Lane*).

To check availability and book a place, please use the [Contact Form](#) or call the number above.



Fun4Kidz - After School Club:

Contact number: 0151 932 9218

Fun4Kidz operates on site from **3.15pm to 6.00pm** daily Monday to Friday.

Fun4Kidz works with our youngest pupils from **Nursery to Year 2**.

The sessions are **£11.15** first child (*and £10.15 for siblings*) daily and include snacks (*hot snacks when applicable*).

The sessions must be paid for in advance and are non-refundable if the child doesn't attend.

Children can be collected from any time before **6.00pm**.

Email: fun4kidzclubs@hotmail.com

L30 Community Centre, Stonyfield, Netherton, Merseyside, L30 0QS.

Need to know about funding?

If you want to find out more about what funding is available to you in terms of tax free credits and childcare vouchers, please follow the link at the bottom of the page, which will take you to our Wrap Around Care page on the school website with more information and links to follow.

For the latest info, see the page below:

<https://www.englishmartyrs.co.uk/parents/wrap-around-care>



Useful Info

Sefton Women's & Childrens Aid

Contact number: 0151 394 1400

SWACA provide holistic services to women, young people and children affected by Domestic Abuse offering both effective crisis intervention and early intervention and preventative services.

Venus Centre Charity

Contact number: 0151 474 4744

VENUS provide service to empower, promote and support women, and their children in developing their potential, recognising their choices and achieving their goals and challenging injustice.

The Trussell Trust

Contact number: 0151 933 1300

The trust supports a nationwide network of food banks and together they provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK.

In Your Shoes

Contact number: 0151 345 9611

Located at 100 Moss Lane the charity supports our local community.

Litherland Wellbeing Centre

Contact number: 0151 288 6661

Family Well-being Centres provide joined up support for children and young people aged 0-19 years to make family life that little bit easier.

Sefton Council

One Stop Shop: 0345 140 0845

Affordable Warmth Service: 0151 934 2222

Free School Meals: 0151 934 3263

Emergency Limited Assistance: 0151 934 3377

Sefton at Work: 0151 934 2610

For further details visit Sefton Council's website:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/advice-benefits/cost-of-living/>

If you are struggling and would like support please do not hesitate to contact one of the above or the school office who will assist in any way they can.