



# MARTYRS NEWS

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Y5 Enjoying World Book Day outside



On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day in school. The children took part in a special assembly and enjoyed various activities throughout the day. In addition, every child was given the opportunity to read and earn 3 Ninja credits (these have been logged in school). All children were given a book voucher to spend at participating stores.

## Ninja Challenge

Last week 44 children received a white belt certificate as part of the Ninja Challenge. Please continue to record your child's reading and send their reading record into school **every Friday** to ensure all credits are logged. Remember only one ready per day counts with a maximum of **7 per week**. In the top left corner of this newsletter you will see the total number of credits available to date. Staff will count the credits weekly - please do not add extra notes to your child's reading record about this challenge as it make it hard to establish what their achievements are. If you have any queries please speak with office staff.

## We need your help!

We are looking for help during holiday times to look after our Guinea Pigs (Cookie and Crumble). If you are able to help **(even if it is only for a week)**, during any of the holidays going forward please let the office know. Any help is appreciated.



**Be safe, be happy, have fun!**

## PTA Comedy Night

A massive well done to the PTA for organising the recent comedy night. It was a huge success and over **£3000** was raised. Thank you to everyone who attended.

## Attendance Matters!

Our school target is **95%+** and we are currently at **95.3%** so far this year, which is really positive!

*Fabulous*  
**FRIDAY FIVE**

**Class Attendance:**  
1<sup>st</sup> 1B - 100%  
2<sup>nd</sup> RB - 99.7%  
3<sup>rd</sup> 3A - 99.3%

## Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
18 <sup>th</sup> March	8.45am	Yr4 RLPO Trip.
24 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	End of Topic Assembly Nursery Parents/Carers invited.
24 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00pm	Easter Reflection in Church KS2 Parents can attend.
25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	End of Topic Assembly Yr2 Parents/Carers invited.
27 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	Mufti Day - Crazy Theme

## Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

This week the children have made their own fruit skewers for snack time. They practised chopping the fruit and pushing it onto the stick ready to eat. We talked about healthy snacks, colours, flavours and where different fruits come from.



## Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

As part of our topic work on Desert to Garden, today we talked about, and made a Lenten Promise. We discussed how spring is a special time for growing and that Lent is also a special time to grow. To grow as a person and be more like Jesus. The children talked about how they could grow during Lent and we agreed that we could help more, care more, share more and love more. The children then wrote their own Lenten Promise on a heart and added it to our prayer tree.



## Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

The children identified a range of construction materials from different photographs. We then investigated how materials can change by adding heat and water. They designed and labelled a house that they could make out of toast. Finally they used a combination of materials to create a small model house using icing sugar. Well done Year 1!



## Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

As part of their Art work on Printing, Year Two enjoyed making Collagraphs. This is printing from a surface which has had collage materials applied. The children used black printing ink to make their designs.



"I liked making a spiral shape with the string to put on mine" - April



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## Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

Year 3 have been exploring dance movements using the theme machines. We have created routines in partners turning like cogs and using push/pull movements to act as pistons.



## Year 4

By Mrs O'Connell & Mrs Lowe

This week, Year 4 acted out the story of The Prodigal Son and created a freeze frame of their scene. They then noted down what the characters would be thinking and feeling at that moment.



## Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

Year 5 have been spotted outside enjoying time in the sun and reading their favourite book.



## Year 6

By Ms Goulbourne, Mrs Naisbett & Mr Lacey-Kiggins

This morning in Year 6, after having our 'Breakfast with a Book' time, the children took part in Book Speed Dating. Each child brought in their favourite book and were given 1 minute to talk about it to another child before seats were swapped and another child, another book was sat in front of them. It was a fast-paced activity which exposed the children to well over 20 different books in half an hour!



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 27th Feb 2026**

**Friday 6th March 2026**

**Nur All Day** Molly  
**Nur AM** Archie  
**RA** Hallie  
**RB** Millie  
**1A** Isabella  
**1B** Oliver  
**2A** Rocco  
**2B** Bennie  
**3A** Darci Rae  
**3B** Nathan  
**4A** Mason  
**4B** Penelope  
**5A** Oliver  
**5B** Joshua  
**6A** Lily  
**6B** Shea

**Nur All Day** Leo  
**Nur AM** Enyinnia  
**RA** Finley  
**RB** Mavie  
**1A** Bohdi  
**1B** Penny  
**2A** Tommy  
**2B** Annabelle  
**3A** Brodie  
**3B** Lavanah  
**4A** Nuala  
**4B** Harry  
**5A** Reeva  
**5B** Sam  
**6A** Luca  
**6B** Tilly

## Golden Pen

KEY STAGE 1 - Gabriella - Yr 2B

KEY STAGE 2 - Grace - Yr 6B

## Be A Writer

KEY STAGE 1 - Molly - Yr 2A

KEY STAGE 2 - Jude - Yr 3A

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## Year 5 Football Match

Year 5 boys were knocked out of the Faye Cup unfortunately. The boys played some lovely football but were beaten by a great Forefield team. We wish them good luck in the next round.



## Year 6 Dodgeball Competition

Well done to the Year 6 children who took part in the South Sefton Dodgeball competition last week.



## Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word is a digital leaflet which carries the Sunday Gospel into school and family homes. Please take a look and share with your child



Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word below.

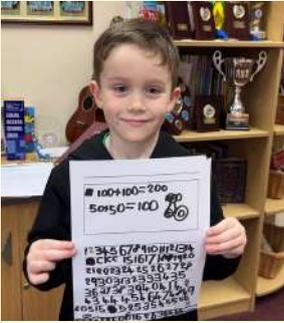
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

## Nursery Forest School

Mr Dinsdale visited our Nursery classes this week and enjoyed working with them in our Forest School area.



# ★ 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.