



MARTYRS NEWS

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Daisy, Anna-Rae, Ben & Kemi speak to Sefton CVS on the Social Signature launch day!



Lots of signs of Spring are visible around school, from the trees and bushes to our wonderful daffodils!

This week, four pupils helped Dr Pete & Helen Hawkin host a launch event for Social Signature with Sefton CVS. They spoke brilliantly about everything we have done as a school with Social Signature and the difference that it has made. I was *immensely* proud of them as ambassadors for our school!

CAFOD - LiveSimply Award

For the past four years, we have been working on an awards program with Cafod called the **LiveSimply Award**. We were recently assessed and have now been awarded this as a school!

Be safe, be happy, have fun!

Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
24/3/2026	9am	End of Topic N/R - Nursery Parents invited.
24/3/26	2pm	Lenten KS2 Church Service. Parents/Carers welcome.
25/3/26	9am	Year 6 Lakeside Residential Trip.
27/3/26	2.00pm est	Year 6 Lakeside children return.
27/3/26	9am	Mufti Day - Crazy Theme
27/3/26	2pm	School Finishes for Spring Break
13/4/26	8.45am	Term starts.



Trauma Silver Award:

This week, we were assessed by Dr Jenny Nock against the standards for the **Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Award** and were successful in gaining it! The staff demonstrated the way in which we are helping the children to overcome anxieties, use our guinea pigs and the spaces we have created around school for children to use before, during and after school.

Sustrans competition winners!

A massive well done to all who entered the Sustrans poster competition - we had winners from KS1 (**Elsie Y2**) and KS2 (**Lila Y4**) who both won brand new scooters and helmets!

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:
1st RA - 98.0%
2nd 1A - 97.8%
3rd RB - 97.1%



Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

Physical development in the sunshine! The children have enjoyed doing their PE lesson outdoors this week and have been practising ball skills and travelling in and out of hoops. In the forest area, they continue to balance, swing, collect and play together using their wonderful imaginations.



Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

This week we have started preparation for our Easter cards. We used a technique called marbling with coloured inks to create an abstract pattern onto plain paper.



Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

In our Art lessons, the children have been learning about the works of artist Anne Kelly. They have created their own piece of textile artwork using the techniques of poking, pulling, threading and weaving.



Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

As part of their work on the book Major Glad Major Dizzy Year Two made Peg Dolls. The children began by designing and labelling their peg doll. Then they made them using a range of materials such as felt, paper doilies, sequins, ribbons and lace. Finally they wrote instructions How to Make a Peg Doll. April said "I liked making a dress for my peg doll." Louis said "I used a felt tip pen to make the shoes."



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Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

Year 3 have been exploring pentatonic scales in music. We listened to Jasmine Flower which is a traditional Chinese tune and identified the notes. We explored the scales on the glockenspiel and performed our tunes.



Year 4

By Mrs O'Connell & Mrs Lowe

This week, Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to watch the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. This wonderful concert, "Citizens of Earth: Music for what Matters", taught the children how composers have used their works to share information to help us learn all about the challenges facing the planet we call home. Year 4 were mesmerised by the musicians as they performed a variety of symphonies and thoroughly enjoyed their visit!



Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

On Friday, the children worked in small groups to plan and create a rocket. They had to explain what mission their rocket would be suitable. The children had lots of fun working together in their groups.



Year 6

By Ms Goulbourne, Mrs Naisbett & Mr Lacey-Kiggins

Next Wednesday our Year 6 children will be attending their residential trip to YMCA Lakeside. Children will leave school at approx. 9.30 on Wednesday and will leave the centre at approx. 1.00pm on Friday 27th. The office will send a message to parents when the children are at 20mins from school.



Class Blogs

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 13th March 2026

Friday 20th March 2026

Nur All Day

Elodie

Nur All Day

Millie

Nur AM

Jaxon

Nur AM

Belle

RA

Jude

RA

Holly

RB

Michaela

RB

Tommy

1A

Sophia

1A

Eliza

1B

Elena

1B

Freya

2A

April

2A

Ella

2B

Esmae

2B

Isobel

3A

Emeli Iris

3A

Albie

3B

Isla

3B

Thomas

4A

Esme

4A

Zac

4B

Lilly Mae

4B

Tilly

5A

Leighton

5A

Frieda

5B

Hannah

5B

Evie

6A

Mason

6A

Nola

6B

Alice

6B

Oscar

Ninja Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who have received their white and yellow belt Ninja certificates for reading they have completed at home.

Keep it up!

Don't forget you can earn extra points during the Easter Holidays. ***Just 5 or 10 minutes reading per day makes a huge difference.***

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Girls Football Match

Our Year 3 and 4 girls were winners of the football tournament held at goals. They were a credit to our school and there were some fantastic goals and saves.



The Attachment & Trauma Sensitive Silver Award

This week we achieved the Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Setting Silver Award. The assessor commented that shared values of trust, relationships, empathy, commitment and compassion are the 'golden thread' running through the whole culture and life of the school. We are asked to share our achievements with pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers, to celebrate the school's commitment to its children, successfully removing barriers to learning and participation in the life of the school.



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



Good Shepherd Appeal

We are currently raising funds for the Nugent Care 'Good Shepherd Appeal'. The funds raised will be used to support vulnerable children, young people, and families. Classes have been fundraising in various ways. Frankie from Yr 3A has been really busy baking cookies to sell for The Good Shepherd. Well done Frankie!



Lenten Service

KS2 children will be taking part in the Lenten Service in church on **Tuesday 24th March at 2.00pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

★ 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.