



# MARTYRS NEWS

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Brother and sisters,

It is with a sense of deep sadness with thanksgiving to God for a life lived in the Lord's service, that we have learned today of the death of our Holy Father Pope Francis.

From the first moments of his pontificate, as a bishop from the peripheries on 13 March 2013, he has impacted the minds and hearts of many in the world seeking that we should all be "fratelli tutti" - brothers and sisters together, in his our common home.

The Catholic Church has lost its universal Pastor, and so today we pray for his eternal rest, we thank God for the much good he has done, and we pray for the Cardinals as they move to elect another successor of Saint Peter to continue to guide and lead the Church in 2025.

I have many fond memories of meeting him, most recently in January at the first general audience of the Jubilee Year.

I will remember him as a kind and welcoming priest and bishop. Francis asked everyone who met him to never to forget to pray for him - let us assure him of our prayers that he would finally meet the good shepherd and gentle judge he so zealously served.

With my prayers for you all,

**Archbishop Malcolm McMahon**

A book of condolence is available at the Metropolitan Cathedral for anyone who wishes to leave a message or prayer in memory of Pope Francis.



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## Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

This week the children in Nursery have been introduced to the book Giganotosaurus and have had fun exploring dinosaurs through play and thinking what a Giganotosaurus might have looked like. The children have particularly enjoyed water play outdoors on our sunny afternoons. In Nursery B the children have been exploring music with a storytelling lesson based on Teddy Bear's Picnic.



## Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

We have started our new book 'Gigantosaurus' this week and we had a very special surprise waiting for us! We had a golden box and inside were dinosaur eggs! We carefully cracked them open to find baby dinosaurs inside. We can't wait to find out where they came from or what they might get up to in our story!



## Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

In year one we have begun our new Science topic Animals, including humans. This week we have learned that all animals move freely, eat other living things and need water to survive. We have written fact files about pets, explaining what they need and how to care for them to show our learning.



## Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

This half term year two have begun a series of dance lessons as part of their work in PE. The children enjoyed listening to the beat of the music and moving in time to the music. They had to remember and repeat actions to retell the story of the Secret Garden.



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## Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

We have been exploring painting techniques and negative spaces. It was messy but great fun!



## Year 4

By Miss Tierney & Miss May

This week 4B visited Kingsley and Co to explore the shop and choose a book. The staff were so welcoming and the children loved taking part in the quiz and relaxing with a story. 4A will visit the bookstore on 21<sup>st</sup> May.



## Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

As part of our gymnastics lesson, the children developed their vaulting and rolling techniques. They focused on the position of their hands and feet and finishes when landing.



## Year 6

By Mr Kiggins & Mrs Goulbourne

In Year Six we have been studying the Shakespeare play Macbeth. We have really enjoyed this work and have written letters as Macbeth to Lady Macbeth outlining what they made of the three sisters!

We have loved this work.

~ Callum



The story is mysterious, dark and exciting at the same time

~ Luna



## 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.

[www.englishmartyrs.co.uk](http://www.englishmartyrs.co.uk)





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## New Entrance Gates

By Mrs Delaney

You will have noticed that we have had new gates installed at the KS1 entrance. After a few teething problems the gates are now fully operational. The double gates will be open at the start and the end of the day. During school hours visitors should use the smaller single gate. There is a button on both sides to gain access/exit. You will need to wait for office staff to release the gate.

## EM Stars

Well done to all the children who visited Mrs Jasper with their amazing work and good news.



## Well Done Everyone!



Any news, let us know:  
[news@englishmartyrs.co.uk](mailto:news@englishmartyrs.co.uk)

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## Stars of the Term & Week!

### Friday 4th April 2025

**Nursery All Day** Thomas

**Nursery AM** Joseph

**RA** Isabella

**RB** Isabella

**1A** Jack

**1B** Isobel

**2A** Blake

**2B** Lucas

**3A** Abigail

**3B** Joshua

**4A** Deacon

**4B** Poppy

**5A** Heidi

**5B** Harriet

**6A** Poppy

**6B** Mikey

### Friday 25th April 2025

**Nursery All Day** Tommy

**Nursery AM** Michaela

**RA** Eliza

**RB** Ayda

**1A** Leo

**1B** Roman

**2A** Myles

**2B** Nathan

**3A** Mila Rose

**3B** Maia

**4A** Joshua

**4B** Daniella

**5A** Declan

**5B** Amber

**6A** Olivia

**6B** James



# Year Dates 2024/25

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## Autumn Term 2024

Mon 2nd Sept	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tue 3rd Sept	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Wed 4th Sept	Term Begins	
Mon 28th Oct	Half Term	Pupil Days - 73
Fri 1st Nov		
Mon 4th Nov	Term begins	Staff Days - 75
Fri 20th Dec	Term ends - 2pm	

## Spring Term 2025

Mon 6th Jan	Term begins	
Mon 17th Feb	Half Term	
Fri 21st Feb		
Mon 24th Feb	Term begins	Pupil Days - 60
Fri 4th Apr	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 60

## Summer Term 2025

Tue 22th April	Term begins	
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 26th May	Half term	
Fri 30th May		
Mon 2nd June	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tues 3rd June	Term begins	
Fri 18th July	Term ends - 2pm	
Mon 21st July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Pupil Days - 57
Tue 22nd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Staff Days - 60

*Total Pupil Days - 190*

*Total Staff Days - 195*

# 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.**



## LYCC – After School Club:

**Contact number: 0151 286 5331**

LYCC operates off site and offers a complete collection and drop-off service via walking bus from **3.15pm to 5.45pm** daily Monday to Friday.

LYCC works with our older pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 due to the nature of their setting and staffing.

Fee payments for sessions and payment plans will be arranged on an individual basis with Parents / Guardians. However, session costs are non-refundable if the child doesn't attend.

Children can be collected from any time before **5.45pm**.

Email: [office.lycc@yahoo.com](mailto:office.lycc@yahoo.com)

**Litherland Youth & Community Centre, 41 Sefton Road, Litherland, L219HD.**

## 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 922 8606**

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: 01722 580180**

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.