



MARTYRS NEWS

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Laughs in assembly



I can not believe how quickly this academic year is passing by and that we are in the Summer Term already.

The weather continues to be bright and sunny and the children look very smart in their summer uniforms. A reminder to continue to provide a sun hat for your child and apply sun screen at home. From Monday, our Year 6 children will be undertaking their SATS test. I am very proud of the hard work and effort all the children have shown during the preparation for these tests. Parents can help by ensuring their child has early nights and hearty breakfasts. The children will enjoy plenty of extended play during the week. Good luck every one I know you will shine!

Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre will take place on **Friday 29th June**. The PTA are looking for helpers to set up and to help on stalls. If you are free, no matter how long, please contact the school office and we will pass your details onto the PTA.



We welcome the news of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, the 267th successor of St Peter.

Attendance Matters!

Our whole school attendance stands at **95.2%** and our target this year is **95%**. **Let's keep this going!**

Every minute that your child is in school counts.

This term we will be continuing to track children who have achieved 98%+ attendance. Children will receive a silver certificate and a prize at the end of Summer term!

Fabulous FRIDAY FIVE

Class Attendance last week:

1st 3A - 99.3%

2nd RB - 99.0%

3rd 1B - 97.0%;

Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
12-16 May	All day	Yr6 SATs week
19 May	9.00	End of Topic - Y5 parents invited
20 May	9.00	End of Topic - Rec parents invited
21 May	AM	Y4A Kingsley Book Store trip
21 May	9.00	End of Topic - Y1 parents invited
21 May	6.00	PTA meeting
22 May	9.00	End of Topic - Y4 parents invited
23 May	All day	Crazy hair day
2 Jun	All day	School closed - INSET Day
3 Jun	8.45am	School reopens
Summer Term 1 ends Friday		
23 rd May at 3.00pm		

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Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

The children in nursery have been preparing their own healthy snacks. This week they have made 'fruit trees' using lots of different fruits including strawberries, avocado, kiwi and grapes.



The sun has been shining and the children in nursery have been very busy planting this week. We have weeded and cleared before planting some beautiful new bedding plants and discussing how we need to look after them.



Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

Reception had a brilliant time visiting Windmill Animal Farm last week. We had lots of fun playing in the park, fed lots of animals and held some amazing critters! The children behaved impeccably and were even complimented by members of the public! Well done Reception.



Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

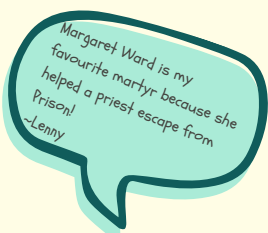
During History the children enjoyed passing the different artefacts around the circle to find out who they belonged to. We looked at different aeroplanes from the past and sequenced them on to a timeline.



Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

To celebrate the Feast of English Martyrs Year Two learnt all about the forty martyrs. In groups they researched some of the martyrs and presented their findings to the class.



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Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

Year 3 shared the story of the Road to Emmaus. We talked about how Jesus appeared to his disciples and how they must have felt. We re-enacted the story through role play.



Year 4

By Miss Tierney & Miss May

In our collage art project, we have been learning about the artist Alberto Giacometti. We have been using figurines to draw proportionally and to create our own unique poses.



Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

Year 5 children explored how night and day happens. We explained how the Earth's rotation results in night and day. We also investigated shadow lengths and how they are impacted by the height of the sun. Finally, we hypothesised what would happen if the Earth started spinning faster, slower or stopped.



Year 6

By Mr Kiggins & Mrs Goulbourne

Well done to our Year 6 netball team for competing in the South Sefton Netball League. The girls made fantastic progress throughout the year and enjoyed playing competitively.



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



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Water Bottles & Sun Screen

By Mrs Delaney

As the weather is getting warmer please ensure that your child brings a waterbottle into school that they can use in class. Bottles must have a secure top and be an appropriate size (no Stanley cups). Children can fill the bottles up throughout the day.

Please also ensure that you are applying sun screen at home. Unfortunately, staff do not have the spare capacity to apply sun screen to children.

EM Stars



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

Well Done Everyone!

Good
NEWS!

Any news, let us know:
news@englishmartyrs.co.uk

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Stars of the Week!

Friday 2nd May 2025

Nursery All Day	Niamh
Nursery AM	Dougie
RA	Joseph
RB	Emma Louise
1A	Rocco
1B	Mila
2A	Jessica
2B	Fearne
3A	Mason
3B	Jade
4A	Harrison
4B	Poppy
5A	Heidi
5B	Skyla
6A	Emily
6B	Sonny

Friday 9th May 2025

Nursery All Day	Nicholas
Nursery AM	Penelope
RA	Rome
RB	Jacob
1A	Alby
1B	Ivy-Rose
2A	Ayda
2B	Jacob
3A	Thea
3B	Ella
4A	Benjamin
4B	Penny
5A	Phoebe
5B	Francis
6A	Thea
6B	Mason



Year Dates 2024/25

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English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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

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

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.