



MARTYRS NEWS

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Nursery to Y6 children show off their Crazy hair!



What a great way to end this half term. The children looked amazing with their crazy hairstyles.

Well done to all the children for trying their best this half term. Teachers have seen some great progress! I hope their achievements continue into our final half term. We welcome the children back on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

I hope you are able to enjoy some quality time with your families during next week. Have a lovely half term break.

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

Holidays in term time

A reminder that any holiday taken during term time can not be authorised. If you are planning on taking your child out of school during term time you **MUST** complete a holiday form. If school are not made aware of your holiday then Sefton Education Welfare Team may be informed and you may be fined.

If school believe that false information has been provided then further checks will be made.

It is a legal requirement that children attends school regularly.

Attendance Matters!

Our whole school attendance stands at **94.9%** 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 6A - 99.7%

2nd 1A - 99.3%

3rd 2B - 99.0%

Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
2 Jun	All day	School closed - INSET Day
3 Jun	8.45am	School reopens
9 Jun	all day	Year group photographs - Kittle
12 Jun	all day	Y5 Retreat Day
		Y4 Chester Trip
16 Jun	9.00	End of Topic - Y6 parents invited
17 Jun		Nursery & Reception Sports Day
18 Jun		Yr1, Y2 & Y3 Sports Day
19 Jun		Y1 Safari
		Y2 Liverpool Waterfront
		Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sports Day

Check website for Sports Day timings
Summer Term 2 school opens
Tuesday 3rd June at 8.45am

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Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

Today we visited Church and looked at the Easter display showing the cross and Jesus's tomb. This reminded us of the different bible stories we have read about Jesus throughout our topic 'To the Ends of the Earth'. We also looked at the baptismal font and talked about our own baptisms. Together we said a prayer and also learnt the actions to the simple rhyme 'Here is the Church, here is the steeple'.



We have also been learning about the importance of protecting our bees as part of World Bee Day. The children put on some wings and worked together to build a beehive and collected pollen from different flowers.



Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

The children have made fruit salads this week! First, we explored fruits and vegetables and the difference between them. We then carefully prepared melon, pineapple, strawberries, banana and tangerines to add to our own fruit salad!



Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

As part of our Art & Design textiles unit, the children have been learning how to sew using a needle and yarn. They have been sewing their initials onto a paper plate.



Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

As part of our Music topic on Instruments Year Two enjoyed using a wide range of percussion instruments to accompany their story telling. In groups the children retold the story of Jack and the Beanstalk using their instruments.

"I liked playing my instrument fast and loud!" ~Rainie



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Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

Year 3 have been learning about mummification in Ancient Egypt. We have followed the process and mummified a tomato. Much less mess than a pharaoh!



Year 4

By Miss Tierney & Miss May

Year 4 visited Kingsley & Co this week. We enjoyed sharing stories, acting out our favourite books and we even got to take a book home! Kingsley & Co are a charity run organisation so they are always grateful for any book donations that you may have!



Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

To consolidate our learning of properties of different shapes, the pupils played in small groups a game of 'What shape?' By asking yes or no questions, the children had to solve which shape the other person had selected. After playing the game, we discussed which were the best kind of questions to ask to find out as quickly as possible what shape had been chosen.



Year 6

By Mr Kiggins & Mrs Goulbourne

It's started!!!

This week we began casting and preparing for this year's summer production! In this short space of time the children have wowed the teachers and it promises to be a fantastic production!



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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Packed Lunches - Nut Free

A reminder that due to some of our children having severe nut allergies we operate a **Nut Free Zone**. Please do not send any nut based products in your child's packed lunch box, this includes Bueno and Nutella Bars.

Parking

Can you ensure you are parking safely at the start and end of the school day, please leave enough room on pathways for pedestrian. Can you also respect our neighbours and not park over their driveways.

EM Stars



Well done to all the children who visited Mr Dinsdale 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 16th May 2025

Nursery All Day	Donnie
Nursery AM	Rosina
RA	Bohdi
RB	Lily-Grace
1A	James
1B	Shea
2A	Macie-Jo
2B	Arthur
3A	Rory
3B	Pippa
4A	Sophia
4B	Paddy
5A	Harry
5B	Rhys
6A	Jacob
6B	Jimmy

Friday 23rd May 2025

Nursery All Day	Harrison
Nursery AM	Maddie
RA	Darcey
RB	Joshua
1A	Albi
1B	Reuben
2A	Eleanor
2B	Eve
3A	Samuel
3B	Francis
4A	Reuben
4B	Paul
5A	James
5B	Buddy
6A	Poppy
6B	Halle

GOLDEN PEN WINNERS



Albert 1B

Ellie 3B



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.