



MARTYRS NEWS

Through Christ we believe, inspire, achieve.



Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year.

I hope you all enjoyed the sunshine last week and were able to spend time with your families. Summer Term 2 is set to be a busy time with lots of trip and events taking place. Sports days take place on 16th & 17th June and letters outlining the timetable have already gone home. Please keep an eye on the website calendar for all activities.

Our annual PTA summer is coming up on **26th June**. This is always a highlight of this term. If you are able to help out please contact the PTA via their facebook page or pass your details onto the school office.

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

Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
8th Jun	5.30pm	New Nursery parents mtg
9th Jun	5.30pm	New Reception parents mtg
9th Jun	1pm	CU Graduation
11th Jun	All day	Y5 Retreat Day
15th Jun	10.00	Y4 Holy Communion celebration & Feast of English Martyrs mass
16th Jun	-	Sports Day
17 th Jun	-	Sports Day
17th Jun	All day	Y1 Knowsley Safari Park
26th Jun	3.30	PTA Summer Fayre

Attendance Matters!

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

<i>Fabulous</i>	Class Attendance:
FRIDAY FIVE	1 st 3A - 98.3%
	2 nd 5A - 97.7%
	3 rd 4B - 97.4%

Holiday Requests

We ask that Parents/Carers complete a Holiday Request Form each time a holiday is taken during school term. You can obtain this form from the school office or on our website: [here](#). From this link you will find details of The Government's Fine Policy - [holidays in term time](#).

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Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

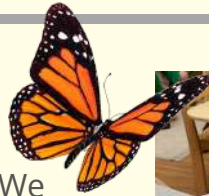
This half term we are reading 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra. This week the children received a letter from the Chilly Peas asking for their help. The children were given a selection of tools to help free the frozen peas from the ice, They used their problem solving skills to free as many peas as possible.



Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

We have had a special arrival in Reception! We were welcomed back from the half term break to caterpillars in our classroom! We have talked about the life cycle of a butterfly and even watched a time lapse of the process! We have just loved checking in on our own caterpillars each day, two have already formed their chrysalis!



Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

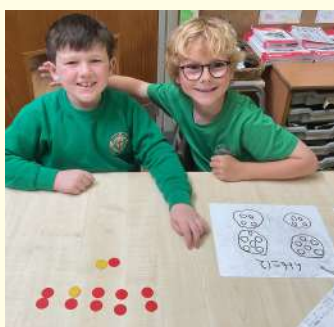
This week year 1 started gymnastics. We had lots of fun warming up and learning about different ways to travel. The children used various apparatus to travel around the hall.



Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

Year Two have been busy this week learning about fractions. They began by recognising the whole and the parts. They then made equal groups and next week they will be finding halves, quarters and thirds.



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Year 4

By Mrs O'Connell & Mrs Lowe

On Thursday, Year 4 visited the Deva Roman Experience in Chester where they took a trip back to Roman times. They explored ancient artefacts, learned all about the life of Romans in Britain and practised well-known battle formations that helped to make the Roman army so powerful.



Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

Today we investigated the effect of different salts when added to water colours. We used table, Epsom and Himalayan salt along with a combination of each to create the different effects.



Year 6

By Mrs Goulbourne, Mr Kiggins and Mrs Naisbett

For our latest DT topic, we started to investigate how strong a piece of spaghetti is. We worked in groups to build 'bridges' and investigated how to make the strongest bridge.



Cookie & Crumble Holiday Adventures

During half term Cookie & Crumble went on their adventures again. They visited Teo (RB) and enjoyed a week of cuddles and treats. Teo worked hard to feed them fresh grass and clean their cage. Thank you to Teo and his family for doing such a fantastic job of looking after our munchkins. If you would like to volunteer to look after our guinea pigs during school holidays please let the school office know.



Outstanding Payments

Please can we remind you that Dinner Money, Breakfast Club and Nursery Fees need to be cleared **before the end of this academic year Thursday 16th July**. If for any reason you are struggling to do this please come and speak to the school office as soon as possible.

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ATTENTION

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SOCIAL SIGNATURE

Friday 22nd May 2026

Nur All Day	Josie
Nur AM	Alexandra
RA	Isla Rose
RB	Cece
1A	Sophia
1B	Lily-Grace
2A	Reva
2B	Esmae
3A	Darci-Rae
3B	Joseph
4A	Nuala
4B	Phoebe
5A	Penny
5B	Aiden
6A	Freddie
6B	Georgie

STAR OF THE WEEK

Friday 5th June 2026

Nur All Day	Jack
Nur AM	Briony
RA	Vincent
RB	Elijah
1A	Roman
1B	Niamh
2A	Leo
2B	Nancy
3A	Jude
3B	Isabella
4A	Sienna
4B	Elizabeth
5A	Poppy
5B	Deacon
6A	Florence
6B	Ollie

WELL DONE!

GOOD NEWS!

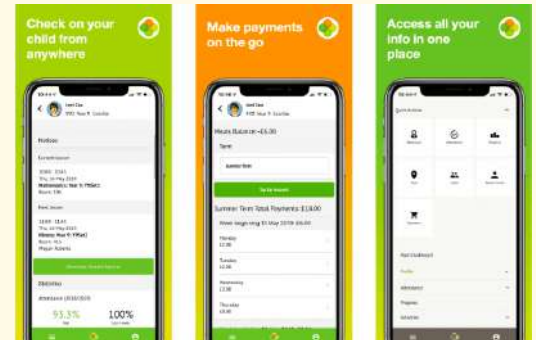


Well Done Everyone!

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Communication and the Arbor App:

A number of parents are reporting that they have missed important messages from school, even after they have been sent out. Please see the info below to ensure you never miss an important message from school. **Arbor is our MAIN communication tool** and allows us to keep in touch with each other. so it is important that it is working properly for everyone. Any issues, contact the office.



Enabling Notifications in the Arbor App:

Enabling Push Notifications (Step-by-Step)

Initial Setup: When first installing the Arbor App, click "**Allow**" when prompted to receive notifications.

Android Devices: Go to your phone's **Settings > Apps > Arbor > Notifications** and toggle push notifications **ON**.

iOS Devices (iPhone): Go to **Settings > Notifications > Arbor** and ensure "**Allow Notifications**" is **enabled**. It is recommended to set your banner style to "**Permanent**".

Troubleshooting Notifications

If you are not receiving messages:

Check In-App Settings:

Ensure you are checking the messages section within the app, which highlights new, unread messages in bold.

Restart & Reconnect:

Close the app, switch off notifications in your phone settings, restart your phone, and then turn the notifications back on.

Reinstall:

If notifications still do not appear, uninstall and reinstall the app.

Why Notifications Matter in Arbor

Message Alerts:

Enables immediate alerts for in-app messages sent by the school, which are used to reduce reliance on text messages.

Updates:

Alerts you to updates regarding attendance, clubs, trips, parent evenings or information requests.

Primary Guardian Access:

Note that only primary guardians can receive these notifications.

Helping families to understand the changes for term time holidays

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes have come into force for the Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools after 19th August 2024.

WHO MAY BE FINED?

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

NATIONAL THRESHOLD

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of **10 sessions (5 school days)** of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence, including the **U code** (late after registers).

For example: a 5-day holiday would meet the national threshold. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

FIRST OFFENCE:

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child if paid within **21** days.

£160 if paid between **22-28** days.

SECOND OFFENCE: (Within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised absence amount will be:

£160 per parent (*who allowed the holiday*) per child, payable within **28** days.

THIRD OFFENCE: (Within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice is not issued. Cases may be presented before a Magistrate's Court. Prosecution may result in a criminal records and fines of up to **£2,500**.

Cases found guilty in Magistrate's Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education.'

Stay

AND

PLAY

Netherton Library
Fridays 10.30-12
TERM TIME ONLY

STARTING FRIDAY 5th JUNE

Creative play workshops

for children aged

12 months - 3 years

Please book your FREE place
online via the QR code provided.



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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>



Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme

I am pleased to share with you an opportunity to join the Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme delivered by Advanced Solutions at Litherland Family Hub or via Zoom. This supportive and informative programme offers helpful insights into areas such as autism, ADHD, Specific Learning Difficulties and Sensory Processing Difficulties, along with practical strategies to support your child at home eg. sleep, toileting and eating difficulties. Please click on the appropriate link to register:

[ND Conditions Learning Programme \(Litherland Family Hub\)](#)

[ND Conditions Learning Programme \(online\)](#)

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.