

MARTYRS NEWS

Through Christ we believe, inspire, achieve.



Year 2 enjoying the bouncy castle



Following on from the disappointment of cancelling the summer fayre last week, the children enjoyed a new type of fayre today.

With bouncy castles, obstacle course and tombola's etc. each year group had time out side to enjoy the fun. **Thank you to the staff and PTA** for pulling together this event in such a short space of time. **I would also like to thank all our families for their understanding and support.**

Year 6 made the most of their last summer fayre at English Martyrs. They took advantage of splatting me in the stocks!



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

Date:	Time:	Event:
7th Jul	All day	Y3 Ancient Egypt Day
9th Jul	9.00am	Y3/4 End of Topic - Y4 parents invited
9th Jul	6.00pm	Y6 Summer Production
10th Jul	10.00am	Y6 Summer Production
13th Jul	10.00am	Y6 Leavers Mass
14th Jul	9.00am	Nur/Rec End of Topic - Nursery parents invited
15th Jul	9.00am	Y1/2 End of Topic - Y2 parents invited

Please check the website for a full list of events

**School Finishes
 Thursday 16th July
 at 2.00pm**

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.

Attendance Matters!

Our school target is **95%+** and we are currently at **95.1%** so far this year, which is really positive!

Fabulous

FRIDAY FIVE

Class Attendance:

1st 1A - 97%

2nd 1B - 95.7%

3rd 6B - 94.4%

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

Nursery have been reading the adventures of Supertato. The children made their own Supertato from potatoes and had fun creating their own Supertato adventures.



Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

Reception had a great time at our Summer Fayre. We went on the inflatables, had a chance to win on the tombolas and each got a bag of crisps to take away with us. What a fun morning. A big thank you to the PTA and all our helpers for organising a wonderful morning for the children.



Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

Today Year 1 went to Church to look at several key features of our Church. We looked at the lectern, altar, crucifix, font, tabernacle, stained glass windows, pews, holy water and donation boxes.



Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

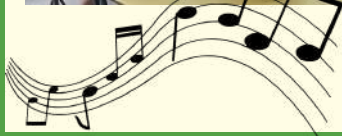
On Tuesday Year two had a great day out in Liverpool. In the morning they went on the famous Mersey Ferry. All the children enjoyed seeing the spectacular waterfront. In the afternoon they went to a concert at the Philharmonic Hall. Many thanks to all the helpers who came with us and made it such a fun day.



Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

As part of world music week, we listened to The Little Train of the Caipira by Heitor VILLA-LOBOS. We used the music to inspire our artwork as we drew the train and the landscape. We used a range of percussion instruments to create our own composition about a train. It was great fun!



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Year 4

By Mrs O'Connell & Mrs Lowe

Last Friday, children celebrated World Music Day by completing a painting that conveyed their feelings when they listened to 'Firebird' by Igor Stravinsky, Well done Year 4!



Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

Today, the children in Year 5 experienced a taster day at Holy Family Catholic High School. They took part in a Geography, Mathematics and P.E lesson. Year 5 had a brilliant time and the staff at Holy Family commented on how polite and respectful the children were.



Year 6

By Mr Kiggins, Mrs Naisbett & Mrs Goulbourne

Our Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard rehearsing for their upcoming summer production, and we couldn't be prouder of their enthusiasm, commitment and teamwork. We don't want to give too much away, but we can promise that you're in for a real treat! Everything is coming together beautifully, and we can't wait for you to see our talented performers shine on stage. Get ready to be amazed!



Mindfulness

By Mrs Naisbett

This week, Years 3 and 4 took their mindfulness sessions outdoors, enjoying a mindful scavenger hunt in our school grounds. Working together, the children slowed down and used all of their senses to explore nature, searching for things that made them feel happy, spotting cloud shapes, discovering insects and noticing pleasant smells and sounds around them. The experience encouraged them to be present in the moment, and many were amazed by how much they noticed in an environment they see every day. The children shared that the activity made them feel calm, peaceful and happy, while also reminding them of the joy that can be found in taking time to appreciate the world around them.



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STAR OF THE WEEK

Friday 26th June 2026

Nur All Day	Frankie
Nur AM	Reeva
RA	Phoebe
RB	Nicholas
1A	Alayah
1B	Charlie
2A	Jaxon
2B	Shea
3A	Archie
3B	Ethan
4A	Cecee
4B	Bonnie Lea
5A	Klayton
5B	Heidi
6A	Logan
6B	Skyla

Friday 3rd July 2026

Nur All Day	Rosie
Nur AM	Enyinnia
RA	Iremide
RB	Sonny
1A	Sophie
1B	Isabella
2A	Molly
2B	Luke
3A	Florence
3B	Eva
4A	Mila Rose
4B	Freddie
5A	Alfie
5B	Riley
6A	Thomas
6B	Jacob

Golden Pen

KEY STAGE 1
Isabella - 1A

KEY STAGE 2
Iris - 6A

Football News

Y3 and 4 girls took part in a World Cup tournament. The girls played well and gained valuable experience. Thanks to South Sefton sports partnership.



Y6 boys were runners up in the Peter O'Dowd finals. It was a great match and we tried our best.



Summer Fayre



Mid-day Supervisor Vacancy

We are currently advertising for a Mid-day Supervisor. The details can be found on Sefton Council website:

https://ats-seftonschools.jgp.co.uk/vacancies/340670?ga_client_id=40368cbe-b758-4c87-b182-de82aa080ac1&type=list

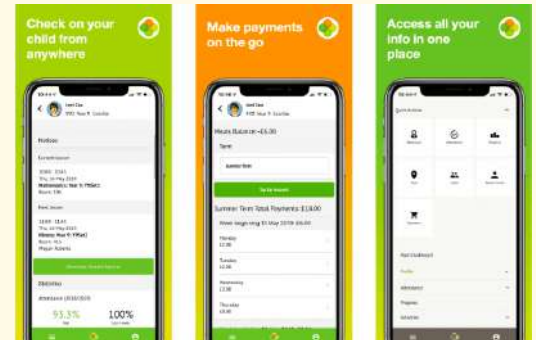
Electric Scooters.

A reminder to everyone that children should not be attending school on electric bikes and electric scooters.

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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.'



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>



Introducing Sefton Family Life Toolkit

We are pleased to share information about the Sefton Family Life Toolkit, a free online resource designed to support children, young people and families. The toolkit brings together trusted advice, local services and practical information all in one place. Parents and carers can access support on a wide range of topics including:

- **Parenting and family relationships**
- **Emotional health and wellbeing**
- **SEND information and guidance**
- **Education and school attendance**
- **Health and healthy lifestyles**
- **Activities, events and holiday programmes**
- **Local Family Hubs and community support**

Whether you are looking for advice, activities for your family, or additional support, the Family Life Toolkit provides easy access to information to help families thrive. Please visit the website today for further details: www.seftonfamilylife.com

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.