



MARTYRS NEWS

Through Christ we believe, inspire, achieve.



I am so proud to see all of our children happy to be back at school!

I have been visiting all the classes and have been impressed with how quickly the children have settled in to their new routines already. Year Group Newsletters for Autumn term have been sent out this week. Please take the time to look through these to see what your child will be learning this term and note any important dates.

May I also encourage you to read our RE Autumn Term Newsletter which was sent out last week and can be found on the school website.

[RE newsletter](#)

You will also have received an email from me regarding an incident outside of school yesterday. Please ensure you read this email. May I remind everyone, that you should not park on zig-zags.

**English Martyrs, Pray for us.
Be safe, be
happy, have fun!**

Attendance Matters!

We will continue to track the attendance of all children this academic year.

Children are encouraged to achieve our school target of **95%+** and we have achieved **95.4%** this year! *Fantastic job!*

Holiday During Term Time

We ask that Parents/Carers complete a Holiday Request Form if 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](#).

Sefton Council Attendance team may be information where holidays are taken and the appropriate form not completed.

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Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

The new children in Nursery have quickly settled and are having lots of fun. They are learning new routines, playing together and building friendships.

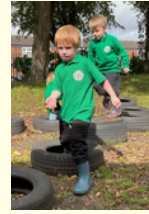


Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs Halsall

The reception children have settled well into school life and are beginning to form positive friendships with their peers. They are becoming increasingly confident in their new environment and are enjoying playing and learning together.

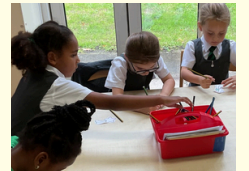
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Year 1

By Mrs Blackledge & Mrs McMeakin

The children enjoyed their daily collective worship today by gathering together and taking part in tactile prayer. Tactile prayer such as gentle colouring has a soothing quality that promotes a sense of stillness, creating the conditions for a more reflective and receptive prayer experience....



Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

As part of their RE work Y2 began the topic Creation and Covenant. They all enjoyed listening to the story of Noah and making their own headband showing all the different animals he cared for. The children then thought about how they could care for God's world and wrote their ideas on a rainbow.



Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

Year three have had a wonderful start to the term and settled in quickly. We introduced our new RE topic Creation and Covenant by exploring our Golden box. We talked about the wonderful plants and animals in our world.



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Year 4

By Mrs O'Connell & Mrs Lowe

Today Year 4 began their new art unit on drawing. We began by talking about our focus artist Giorgio Morandi from Italy. We learned that his pieces were primarily painted from still life compositions. We created our own still life compositions then we drew it using a continuous line drawing. We then sketched it using mixed media.



Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Mr Kiggins

We have used Scratch to explore the capabilities of different musical elements. The children tinkered with different sprites to create different sounds.



Year 6

By Miss Gray, Mrs Naisbett & Mrs Goulbourne

Children in year 6 enjoyed participating in drama, dance and music lessons today at Holy Family. They learned songs and dances from their upcoming show Shrek. The children were an absolute credit to themselves with their positive attitudes and exemplary behaviour.



SEND Coffee Morning

By Mrs Walsh

Has your child got Special Educational Needs/Disabilities? Do you want to know more about SEND processes and the support available in Sefton? Do you want to meet other parents/ carers of children with SEND? Sefton Council are running various coffee mornings - please see the attached flyer for further details or contact laura.wilding@sefton.gov.uk

Names in Coats & Clothing

Please ensure your child's name is in all items of clothing that they bring into school. We can only return lost property where items are clearly labelled.



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STAR OF THE WEEK

Friday 11th September 2026

Nur All Day

Nur AM

RA

RB

1A

1B

2A

2B

3A

3B

4A

4B

5A

5B

6A

6B

Harriett

Patrick

George

Lincoln

Ivy Rose

Isaac

Sophia

Leo

Pixie

Shea

Scarlett

Lillie

Brody

Theo

Harrison

Roma

Good News



Isabela in year 6 was a mascot at the Liverpool Vs Atletico Madrid champions league game.

Good
NEWS!

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

★ AN EVENING OF LIVE COMEDY ★

IN SUPPORT OF

ENGLISH MARTYRS PTA

FUNDRAISER

**NICK
PAGE**

- English comedian of the year
- BGT Live finalist



DATE
FRIDAY
9TH
OCTOBER
2026



TIME
7PM & 9PM

**JUSTIN
MOORHOUSE**

- Star of Phoenix Nights
- Live at the apollo
- QI

TWO SHOWS – DOUBLE THE LAUGHS, DOUBLE THE SUPPORT!



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

All proceeds go to
English Martyrs PTA

Thank you for your support!



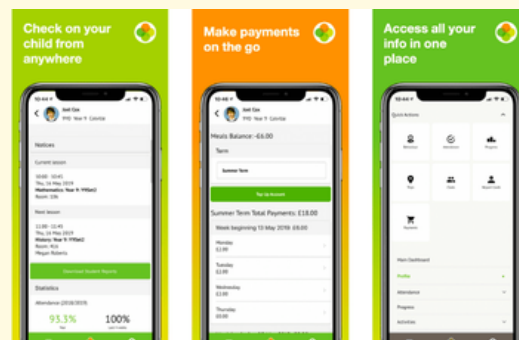
**LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE
TOGETHER!**

LAUGHS. COMMUNITY. SUPPORT. *Thank You!*

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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 2026-27

Autumn Term 2026 - (73 Days)

Term Starts:

Wednesday 2nd September

Half-term Holiday:

Monday 26th Oct - Friday 30th Oct

Term Ends:

Friday 18th December, 2pm.

Spring Term 2027 - (54 Days)

Term Starts:

Monday 4th January

Half-term Holiday

Monday 15th Feb - Friday 19th Feb

Term Ends:

Thursday 25th March, 2pm.

Summer Term 2027 - (63 Days)

Term Starts:

Monday 12th April

Half-term Holiday

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Term Ends:

Friday 16th July, 2pm.

Total Days:

190 Pupildays

195 Teacherdays

Bank Holiday

Monday 3 May 2027

Inset Days:

Autumn 2026:

Tuesday 1st September

Summer 2027:

Monday 7th June

Monday 19th July

Tuesday 20th July

Wednesday 21st July

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.