



MARTYRS NEWS

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FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 25 - NEWSLETTER 1



Looking smart at the start of the year!

Welcome to another school year!



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. Some reminders that **Meet the Teacher** nights for Y1 to Y6 are happening **NEXT WEEK!** No appointment, please just turn up and go to your child's class to meet the staff and hear about what they will be learning this year. If you cannot make it, please check the year group page on the website for the presentation and any handouts, thanks.

Be Safe, be happy, have fun!

MEET THE TEACHER

Y1&2 MON 15TH SEPT - 5PM
Y3&4 TUE 16TH SEPT - 5PM
Y5&6 THU 18TH SEPT - 5PM

Attendance Matters!

Attendance for the year so far is **96.3%** - let's keep this up! Our target this year is **95%**.

Don't forget children who achieve 98%+ by the end of the term will receive a silver certificate and a small prize. Children who receive 98%+ by the end of the year will be entered into a draw for a large prize

Fabulous FRIDAY FIVE

Class Attendance:

1st 1B - 100%

2nd 3A - 98.9%

3rd 3B - 98.3%

Our fabulous friday winners receive extra playtime - Well done!

Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
Mon 15 th Sept	5.00pm	Yr 1 & 2 Meet the Teacher
Tue 16 th Sept	5.00pm	Yr 3 & 4 Meet the Teacher
Thur 18 th Sept	5.00pm	Yr 5 & 6 Meet the Teacher
Thur 25 th Sept	all day	Y3 Crosby Beach Trip
Mon 29 th Sept	all day	Kittle Photography - Individual & Family Photos
Wed 8 th Oct	2.30pm	Nur Parent Welcome Mtg
Thur 9 th Oct	2.15pm	Rec Parent Curriculum Mtg

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Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

The nursery children are quickly settling into new routines and making new friendships. They are having lots of fun exploring and playing together. Well done children!



Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

What a brilliant first week we have had in Reception! The children have loved exploring their new classrooms and making new friends. They have settled in so well and we can't wait for all our adventures we are going to have this year! Well done Reception on a fantastic first week, you have all been superstars!



Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

We've had a wonderful first week in Year 1! The children have been settling into their new classroom, learning routines, and building friendships. We introduced the story ***Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers** and discussed what might happen in the story and how the characters may feel. In maths, we have been sorting and counting different objects. The children practised grouping items by colour, size, and shape, and then compared the groups to see which had more or fewer. Our science focus this week has been the four seasons. We talked about how the weather changes across the year and what we might see in nature at different times. To explore this further, the children had great fun dressing our toy bears in clothes suitable for each season — from sunglasses and shorts in summer to coats and scarves in winter! It's been a fantastic start to the year. We are very proud of how well the children have settled, and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning to come.





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Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

Year Two have made a fantastic start to the year and have been busy learning about Florence Nightingale in History, Place Value in Maths, Living Things and their Habitats in Science as well as enjoying using their chromebooks. Well done Year Two!



Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

Year 3 have had a great week settling in and it's been very productive. We've been programming in computers and learning about ballads.



Year 4

By Miss Tierney & Miss May

We have started work on our times table in Year 4, starting with our 3s and then our 6s and 9s. There are lots of patterns with them. Our teachers even let us draw on the tables!! Don't tell Mr Dinsdale!



Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

Today we worked in pairs to identify and represent numbers up to 10,000. The numbers were presented in a range of different ways.



Year 6

By Mr Kiggins & Mrs Goulbourne

Year six reading and relaxation club started this week. The children voted to read the book 'Ghostlines' by Katya Balen. The children certainly made themselves comfy bringing in blankets and cuddly toys from home. We finished the session with a calming relaxation and there were definitely the sounds of soft snores coming from the library!



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PLACE2BE - WELLBEING

BY MRS BOWDEN & MRS WALSH

As the new school year begins many children look forward to the new school year but for some children it may generate some feelings of discomfort. There may be certain areas that your child is struggling with. Place2Be has developed a suite of parenting advice briefings. These briefings provide practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour and cover a wide range of topics such as: **"My child is anxious"**; **"De-escalation techniques with children"** and many more! There are 54 topics which can be used to support parents and practitioners working with children and their families. Or please take a look on the website parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk.

WEBSITE

<http://>



SEND & WELLBEING HUB

For information, advice and links about parenting, special educational needs and disabilities or general wellbeing to help you support your family please visit our school website. There you will find our SEND hub and our Wellbeing hub.

<https://www.englishmartyrs.co.uk/parents/send-hub>

<https://www.englishmartyrs.co.uk/parents/wellbeing-hub>

CLASS BLOGS

Are you aware that every class has their own page on our school website. You can see details of what the children will be learning this year and see pictures of what has been happening in class during the week. You will also find the year group newsletter.

PARENT INFORMATION

The website has a parent area where you will find a raft of information including information regarding our attendance policy, newsletters and PTA information



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.

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EM Stars



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

Stars of the Week!

Friday 12TH SEPT 2025

Nursery All Day

Jack

Nursery AM

George

RA

Francis

RB

Harriet

1A

Alby

1B

Benjamin

2A

Lewis

2B

James

3A

Myles

3B

Lucas

4A

Harrison

4B

Scarlett

5A

Karl

5B

Daniel

6A

Logan

6B

Cody

Well Done Everyone!



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>



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.