



MARTYRS NEWS

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World Mental Health Day

Today is World Mental Health Day. To celebrate, children joined the National Literacy Trust to **#Take10ToRead**. This is National Literacy Trust's annual campaign to promote the mental health and wellbeing benefits of reading. I read 'The Book With No Pictures' by BJ Novak to KS1 children. Pupils across the school also joined in by taking 10 minutes to read during class. Our nursery pupils visited the library to enjoy story time.



Be Safe, be happy, have fun!

Margi - School Crossing Patrol

Our amazing, long serving, school crossing lady, Margi, is retiring at the end of this half term. We will be marking the occasion in school. Please take a moment to say thank you to her on the last day **Friday 24th October. Let's make her last day special.**

Attendance Matters!

Attendance for the year so far is **96.2%** - let's keep this up! Our target this year is **95%**. **Amazing - Lets keep this up!**

REMINDER: Please inform the school office if your child is going to be absent from school. Absence without a reason is marked as unauthorised and may be referred to the EWO.

Fabulous

FRIDAY FIVE

Class Attendance:

1st 5B, 3B, 2A, 1B - 100%

2nd 3A - 99.6%

3rd 1A - 99.2%

Events:

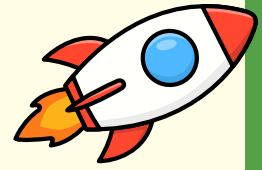
Date:	Time:	Event:
Tue 14 th Oct	3.20pm	Y5 Parents CHET meeting
Wed 15 th Oct	2.30pm	KS2 Harvest Festival Mass (in church)
Thur 16 th Oct	All day	Flu Immunisation
Wed 22 nd Oct	9.00am	Y1/2 End of Topic (Y2 parents)
Wed 22 nd Oct	3.30pm	Opening Evening
Thur 23 rd Oct	9.00am	Y3/4 End of Topic (Y4 parents)
Thur 23 rd Oct	3.30pm	Open Evening
Fri 24 th Oct	3.15pm	School closes for half term

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Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

In Maths the children have been reading *'Whatever Next!' By Jill Murphy* and using 3D shapes to make rockets. They used their wonderful imaginations to create their own rocket using wood in our outdoor area. The children had so much fun building together, counting down for blast off and travelling to the moon. On the moon they decided to dance, have a picnic and then finally fell asleep!



Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin



After listening to the story 'Leaf Man', we used our Autumn collections to create our very own Leaf Men! What brilliant creations!



Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

This week, our children have been having an energetic and exciting time learning skipping skills as part of our PE. The children have been developing balance, coordination, and teamwork while learning a variety of skipping techniques — from simple jumps to partner challenges. A particular highlight has been our French skipping sessions! Children have been working in small groups, using elastic ropes to play traditional skipping games that combine rhythm, timing, and fun.



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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Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

As part of their PE work Year Two have been looking at jumping techniques. This week they used their jumping skills to learn how to use French skipping ropes. They worked in groups of three and took turns of being the person in the middle. **Lucas said, "i liked jumping inside the rope the best."**



Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

Year 3 had a fantastic time visiting Crosby beach. We are studying coastal features and found so many interesting things at the beach.



Year 4

By Miss Tierney & Miss May

Year 4 took part in the **#take10toread** and shared different books about feelings and emotions. We talked about how taking care of our mental health is just as important as our physical health!



Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

Today we mapped out in pairs the sequence of events from Annie getting into the barrel to the moment she reached the edge of the falls.



Year 6

By Mr Kiggins & Mrs Goulbourne

This half term, Year 6 have been having gymnastics lessons led by Beth Tweddle. Today, we worked on our group routines and then finished the session building pyramids.



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Cycle to School Week 2025

As part of our commitment to encourage active travel to school, we are taking part 'Cycle to School Week 2025'. This will take place from:

Monday 13th - Friday 17th October

As an incentive to families to take part, our active travel officer Sam will be organising a prize draw to win some cycling and scotting related goodies.

For an opportunity to be entered into the draw, children must scoot or cycle to school for 3 out of the 5 days.

The draw will take place on 17th October with prizes being present the following week.

The school bike shed's will be open to use.

Please ensure your child dismounts their bike/scooter when they enter the school grounds.



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PTA NEWS

Rainbow Raffle

We are having another Rainbow Raffle this term. We are asking for donations to make the hampers prizes. Each year group will be allocated a colour and we would really appreciate donations of chocolates, sweets, wine, biscuits and other goodies in the allocated colour. Please send donations into school by Friday 17th October. The draw will take place later this term.

 **Nursery/Reception (Red)**

 **Year Four (Blue)**

 **Year One (Orange)**

 **Year Five (Purple)**

 **Year Two (Yellow)**

 **Year Six (Six)**

 **Year Three (Green)**

H A L L O W E E N

Family Fun Night

17th October 18.30 - 21.00

Quiz, Bingo, Prizes & More - **£4.00 per person**. Maximum 8 per team.

Tickets available online - see the link below. Contact pta@englishmartyrs.co.uk for further details.

Prizes for best costume - children and adults.

Join us for some spooky fun!

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FKIB>



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EM Stars

Year 4 winning
tournament team !



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

Well Done Everyone!

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Friday 3RD OCT 2025

Friday 10TH OCT 2025

Nursery All Day	Oluwafikayo	Nursery All Day	Luna
Nursery AM	Alexandra	Nursery AM	Chuckwuagoziem
RA	James	RA	Betsy
RB	Nosakhare	RB	Etta
1A	Frankie	1A	Betsy Jo
1B	Lily-Grace	1B	Albie D
2A	Jaxon	2A	Molly
2B	Phoebe	2B	Jersey
3A	Eleanor	3A	Albie G
3B	Joseph	3B	Charlotte
4A	Sean	4A	Kelise
4B	Jack	4B	Ellie
5A	Penny	5A	James
5B	Everly	5B	Heidi
6A	Lily	6A	Nancy
6B	Georgie	6B	Marnie



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.