



MARTYRS NEWS

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FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 25 - NEWSLETTER 5



Y5 children enjoying s'mores at CHET this week.



It truly feels like autumn now with dark nights and mornings and some wet and wild weather! To help keep us safe, we will be taking part in **Road Safety Week** with the charity Brake. See page 6 for more info - also a little bio about our new crossing patrol, Patrick!

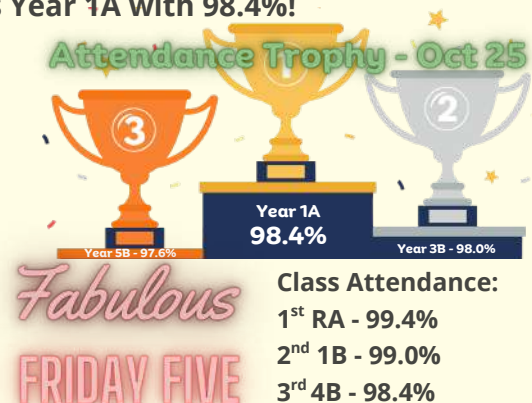
I am so pleased that all of our Year 5 children who attended **CHET** this week had the most amazing time! Check the **Year 5 blog** for many more photos - thanks to the staff and children for getting the most of this brilliant trip!

Next week also sees us celebrating our Year of Mission, **Pilgrims of Hope** on Friday 21st November. We have an exciting day planned for the children working across school and across age ranges!

I have been listening to all of the children read from KS2 and have to say I am so impressed with their fluency and understanding. Please continue to read with your child **every single day** - it makes an unbelievable difference!

Attendance Matters!

Our school target is **95%+** and we are still at **95.9%** so far this year, which is amazing! **Nearly 200** children are on track to get a certificate and prize at the end of the term for **98%+** attendance too! The class with the highest attendance in **October** was **Year 1A** with **98.4%**!



Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
17th Nov	9.00	Y5/6 End of Topic - Y5 parents invited
19th Nov	6.00	PTA meeting
8th Dec	10.00	Y5 mass in church
9th Dec	9.00	Nursery xmas assembly
10th Dec	9.00	Reception xmas assembly
11th Dec	9.15	Y1 xmas assembly
	TBC	KS2 disco's
12th Dec	9.15	Y2 xmas assembly

Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

Nursery children have been painting poppies for Remembrance Day and painting pebbles for our woodland area. They also explored painting with their feet and bubble wrap and created footprint patterns. Outdoors they have been very creative making pictures and bunting with leaves.



Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

This week we remembered the brave soldiers who fought in the wars. The children watched a CBeebies animation that sees war as experienced by animals in a field. The children have also loved making their own poppies using playdoh and buttons and pastels.



Year 1

By Mrs Halsall, Mrs Blackledge

The children have been busy making textured surfaces in Art using various materials. We will be using the dip, dip, dab method to explore making thick and thin paint marks on the surface with primary colours.



Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

As part of their Geography topic, The Journey of a Fruit Salad, Year Two enjoyed a trip to Tesco. They were very sensible walking there and back, taking care when crossing the busy roads. Once at Tesco the children had a list of fruit to find and discover where it came from. They found raspberries from Morocco, blueberries from Peru and pears from Belgium. As a reward for being such great shoppers the children were given a box of sweets to share. Thank you to Mrs Neary who joined us on our trip.



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Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

We are making boxes covered in fabric. We used the nets of shapes to create the box. Next we will cover them in fabric.



Year 4

By Miss Tierney & Miss May

This week, Year 4 celebrated their history topic 'Ancient Greece' by having a Greek fun day. Everyone dressed up, we tried Greek food, had a mini Olympics and created our own vase mosaic.



Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

Children in Year 5 enjoyed their residential trip to Crosby Hall Education Trust this week. The children's behaved exemplary. Everyone had an amazing time. A special thank you to the teachers for looking after the children.



"This was great fun! We used our observation skills to spot that one was three layers and the other had five!"

Year 6

By Mr Kiggins & Mrs Goulbourne & Mrs Naisbett

In Year 6 we have been learning about classification in Science. We created our own dichotomous classification keys using liquorice allsorts. We observed the many similarities and unique differences to create questions. This task wasn't as easy as it looked.



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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STAR OF THE WEEK

Friday 7th Nov 2025

Friday 14th Nov 2025

Nursery All Day Harry
Nursery AM Ebenezer
RA Isaac
RB Teodor
1A Jordan
1B Gabriel
2A Reva
2B Reuben
3A Bobby
3B Jacob
4A Seren
4B Phoebe
5A Esmae
5B Harrison
6A Olivia
6B Harriet

Nursery All Day George
Nursery AM Harper
RA Olivia
RB Millie
1A Jessica
1B Frankie
2A Jack
2B Roman
3A Nellie
3B Arthur
4A Lila
4B Mila
5A Nathan
5B Jack
6A Jacob
6B Layla

Well Done Everyone!

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Year 5 and 6 girls and boys played in the first round of the Primary league stars tournament. We had a great time and were unlucky not to go through to the next stage. Well done everyone.



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Welcome to our new school crossing person - Patrick.

Please say hello to our new crossing patrol, Patrick who has taken over from Margie.

He has commented to Mr Dinsdale on how polite the children and families are when crossing and saying hello everyday - thank-you for making him feel so welcome!



Road Safety Week

Safe vehicles, safe lives!

This year, we are taking part in Road Safety Week. We're raising awareness of the devastating impact of road crashes on everyone involved and shouting out about some of the amazing ways that safe vehicles can stop road crashes and prevent road harm.

In Early Years, we will run a Beep Beep! Day using Brake resources to teach road safety basics to young children, including how child seats keep them safe when travelling by car.

In school we will talk about safe vehicles in class using the Brake Charity fun films and factsheets. The children will learn about cycling safely, on safe roads away from traffic.

A large promotional graphic for Road Safety Week. It features a red circular badge on the left that says "We're taking part". In the center, the text "SAFE VEHICLES" is above a row of icons representing a car, a truck, a car, and a motorcycle. Below this, "SAVE LIVES" is written in large white letters on a red background. To the right, "Road Safety Week" is written in a stylized font with a red heart. Below the central text, a black banner reads "Let's make every journey as safe as possible, whoever we are and however we travel." and "16-22 November 2025 #RoadSafetyWeek". At the bottom, logos for the organizing and sponsoring organizations are displayed: Brake (the road safety charity), Autoglass, Hastings Direct, Motive, and Samsara. On the far left, there are circular icons for a car, a horse, a motorcycle, and a bicycle. On the far right, there is a large white bus icon on a grey background.



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>



NURSERY REQUEST!

Our nursery children enjoy spending time outdoors each day. Nursery A are in need of a water butt to collect rainwater to use for our outdoor area and mud kitchen. If anyone is able to donate one we would be very grateful.



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.