



MARTYRS NEWS

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FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 25 - NEWSLETTER 6



Retelling the Christmas story



Our **Jubilee Celebration** took part last Friday and was such a huge success - the children loved being in mixed age groups

and moving around the whole school as part of our pilgrimage for our special day!

A short Youtube video of the day which captures the essence of what we did and why we did it. It is on the school website under Catholic Life page and has been added to the screen in the entrance foyer.

Jubilee Celebration Day 2025:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvBzAbhIz3c>

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

Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
4 th Dec	10.00am	Y6 mass in church
8 th Dec	10.00am	Y5 mass in church
9 th Dec	9.00am	Nursery xmas assembly
10 th Dec	9.00am	Reception xmas assembly
11 th Dec	9.15am	Y1 xmas assembly
	5pm & 6.30pm	KS2 disco's
12 th Dec	9.15	Y2 xmas assembly
16 th Dec	2.00pm	Carol Service
17 th Dec	TBC	Evening Carol Singalong
18 th Dec	9.00am	End of Topic Assembly Yr3/4
		Yr 3 parent to attend
19 th Dec	2.00pm	Mufti Day - Last day of term

Attendance Matters!

Our school target is **95%+** and we are currently at **95.4%** so far this year, which is amazing! **Over 200** children are on track to get a certificate and prize at the end of the term for **98%+** attendance too!

Fabulous
FRIDAY FIVE

Class Attendance:

1st 1B - 100%

2nd RA - 97.4%

3rd 4B - 96.8%

Reporting Absence

If your child is ill and not well enough to attend school **you must report** via the Arbor app or the answer machine by 9.15am. You should ensure you give a full reason for absence, 'not well' is insufficient and may lead to an **'unauthorised' mark**. We also ask for you to call each day to give an update. Depending on the illness your child maybe able to attend school. Please refer to the **NHS website** for further guidance Follow the link below:

[Is my child well enough for School?](#)

Late to School

There are an increased number of children arriving late to school which is causing disruption to their learning and the learning of others. Our office is very busy at the start of the day and late comers cause further disruption. Please ensure your child attends school **on time with everything they need** including packed lunches and book bags.

Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

This week the children have been talking about how we prepare for Christmas at home and in school. We gathered leaves and other decorations to create our own Christmas wreaths to take home and hang on our doors.



Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

This week in our literacy work, the children have joined the Drawing Club! Our Drawing Club has been based on the book 'The Christmas Pine' and the aim is to spark the children's imagination and develop language through creating "magic codes" like letters or words into their drawings. First we thought about the main characters, the setting and then it was time for adventure! We each created our own 'Christmas Stinker' who had stolen all the baubles off the tree! We wrote a secret code under our drawings to bring it to life.



"If you press that word, he blasts off to space!"



Year 1

By Mrs Halsall, Mrs Blackledge

We have had lots of fun today learning about command words in English. We rolled the dice in pairs and followed the different commands. **"clap your hands"** **"stamp your feet"** **"bend your knees"**



Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

As part of their PE curriculum Year Two have enjoyed taking part in gymnastics this half term. They have been rolling, balancing, jumping and travelling over a range of equipment.

"I like jumping off the springboard best because you can go high!"



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Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

In year three we have been exploring ballads. We listened to a range of ballads and looked at the features that were similar. We identified the different rhythms and instrument that were used. We especially loved singing them..



Year 4

By Miss Tierney & Miss May

In science, year 4 have been learning all about sound and how it travels through different mediums; solids, liquids and gases. We had fun investigating how sounds changed and talking about what was happening to the sound waves.



Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

We have been exploring what is the effect of water resistance. We discussed how water resistance is stronger than air resistance using the example of trying to move through the pool. After, we investigated how shape affects the speed an object drops.



Year 6

By Mr Kiggins & Mrs Goulbourne & Mrs Naisbett

In Year 6 we have been writing our own hybrid texts. We researched and wrote about the kakapo. We wrote to inform and persuade about this quirky bird!

I loved this work and I'm glad numbers are increasing!" - Phoebe



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 20th Nov 2025

Friday 28th Nov 2025

Nursery All Day Efeosa

Nursery All Day Jaxon

Nursery AM Archie

Nursery AM heia

RA Niamh

RA Isla

RB Nicholas

RB Ivy Rose

1A Isabelle

1A Jack

1B Isabelle

1B Grace

2A Amaya

2A James

2B Jersey

2B Shay

3A Nevaeh

3A Macie Jo

3B Mason

3B Sonny

4A Rory

4A Lola

4B Adam

4B Elsie Grace

5A Henry

5A Reeva

5B Lucas

5B Sophia

6A Harry

6A Anna Rae

6B Anaya

6B Erin

Golden Pen Award

Jessica - 1A

Francis - 4B

Be a Writer

Thomas - 2A

Sophia - 5B

Well Done Everyone!

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Lola and Florence raised £700 for their sponsored run in aid of Mens Health.



Issabelle was training with the English national youth ballet



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Holy Family Crib Set.

By Mrs Sothern

To celebrate the start of Advent children from Nursery to Year four will be bringing home a Holy Family Crib set. Please read the Christmas Story together and talk about how you prepare for Christmas. Maybe light a candle or sing a Christmas carol. Please return the Advent bag to school the next day so all children get the chance to take it home.



CAFOD World Gifts.

By Mrs Sothern

During Advent we will be collecting money for CAFOD World Gifts. This year as school we are hoping to raise £350 to provide clean water.

This life-saving gift can provide ten families with a steady supply of clean, safe water for drinking and cooking. A clean water tank means families can access safe drinking water, keeping everyone free from infection.



English Martyrs Brownies

By Mrs Smith

9th Bootle and Litherland English Martyrs Brownies currently have space for any girls aged between 7 and 10 who wish to join. They meet on a Thursday evening in the Parish Hall 6.15pm to 7.45pm. If you wish for your daughter to join, please register their name on the following website:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/.

If you have any queries or questions please email:

engmartbrownies@outlook.com



Eco Councillors

By Mrs O'Connell

Last Friday, Eco Councillors walked to Hatton Hill Park to take part in a planting event organised by Sefton Council. The children planted an array of bluebell and snowdrop bulbs that will appear in early spring. The children were a joy to take out of school, using beautiful manners, consistently helping each other and contributing towards their social signature in our local area.





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.