



MARTYRS NEWS

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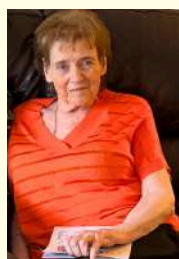
Nursery Nativity



It has been a wonderful end to the term with all of the Christmas festivities that have been so well attended by you all!

I am so proud of the children for reminding us of the real reason we celebrate Christmas - the birth of Christ. Please see the times of mass over the Christmas period - I know Fr Mark would love to see as many attending as possible!

We say farewell to **Mary Kennedy**, our well-loved welfare assistant and cleaner here at English Martyrs who leaves us this term after an



amazing 24 years service to our school! Thank-you for all that you have done and we wish you all the best for the future!

May you all have a peaceful Christmas break with your families and friends.

Be safe, be happy, have fun!

Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
19th Dec	2.00pm	Mufti Day - Last day of term
5th Jan	8.45am	School Returns.



Christmas Masses:

- 6.00pm Christmas Eve at St Robert Bellarmine's
- 9.00pm Christmas Eve at English Martyrs
- 9.30am Christmas day at EM
- 11.00am Christmas Day at St Robert's

Attendance Matters!

Our school target is **95%+** and we are currently at **95.2%** so far this year, which is positive! **193** children got a certificate and prize this week for **98%+** attendance too!

Fabulous
FRIDAY FIVE

Class Attendance:

- 1st 3B - 99.6%
- 2nd 5A - 99.3%
- 3rd RA - 99.0%

Spring Term:

Don't forget! School returns on **Monday 5th January at 8.45am**. We will continue to closely monitor attendance and punctuality during the Spring term. There will be an increased focus on challenging lateness and we therefore ask you to help your child arrive at school on time and ready to learn for **8.45am**.



Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

The children retold the nativity story beautifully in our assembly this week and reminded us all about the true meaning of Christmas. In class they are enjoying festive activities together including decorating biscuits, dressing the snowman, creating the nativity scene using playdough and writing letters to Father Christmas.

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.



Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

This week the children have been making Christmas treats! First we melted some chocolate and we talked about how we had to warm the chocolate to do this. Then we dipped biscuits into the chocolate and added eyes, a nose and some antlers to turn them into reindeers! We had so much fun.



Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

A huge thank you to everyone who made our Year 1 Christmas Nativity assembly such a special event. The children put in so much effort and enthusiasm, and it was truly heartwarming to see their joy and excitement shine through as they performed.

We appreciate all the support, whether it was helping with costumes, practicing lines at home, or simply cheering them on. It's because of this wonderful teamwork that we were able to create such a memorable experience for the children and our school community.

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful holiday season!
Year 1 Staff



Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

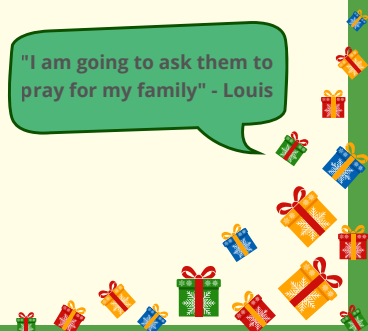
This week statues of Mary and Joseph have been travelling around our school. They have been visiting each class and giving the children the opportunity to say a special prayer for Christmas. We have written our own prayers that will be taken to church next week when Mary and Joseph return.



"I really like the statues, they are the biggest crib figures I have ever seen." - Edie



"I am going to ask them to pray for my family" - Louis



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Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

The statues of Mary and Joseph from church are travelling around school just as Mary and Joseph made their long journey to Bethlehem. Today they reached year 3. We talked about the nativity story and the true meaning of Christmas. We wrote our own prayers to place in the prayer box



Year 4

By Miss Tierney & Miss May

Year 4 have been designing and creating their own advent calendars, looking at different hinges and creating our own masterpieces. We had lots of fun and we are so excited for Christmas!



Year 5 & Year 6

By Year 5/6 Teacher

On Friday, Year 5 and Year 6 joined forces to take part in the Santa dash around the playground in their Christmas jumpers. The children had fun and it was a great way to start our Christmas festivities.



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 5th DEC 2025

Nursery All Day	Otis
Nursery AM	Alexandra
RA	Thomas
RB	Cece
1A	Rome
1B	Harry
2A	Lucas
2B	Mila
3A	Sonny
3B	Liberty
4A	Seth
4B	Jake
5A	Noah
5B	Elsie
6A	Ella
6B	Rhys

Friday 12th DEC 2025

Nursery All Day	Lewin
Nursery AM	Ebenezer
RA	Alana
RB	Maddie
1A	Reuben
1B	Thomas
2A	Bobby
2B	Ivy Rose
3A	Lenny
3B	Oliver
4A	Rosa
4B	Harry
5A	Penny
5B	Caleb
6A	Nola
6B	Liam

Golden Pen

KEY STAGE 1
Bennie - 2B

KEY STAGE 2
Layla - 6B

Well Done Everyone!

Social Signature SUPERSTARS

Nursery All Day

Nursery AM

RA

RB

1A

1B

2A

2B

Sienna

Chukwuagoziem

Grace

Elias

Betsy Jo

Isabella

Edie

Ethan

3A

3B

4A

4B

5A

5B

6A

6B

Archie

Charlotte

Logan

Francis

Poppy

Lucas

Noah

Anaya

GOOD NEWS!

Congratulations on your awards. Zac, Louis, Tommy, Phoebe & Polly and the team are through to the semi finals on January 31st 2026. Well done!



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 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.