



MARTYRS NEWS

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Newsletter of English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

Friday 28th February 2025 - Newsletter 11



House Captains Lea, Ava, William & James from Y6 on our Quidditch Event Day!

By Mr Dinsdale

Welcome back to Spring term 2! Lent will be upon us next week with Ash Wednesday being marked in all of our KS2 classes.



We are also celebrating **World Book Day** next **Thursday 6th March** by having a **BIG BOOK SWAP** here in school - bring an old book that you've read and swap for one you haven't! **No change from school uniform** to keep the focus on books and reading, as it should be.

Please make sure that you are checking the Arbor app and have notifications turned on, so that you don't miss important notices from us!

School Starts at 8.45am:

Parents are reminded that school starts at 8.45am. From Monday 3rd March both the KS1 and KS2 gates will shut at 8.45am when school starts. If your child arrives after this time, they will be directed to enter school via the **main office**. Registers are taken promptly at 8.45am to enable children's learning to start immediately. Classroom doors will close at 8.45am. To reduce the impact on children who are already in class and to ensure safety of all children, staff will not be able to open doors for children arriving late. Please ensure your child is on time and ready to learn.



Be safe, be happy, have fun!

Attendance Matters!

Our whole school attendance stands at **94.9%** and our target this year is **95%**. **Let's keep this going!**

Attendance Rewards

Every minute that your child is in school counts.

This term we will be continuing to track children who have achieved 98%+ attendance. Children will receive a silver certificate and a prize at the end of Spring term!

★ ★ ★ ★ ★	February Class Attendance Winners!	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	2B - 99.7%	

Fabulous FRIDAY FIVE

Week 18:

- 1st - 2A - 100%
- 2nd - 3A & RA - 98.7%
- 3rd - RB - 97.2%

Week 19:

- 1st - 2A - 99.7%
- 2nd - 3A - 98.7%
- 3rd - RB - 97.9%

Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
3rd March	9.00am	Yr 5/6 End of Topic Assembly Year 5 Parents invited.
6th March	All day	World Book Day
11th March	All day	Reception Class Screening.
12th March	All day	Reception Class Screening
12th March	6.00pm	Holy Communion Preparation
12th March	6.45pm	Holy Communion Preparation
13th March	10.00am	Year 5 Concert RLPO Trip
26th March		Y6 Lakeside Trip
27th March	All day	Y3 Gilmoor Centre Trip
1st April	9.00am	Rec/Nur End of Topic Assembly Nursery parents invited
2nd April	9.00am	Yr1/2 End of Topic Assembly Year 2 Parents invited

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Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

This week the children in nursery have been on a treasure hunt to find their new text, 'The Pirates Are Coming!' and they are very excited to find out what happens in the story. They are exploring paint through finger painting, describing the texture and colours and have even helped one another put on their aprons. The children have also followed instructions to make healthy fruit flapjacks.



Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

The children in Reception have enjoyed mark making in the sunshine using chalk, pencils and whiteboard pens. We have been practising writing super sentences!



Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

This week, the children in year one learned all about keeping their teeth healthy. They learned the importance of eating healthy foods, cutting down on sugary foods and drinks and how to brush their teeth correctly.



Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

As part of our Maths work on Time Year Two made their own clock. The children made o'clock times and told the time using the language of minutes past.



You have to be able to tell the time so you don't miss Kick off!

Bobby

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Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

Y3 came runners up in the EFC tournament on Wednesday. They played some amazing football and scored some fantastic goals. Thanks for your support it was such great fun.



Year 4

By Miss Tierney & Miss May

In our Design Technology unit for textiles, the children have learned how to use a cross stitch to fix a button to create a fastener. We have been exploring the question, how do you keep a tea towel from slipping off a hook?



Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

On the last day of term KS2 children, including Year 5 enjoyed a fun filled day with the Hogwarts experience. Once the children were sorted into their houses, each class took part in a Quidditch experience. They played a range of games representing the game of Quidditch. The children had a brilliant time and worked well in their teams.



Year 6

By Mr Kiggins & Mrs Goulbourne

Year 6 children have been invited to attend after school Reading and Arithmetic clubs. The children are making amazing progress and this is evident already in their class work. All Year 6 children are welcome to attend. The clubs run as follows: **Reading Monday 3.15-4.00** and **Arithmetic Tuesday 3.15-4.00**



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.

www.englishmartyrs.co.uk



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Nut Free Zone



We have a number of children in school with nut allergies and therefore ask that any snacks or lunch items that your child brings to school do not contain nuts. This includes Nutella and Bueno bars.

Breaktime Snacks & Water

We are a healthy school and encourage all children to bring healthy snacks for breaktime. Please avoid sugary bars and crisps. Water bottles with secure lids should also be provided for class- children can fill these up throughout the day. Juice is not allowed in class. Please avoid large 'Stanley' style cups which do not have secure lids.

Wednesdays Word.

by Mrs McIntyre

Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word below.



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Judo Assembly

By Mr Roach

This week Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a Judo session with Judo Education. The children enjoyed learning new skills and gaining an insight into the sport. Some children will take part in the Judo after school club this half term. We are hoping to invite Judo Education back during the summer term and into the next academic year so more children will be given the opportunity to take part in the club.



Sustrans Competition

By Miss Tierney

A reminder that the Sustrans poster competition with close on 5th March. You could win the chance to have your poster enlarged onto canvas by Sefton Council to help slow down drivers around our school. Please submit entries to Miss Tierney or the school office



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Big Walk and Wheel to School

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from **24 March- 4 April 2025**. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.



What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing. Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best way to bring down these pollution levels. Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part! For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk. Enjoy the challenge!

PTA NEWS

Make the Rules Day

Thank you for all your support with 'Make the Rules Day'. It was a fun filled way to end the term.

£645.45

Challenge 2025

The PTA are running the Challenge sponsored event again this year. This fundraising event is challenging children to raise **£20.25** by taking part in an event of their choice, this could be baking, reading, dancing, football etc. **All children have taken home sponsor forms home.** It would be great if all children could join in and raise as much as they can, even if they do not reach the **£20.25** target. We would love to see what challenges the children have been doing. Find us on facebook 'The PTA of English Martyrs Catholic Primary School' or email pta@englishmartyrs.co.uk

Join the PTA

We are always looking for new members. No matter how big or small your commitment could be, please think about joining us for another exciting year starting in September.

Thank You! Contact Information: Email: pta@englishmartyrs.co.uk for further information.

JOIN US

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EM Stars

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



This weekend Thomas was invited up to play football at Liverpool Academy



Shea & Logan both won at their submission only competition last weekend called young subs. Sheas opponent came over all the way from Kuwait . Brilliant achievement for the boys!



Good NEWS! Any news, let us know: news@englishmartyrs.co.uk



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Stars of the Week!

Friday 14th Feb 2025

Nursery All Day	Betsy
Nursery AM	Phoebe
RA	Blake
RB	Willow
1A	Reva
1B	Elsie
2A	Archie
2B	Liberty
3A	Seren
3B	Harris
4A	Caleb
4B	Esmae
5A	Anna Rae
5B	Layla
6A	Jessica
6B	Ava

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Nursery All Day	Lily
Nursery AM	Michaela
RA	Robyn
RB	Charlie
1A	Bobbi Ann
1B	Sofia
2A	Darcie
2B	Theo
3A	Zac
3B	Harry
4A	Penelope
4B	Emily
5A	Holly
5B	Alise
6A	Harry
6B	Freya



Key Stage 1

Arlo

Key Stage 2

Paige



Year Dates 2024/25

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Autumn Term 2024

Mon 2nd Sept	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tue 3rd Sept	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Wed 4th Sept	Term Begins	
Mon 28th Oct	} Half Term	Pupil Days - 73
Fri 1st Nov		
Mon 4th Nov	Term begins	Staff Days - 75
Fri 20th Dec	Term ends - 2pm	

Spring Term 2025

Mon 6th Jan	Term begins	
Mon 17th Feb	} Half Term	Pupil Days - 60
Fri 21st Feb		
Mon 24th Feb	Term begins	Staff Days - 60
Fri 4th Apr	Term ends - 2pm	

Summer Term 2025

Tue 22nd April	Term begins	
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 26th May	} Half term	Pupil Days - 57
Fri 30th May		
Mon 2nd June	INSET (School closed for staff training)	Staff Days - 60
Tues 3rd June	Term begins	
Fri 18th July	Term ends - 2pm	
Mon 21st July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	
Tue 22nd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	

Total Pupil Days - 190

Total Staff Days - 195

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.



LYCC - After School Club:

Contact number: 0151 286 5331

LYCC operates off site and offers a complete collection and drop-off service via walking bus from **3.15pm to 5.45pm** daily Monday to Friday.

LYCC works with our older pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 due to the nature of their setting and staffing.

Fee payments for sessions and payment plans will be arranged on an individual basis with Parents / Guardians. However, session costs are non-refundable if the child doesn't attend.

Children can be collected from any time before **5.45pm**.

Email: office.lycc@yahoo.com

Litherland Youth & Community Centre, 41 Sefton Road, Litherland, L219HD.

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.