



MARTYRS NEWS

THROUGH CHRIST WE BELIEVE, INSPIRE, ACHIEVE.
NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



BY MR DINSDALE

As you will all have seen the playground works are progressing and it is hoped that they will be finished towards the end of next week. Before the children are allowed to use the equipment, I will be holding a special assembly with KS2 and EYFS/KS1 children to talk through how to use all parts of the equipment safely. Once this has taken place, the children will be allowed to try the equipment out under close supervision of staff. Following this there will be two members of staff near to the equipment and watching the children are following the safety rules at all times.

Recently I attended a meeting with Father Mark and Mrs McIntyre to discuss the progress of the Prayer Garden Project. There will be a display in the back church showing this progress and the background work which has taken place to date. On **Sunday 10th March at 10am**, Bishop Tom Neylon will be celebrating mass at English Martyrs Church and I will be inviting children from across KS2 to form a school choir for the occasion. It would be wonderful to have as many children attending as possible for this event!



Bishop Tom Neylon



Attendance Matters

Well done to class **3A** who were our attendance winners for last week with **98.4%**. Attendance trophy winners for February were: **RA** with **98.1%** attendance. Well done everyone!



Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
6th March	Nursery Trip - The Atkinson
7th March	World Book Day
11th March	Year 6 Mass in Church 10am
13th March	Kingsleys Book Sale
25-27th March	Y6 CHET residential

Be safe, be happy, have fun!

World Book Day 7th March

BY MISS GRAY

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day and a chance to celebrate a love for reading in school. This year, we are asking children to come into school wearing their uniform with an item that is red as the whole school will be completing work on the book 'The Kindest Red' by Ibtihaj Muhammad. This year's theme for World Book Day is 'Read Your Way' and we hope to spend the day enjoying the vast array of books that we have in school.

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Nursery

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS GARVEY

The children in Nursery have been learning about Lent and how it is a special time when we prepare for Easter. The children have all made Lenten promises and hung these on our trees. Aubrey said, "I'm going to make my bed."



Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MISS GOULBOURNE

We have been doing a science experiment each week this half term in Reception and this week we were investigating items that sink and items that float. We predicted which items would sink or float then we experimented. We talked about how heavy or light the item was and the material that was used. Shay said it was a great day! and that the Titanic was a big ship that sank!



Year 5

BY MR BUCKTON & MISS GRAY

As part of our Science topic, 'Properties of Materials', we have been investigating which materials dissolve in water. We carefully observed a range of materials including salt, sand, sugar, coffee, washing powder and olive oil. The children enjoyed seeing the changes in the water and sorting the materials into soluble or insoluble.



Year 1

BY MRS SOTHERN & MRS BLACKLEDGE

As part of Year One's Science topic on Plants this week the children have enjoyed planting their own seeds. They have also labelled the parts of a flower and talked about what the seeds need to grow.



Year 4

BY MRS DOOLEY & MRS GOULBOURNE

In Year 4 the children have been learning about the beginning of the Roman Empire. After sequencing the story of Romulus and Remus the children worked in pairs to research how Rome was ruled. They found out that there were first kings and later Emperors.



'This was really interesting and I have learnt a lot'

Buddy

'I like leading my own learning'

Erin

Prayer Garden

BY MRS MCINTYRE

All our school ambassadors came together this afternoon to talk about the Prayer Garden Project. Mr Dinsdale gave a presentation and a recap of the project and outlined the timetable going forward. The children had lots of good ideas on the design and how to include our local residents. It is hoped that the project will be complete and ready for all to enjoy over the summer break.



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Sports Desk Report

BY MR DINSDALE

We have had a lot of Football action from different year groups over the last two weeks. Hot on the heels of the girls team, the Y6 boys were at LFC Academy this Wednesday flying the flag for English Martyrs. In a very tight opening game, which they drew 0-0, they went on to win all of their subsequent games, 1-0, 2-0 and final game 1-0! No goals conceded and brilliant team performance all round by the boys! Unfortunately, they were unsuccessful in getting through to the final, narrowly missing out on goal difference.

Last Thursday, it was the turn of our Year 3 boys, who took part in a local football tournament and were outright winners. Well done to all the boys who took part - Mr Roach has commented that we could have 3 teams just in Year 3 alone!



Mr Roach & Y6 Boys Football Team

Today, our Girls Football team took part in another tournament at Goals in Netherton and game joint winners with Springwell Park in Bootle after playing a series of brilliant games and tying for the top spot - well done girls!

Biggest Ever Football Session - Friday 8th March



We have registered for the "Biggest Ever Football Session" in association with Girls' Football School Partnerships and the FA next Friday 8th March. This opportunity is open to all girls, from Reception to Year 6 regardless of ability or experience. Mr Roach will be organising games throughout the day.

PE Kits or football kits are allowed.

No football boots are needed, just trainers.

Letters will be sent out on Monday to register your child for this event.

EM STARS

Well Done to all the children who have visited Mr Dinsdale this week with their good news stories!



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



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Kingsley & Co. Book Sale

BY MISS GRAY



As part of our World Book Day focus, on Wednesday 13th March (the week after World Book Day), we are holding a book sale in the hall from 10am-4pm. All classes will be invited to the hall throughout the day to purchase a book. **All books will be £1.** The sale will continue after school with parents being invited to come and browse books with their children. This has been supported by Kingsley & Co, on behalf of YKids in Bootle.

Parking outside school

BY MRS MCGLYNN



We have been asked by local residents to request that when collecting your child that you **Do not** park across drives and also in private parking areas by flats and sheltered accommodation. We appreciate parking is difficult at pick up times and ask that you leave enough time to park respectfully away from school. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Star of the Week

FRIDAY 23RD FEB

Nursery All Day	Jude
Nursery AM	Benjamin
RA	Isobel
RB	Evelyn
1A	Lewin
1B	Liberty
2A	Harrison
2B	Mila
3A	Lucas
3B	Oliver
4A	Alfie
4B	Andrew
5A	Jacob
5B	Mason
6A	Alfie
6B	Phoebe

Star of the Week

FRIDAY 1ST MAR

Nursery All Day	Niamh
Nursery AM	Frankie
RA	Jersey
RB	Amaya
1A	Rainie
1B	Reuben
2A	Abigail
2B	Darcie
3A	Elliot
3B	Henry
4A	Phoebe
4B	Oscar
5A	Luna
5B	Freya
6A	Amelia
6B	Joshua



YEAR DATES 2023/24

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AUTUMN TERM 2023

Mon 4th Sept	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tues 5th Sept	Term Begins	
Mon 23rd Oct	} Half Term	
Fri 27th Oct		
Mon 30th Oct	Term begins	Pupil Days - 72
Wed 20th Dec	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 73

SPRING TERM 2024

Thurs 4th Jan	Term begins	
Mon 12th Feb	} Half Term	
Fri 16th Feb		
Mon 19th Feb	Term begins	Pupil Days - 56
Thurs 28th Mar	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 56

SUMMER TERM 2024

Mon 15th April	Term begins	
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 27th May	} Half term	
Fri 31st May		
Mon 3rd June	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tues 4th June	Term begins	
Thurs 18th July	Term ends - 2pm	
Fri 19th July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	
Mon 22nd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Pupil Days - 62
Tues 23rd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Staff Days - 66

Total Pupil Days - 190

Total Staff Days - 195



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	
Fri 1st Nov		
Mon 4th Nov	Term begins	Pupil Days - 73
Fri 20th Dec	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 75

SPRING TERM 2025

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

SUMMER TERM 2025

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

Total Pupil Days - 190

Total Staff Days - 195

USEFUL INFO

swaca

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

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

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.