



# MARTYRS NEWS

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Yr4 celebrating World Book Day



By Mr Dinsdale

As part of our continued work to keep our children safe while they are online, Mr Roach will be hosting a number of **Online Safety sessions for KS2 parents**. The sessions will run each Friday afternoon from 2.15pm to 3.05pm. If you would like to attend one of these sessions please log onto Arbor to book. I would like to thank all the children who took part in the **PTA Challenge 2025**. These fundraising events really do make a difference to school and enable us to purchase things which would not normally be afforded. **Thank you!**

## School Starts at 8.45am:

Parents are reminded that school starts at 8.45am. 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!

## Fabulous FRIDAY FIVE

### Week 23:

1st -3B - 99.4%  
2nd - 2A - 99.3%  
3rd - 6A - 97.7%

### Week 24:

1st - 1A - 99.7%  
2nd - 2B - 99.3%  
3rd - 6B & 1B- 99.0%

## Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
25th March	9.30am	Yr5/6 Swimming Gala
26th -28th Mar	All day	Y6 Lakeside Trip
26th March	6.00pm	PTA meeting
27th March	9.00am	Y3 Recycling 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
4th April	2.00pm	School Closes for Spring Break
22nd April	8.45am	School Starts

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## Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

The children in nursery have been learning about Lent and have made Lenten promises which we have displayed in class. In Art, they are continuing to explore with paints using natural resources such as leaves, twigs, daisies to create images. This week the children have made delicious banana bread and are enjoying playing and reading with one another.



## Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

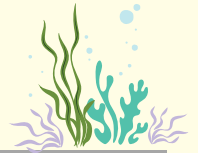
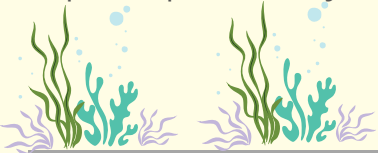
As part of our work on space for British Science Week the children have enjoyed building a rocket in the garden. We have also watched parts of the Tim Peake Live ~Space Lesson on BBC telling us all about how to become an astronaut and what its like in space!



## Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

We have been sorting different types of ships in Year 1. We sorted them by size and colour. We talked about how the ships are powered by coal, wind and diesel fuel.



## Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

As part of Year Two's Science topic on Plants the children have been busy planting seeds. The children planted sunflower seeds in different conditions and will eagerly watch how they grow.



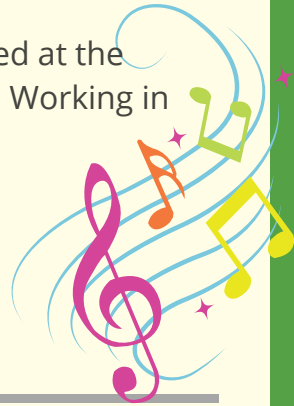
"I think the seed kept in the sunshine will grow the best as sunflowers like the light." - Frankie

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## Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

In year 3 we have been having a fantastic time in our dance lessons. We have looked at the different machines that you can find in a factory and explored how the parts work. Working in partners or small groups, we have been creating our own machine dance.



## Year 4

By Miss Tierney & Miss May

On World Book Day, Year 4 celebrated by swapping books and spending the afternoon reading 'their way'. Some children chose to read in the sunshine and others shared stories with a friend. We love reading and it was a joy to see all of the children happily sharing their stories.



## Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

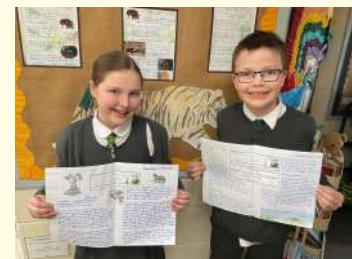
As part of British Science Week, we took part in a workshop led by Techshecan exploring, 'Tech for Sustainable AI.' We looked at how AI is being used to help support in a range of different ways including monitoring rainforests and coral reefs. We were set the challenge of designing our own AI powered design to help manage food waste in school.



## Year 6

By Mr Kiggins & Mrs Goulbourne

This week in year 6, we have been putting our explorers hats on as we pretended to be scientists completing an exhibition to the Galápagos Islands. The children produced some wonderful field logs on what they observed. **Did you know that mangrove trees can survive in water that is twice as salty as seawater?**



## 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](http://www.englishmartyrs.co.uk)



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## 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>



## Breakfast Club

By Mrs Delaney

If your child attends our Breakfast club and they are having breakfast in school please ensure they arrive by 8.15am. This enables them to eat without rushing and to arrive in class on time.

## Playground Equipment

By Mr Dinsdale

For safety reasons we ask that you **DO NOT** allow your child/ren use the play equipment on our playgrounds at the start and the end of the day. The equipment is not supervised by staff at these times. Thank you for helping keep everyone safe and looking after our school.

# PTA NEWS

## Challenge 2025

Well done and thank you to all the children who took part in some fantastic sponsored events for the challenge 2025.

A total of:



## Abseiling Fundraiser

We still have a few spaces available on our summer abseiling fundraiser event. If you think you can tackle the abseil down the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral and can raise funds for school then please contact us.

## 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](mailto:pta@englishmartyrs.co.uk) for further information.**

**JOIN US**

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## EM Stars

Well done to all the children who visited Mrs Jasper with amazing work and good news.



# Well Done Everyone!



Any news, let us know:  
[news@englishmartyrs.co.uk](mailto:news@englishmartyrs.co.uk)



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## Stars of the Week!

### Friday 7th March 2025

Nursery All Day	James
Nursery AM	Savanna
RA	Isabella
RB	Thomas
1A	Molly
1B	Theo
2A	Emeli Iris
2B	Oliver
3A	Nuala
3B	Ivy
4A	Daisie
4B	Oliver
5A	Lucas
5B	Joseph
6A	Finn
6B	Conor

### Friday 14th March 2025

Nursery All Day	Joss
Nursery AM	Holly
RA	Thilksha
RB	Poppi
1A	Lottie
1B	Isla
2A	Florence
2B	Joseph
3A	Nahla
3B	Hope
4A	Jack
4B	Leighton
5A	Ella
5B	Liam
6A	Darcy
6B	Mia-Rose





# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.