



# MARTYRS NEWS

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



*We had some new visitors to school today!*



**BY MR DINSDALE**

There have been some lovely signs of Spring in the air around school, none more so than this lovely pair of ducks who visited us yesterday!

In assembly this week, we talked about Guidance. We listened to the story from Exodus, where Moses was given the ten commandments by God, the rules for how to live. We thought about those who guide and help us and gave thanks for them.

The playground areas will be opened on Monday once all children have been to a safety assembly to understand how to use the equipment properly. I have told them all that they are not to use the equipment before or after school and never without staff supervision. I would kindly ask that you keep your younger children off the climbing frames at these busy times of the day too, for their safety - as much as it is a temptation to allow them on the equipment, thanks!

Please see our request for wildflower seeds - the more the merrier! We are keen to establish wildflower areas within school and with your help we can attract bees and pollinating insects.

After Easter, we are taking part in a Sefton wide event on Wednesday 17th April - please see page 4 for more details about this.

Finally, our updated school website is now LIVE. This will be the main source of dates and events for the future rather than the Dojo app, so please make sure that you have it saved as one of your favourites or to your home screen.

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



We are asking for **donations of wildflower seeds** to create wildflower areas around school, to help attract bees and pollinating insects.



## Attendance Matters

Well done to class 4B & RB who were our attendance winners for last week with **98.3%**. Attendance trophy winners for February were: RA with 98.1% attendance Well done everyone!



## Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
18th March	Y5 Mass in Church 10am
25-27th March	Y6 CHET residential
26th March	Photographer for website
27th March	Y1 End of Topic Assembly
28th March	Y4 End of Topic Assembly
28th March	Mufti Day (no donation)
28th March	Finish at 2.00pm

# MARTYRS NEWS

## Nursery

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS GARVEY

Last week Nursery children had a wonderful morning when they visited The Atkinson Theatre in Southport to watch one of their favourite stories - The Gruffalo's Child. We then celebrated World Book Day and read 'The Kindest Red'. We imagined having our own superpower to make the kindest world.

**'I would give big smiles'**  
Rory



## Year 4

BY MRS GOULBOURNE & MRS DOOLEY

In Year 4 we have been inspired by the work of Georgia O'Keeffe. We have zoned in on tiny parts of flower pictures and used all our watercolour painting techniques to paint our own picture. We have really enjoyed all our work this term and our painting skills have really improved.



## Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MISS GOULBOURNE

For the remainder of this term, Reception will be selling tickets for a chance of winning an Easter egg and this Easter bunny. To win and to put your name in the hat, please bring in £1.00. All proceeds will be donated to Nugent's Good Shepherd Appeal.



## Gardening Club

BY MISS TIERNEY & MRS BRUCHEZ

Pardon the weeds, we're feeding the bees....

This week we filled half of our beautiful new planter with primroses, daffodils and a range of herbs. We'll done gardening club!

To continue to improve the aesthetic and biodiversity of our school grounds, we hope to create a number of wildflower areas around school. **We are asking for donations of packets of wild flower seeds. If you are able to help please drop them off at the main office.**



## Year 2

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MISS DRINKALL

Over the past few weeks the children in Year 2 have been focusing on teamwork skills in PE. They have been working together, to give each other clear instructions to complete a set of tasks. Some of these involved making shapes together, working as a class and in small groups to pass hoops around the circle and as an extra challenge, having one group member blindfolded - super tricky!



In English Year 2 have been working with the text 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy'. As part of the topic children have designed and made their own characters using peg dolls. They have created dancers, mermaids, Queens guards, footballs, athletes and more.



## Science Ambassadors

BY MRS ROONEY

Science Ambassadors met during British Science Week 2024 and took part in some exciting experiments!



## Year 3

BY MISS TIERNEY & MR ROACH

As part of our art unit, we have combined collage, concentric circles and detailed pattern making to create beautiful art.



# MARTYRS NEWS

## Kingsley Book Fair

MR DINSDALE



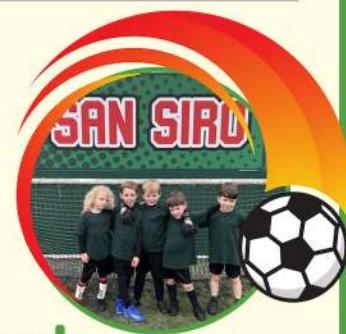
A big thank you to Kingsley & Co Book Store for visiting school on Wednesday 13th March. Every class enjoyed a visit to the pop up shop help in the assembly hall. You can visit the actual store at **329 Stanley Road, Bootle. L20 3EH, although they are currently closed due to refurbishment.**



## Sports Desk Report

BY MR ROACH

Year 1 in their first football tournament at Goals Netherton. We had a great time competing and the boys were a credit to our school.



## Biggest Ever Football Session - Friday 8th March



In total **175** girls from Nursery to Y6 took part in the Biggest Ever Football Session. The girls had great fun and we are certainly host to some talented young individuals. Well Done Girls!

# 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](mailto:news@englishmartyrs.co.uk)

# MARTYRS NEWS



## Sefton Schools say #kNOwMoreKnifeCrime

MR DINSDALE

As a school we are always looking for opportunities and ways to educate our pupils on how to keep themselves safe. We have decided to team up with #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign and London Marathon 2024 and we will be fundraising for bleeding control kits and cabinets for outside our schools in Sefton.



### Nursery to Year 6 pupils – Mini Marathon

We will be having a mini marathon event in our school the week of 15th April 2024 where all pupils will participate in running 2.6 miles in our school grounds. For participating in this event all children will receive a London mini marathon certificate and our school will receive a trophy.

Next week we will be having an assembly about how our mini marathon run will fundraise for a bleed control kit cabinet outside our school. Younger pupils will focus on important life saving facts of how a bleed control kit can keep someone alive whilst waiting for medical assistance. It will also focus on keeping healthy and achieving ambitions goals by setting ourselves the mini marathon challenge.

**Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6** will be having a virtual assembly from the the #kNOwKnifeCrime campaigner Laura Hughes (who established in Memory of Colin McGinty) a #kNOwKnifeCrime initiative to educate young people on the wider lasting impact of knife crime. The assembly will be age appropriate and help children to consider the choices they have. As part of our safeguarding work, we need to educate our pupils on the dangers they may be exposed to. The purpose of the fundraiser is not to scare or worry our community but to raise awareness of the possible risks and raise money to purchase bleeding control kits for our local community. The link to the video assembly is here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/15FB-brIVxVh\\_6MrcR1-9\\_iP9yVmOKIcF/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15FB-brIVxVh_6MrcR1-9_iP9yVmOKIcF/view?usp=sharing)

*Any Y5 or Y6 parents not wishing their children be part of this assembly, please let the office know before Wednesday, thanks.*

On **Wednesday 17th April** representatives from Year 5 and Year 6 will be participating in a relay event where they will be handed the 'bleed control kit baton' and run from our School to **Hatton Hill Primary School** passing on a 'bleed control kit' to show how we are working as a **STRAND Partnership Community** to keep everyone safe. The relay run will start at **8.45am** from our school and end with **Rimrose Hope Primary School** pupils arriving back at English Martyrs for around **3:15pm**. If your child is running in the event on 17th April, you will receive a separate letter. All children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be supporting the event in some way, should they not be part of the running relay group. **84 schools in Sefton are also participating in this event which is set to be covered by the media.**

To support the campaign, there is a fundraising link below to sponsor the children for the Mini Marathon and the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils representing our school during the #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign relay. If you wish to donate, please select **STRAND Partnership (Team 2)** from the page below:

<https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/charity-champions-liverpool-the-north-west/fundraisers/sefton-schools-say-knowknifecrime/>



**Thank-you for support with this event!**

# MARTYRS NEWS

## Star of the Week FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

## Star of the Week FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

Nursery All Day Sofia  
 Nursery AM Albie  
 RA Jack  
 RB Mason  
 1A Macie-Jo  
 1B Isla  
 2A Nuala  
 2B Harry  
 3A Reuben  
 3B Karl  
 4A Florence  
 4B Tilly  
 5A Archie  
 5B Jude  
 6A Joshua  
 6B Felicity

Nursery All Day Jack  
 Nursery AM Aubrey  
 RA Luke  
 RB Alby  
 1A Emeli-Iris  
 1B Charlotte  
 2A Sienna  
 2B Harry  
 3A Olivia  
 3B Esmae  
 4A Lily  
 4B Amelia  
 5A Seren  
 5B Emily  
 6A Daisy  
 6B Luca

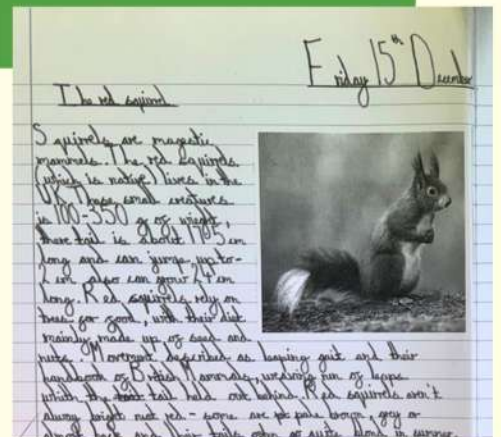
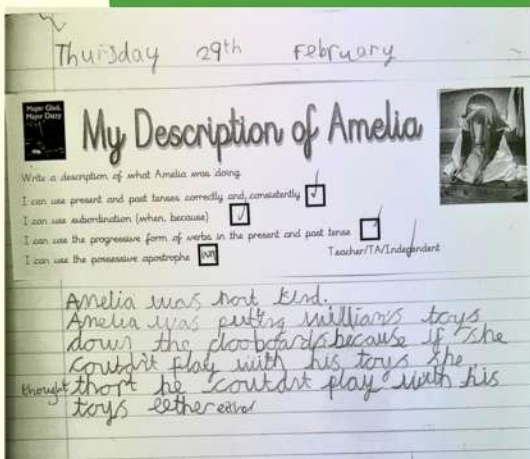
## Golden Pen Winners FEBRUARY 2024

KS1

KS2

Maia

Jack





# YEAR DATES 2023/24

THROUGH CHRIST WE BELIEVE, INSPIRE, ACHIEVE.

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 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

THROUGH CHRIST WE BELIEVE, INSPIRE, ACHIEVE.

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 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 Staff Days - 75
Fri 20th Dec	Term ends - 2pm	

## SPRING TERM 2025

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

## 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 Staff Days - 60
Tue 22nd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	

*Total Pupil Days - 190*

*Total Staff Days - 195*

# 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.