



MARTYRS NEWS

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Moo & Lucky enjoying Spring!

By Mr Dinsdale



The year is certainly passing very quickly and this is the final news letter of the Spring Term.

Last week we welcomed local councillors, members of the PTA and Frank Cottrell-Boyce (**Waterstone's Children Laureate**) to school for the official opening of our library. Our School Councillors and Reading Champions also enjoyed attending the event.



A short video of the opening was shared with all classes for everyone to enjoy.

On **Wednesday 2nd April** we will be holding our **Easter Reflection** in church at 9.30am. All KS2 children will attend. Parents and Grandparents are also welcome.

School will close on **Friday 4th April at 2.00pm** and will re-open at 8.45am on **Tuesday 22nd April**. **The children are welcome to wear their summer uniform when we return after Easter.**

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

Easter Services

16 April Holy Thursday

- 7.00 pm English Martyrs Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 10.00 pm English Martyrs Night Prayer

17 April Good Friday

- 3.00 pm St Robert Bellarmine
- The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

18 April Holy Saturday

- 8.30 pm English Martyrs Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter

19 April Easter Sunday

- 9.30 am English Martyrs Mass of Easter Day
- 11:00 am St Robert Bellarmine Mass of Easter Day

Fabulous FRIDAY FIVE

Week 25:

- 1st - NB - 98.5%
- 2nd - 1A - 98.3%
- 3rd - 3A & 5A - 97.7%

Week 26:

- 1st - NB, 2A & 3A - 100%
- 2nd - RB - 99.3%
- 3rd - 1B & 5B - 98.7%

Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
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
	9.30am	KS2 Easter Reflection in church (parents welcome)
4th April	All day	Mufti Day - Pyjama Day No donation required
	2.00pm	School Closes for Spring Break

**Summer Term 1 starts
Tuesday 22nd April**

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Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

The children in our nurseries have been observing the changes happening in Spring, including the beautiful blossom trees. We have been reading 'The Little Red Hen', talking about the different characters and have made delicious bread to share with our friends.



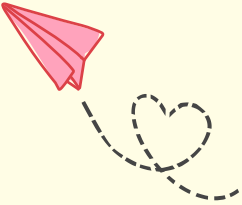
On Thursday, the children had a fancy-dress day to raise money for the Good Shepherd Appeal. They had lots of fun playing and painting together.



Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

As part of our work in RE, we have been talking about how we can show our love for one another. We wrote special messages to each other and posted them.



Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

Year 1 enjoyed designing and making a house out of bread. They looked at the different properties when the bread had been put into the toaster. We also looked at the American architect Frank Lloyd Wright.



Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

To raise money for the Good Shepherd appeal, Year Two have been holding a cake sale at break times. Lots of children have baked or brought cakes and cookies in to sell. (All nut free!). The sale will continue until the end of term.



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Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

We had a fantastic time learning about the importance of recycling during our visit to the Veolia Recycling Centre. The workshops were so much fun. A big thank you to our special helpers Mrs Neary and Mrs May.



Year 4

By Miss Tierney & Miss May

Year 4 have been busy in Design Technology this half term, making tea towel holders. We learnt how to use a running stitch to attach two pieces of material and we learnt how to attach a button.



Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

Year 5 had fun creating their own bowls using tissue paper and PVA glue. We studied the colour wheel and chose colours that were next to each other. We think the results look fantastic!



Year 6

By Mr Kiggins & Mrs Goulbourne

Year 6 attended a residential trip to the Lake District this week. They enjoyed various outdoor activities and team building. Everyone had an amazing time. A special Thank You to all our teachers who have given up their time and looked after the children.



For more Lakeside pictures please visit the class blog.



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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Jubilee Year

By Mrs McIntyre

Our collective worship ambassadors have been busy creating designs for special jars of hope for each class in school. We are celebrating the **Jubilee Year** this year with the theme '**Pilgrims of Hope**'. The jars will be kept on the prayer focus table and pupils are encouraged to write or draw things that make them hopeful on paper, and drop them into the jar. The children are then invited to share their hopes during prayer times.



Girls Football

By Mr Roach

Our girls have been successful for the second year running to qualify for the Primary League Stars finals. They will compete at Wolves stadium representing Liverpool Football Club. They were also recently flag bearers at the Liverpool's legend game against Chelsea.



Sustrans Winner

By Miss Tierney

Well done to our Sustrans competition winner, Isabella (4B) whose poster will be printed onto canvas for outside of our school to encourage drivers to slow down.



Veolia orchards & sustainable stories

By Miss Tierney

Last week was very special as out of all of the schools who entered the sustainable stories competition, a pupil from our school won! Our school has been gifted £100 to spend on our green space and the winner received a wonderful goody bag. Well done to William (4A).



Our eco councillors also spent time planting the new apple trees that were donated by Veolia to start a new orchard.

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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>



Sefton Be Active

Be Active

Be Active is Sefton Council's half-term provision for physical activity at a range of centre's across the borough. Their programme offers different activities that are available to children aged 0-16 years old. Look at their booklet for full details about what is on offer, including prices, suitability and how to book.

For more information contact the Active Sefton Team on 0151 288 6286 or email

active.sports@sefton.gov.uk

EM Stars

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



Well done Poppy for winning the 'Guess the name' competition set up by Aiden and Carter to raise money for Good Shepherd. Together they have raised **£50!** Well done boys for your efforts.

Well Done Everyone!



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



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Stars of the Week!

Friday 21st March 2025

Nursery All Day	Florrie
Nursery AM	Iremide
RA	Esme
RB	Clancy
1A	April
1B	Henry
2A	Teddy
2B	Polly
3A	Oliver
3B	Freddie
4A	Joshua
4B	Reeva
5A	Thomas
5B	Marnie
6A	Archie
6B	Emily

Friday 28th March 2025

Nursery All Day	Nala
Nursery AM	Jude
RA	Jacob
RB	Jack
1A	Evelyn
1B	Annabelle
2A	Oscar
2B	Eve
3A	Darcie
3B	Elsie
4A	Connie
4B	Klayton
5A	Evlyn
5B	Jacob
6A	Lakeside
6B	Lakeside





Year Dates 2024/25

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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	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.