



MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Jude helping water the flowers grown by our wonderful Gardening Club

BY MR DINSDALE



Summer feels like it has arrived! The weather has been incredible these last few days and hopefully will continue for us into the rest of the term!

In assembly today, I reminded the children to wear sun cream and caps and make sure they bring their bottles of water into school each day to keep safe and hydrated.

Last Friday, we had a wonderful Mass to celebrate the Feast of the English Martyrs with Bishop Tom Neylon, Reverend Canon Mark Madden and Father Pradeep and the whole of KS2! See page 2 for more information about Bishop Tom's visit to school.

This week, our Year 5 football superstars (pictured below) visited Everton Academy and after a nail biting penalty shoot-out which went to sudden death, came out victorious and overall champions! Well done to you all!



Be safe, be happy,
have fun!

Attendance Matters

Well done to **Y1A** for winning the attendance trophy for April with **97.8%**! There are currently **287** children on track for **100%** attendance this **term** and **102** children on track for the **WHOLE YEAR!**



Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
13 - 16 May	Y6 SATS
Mon 20 May	Y5/6 End of Topic
Fri 24 May	Mufti-day school finishes 3pm
27 - 31 May	Half Term
Mon 3 June	INSET DAY
Tues 4 June	Summer Term 2 begins



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Visit from Bishop Tom Neylon

BY MRS MCINTYRE



Bishop Tom by the Reception Prayer Garden



Bishop Tom Meets children in Year 2



Bishop Tom Meets Y3/4 children

We welcomed Bishop Tom Neylon on Friday 3rd May, who helped us celebrate our feast Day of the English Martyrs along with Rev. Canon Mark Madden visiting priest, Father Pradeep. This was a very special occasion, as the children from the two parish schools of English Martyrs and Our Lady Queen of Peace came together as one community.

During the visit to school, Bishop Tom made his way from class to class speaking to the children and inviting questions from them.

In Reception, the staff and children were keen for Bishop Tom to see their prayer garden that they had planted and he blessed it and prayed over it with them.

In Year 1, Bishop Tom was presented by a card that Katie had made for him on his visit to school.

In Year 2, there were a series of fantastic questions like, "is it hard being a bishop?" and "where do you get the mail from?" as well as, "what's the furthest you've ever travelled?"

Bishop Tom also met some of the children from Year 3 & Year 4 on the playground at lunchtime. Thank-you Bishop Tom for taking the time to come and celebrate mass and visit us here in school!

Nursery & Reception 2024 Intake: Parents Meetings

BY MRS DELANEY

The Parents meetings for children starting Nursery and Reception will be held on **Monday 10th June (Nursery)** and **Tuesday 11th June (Reception)**. All invitation emails have been emailed to Reception parents. If you have a child who is 3 and would like to apply for our Nursery please contact the school office or apply on line via our school website:

<https://www.englishmartyrs.co.uk/our-school/admissions>

ENGLISH MARTYRS
NURSERY

Our 56 place nursery is a caring setting where your child will discover a world of awe, wonder and learning!

SCHOOL WEEK
CONSULTATION

We are taking your views!
Closing date: Friday 7th June.

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Nursery

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS GARVEY

Morning Nursery would like to thank Miss Tierney, Mrs Bruchez and their wonderful Gardening Club for planting lots of beautiful flowers, plants, vegetables and herbs. We are taking good care of them and are excited to see how they grow. This week we have also been playing in our new outdoor sand pit feeling the sand with our hands and feet whilst building castles together.



Nursery children also enjoyed a visit from the local police. The children enjoyed trying on the police hats and jackets as well as sounding the police car sirens.

Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS MCMEAKIN

Reception have had a great week visiting Windmill Animal Farm. They had the chance to feed and touch the animals and explore the playground equipment. The children were brilliant and made us very proud.



Year 1

BY MRS BLACKLEDGE & MRS SOTHERN

As part of Year One's Design and Technology topic on Textiles the children have begun preparing their own initial to sew. They began by drawing around a stencil of their initial, then carefully making evenly spaced holes with a hammer. Sonny said "You have to be careful when using the hammer because you don't want to hurt your fingers!"

To celebrate the feast of English Martyrs, Year One enjoyed learning about our school badge. They then used finger gym equipment to recreate their school badge.



'I learnt that the cross is red to represent the English Martyrs'

Hattie - 1B

'I used multilink to make my badge'

Ethan - 1B

Year 2

BY MISS DRINKALL & MRS MCINTYRE

Year 2 were excited to receive a visit from James from Active Sefton this week. He talked to us and asked questions about ways we can stay healthy. We discussed eating a balanced diet, exercising and personal hygiene. He then showed us the ingredients he was using to make a smoothie- blueberries, raspberries, blackberries and apple juice. After James had blended the fruits in a food processor, we all got the opportunity to try some.

'I don't like any of those fruits by themselves but the smoothie was delicious'

Harry - 2B

'I wasn't sure after the first sip, but when I had another try, I really liked it!'

Lilly-Mai- 2B



'The smoothie was very tasty and I am going to make one with my nan'

Thea - 2A

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Year 5

BY MR BUCKTON & MISS GRAY

Using the works of Friedensreich Hundertwasser as an inspiration, we designed and painted our own versions of his art. We focused on his abstract style as well as his choice of colour.



Breakfast Club Drop offs

BY MRS DELANEY

Parents are reminded that when dropping your child off at Breakfast Club they should be brought to the front door and handed directly to a staff member. Please do not allow your child to enter the school grounds by themselves at this time of the day as it may take staff a few minutes to open the breakfast club door and your child will be unaccompanied for this period.

PTA Summer Fayre

BY MS PANKIW

The PTA Summer Fayre will be held on Friday 28th June. Currently we are short on volunteer helpers. If you are able to spare some time on this day between 3pm - 5pm please contact the PTA. Unfortunately, if we do not get enough helpers then the event may be cancelled. If you are interested in finding out more, please send Andrea a message on 07803 778991 or email apankiw@englishmartyrs.co.uk



EM Stars

Well Done to Issabelle who has qualified for the UK Championships by gaining 1st place in Acrobatics and Contemporary. Amazing!



A massive Well Done to all the children who visited Mr Dinsdale this week with their good news. Our children are true stars!

If you have any lovely news to share, please let us know via e-mail or by bringing the certificate, medal or award in on a Friday to show me!



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

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Stars of the Week!

FRIDAY 3RD MAY

Nursery All Day	Jack
Nursery AM	Clancy
RA	Arlo
RB	Orla
1A	Nell
1B	Katie
2A	Nahla
2B	Harris
3A	Caleb
3B	Poppy
4A	Joshua
4B	Issabelle
5A	Paige
5B	Mikey
6A	Lily
6B	Oliver

FRIDAY 10TH MAY

Nursery All Day	Esme
Nursery AM	Gabriel
RA	Isla
RB	Amelia
1A	Charlie
1B	Polly
2A	Thea
2B	Ella
3A	Max
3B	Eleanor
4A	Daisy
4B	Harriet
5A	Emily
5B	Riley
6A	George
6B	Lucy



Golden Pen Award Winners
March 24





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 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

 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.

 The 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.

Sefton Council 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.