



# MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Enjoying the new playground equipment!



BY MR DINSDALE

## Another half-term flies by!

It only feels like two minutes ago I was writing wishing you all a happy Easter and here we are, halfway through the summer term!

The children and staff have been working very hard this half-term. I have been really impressed at the quality of the learning and how much the children are recalling in their History and Geography work; two subjects that staff have worked very hard to make more specific to our local area and really bring to life for the children.

Our sporting success has continued onwards too - well done to all for representing English Martyrs in the best way possible and being brilliant ambassadors!

I have had the pleasure of attending all of the First Holy Communion masses of our Year 4 children - they were a credit to you all with their behaviour and participation and it was a joy to be part of their special day.

A massive thanks to the work of the PTA - they've recently donated £3500 to pay for Year 1 to have Chromebooks!

Finally, thanks for all of your support as a school community with all that we do: we feel blessed every single day to work with you to help improve the lives of young people. Take care and enjoy your half-term, whatever you do!

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

## Sustrans Big Street Survey

Well done to our Eco & School Council members for doing a **Big Street Survey**. They braved the weather and looked at the streets and areas around school that could be made a lot safer, including the underpass.

Their ideas are on the manifesto on our blog post:



## Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
Mon 3 June	INSET DAY
Tues 4 June	Summer Term 2 begins
Wed 5 June	Class Photographs
Mon 10 June	New Nursery Parents Mtg
Tues 11 June	New Reception Parents Mtg
Thur 13 June	Y5 Formby Prayer Centre
Tues 18 June	Nursery/Rec Sports Day*
Wed 19 June	Yr 1 - 3 Sports Day*
Thurs 20 June	Yr 4 - 6 Sport Day*
Thurs 20 June	Yr1 Knowsley Safari Park

\* See website for timings

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## Nursery

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS GARVEY

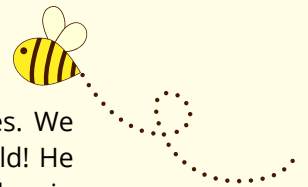
On Monday it was 'World Bee Day' and the children in Nursery enjoyed a visit from Mr Hewlett who is a beekeeper. He spoke to the children about the different types of bees, what bees do and how it is important to look after our bees. Mr Hewlett also brought in his protective clothing and the tools he uses to help look after the bees.



## Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS MCMEAKIN

On Monday Mr Hewlett, our local beekeeper came into school to tell us all about his bees. We listened to him tell us all about why bees are so important for our gardens and in our world! He showed us the honey that the bees make and what it can be used for. Mrs McMeakin dressed up in a Bee Keepers outfit! We learned that bees are not harmful to us but we need to be careful around them and not scare them. Jacob found a bee at lunchtime in our garden, he watched it but was careful not to touch it!



## Year 1

BY MRS BLACKLEDGE & MRS SOTHERN

As part of our RE topic To the Ends of the Earth Year One heard the story of Ascension Day. They learnt that forty days after Easter Jesus returned to his Father in heaven. The children each made their own puppet to help them retell the story.

**"Jesus' friends were sad when he returned to heaven."**

Arthur - 1B



**"I know ascend means to go up."**

George - 1B

## Year 4

MRS DOOLEY & MRS GOULBOURNE

In Year 4 we have been looking at the environment and how we can help save the planet. In science we are looking at air pollution and have placed gel covered cards in different locations about the school, to study the difference in pollution in different areas.



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## Half Term Reading Challenge

MISS TIERNEY

This half term, can you complete one or more of these reading challenges to express your love of reading?

1. Read to your pet or your teddy.
2. Read under the covers with a torch.
3. Make a den to share a book in.
4. Perform a poem to your family (if you don't have a poem, check out this website for lots of options!) - <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

Why not share a picture with your teacher on the Dojo app? We would love to see you reading.



## ADDvanced Solutions

MRS WALSH

Please click on the link below to view the next half term's newsletter from ADDvanced Solutions outlining webinars and courses on offer to support parents/carers of children with additional needs.

[https://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk/uploads/media/files/newsletters-sefton/SEFTON%20Summer%202024%20Half%20Term%20Newsletter%202024\\_.pdf](https://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk/uploads/media/files/newsletters-sefton/SEFTON%20Summer%202024%20Half%20Term%20Newsletter%202024_.pdf)



**ADDvanced Solutions**  
Neurodevelopmental Partnership  
Supporting you to find the answers

## Children's University

MISS DRINKALL

Your child can earn CU credits by completing some of this half terms challenges.

1 credit will be given for each challenge undertaken (unless otherwise stated).

Please email pictures/video's etc to [SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk](mailto:SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk) to claim your credit



## Euro 2024 May half term Challenge

<p><b>Activity 1</b> <b>Flags!</b> Find out which teams are taking part in Euro 2024 and pick 5 countries and draw/colour their flags and write a couple of facts about each one next to their flag <a href="#">Groups Table &amp; Standings   UEFA EURO 2024   UEFA.com</a></p>	<p><b>Activity 2</b> <b>Food!</b> There are 24 countries competing in Euro 24. Why not look for a traditional recipe of one of the competitors? You could make Italian pizzas, Belgian Waffles, French Croque Monsieur... It is up to you! There are some ideas here <a href="#">25 Traditional European Recipes - Insanely Good</a> (<a href="https://insanelygoodrecipes.com">insanelygoodrecipes.com</a>)</p>	<p><b>Activity 3</b> <b>Art!</b> Many famous artists are from some of the countries competing in the Euro's. For example Van Gogh – Netherlands, Picasso – Spain, Monet – France. Choose an artist and re-create one of their famous works of art.</p>	<p><b>Activity 4</b> <b>Maps and Maths!</b> The Euro's are taking place in 10 stadiums across Germany. See if you can draw a map of Germany with all the stadiums plotted and then work out the total seating capacity of all 10 stadiums... This link will help <a href="#">EURO 2024 host cities: Venue guide   UEFA EURO 2024   UEFA.com</a></p>
<p><b>Activity 5</b> <b>Design!</b> Get your creative hat on and design a new kit for one of the countries taking part in Euro 24. OR... design a new mascot to represent your chosen country, the Euro's mascot is a traditional German Teddy Bear called Albart <a href="#">Euro 2024 Mascot: Everything You Need to Know</a> (<a href="https://uefaeuroinfo.com">uefaeuroinfo.com</a>) what will you choose?</p>	<p><b>Activity 5</b> <b>Active!</b> Get yourself as fit as a footballer! Create a workout of 10 different moves lasting 1 minute each. Complete it every day over the holidays. Include different activities such as running, jumping, plank, bear crawls, squats etc. See if you can do more reps of each exercise by the end of the week!</p>	<p><b>Activity 6</b> <b>Languages!</b> Choose 10 of the countries competing (not including England) and see if you can find out how they say the following words in their language: Hello Goodbye Please Thank you Football</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the May holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1

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## THANK-YOU PTA!

BY MR DINSDALE

Our wonderful PTA have made a very generous donation recently, to help us fund 30 brand new Chromebooks for children in Year 1. This will make a huge difference to the children's learning in class and help them with accessing the computing curriculum as well as use the Chromebooks for all aspects of their learning!

Their kindness is only thanks to all of you supporting their fund raising activities throughout the year, so a massive thank-you to you all!



## EM Stars

Carter climbed Snowdon for charity, he raised a huge £715 for child bereavement UK. Well done Carter!



## EM Stars

On Sunday Seth's team - Litherland Athletic Grey won the Bootle Junior Football league.



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

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## Stars of the Week!



### FRIDAY 17TH MAY

### FRIDAY 24TH MAY

Nursery All Day Rosie  
Nursery AM Benjamin  
RA Nancy  
RB April  
1A Archie  
1B Annie  
2A Seth  
2B Freddie  
3A Bradley  
3B Poppy  
4A Anna-Rae  
4B Ollie  
5A Max  
5B Freya  
6A Abi  
6B Seb

Nursery All Day Joshua  
Nursery AM Thilksha  
RA Bennie  
RB Edie  
1A Blake  
1B Isabella  
2A Matilda  
2B Jack  
3A Deacon  
3B Paddy  
4A Noah  
4B Francis  
5A Thea  
5B Conor  
6A Lois  
6B Jacob



## Golden Pen Winners:

**KS1 - Katie Townsend 1B**

**KS2 - Mason Tagg 4A**





# 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

## **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.