



# MARTYRS NEWS

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Don't forget children can gain credits for any clubs they attend. Did you know you can also gain credits for half term challenges and visits to museums. Points can be collected in a CU passport which is available from the school office for £4.00.

## Communication



A reminder that our main point of communication is via the Arbor app and emails. To make sure you receive all messages please ensure your phone is set to receive notifications from Arbor and that you are checking your emails on a regular basis. You can change your contact detail directly in the Arbor app or by informing the school office.

## Attendance Matters!

Our whole school attendance stands at **94.9%** and our target this year is **95%**. **Let's keep this going!**

***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 Summer term!

## Fabulous FRIDAY FIVE

**Class Attendance:**

**1<sup>st</sup> RB - 98.3%**

**2<sup>nd</sup> RA - 97.5%**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 4A - 96.7%**

## Events:

Date:	Event:
16 Jun	End of Topic - Y6 parents invited
17 Jun	Nursery & Reception Sports Day
18 Jun	Yr1, Y2 & Y3 Sports Day
19 Jun	Y1 Safari
	Y2 Liverpool Waterfront
	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sports Day
23 Jun	Nursery Pinewood trip
24 Jun	Nursery Pinewood trip
	Y5 Crucial Crew trip
26 Jun	Yr6 Transition Day
27 Jun	Summer Fayre

**Check website for Sports Day timings**

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## Nursery

By Mrs McIntyre & Mrs Garvey

This half term nursery children have some new little visitors - caterpillars. Over the next few weeks they will observe changes and talk about what they can see happening. Outdoors we are continuing to look after our plants, flowers and vegetables making sure they are watered every day. The children have also been creating their own repeated patterns using a range of resources including chalk patterns outdoors.



## Reception

By Mrs Morris & Mrs McMeakin

This week the children have been exploring past and present. We started by reading the story 'Peepo' identifying items in the book that we don't use any more. We then were surprised in class with a basket of items. We had an old telephone, a video, vinyls, and an old camera from 1920! It was amazing to explore how they were used. We then made our own time capsule full of items we use everyday such as an Ipad, story books and toys we love.



## Year 1

By Mrs Halsall & Mrs Blackledge

We have been talking about our Jubilee Pledge in Year 1. We have decided that we will be thinking carefully about the difference between wants and needs. Do we really need another toy? Do we really need more clothes? Do we really want more sweets?



## Year 2

By Mrs Sothern & Miss Drinkall

As part of the Design Technology unit on Food and Nutrition Year Two enjoyed making a healthy breakfast. They used overnight oats, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and natural yoghurt to build layers of delicious goodness.

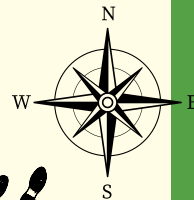


"The oats tasted a little dry on their own but I liked them with the yoghurt." - Lilly

"I liked the fruit part of it best. It smelt good." - Bobby



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## Year 3

By Mrs Dooley & Mr Roach

This week we have been working in teams using our orienteering course. It was great fun and we will be using it lots more in the future.



## Year 4

By Miss Tierney & Miss May

Last week, Year 4 enjoyed preparing and eating root vegetable rostis as part of their Design Technology curriculum. This week we will be making Mexican pasties to continue investigating the question: *is cheap food always bad for us?*



## Year 5

By Mr Buckton & Miss Gray

Year 5 took part in a wonderful day of retreat at St. Joseph's Prayer Centre in Formby. The children worked in groups and participated in various workshops based on the theme of hope. We reflected on how we can be a beacon of light and hope to others from the Gospel message 'Let your light shine'. At the end of the day, everyone came together for a prayerful celebration. The children, as always, were impeccably behaved and displayed qualities of friendship and teamwork throughout the day.



## Year 6

By Mr Kiggins & Mrs Goulbourne

This week, Year 6 worked with Plus Education to practise for our upcoming Sports' Day. We look forward to seeing you all at our last ever Sports' Day at English Martyrs.



## 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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## Good Shepherd Mass

Some of our Year 3 pupils attended the Good Shepherd Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool this week.



## Packed Lunches - Nut Free

A reminder that due to some of our children having severe nut allergies we operate a **Nut Free Zone**. Please do not send any nut based products in your child's packed lunch box, this includes Bueno and Nutella Bars.



## Bleed Control Kit

Our new bleed control kit available for community use that was fundraised by last year's fun run between STRAND schools. It is located by the school gate on School Lane.



## Internet Safety Course

We are delighted that parents from Ks2 have gained qualifications in Internet Safety through the National College. They worked together with our digital leaders and took part in the online learning modules. Our aim is to work with the parents during our Digital leader sessions. Online training will be available in September for more parents to access.



## World Environment Day

Sam Turner from Sustrans visited school to work with our Eco Councillors on a lichen investigation around our school site. We found a variety of different lichens that told us about the air quality in that part of school and the child were fascinated



## Orienteering Event

KS2 children took part in orienteering training this week. It was great fun. They competed in classes in a number of games that required teamwork, resilience and map reading. All points were totaled and the yellow team won.

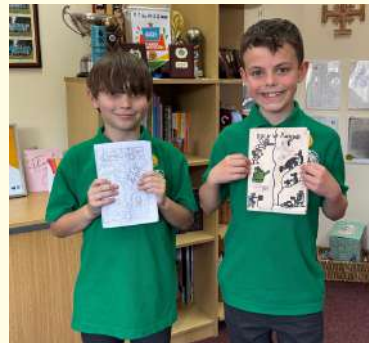


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## EM Stars



Well done to all the children who visited Mr Dinsdale with their amazing work and good news.

## Well Done Everyone!

Good  
NEWS!

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

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## Stars of the Week!

### Friday 6th JUNE 2025

Nursery All Day	Harry
Nursery AM	Oscar
RA	Bella
RB	Penny
1A	Penny
1B	Isobel
2A	Charlie
2B	Thomas
3A	Theo
3B	Delilah
4A	Reuben
4B	Isabella
5A	Joshua
5B	Shea
6A	Franky
6B	Oliver

### Friday 13TH JUNE 2025

Nursery All Day	Etta
Nursery AM	Phoebe
RA	Sophie
RB	Grace
1A	Jack
1B	Mila
2A	Darci Rae
2B	Reuben
3A	Sean
3B	Harry
4A	Bradley
4B	Annabel
5A	Lily
5B	Marnie
6A	Seren
6B	Alex



# 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	
Fri 21st Feb		
Mon 24th Feb	Term begins	Pupil Days - 60
Fri 4th Apr	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 60

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

*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.