



MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Sefton Children's University Graduation for Year 2 & Year 6

Attendance Matters!

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME:

Our whole school attendance stands at **94.0%** and has dropped due to the sheer amount of holidays being taken in term time. There were **242** holiday requests from families last year and over **214** have been requested so far this year. The vast majority of these are unauthorised and have been passed for a fine. Every week that your child misses from school, there is lost learning, whether this is phonics, maths concepts or writing strategies. The way the curriculum is designed now is to build on previous knowledge in a spiral fashion - if there are gaps in knowledge, this learning fails. Please be aware that penalty charge notices for holidays are increasing from 1st September.

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
Mon 1 July	10.00am	Y4 1st Holy Communion Celebration mass
Fri 5 July	All Day	Y3 World Museum trip
Fri 5 July	1.30pm	School Finishes 1.30pm Open Afternoon
Thu 11 July	6.00pm	Y6 Summer Production
Fri 12 July	10.00am	Y6 Summer Production
Tue 16 July	10.00am	Y6 Leavers mass
Wed 17 July	1.30pm	Y6 Leavers party
Thu 18 July	All Day	Mufti Day
Thu 18 July	2.00pm	School finishes

BY MR DINSDALE



Another busy week here at school with lots of great news and learning to share with you all!

Congratulations to all the children from Year 2 and Year 6 who graduated from Sefton Children's University at Edge Hill in Ormskirk last week - it was a truly wonderful celebration.

Well done to our Year 6 football team for winning the Peter Dowd Cup in the final at Springwell Park 3-2 - another amazing result!

Our school councillors from Y3-6 have met with Pete Hawkins to continue planning our work on Social Signatures and how we can make this a whole school initiative for next year - more to come in the future with this exciting project!

Please see the list of upcoming events and check the school calendar for the latest information. It is **Open Afternoon next Friday 5th July from 1.30pm.**

We are holding our annual PTA Summer Fayre this afternoon so we hope to see you there supporting the amazing work that this group does for our school and children.

Be safe, be happy, have fun!

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Nursery

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS GARVEY

The children have been very busy learning about butterfly life cycles in Nursery over the last few weeks. This week we have been very lucky to see our caterpillars turn into beautiful butterflies. Well done Nursery for looking after the caterpillars.



Year 1

BY MRS BLACKLEDGE & MRS SOTHERN

Year One have enjoyed using their new chrome books. They have all logged on using their own username and password. Children have been using their maths skills to play a place value game.



Caleb say "My favourite was the sea lion show."



Eva said "the games are lots of fun."

As part of our Science work on Animals Year One visited Knowsley Safari Park. They had a fantastic time seeing the giraffes, baboons, lions and tigers.

Year 2

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MISS DRINKALL

Year 2 enjoyed a very busy day out to Liverpool on Wednesday. In the morning we visited both Cathedrals and went to the Liverpool Waterfront in the afternoon including the Museum of Liverpool. There was so much to see and take in. We were impressed by the size of the historical buildings and the huge cruise ship. We had lots of fun and made links with our history and geography topics throughout the day. We were blessed with fantastic weather and the children displayed exemplary behaviour.



Year 4

BY MRS DOOLEY & MRS GOULBOURNE

Year 4 Sports Day. Well done everyone for taking part.



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Year 5

MR BUCKTON & MISS GRAY

On Tuesday, Year 5 visited an event at Aintree Racecourse to take part in Crucial Crew. They attended workshops informing them about a range of different issues and ways of keeping themselves safe and healthy

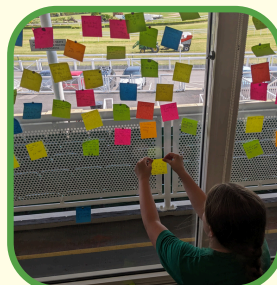
'I liked learning about electricity when we formed a human chain'

Sonny - 5A



'I really enjoyed learning about the dangers of carbon monoxide with the CO Crew because they made me laugh'

Halle - 5B



Our Year 5 children recently visited the beautifully peaceful St Joseph's Prayer Centre in Formby for a retreat day. The theme was 'resilience', using the book *The Hugging Tree* by Jill Neimark as our inspiration. The day consisted of a series of group workshops from music and planting to mindfulness and a prayer walk to the beach. We came together at the end of the day for a thought provoking sharing liturgy and returned to school feeling more equipped to face the challenges of life, remembering that we always have Christ with us on our journey.



On Thursday morning, a small selection of Year 5 children made their way to the Metropolitan Cathedral with Mrs McIntyre and Mr Lacey-Kiggins. The children were part of a one large choir made up of secondary and primary school children. As we arrived, we were lucky enough to run into Bishop Tom who let us grab a quick photograph. The children sang the mass beautifully and it was a really special service celebrating *The Good Shepherd*.

School Uniform Discount

MISS PANKIW

Pauls Place, Bootle has 10 % discount on uniform until the end of July. Please visit the school website for full uniform requirements.

<https://www.englishmartyrs.co.uk/parents/uniform>



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EARLY HELP

BY MRS BOWDEN

What is Early Help ?

Early Help is aimed at improving outcomes for children or preventing escalating need or risk. They are also sometimes referred to as prevention or preventative services. Please see the attached leaflet for further information regarding the Early Help offer.

If you require any further information, please contact Michelle Bowden, Learning Mentor.

[early-help-information-for-parents.pdf](#)

EM STARS



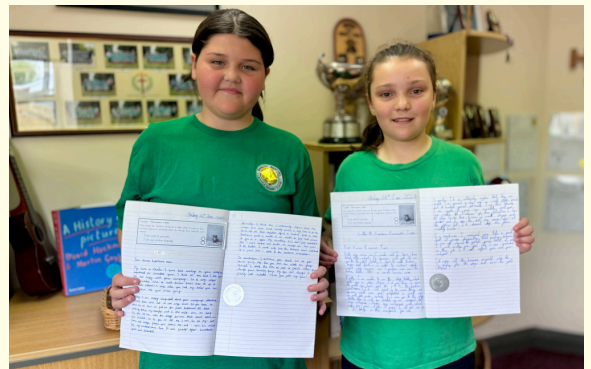
Our wonderful Year 6 football team were victorious in the Peter Dowd Cup final at Springwell Park, winning 3-2 in a closely fought game. Well done all!



Well done to these two stars for creating absolutely brilliant versions of Supertato inspired by the Supertato stories in Reception!



The School Council from Y3-6 met with Pete Hawkin to continue planning Social Signature activities for the whole school for next academic year.



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

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!

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Stars of the Week!



FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE

Nursery All Day Jude

Nursery All Day Poppi

Nursery AM Albie

Nursery AM Rory

RA Ivy Rose

RA Donnie

RB Ella

RB Leo

1A Sonny

1A Lenny

1B Daisy

1B Eve

2A Oliver

2A Samuel

2B Ivy

2B Liam

3A Michael

3A Evie

3B Henry

3B Leighton

4A Declan

4A Luca

4B Anaya

4B Grace

5A Finn

5A Callum

5B Noah

5B Ava

6A Amelia

6A Jude

6B Lucy

6B Matthew





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.