



MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2024 - NEWSLETTER 1



Key Stage 2 Star of the Week Assembly



BY MR DINSDALE

Welcome back everybody and a *special welcome to all new pupils and families!*

I am so proud of the way in which all of our children from Nursery through to Year 6 have settled in to life back at school - well done to you all!



As part of our whole school focus on '**love of reading**' you will have seen that we have installed two outdoor free book swap boxes (*see photo*) by the main entrance gate. One for children and one for parents! Please feel free to take a book and donate one in return!

Our new Book Swap!

Next week we will welcome you to attend **Meet the Teacher** nights with your child's class teacher (Years 1-6).

A new termly year group newsletter will be shared with you and be available on the class pages of our website. Our year group blogs are off and running too, so please make sure you check these regularly too!

Be safe, be happy, have fun!

Attendance Matters!

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME:

Our whole school attendance stands at **96%** and our target this year is to **95%+** so this is a **great start!** Please see the letter regarding changes to attendance and fines for holidays in term time, which can be found:

<https://www.englishmartyrs.co.uk/parents/attendance> There is no longer a code 'H' for authorised family holidays - the DfE have removed this, so all holidays will be code 'G' unauthorised from this point forward.

We cannot teach an empty chair.

CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS:

Week 1:

1st - 5B - 100%

2nd - 1B - 98.9%

3rd - 6B - 97.2%

Fabulous
FRIDAY FIVE

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
Mon 16th Sept	5pm	Meet The Teacher - Y1 & Y2
Tues 17th Sept	5pm	Meet The Teacher - Y5 & Y6
Thur 19th Sept	5pm	Meet The Teacher - Y3 & Y4

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School Councillors

BY MRS JASPER

Well done on the children from Year 2 to Year 6 who have been voted as School Councillors for this year. The Children will undertake important tasks throughout the year and act as the voice of their classmates



Nursery

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS GARVEY

The children in both nurseries have enjoyed their visits and are quickly settling in. They are learning new routines, trying different activities and making lots of friends. Well done everyone and thank you parents for your help and support.



Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS MCMEAKIN

Our new Reception children have settled very well into their new setting and daily routine. The children have been exploring their new classrooms. They have loved playing in all the areas and making new friends.



Year 1

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS BLACKLEDGE

We have had a wonderful start to Year 1 this week. The children have enjoyed learning about the different parts of the human body in Science, grouping and counting in Maths and labelling different objects from our new text Lost and Found. We had our first PE lesson in the hall and have been practising how to jump over various apparatus.



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Year 3

BY MR ROACH & MISS DOOLEY



Year 3 had a scavenger hunt. The children used their problem solving skills to find things being with each letter of the alphabet.

Year 4

BY MISS TIERNEY & MISS MAY

This week Year 4 started their Food and Nutrition topic by making their own 4 ingredient pizza! The focus is on using fresh ingredients to avoid processed foods.



Year 2

BY MRS SOTHERN & MISS DRINKALL



Year Two have made a fantastic start to their Maths work. As part of their learning on Place Value the children used a wide range of concrete resources to represent numbers in tens and ones.

"I like choosing the equipment in maths."

~Emeli, 2A

We worked on partitioning numbers to 1000 using the tables and our dry wipe pens to make it more fun!



Year 5

BY MR BUCKTON & MISS GREY

As a class we talked about the similarities and difference between talents and qualities. We then through about the qualities of our friend and what they area good at. We realised how others see us and how we don't always recognise our own qualities.



Year 6

BY MR LACEY-KIGGINS & MRS GOULBOURNE

It has been lovely getting to know the children this week and settling into Year 6!

"This year, I'm really looking forward to looking at producing new pieces of writing in English and reading new stories."

~Jude, 6B



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Cloakrooms & Back packs:

BY MR DINSDALE

Lots of children are bringing large bags or backpacks into school and we have very limited space in the cloakrooms. When children hang these bags/ backpacks on their pegs, coats aren't able to fit securely and are falling to the floor. Bags/ backpacks are also having to be left on the floor and these then become a trip hazard for children and staff. Your child's safety is of utmost importance to us.



We politely ask that children in Reception to Y4 use the school book bag and a small lunch bag (examples pictured below). It is important that school reading books are kept separate from lunches and water bottles as books are getting spoiled and these are expensive to replace. Years 5 and 6 may continue to use backpacks and bags but we request that these are of an appropriate size (example below). Many thanks for your support.



PTA Meeting Dates

Autumn 2024:

Wed 25th Sept - 6pm

Wed 23rd Oct - 6pm

Wed 20th Nov - 6pm

Wed 18th Dec - 6pm

All PTA meetings take place in Catherine's Room and ALL parents or anyone with a connection to English Martyrs (e.g. grandparents!) are welcome to attend.

Spring 2025:

Wed 22nd Jan - 6pm

Wed 26th Feb - 6pm

Wed 26th Mar - 6pm



Summer 2025:

Wed 23rd Apr - 6pm

Wed 21st May - 6pm

Wed 18th Jun - 6pm

Special Projects:

Abseil Event: Five brave volunteers, including three teachers, will abseil down Liverpool Cathedral in September. Details coming soon.

Join Us:

We are always looking for new members. No matter how big or small your commitment could be, please think about joining us for another exciting year starting in September.

Thank You!

Contact Information: Email: pta@englishmartyrs.co.uk for further information.

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Stars of the Week!

FRIDAY 13TH SEPT 2024

Nursery All Day	Charlie
Nursery AM	Joseph
RA	Betsy Jo
RB	Albie
1A	Lucas
1B	Shaye
2A	Bobby
2B	Lillie
3A	Sean
3B	Emily
4A	Evie
4B	Eleanor
5A	Bobby
5B	Mason
6A	Callum
6B	Sonny

EM Stars:

Well done to Poppy & Oliver for their achievements over the summer!

Want to appear here?

Email us your good news to:

news@englishmartyrs.co.uk





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
Fri 20th Dec	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 75

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

Nursery to Year 2 Provision:

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

Year 3 to Year 6 Provision:

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.