



MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2024 - NEWSLETTER 2



Collective Worship Ambassadors reflecting in prayer



BY MR DINSDALE

I am delighted with the progress the children are making in all areas of their learning so far this term - there has been cooking, art and music to name just some of the highlights! Please check the year group blogs regularly for updates on the learning taking place and talk to your child about what they are learning!

Thanks to the vigilance of you all, we dealt with the Safeguarding alert on Tuesday rapidly. I have asked all of the children to keep themselves safe by staying close by you at the beginning and end of the school day. As stated in my letter - any concerns at all, please let us know immediately in person, via the phone or email:

safeguarding@englishmartyrs.co.uk

A couple of reminders regarding the climbing frames - please don't allow your children to use equipment before and after school. Also, please make sure that you are waiting by the correct door as staff can't see you if you are in one of the wooden structures (*I know it's rained a lot recently at 3.15pm!*). Thanks for your assistance in these matters.

Be safe, be happy, have fun!

Photograph Day



Kittle Photography will be in school on **Mon 30th September** to take individual and sibling photographs.

Your child will bring a slip home with them to enable you to place an order on line.

Attendance Matters!

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME:

Our whole school attendance stands at **95.4%** and our target this year is to **95%+**. This has dropped slightly since the last newsletter but is still great. **Let's keep this going!** 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 1st September.

We cannot teach an empty chair.

CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS:

Week 3:

Fabulous
FRIDAY FIVE

1st - 3B - 99.4%

2nd - RB - 99.3%

3rd - 1B - 99.0%

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
Mon 30th Sep	All Day	School Photo Day
Mon 7th Oct	9.00am	Y5/6 End of Topic - Y6 parents
Thu 10th Oct	2.30pm	Rec Phonics Meeting
Fri 18th Oct	6.30pm	PTA Halloween fun night
Wed 23rd Oct	9.00am	Y1/2 End of Topic - Y2 parents
	3.15pm	Open Evening - Early
	6.00pm	PTA Meeting
Thu 24th Oct	9.00am	Y3/4 End of Topic - Y4 Parents
	3.15pm	Open Evening Late
Fri 25th Oct	3.15pm	End of Term

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Nursery

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS GARVEY

The children are continuing to make new friends and settle into nursery life. This week we are reading 'Peace At Last', talking about bedtime routines and drawing pictures. We are also exploring different colours, creating spoon friends and making playdoh together.



Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS MCMEAKIN

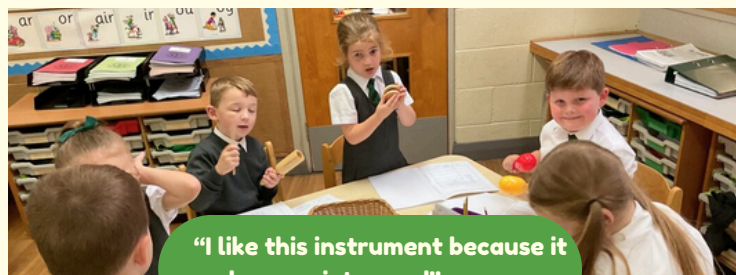
As part of our RSHE work, the children have been looking at self - portraits and what makes us special and unique. The children then used loose parts to create a self portraits!



Year 1

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS BLACKLEDGE

We have been learning about how our ears help us to hear. We listened to various instruments and decided if we liked or disliked the sound we made. We know that sound is made of vibrations.



"I like this instrument because it makes a quiet sound" ~Louis

Year 2

BY MRS SOTHERN & MISS DRINKALL

This week Year Two began the Scissor Skills club after school. They had great fun warming up their hand muscles using tweezers then learnt how to hold a pair of scissors safely.



"I like cutting out the shapes to make a house."

~Sonny

"I was the fastest using the tweezers!"

~Jacob

Year 3

BY MR ROACH & MISS DOOLEY



Year 3 have been working with Mrs Murphy, our Spanish Tutor. They have enjoyed learning new words and phrases.



We have also used our chrome books to undertake some computer programming using **SCRATCH**.

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Year 4

BY MISS TIERNEY & MISS MAY

Year 4 have been very busy during their Design & Technology lessons. We have been learning about processed foods and how to make simple, healthy alternatives. So far, we have made pizza, bread rolls and soup! The children have loved creating and following recipes with their friends.



"I loved making the soup. Chopping the onions was my favourite part"

~Karl

Year 5

BY MR BUCKTON & MISS GREY

Children in Year 5 started their musical education with Mr Lacey-Kiggins today as they started to learn about the recorder, how to begin to play it and how to begin to read music notation.



Year 6

BY MR LACEY-KIGGINS & MRS GOULBOURNE

In Year 6, your teachers will expect a lot. You will work hard, you will be pushed but, you will have fun! As a Year 6 pupil, you will be a role model for others, so it is important that you lead by example.



KS2 Reading Shed

BY MRS BLACKLEDGE

Our new reading shed has been a hit with all the children! Each playtime the children can choose a book and a cushion to read. It was wonderful to see so many children reading in the sunshine.



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Bikes & Scooters in School

BY MR DINSDALE

Children should dismount from bikes and scooters when they enter school site. This is to prevent any accidents/collisions with other children and adults. Thanks for your support with this.

Gates opening times:

BY MR DINSDALE

Reminder to everyone that the gates will open at **8.35am** for KS1 and KS2 at the start of the day. KS2 gates will close at 8.45am however, KS1 gates will remain open until 8.50am. If your child arrives after 8.45am they should enter school via KS1 gates.



Gates will open at 3.10pm at the end of the day. Reception parents will be allowed to enter site slightly earlier.

Coats & Uniform:

BY MRS DELANEY

There are a number of grey jumpers in the school office and we are unable to return them to their owner as they do not have names on them. Please can you ensure that all uniform items, including coats, have your child's name clearly marked on them.

Year 5/6 Netball Tournament

BY MRS GARVEY

Well done to our Year 5 & 6 girls who took part in their first netball event this week. They enjoyed playing against other schools and worked hard as a team.



PTA Meeting Dates

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.

Autumn 2024:

Wed 23rd Oct - 6pm

Wed 20th Nov - 6pm

Wed 18th Dec - 6pm

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 Event:

Abseil Event: Well done to the Five brave volunteers, including school staff, who abseiled down Liverpool Cathedral in September. A massive **£700** was raised. Thank you to everyone who donated.

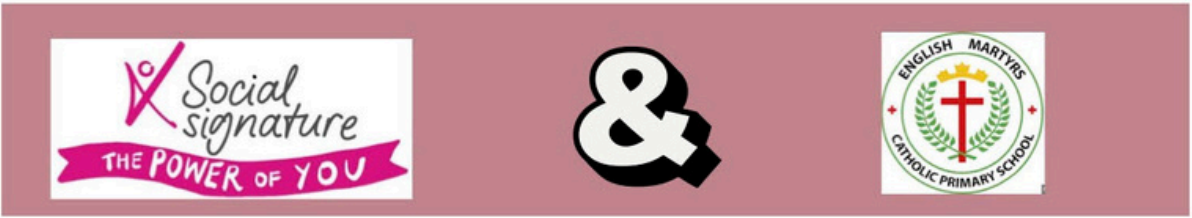


Join Us:

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.

PTA NEWS



Introduction - Social Signature is all about leaving a lasting legacy for future generations and making our world and planet a more beautiful place to live. Our school is really passionate about teaching our children all the ways to make this happen, now and forever!

At a Glance

Learning	Relationships	Safety	Environment
Giving a Helping Hand	Including Everyone	Staying Safe	Protecting the Wildlife
Including Everyone	Linking Generations	Being a First Aider	Recycling
Understanding Difference	Being a Good Neighbour	Stopping Bullying	Cleaning the Neighbourhood
Talking, Listening & Having a Voice	Buddying Up	Reducing Crime	Saving the Environment

What's New? - Our first initiative is our Community Litter Pick and our school Eco Councillors have come up with a new name for our group - English Martyrs Eco Warriors. We are supported by Sefton Council and have been provided with litter pickers, gloves, hi vis waistcoats and everything we need to make a difference in our community. We will meet on the first Saturday of every month at the school main car park gates at 10.30am. For one hour we will leave from there and litter pick our local roads to make our neighbourhoods a better place to live.

Here are the dates!

5th October 2nd November 7th December 4th January 1st February 1st March and so on....

We'll put our reminders on our Facebook page and via the school app and calendar. Please join us on our first litter pick. Let's work together to make our world a better place!

#socialsignature #strongertogether

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Stars of the Week



FRIDAY 20TH SEPT 2024

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Nursery All Day Matilda
Nursery AM Penelope
RA Gracie
RB Freya
1A Ella
 **1B** Esmae
2A Rainie
2B Lucas
3A Matilda
3B Liam
4A Harrison
4B Kemi
5A Kenneth
5B Ben
6A Ella
 **6B** Daisy

Nursery All Day Thomas
Nursery AM Maddie
RA Bella 
RB Harry
1A Tayler
1B Ethan
2A Frankie
2B Katie 
3A Esme
3B Jack
4A Aiden
4B Isabella
5A Freddie
5B Grace
6A Charles
6B Jude

EM Stars:



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



Thomas has been selected to be Goalkeeper for the under 7 academy team at Morecambe football club.



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

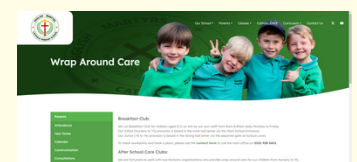
Litherland Youth & Community Centre, 41 Sefton Road, Litherland, L219HD.

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.