



MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2024 - NEWSLETTER 3



Our new Library is NOW open!



BY MR DINSDALE

I am delighted to report that our long awaited school library is now **OPEN!**

A massive thank-you to our PTA and to you all for raising the funds to make this become a reality. See page 2 for more photos of the new space.

I am proud of the work the children are doing in class, which can be seen in their regular class blog posts: <https://www.englishmartyrs.co.uk/blog>

I am also equally proud of the impact our children and families are having out in the community too - look at the Eco Council's work with Sustrans (p.5) and how that has improved the underpass for all. Also, the recently launched Eco Warriors litter picking group that is helping keep our locality clean (p.6). Both shining examples of our commitment to the Social Signatures project.



We are continuing our focus on improving communication

between home and school. This week, we launched **our Hubs** section of the website. Please click **Online Safety Hub**, **SEND Hub** & **Wellbeing Hub** for more information on each.

Finally, a massive plea for support with this year's donations to Lynne Higgins at Seaforth Community Pantry. Every donation makes a difference!

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

Attendance Matters!

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME:

Our whole school attendance stands at **95.7%** 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.**

Fabulous

FRIDAY FIVE

**CLASS
ATTENDANCE
WINNERS!**

Week 4:

1st - 3A - 99.7%

2nd - 5B & 1B - 99.3%

3rd - RA - 98.0%

Upcoming Events:

Time: Event:

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 - (Ends 5.20pm)
	6.00pm	PTA Meeting
Thu 24th Oct	9.00am	Y3/4 End of Topic - Y4 Parents
	9.00am	Yr6 Trip - Western Approaches
	3.15pm	Open Evening - (Ends 7.20pm)
	all day	EYFS/KS1 Scootfit
Fri 25th Oct	all day	KS2 Scootfit
	3.15pm	End of Term - MUFTI DAY!

SCHOOL LIBRARY

After lots of set backs our School Library is now open!

You will remember that our fantastic PTA set about raising £10,000 to develop a school library. The project was delayed due for various reasons including waiting for approval to erect an internal wall to enclose the area. I am thrilled to announce that the *library is now open*.



It is our hope that our new library will inspire the children we teach to simply want to pick up a book and read. The library has been designed to provide a calm and quiet space for classes and groups of children to discover new books, to be inspired to read and to enjoy being read to. This forms part of our wider whole school approach to developing a reading for pleasure culture at English Martyrs.

Reading has the highest priority at English Martyrs- we are determined that every child learns to read and develop a love of reading. The sharing of carefully selected texts will inspire children to be passionate about reading and will encourage our children to want to read both for pleasure and to further develop their knowledge and feed their curiosity. At English Martyrs we know that the ability to read is fundamental to pupil's ability to access the wider curriculum



There are many little ways to enlarge your



child's world.
Love of books is best of all



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Nursery

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS GARVEY

The children in Nursery have been learning about a famous artist, Andy Goldsworthy, who creates natural artwork. We collected lots of autumn treasures including conkers, leaves, pinecones and acorns and together we sorted and used the different objects to create faces.



Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS MCMEAKIN

This Monday we were lucky to take part in a class orienteering activity. The children were split into groups and tasked with finding various animals around the site. The weather was kind and we all had a great time searching for the animals and remembering them. Esme won our kindest explorer! She loved the game and said it was the best thing she had done that day!



Year 1

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS BLACKLEDGE

Jay from Active Sefton came into Year 1 this morning to talk about healthy eating. The children enjoyed tasting the fruit smoothie at the end of the session.



"It tasted yummy."

-Henry



Year 2

BY MRS SOTHERN & MISS DRINKALL

As part of our Science topic 'Animals Including Humans', Year Two carried out an experiment to investigate the importance of hygiene. They each put a small amount of soap on their finger and placed it in a dish of water and pepper to see what happened.



SCIENCE

This experiment was lots of fun. It was good to see the effect soap had on the pepper."

-Katie



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Year 3

BY MRS DOOLEY & MR ROACH

We had so much fun exploring the coastal features of our local area. Crosby beach was much cleaner than previous years.



Year 4

BY MISS TIERNEY & MISS MAY

Year 4 has been investigating the effects of different drinks on our teeth and the importance of keeping our teeth healthy! We used eggs as the shell is similar to the enamel on our teeth. The results were so interesting, and some rather strange - ask us about it! It emphasised the importance of brushing our teeth properly!

Year 5

BY MR BUCKTON & MISS GREY

Today we have been discussing, '**Why are our diets so different?**' In small groups we worked together to create flatbreads using flour, salt, olive oil and cold water. The children enjoyed working in groups and mixing the ingredients and kneading the dough.

'I really enjoyed mixing the ingredient together.'

-Nancy



'I liked working in a team and the experience of making the bread.'

-Grace

Year 6

BY MR LACEY-KIGGINS & MRS GOULBOURNE

Today, we completed our unit on drawing by adding some finishing touches to our self portraits inspired by the legendary Frida Kahlo.



Be a writer...

BY MISS TIERNEY

Do you love writing? Is your mind filled with creative ideas from the stories that you have read? We are giving you the opportunity to submit a piece of writing to your teacher, each half term which will be entered into a draw for your Key Stage. Each half term, you will be given a theme to base your writing on, but you can decide what type of writing you complete. You could write a story, a poem, a news article, a play script etc. The list is endless!

If you win, you will receive a special trophy that you will get to keep for that half term and a certificate! This half term, our theme is '**technology**'. Please submit your piece of writing to your teacher before the **24th October** and good luck! We can't wait to read your fantastic creations!



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Secondary Admissions

BY MR DINSDALE

The closing date for applications for Secondary School is **31st October 2024**. If your child is in Year 6 please visit Sefton Council website to submit your application.

<http://www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool>

If you are applying to a Catholic High School then you will need to let them have your child's baptism certificate and supplementary details.

Gates opening times:

BY MR DINSDALE



Reminder to everyone that the morning gates open at **8.35am** for KS1 and KS2. School starts at **8.45am** prompt.

Please ensure your child arrives on time and ready to learn.

Lateness can be upsetting for individual children and also disrupts the learning of others.

Parental consents!!

BY MRS DELANEY



Annual requests for parental consents have been shared via the Arbor App. Please log onto your app and give consent to the items listed. In particular, **'Photograph Student'**, which includes consent for your child's photograph to be taken and used on our school website and class blogs. If you need any assistance with your Arbor account please contact the school office.

No Dogs Allowed

BY MR DINSDALE

Parents/Carers are reminded that we have a **'No Dogs'** Policy at our school. ***This includes smaller dogs that are being carried.*** Your dog maybe friendly but there are a lot of our children who are frightened of dogs. Thank you for your co-operation.



Eco Group

BY MISS TIERNEY

Because of the work done by our Eco-Councillors and School Councillors with Sam Turner from Sustrans, we have made a change in our local community! Before the summer, councillors created a manifesto of changes that they would like for their local area and one of the main parts of the manifesto was the local underpass. When we went to the underpass with the children before the summer it was full of rubbish, poorly lit and smelly. Since then, the council has taken action. The underpass has been cleaned and freshly painted. Well done to everyone involved.



PTA NEWS



PTA First Community Litter Pick

On Saturday, we undertook our first litter pick and it was such a lovely morning. We were joined by Cllr Ian Moncur who was so impressed by our efforts and the schools commitment.

This is part of the Social Signature programme which the school have adopted and it's all about leaving a legacy for future generations through kindness and community spirit and giving back to our communities. When asked why we are doing this, Anaya (Year 4) said 'We're doing this to make a difference to our planet' and James (Year 6) said "Even though we picked up lots of rubbish today, there will always be people who throw out more rubbish - lets get more people to pick up than there is who throw out".

The group meets on the first Saturday of each month at the school car park gates at 10.30am (weather permitting). We would absolutely love it if you could join us and make a difference to the place where we live.



The name of the group is English Martyrs Eco Warriors and this name was chosen by the School's Eco Councillors.



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



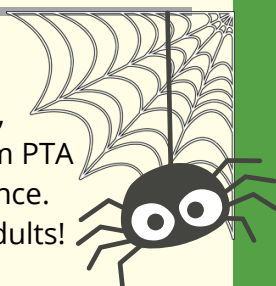
Halloween Family Fun Night:

Quiz, Bingo, Prizes and more! £3 per person, maximum 8 per team. Tickets available from PTA before and after school by the infants entrance. Prizes for the best costume...children and adults!

18th October

18:30 - 20:30

English Martyrs Dining Hall



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 4TH OCT 2024

Nursery All Day	Hallie
Nursery AM	Savanna
RA	Jordan
RB	Isabella
1A	Lewis
1B	Louis
2A	Scarlett
2B	Charlotte
3A	Renae
3B	Ethan
4A	Everly
4B	Roman
5A	Lola
5B	Oscar
6A	Max
6B	Ava

FRIDAY 11TH OCT 2024

Nursery All Day	Thea Rose
Nursery AM	Rosina
RA	Rory
RB	Benjamin
1A	Louis
1B	Phoebe
2A	Eleanor
2B	Hattie
3A	Sienna
3B	Lilly Mai
4A	Carter
4B	Patrick
5A	Daisy
5B	Anaya
6A	Seren
6B	Toby

EM Stars:

Year 5 Football

BY MR ROACH

Well done to our Year 5 football team who recently are EFC Tournament winners



Max has passed his stage 5 in swimming this week.



Any news, let us know:
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.