



MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024 - NEWSLETTER 4



Arthur & Polly looking after Moo & Lucky!

BY MR DINSDALE

What a fantastic half-term we have had here in school! The children have worked really hard in all areas of their learning and we have seen some amazing progress being made!

Ofsted:

This week, we welcomed a visit from Ofsted and we are very happy with the outcome. It was an ungraded inspection and as soon as the report is published I will share it with you all, but it may not be until later this term. Needless to say, our children shone like the bright stars they are and made us all so proud!

Open Evenings this week took place and it was lovely to welcome so many parents in to speak with the teachers and see the progress that your children are making.

Governor Vacancy:

Emails have been sent to all parents with details of 2 parent governor vacancies. Nominations must be returned to school by 12 noon on Tuesday 5th November

Harvest Festival:

Thanks to your generosity we were able to support Sefton Community Pantry with food supplies. Lynn Higgins was really touched and attended our KS2 Harvest Festival in church.

I hope that you have a wonderful half-term break with your families and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th November!

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

Attendance Matters!

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME:

Our whole school attendance stands at **95.9%** and our target this year is **95+%**. **Let's keep this going!**

Reminder: 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. Any absence due to holidays must be submitted 10days prior using the holiday request form available from the school office.

We cannot teach an empty chair.

Fabulous FRIDAY FIVE

Week 7:

1st - RB - 100%

2nd - 4A - 99.3%

3rd - 6A - 99.0%

**CLASS
ATTENDANCE
WINNERS!**

Upcoming Events:

Time: Event:

Mon 4th Nov	9.45am	Yr2 Lancashire Owls visit
Tue 5th Nov	noon	Parent Gov Nomination deadline
11th-15th Nov	all wk	Anti-Bullying week Yr5 CHET (split visit)
Tue 12th Nov	All day	Odd sock
Thur 21st Nov	All day	N - Y6 Flu Immunisation
Fri 6th Dec	3.00pm	PTA Christmas Fayre

See class pages on website for KS1
Christmas assembly dates

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Nursery

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS GARVEY

Nursery are thoroughly enjoying exploring different textures in the mud kitchen. They have been making a range of delicious dishes including mud pie and chocolate cake. They are also exploring with clay making different shapes to create their own mini-beasts.



Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS MCMEAKIN

The children have loved hunting for bugs in the garden this week. After reading poems about mini-beasts we all searched the garden for their secret hiding places to see what we could find. Harry was especially keen and helped lots of the children on their search. 'I know all the good hiding places!' He told me. Blake spotted a woodlouse and Jacob was excited to find a worm. We came back into class and acted out how each insect moved which was great fun.



Year 1

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS BLACKLEDGE

Year 1 have been learning how to skip outdoors this afternoon.



"I kept trying until I could it."

~Molly

Year 2

BY MRS SOTHERN & MISS DRINKALL

As part of our History topic on Florence Nightingale Year Two enjoyed finding out about a local inspirational person: Kitty Wilkinson. The children have learnt about the remarkable work they did to improve hygiene and prevent infections. In groups the children sorted facts into a Venn diagram about Florence Nightingale and Kitty Wilkinson.



"I want to get a costume like Kitty Wilkinson wore to do all the washing!"

~Nell

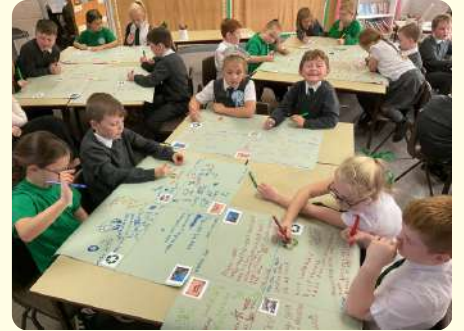


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Year 3

BY MRS DOOLEY & MR ROACH

As a summary to our topic we worked in groups to consolidate all of our learning. It has been a brilliant topic and we have all learned so much.



Year 4

BY MISS TIERNEY & MISS MAY

Year 4 have been learning all about Giorgio Morandi in their art lessons. They have been practising their still life drawing skills, using mixed media and creating beautiful pictures of natural objects.



Year 5

BY MR BUCKTON & MISS GREY

The children created Danish open sandwiches. Working in pairs, they carefully tasted and selected the ingredients to use for their own sandwich. We then evaluated our sandwiches for taste and what we would change.



I enjoyed the difference between the Danish sandwich compared to a British sandwich as I liked how colourful it was.'

-Bobby

Year 6

BY MR LACEY-KIGGINS & MRS GOULBOURNE

Today, the children from Year 6 became evacuees and travelled to the Western Approaches museum in Liverpool. We learnt about Liverpool's vital role in the defence of Britain and the Battle of the Atlantic. It was a fascinating trip and the children enjoyed every second of it.



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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.

Wednesday Word

MRS MCINTYRE & MRS SOTHERN



Please see the link for this half-term's Wednesday Word Booklet below. Due to extra weeks/pages contained in the Half Term Booklet, we have included a page turn facility on the link below to improve users' experience (rather than a static pdf).

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=152.3>

CHILDRENS UNIVERSITY OCTOBER 2024 CHALLENGE.



October half term Challenge 2024

<p>Activity 1 Autumn Leaf crafts The Woodland Trust has a range of ideas for art and craft activities such as leaf animal pictures, an autumn wreath, leaf mobile and leaf crowns click this link for inspiration and then get outside to start your leaf collection! Autumn Leaf Crafts and Activities for Kids - Woodland Trust</p>	<p>Activity 2 AUTUMN acrostic poem Use this template Free Printables: Make a Fall Poem - My Alfond Grant (or make your own) Then write a poem about autumn using the letters A-U-T-U-M-N as a starting point for each line of your verse. Here are some examples...but make up your own original version to gain your credit! Autumn Acrostic Poems For Kids (mavink.com)</p>	<p>Activity 3 Autumn Fun Facts Imagine you are explaining what Autumn is to an alien from outer space when their spaceship lands. Design a poster with 5 fun facts about Autumn. Don't forget to decorate your poster and make it look as appealing as possible! There are lots of ideas to help here https://wellbeingwithalyasia.com/kids-autumn-facts/</p>	<p>Activity 4 Bonfire night treats Get ready for bonfire night by trying out one (or more) of these delicious recipes! There are lots to choose from here, like fruit rocket skewers, doggy hot dogs and fireworks chocolate bark. send a picture before your yummy food gets eaten! https://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/category/bonfire-night/</p>
<p>Activity 5 BBC 500 Words Write your very own short story and enter the BBC 500 words competition. Stories need to be submitted by Friday 8th November. For all details of how to enter and some inspirational tips follow this link 500 Words (bbc.co.uk) When you send a photo of your completed story, you will get 3 credits!</p>	<p>Activity 6 Get moving! Click on this link for some inspirational ideas for physical activities to take part in over the holiday 50 indoor physical activities for kids - Active For Life There are lots of ideas to choose from such as dancing, juggling, 'hot potato' catch, yoga, balloon keepy ups...get someone to take pictures of you taking part in 3 activities to gain your credit!</p>	<p>Activity 7 Amazing Astronomy Children's University has partnered with the Schools Observatory at Liverpool John Moores University and they have 2 exciting and meaningful scientific tasks for you to complete, choose either or do both! 1 credit for each! Keep a moon diary https://www.schoolsobservatory.org/thing-to-do/keep-moon-diary Count the stars https://www.schoolsobservatory.org/thing-to-do/count-stars</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the October holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit (unless otherwise stated) when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or send it to your local Children's University. Send it to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk

Children University Passports are available from the school office for £4.00 each.

PTA NEWS

Halloween Family Night

Halloween family fun night was a massive success and everyone had an amazing time. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.



Upcoming Fundraising

Rainbow raffle is back again next term. Raffle tickets will be sent home with the children the first week of term.

Community Litter Pick

The next community litter pick is on **2nd November**, meeting at the school car park gates at 10.30. Hope to see you there!

Thank You
For your support



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 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

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 18TH OCT 2024

Nursery All Day Isaac
Nursery AM Nala
RA Harriet
RB Frankie
1A Lottie
1B Jack
2A Dollie
2B Isla
3A Ethan
3B Ellie
4A Daniel
4B Nathan
5A Joshua
5B Joanne
6A Jack
6B Maisie

FRIDAY 25TH OCT 2024

Nursery All Day Ivy Rose
Nursery AM Phoebe
RA Jack
RB Niamh
1A Lucas
1B Jersey
2A Nellie
2B Eva
3A Cecelia
3B Phoebe
4A Erysse
4B Noah
5A Luca
5B Tilly
6A Henry
6B Jack

EM Stars:

Our amazing EM Superstars. Well done everyone, keep up the hard work!



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	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

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.