



# MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2024 - NEWSLETTER 5



Year 5 B - CHET

BY MR DINSDALE



This week, I had the pleasure of joining Y5B at Crosby Hall Education Trust (CHET) in Little Crosby. For many of the

children, this was their first time away from home and a brilliant residential stay for two nights. 5A have been having the same experience from Wednesday to Friday too!

### Parent Governor Elections:

Elections are now at the voting stage. There are 4 candidates and more information will follow soon.

### Odd Socks Day:

Thanks for supporting Odd Socks day this week as part of national Anti-bullying week. The theme this year was "Choose Respect." See page 2 for photos from Reception!

### Polite reminders:

For those children and families who are collecting children from KS1 & KS2, please stay on the path and avoid walking across the grass area in front of the Y3 & Y4 classes, thank-you.

We welcome everyone to our school and we employ a respectful and calm environment at all times. Visitors to school are reminded of this and are asked to adopt the same manner. Rude and/or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated.

### Christmas/Advent

As the session of advent approaches please keep an eye on the website for all the Christmas events in school and PTA.

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

## Attendance Matters!

Our whole school attendance stands at **95.5%** and our target this year is **95+%**. **Let's keep this going!**

## Attendance Rewards

This week emails have been sent to parents whose children currently have 95%+ attendance thanking for your support in ensuring good attendance. Every minute that your child is in school counts.

At the end of each full term children with full attendance will receive a certificate during assembly. Any children with full attendance across the full academic year will receive a special gold star pin badge and will be entered into a draw to win a very special prize.

## Fabulous FRIDAY FIVE CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

### Week 8:

1st - RB - 99.3%;

2nd - 5B - 99.0%;

3rd - RA & 4A - 98.0%

### Week 9:

1st - 1A - 98.3%;

2nd - 6A - 97.6%;

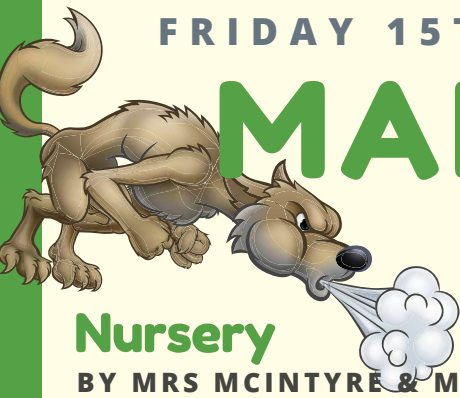
3rd - 5B - 97.5%

## Upcoming Events:

### Time: Event:

Thur 21st Nov	All day	Nur - Y6 Flu Immunisation
Fri 29th Nov	3.00pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wed 18th Dec	6.30pm	PTA Carol Concert
Tue 17th Dec	2.00pm	KS2 Carol Service in church

See class pages on website for KS1 Christmas assembly dates



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## Nursery

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS GARVEY

The children in nursery have been very busy. They are reading *'The Three Little Pigs'* and recognising words with the same initial sound. They are also enjoying learning different nursery rhymes linked to counting. Every week the children take part in baking activities and this week they began to prepare and make their own Christmas cakes.



## Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS MCMEAKIN

The children and staff were all excited to take part in Odd Sock Day! We are kind to each other every day in Reception, and have talked about the importance of this.



## Year 1

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS BLACKLEDGE



We have been very busy in Year 1 this afternoon. We have been developing different brushstrokes and learning the dip,dip,dab method when applying paint. We made different marks with the primary colours- circles, dots and large 'c' shapes.

## Year 2

BY MRS SOTHERN & MISS DRINKALL

As part of their Geography work on 'Where does fruit come from?' Year Two enjoyed visiting Tesco this week. They looked at a wide variety of fruit and where it had come from. We bought a selection of fruits from Peru, Spain, Italy and Brazil. Back in school we got the chance to chop them up and taste them.



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## Year 3

BY MRS DOOLEY & MR ROACH

We have been working hard to improve our times table knowledge. We have been making flash cards and playing a range of games. Learning has been great fun.



## Year 4

BY MISS TIERNEY & MISS MAY

Children in Year 4 have enjoyed using their new reading corner. The children have access to a range of 'reading for pleasure' books in their class as well as in the new library.



## Year 5

BY MR BUCKTON & MISS GREY

Year 5 took part in their residential trip to Crosby Hall Educational Trust this week. The children enjoyed a range of outdoor activities and team building challenges. Everyone had a great time including Mr Dinsdale and Mrs Jasper. ***A special thank you to all teachers and staff who made this trip possible and for looking after the children.*** Memories made forever!



## Year 6

BY MR LACEY-KIGGINS & MRS GOULBOURNE

In English, the children completed research on tigers as we work towards writing non-chronological reports next week. After completing their research using our Chromebooks, the children presented their fun facts using (handmade) origami 'Chatter Boxes'. ***Keep checking the blog for updates on our finished non-chronological reports in the next few weeks.***

'I found this a really fun and unusual way to present my research!'



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## 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee

BY MRS MCINTYRE



Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee – an event that happens every 25 years.

The theme for the upcoming Jubilee is *"Pilgrims of Hope"*.

The 2025 Jubilee will begin in Advent 2024 and will run until the Feast of the Epiphany in 2026.

More information is available on the Jubilee 2025 website: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

### What is a Jubilee?

Taking place every 25 years, a Jubilee year is a tradition that is recognised and respected throughout the world as being a significant part of the history of our faith. Excluding the Extraordinary Year of Mercy in 2016, the last Jubilee year took place in 2000, marking an historic moment as the Church entered into her third millennium.

A Jubilee is a special year of grace, in which the Catholic Church offers the faithful the possibility of asking for a plenary indulgence – a remission of sins for themselves or deceased loved ones. The year begins with the well-known custom of the opening of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, following the other three papal basilicas in Rome. The Pope grants permission for Holy Doors to be situated throughout the world for Catholics everywhere to take part in this most special rite.

***At English Martyrs, we will hold a series of events and activities to celebrate the Jubilee throughout the year.***

## Wednesday Word

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS SOTHERN

Sharing Sunday's Gospel with Schools, Parents and Families.

**Wednesday Word Newsletter - [click to read](#)**



## Welcome Mary & Joseph to stay

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS SOTHERN

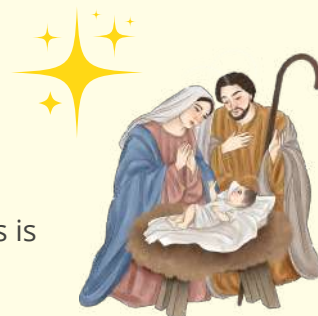
Did you know that there is a way to welcome Mary and Joseph into your home this Christmas through a lovely tradition originating in Mexico. It's called [Posada](#) and this is how it works...

'[Posada](#)' (Spanish for 'inn') is a Christmas activity when small versions of Mary and Joseph travel around different households in the community and stay there for one night.

On Christmas eve, the figures are returned to church, often at the Nativity or Crib service as everyone gets ready to welcome the Christ child once again.

[Posada](#) is a chance to host Mary and Joseph – to make room for Jesus at Christmas time!

We will be sending Holy Family Crib Sets home with families of children from **Nursery - Year 3** for one night (or weekend) only during Advent. Please ensure you return the set to school following your turn, this will allow as many children as possible to enjoy this tradition.



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## 'ACE' Support

BY MRS BOWDEN

Are you living with ACE's. ACE's stands for 'adverse childhood experiences', which are stressful or traumatic experiences, which can include any form of abuse, neglect, witnessing domestic violence or growing up with substance abuse, mental illness or parental conflict.



We have received information from South Sefton PCN (Primary Care Network) NHS, they are offering a 10-week programme for adults who have experienced ACE's Adverse Childhood Experiences. This programme provides the support to help you to build resilience and develop a healthy lifestyle within a safe and calming environment. This will also give you a better understanding of how ACE's has impacted you and your family and empower you to make positive changes and choices.

Please follow the link below for further information

[ACE's programme | South Sefton Primary Care Network \(southseftonpcn.nhs.uk\)](https://southseftonpcn.nhs.uk)

# PTA NEWS

## Current Fundraising

Rainbow raffle is back again next term. Raffle tickets will be sent home with the children the first week of term. **Donations and raffle tickets can be sent into school no later than 17/11/2024**

Children in Nursery/KS1 have been busy designing a class tea towel. These would make a lovely Christmas gift. We will be selling the towels at the school nativity assemblies but for those that can't make it, we will be selling them every **Friday at drop off in the KS1 playground.**

## Christmas Carol Concert

We are hosting a Christmas Carol Concert for the children on **Wednesday 18th December**. It will be a really fun evening with a performance from the school choir and a fun singalong too. Tickets are limited. We will be selling these at drop off on Friday in the KS1 playground.



## Christmas Fayre

Christmas Fayre will take place on **Friday 29th November 3.15-5.15pm**. Please ignore previously advertised date. Come along and enjoy all the different stalls and festivities.

## Next Meeting

**Wednesday 20th November at 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](mailto:pta@englishmartyrs.co.uk) for further information.**

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## Stars of the Week

### FRIDAY 8TH NOV 2024

Nursery All Day Holly  
 Nursery AM Neo  
 RA Alby  
 RB Joshua  
 1A Amelia  
 1B Arlo  
 2A Lenny  
 2B Annie  
 3A Harrison  
 3B Jake  
 4A William  
 4B James  
 5A Jacob  
 5B Amelia  
 6A Alexis  
 6B Grace

### FRIDAY 15TH NOV 2024

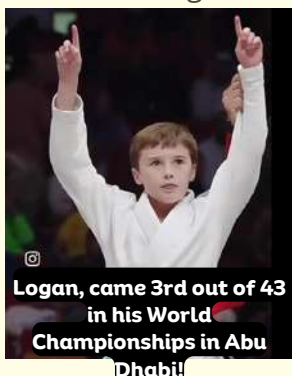
Nursery All Day Nosakhare  
 Nursery AM Michaela  
 RA Sophia  
 RB Grace  
 1A Bobby  
 1B Luke  
 2A Albie  
 2B Isabella  
 3A Kelise  
 3B Mila  
 4A Hannah  
 4B Frieda  
 5A Nola  
 5B Georgie  
 6A Mia  
 6B Riley

## EM Stars:

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



Any news, let us know:  
[news@englishmartyrs.co.uk](mailto:news@englishmartyrs.co.uk)



Erin 5B went to Dunelm and got Delivering Joy tags!





# 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*

# 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**

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](mailto:fun4kidzclubs@hotmail.com)

**L30 Community Centre, Stonyfield, Netherton, Merseyside, L30 0QS.**



## LYCC - After School Club:

**Contact number: 0151 286 5331**

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](mailto: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.