



# MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Nursery having fun in the snow recently!

BY MR DINSDALE



I'm pleased to inform you that our latest Ofsted report has been published and is now available on our school website.

You can view the full report [here](#).

I am very proud of the report and feel that it is thanks to the hard work and dedication of the staff team here at English Martyrs, the support and expert guidance of the governors, your wonderful support as parents and carers and of course the amazing young people that we have in our care - our children, who make me proud every single day!

Ofsted say "Pupils receive an exceptional education. They meet the high expectations set for their achievement and conduct, feeling wholeheartedly part of the school team."

The school is described as an "oasis of calm," where "staff know pupils' needs well...allowing them to learn and be happy."

### SEND enquiries:

For anyone who is concerned about their child and they wish to speak or meet with Mrs Walsh, please complete the **INITIAL CONCERN FORM** on our [SEND Hub](#). Click here to access the form:

### [INITIAL CONCERN FORM](#)

By completing the form, you will notify Mrs Walsh and she will be able to get back in touch with you to arrange the next step. If you have a problem or need assistance, let the office staff know and we can help you with this!

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

## Attendance Matters!

Our whole school attendance stands at **95.4%** and our target this year is **95+%**. **Let's keep this going!**

## Attendance Rewards

*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 10:

1st - 5A - 99.3%

2nd - 2A - 98.0%

3rd - 1B - 98.0%

### Week 11:

1st - 2A - 99%

2nd - 3A & 6A - 97.7%

3rd - 1B - 97%

## Christmas

## Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
Mon 9th Dec	10.00am	Christmas Mass Yr3 & Yr6
Tue 10th Dec	9.15am	Nursery Christmas Assembly
Wed 11th Dec	9.15am	Reception Christmas Assembly
Thu 12th Dec	9.15am	Yr 1 Christmas Assembly
	5.00pm	Yr3 & Yr4 PTA Disco
	6.30pm	Yr5 & Yr6 PTA Disco
Fri 13th Dec	9.15am	Yr 2 Christmas Assembly
Mon 16th Dec	10.00am	Christmas Mass Yr4 & Yr6
Tue 17th Dec	2.00pm	KS2 Carol Service in Church
Wed 18th Dec	all day	Christmas dinner & jumper
	am	KS1 Santa visit
	6.30pm	PTA Carol Concert
Fri 20th Dec	2.00pm	Mufti Day - Term ends

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## Nursery

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS GARVEY

The children in nursery have been icing and decorating their Christmas cakes ready to take home in a few weeks. In Maths we are counting up to 3 objects and recognising 'three' and 'not three'. In Literacy, we are continuing to read 'The Three Little Pigs' and have created Watch Out! posters for the wolf.



## Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS MCMEAKIN

Christmas preparation is in full swing in Reception. We are slowly working our way through costumes for our Nativity play. Watch out for any lines in book bags this week.



## Year 1

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS BLACKLEDGE

Inspired by the work of Piet Mondrian, the children used their painting skills of 'dip, dip, dab' to create an abstract painting in the style of Piet Mondrian.



## Year 2

BY MRS SOTHERN & MISS DRINKALL

The children enjoyed exploring and practising a range of rolls during their lesson led by Emily from Beth Tweddle Gymnastics.



## Year 3

BY MRS DOOLEY & MR ROACH

We have been investigating colour and how they are created. We have learned about primary, secondary and tertiary colours.



## Year 4

BY MISS TIERNEY & MISS MAY

In our current unit of mechanisms the children have been learning to make different hinges to join two things.





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## Year 4 cont'd

BY MISS TIERNEY & MISS MAY

Year 4 celebrated their new history topic 'Ancient Greece' with a Greek fun day. The children spent the day completing mosaics, studies of the Greek gods and mythical creatures and tasting Greek cuisine! Look at their amazing costumes



## Year 5

BY MR BUCKTON & MISS GREY

We have started to use Scratch to create music.

In this lesson, we have been tinkering and getting used to using the programme.

Over the next few weeks we will be developing our skills using Scratch.



As part of Parliament Week, we looked into how our country is run and how laws are created.

We then researched who our local MP is and how long they have been in the role.

## Year 6

BY MR LACEY-KIGGINS & MRS GOULBOURNE

Mrs Boylan's Maths Group were today using our fraction mats to compare and order fractions.

### Blitzkrieg

Today, the children learnt about the different cities that were targeted during the Blitz. Did you know that Liverpool was the second most bombed city in the country? Why do you think this and what was the most bombed?



KS2  
Carol  
Service

Don't forget the KS2 Carol Service in Church on **Tuesday 17th December at 2.00pm**. Everyone is welcome!



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## CAFOD Visit

MRS SOTHERN

This week Justine from CAFOD visited school to tell us all about Cafod World Gifts. Justine told us all about the important work CAFOD does across the world. As a Year group we are going to collect for an item during Advent donating what we can. Please send any donations for CAFOD world gifts into school before the end of term. You can also purchase world gifts yourself if you are looking for some Christmas gift ideas

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>



## Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Christmas dinner & jumper day will be held on **Wednesday 18th December**.

### Christmas Dinner:

We will be sending further details out about this next week. Please keep your eyes open for our communication. **Please note that Christmas lunch will be the only option available on this day.** There will be not deli or pasta served.

### Christmas Jumper:

Children are welcome to attend school wearing a Christmas jumper on this day. This should be worn over their normal uniform. If you do not have a jumper why not decorate an old jumper with your favourite Christmas decorations.



## Wednesday Word

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS SOTHERN



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

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

## Reporting Sickness

BY MRS DELANEY & MRS MCGLYNN

Please contact the School Office if your child is absent due to sickness. You can leave a message on the school answer machine or via In-app messaging on your Arbor app. This should be done for each day your child is absent. **Contact should be made before 9.15am.**



## CLASS BLOGS

Have a look at what we have been doing in class. Don't forget to check out our class blogs on the school website.

[www.englishmartyrs.co.uk](http://www.englishmartyrs.co.uk)





# PTA NEWS

## Fundraising

Rainbow raffle raised an amazing £1648.00 many thanks to our amazing PTA.

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.



## 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.**



## EM Stars

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



Albert took part in his gymnastics presentation on Sunday 17th November and won a medal



Shea won double gold in his Brazilian Jiu Jitsu competition



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



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## Stars of the Week

### FRIDAY 22ND NOV 2024

Nursery All Day	Etta
Nursery AM	Dougie
RA	Reuben
RB	Penny
1A	Jacob
1B	Poppi
2A	Nevaeh
2B	Sonny
3A	Zac
3B	Brody
4A	Heidi
4B	Penny
5A	Lily
5B	Skyla
6A	James
6B	Daisy

### FRIDAY 29TH NOV 2024

Nursery All Day	Jude
Nursery AM	Theo
RA	Roman
RB	Elena
1A	Edie
1B	James
2A	Sonny
2B	Mason
3A	Abigail
3B	Darcie
4A	Max
4B	Caleb
5A	Molly
5B	Cody
6A	William
6B	Mikey

## Golden Pen



### October Winners

Bobby - 2A  
Anaya - 5B



### November Winners

Tommy - 2A  
Lily - 5B



# 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.