



MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2024 - NEWSLETTER 7



Nursery Nativity



BY MR DINSDALE

What a wonderful week we have had here in school!

The children from Nursery to Y2 were brilliant in their Christmas Assemblies and made me very proud indeed! Children in KS2 enjoyed their Christmas discos last night too, so it's felt very festive.

Star Attendance awards next week will be given out on Thursday with a huge selection of prizes available that the children have chosen!

We have created a link to [Childline](#) on our school website and shared this with all of KS2 this morning to help keep them safe.

Christmas masses at church:

Masses over Christmas are at the following times:

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm & 9.00pm

Christmas Day: 10.30am

Boxing Day: 12.00 noon

Have a wonderful, peaceful and blessed Christmas with your families.

Be safe, be happy, have fun!



Attendance Matters!

Our whole school attendance stands at **95.3%** and our target this year is **95%**. **Let's keep this going!**

Attendance Rewards

Every minute that your child is in school counts.

Next Thursday during our final assembly of the year we will be celebrating children who have achieved 98%+ attendance during the Autumn term. Children will receive a silver certificate and a prize.

Fabulous FRIDAY FIVE CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

Week 12:

1st - RA - 98.3%

2nd - 3B - 98.2%

3rd - 4A & 1A - 96.3%

Week 13:

1st - RB - 99.3%

2nd - 3B - 98.7%

3rd - RA - 97.7%



Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
Mon 16th Dec	10.00am	Christmas Mass Yr4 & Yr5
Tue 17th Dec	2.00pm	KS2 Carol Service in Church
Wed 18th Dec	all day	Christmas dinner & jumper
	all day	Santa dash
	am	KS1 Santa visit
	6.30pm	PTA Christmas Sing-a-long
Fri 20th Dec	2.00pm	Mufti Day - TERM ENDS 2PM
Tue 24th Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Vigil
Tue 24th Dec	9.00pm	First Mass of Christmas
Wed 25th Dec	10.30am	Christmas Day Mass
Mon 6th Jan	8.45am	SCHOOL OPENS.

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Nursery

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS GARVEY

Nursery children have been busy preparing for Christmas this week. On Tuesday we held our Christmas Assembly to retell the story of Jesus' birth in a simple way. The children sang brilliantly and loved seeing their adults there. Thank you to all those who attended and provided costumes.

The children have also started to make Christmas cards for their families this week. They chose their own shapes to make the three wise men.



Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS MCMEAKIN

Well done to all the children for such an amazing Nativity performance. It truly was magical and we are very proud of everyone.



Year 1

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS BLACKLEDGE



The children have made us very proud this week as they retold the story of the Nativity. The children shone like bright stars during the performance. Everyone tried their best and sang loudly for all the parents to hear.

We have been looking at structures and identifying different types of building blocks. We looked at the picture of The Leaning Tower of Pisa and how it was built on unstable foundations. The children enjoyed working together to create their very own tower's.



Year 2

BY MRS SOTHERN & MISS DRINKALL

Year 2 ended our week of Nativity performance. The children tried their very best and retold the story of Jesus in a beautiful way. We have been amazed at how hard they have tried.



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Year 3

BY MRS DOOLEY & MR ROACH

Disco fever hit Year 3. Everyone had a fantastic time at our PTA Christmas disco. The games and dancing were so much fun and the children showed off their dance moves.



Year 4

BY MISS TIERNEY & MISS MAY

Today in art, Year 4 reviewed learning of colour mixing and began to experiment with both collage and mark making with paint.



Year 5

BY MR BUCKTON & MISS GREY

We have been exploring road safety and ways to make ourselves more visible when we are outside. In groups, we selected a design based on a brief provided and then used fluorescent and reflective materials to build our designs. After creating our designs, we evaluated them against the brief provided.



Year 6

BY MR LACEY-KIGGINS & MRS GOULBOURNE

This afternoon, Year 6 were invited to bring in their very own GingerBread House Construction kit. The children worked in groups to assemble and decorate their houses.



*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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C.U Winter Challenge



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Winter Challenge 2024

<p>Activity 1</p> <p>Take part in the winter Reading Challenge by reading at least 3 books and registering online. Send a picture of your certificate and you will receive 3 credits. wintermini.org.uk</p>	<p>Activity 2</p> <p>Have a go at some indoor games. Check out the link below that has lots of ideas...you could do animal yoga, balloon volleyball, or pillow jumping. https://custodivuntamed.com/31-indoor-pe-activities-one-for-everyday-of-the-month/</p>	<p>Activity 3</p> <p>Have a go at doing a Christmas themed Science experiment at home. There's lots to choose from...but check out the link below for ideas. https://go-science.org/its.com/christmas-science-experiments/</p>	<p>Activity 4</p> <p>Visit one of our Learning Destinations and write a 50 word review with some pictures. You can search for Learning Destinations by going on our website. https://www.childrensuniversities.co.uk/activity-search/</p>
<p>Activity 5</p> <p>Complete the Christmas Emoji song challenge. You can find the challenge on the below website https://www.happinesshomemade.net/printable-emoji-christmas-songs-game/</p>	<p>Activity 6</p> <p>Get baking! Have a go at some Christmas themed baking. Take a look at the website below where there are lots to choose from. https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/kids-at-christmas</p>	<p>Activity 7</p> <p>Get creative and make some decorations out of recycled materials. Check out the link below for some ideas. You could make a twig star, or a dried orange garland. https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/how-have-eco-christmas</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the Christmas holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit unless stated otherwise. Send evidence of your activity to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did. Remember to include your name and the school you attend!

Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

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

Christmas Dinner: *Please note the ordering service for Christmas Lunch has now closed. If you have not ordered a Christmas lunch via Arbor then your child will require a festive packed lunch.*

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.

On **Wednesday 18th December** all children from Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in the National Santa Dash Event wearing their Christmas jumpers on KS2 playground. **No trainers or PE kits needed.**



Wednesday Word

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS SOTHERN

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

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



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



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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 and cost £3. 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 for further information.

EM STARS



Well done to the amazing Heidi, who has been playing for Sefton Girls U10s team and has now been awarded the Captain position. We are so proud of you Heidi!



Joseph got a medal for his boxing.



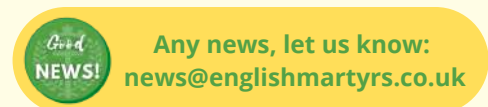
Polly has been working hard at her dancing



Joseph got a medal for his football skills and scoring a goal



Oliver has swam 200m



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Stars of the Week!

FRIDAY 6TH DEC 2024

Nursery All Day	Sonny
Nursery AM	Iremide
RA	Sofia
RB	Jude
1A	Teddy
1B	Albert
2A	Matilda
2B	Daisy
3A	Lila
3B	Tilly
4A	Lucas
4B	Karl
5A	Logan
5B	Mia
6A	Jessica
6B	Stephen

FRIDAY 13TH DEC 2024

Nursery All Day	Isla Rose
Nursery AM	Rosina
RA	Louie
RB	Aurelia
1A	Orla
1B	Bennie
2A	Jude
2B	Ethan
3A	Rosa
3B	Josh
4A	Jax
4B	Annabel
5A	Alfie
5B	Issabelle
6A	Graysen
6B	Imogen

Merry 
Christmas  
 



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

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

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.