



MARTYRS NEWS

THROUGH CHRIST WE BELIEVE, INSPIRE, ACHIEVE.
NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY 2025 - NEWSLETTER 8



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.

This term we will be continuing to track children who have achieved 98%+ attendance. Children will receive a silver certificate and a prize at the end of Spring term! **As of today, 407 children are on track!**

CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

Fabulous FRIDAY FIVE

Week 14:

1st - RB - 99.3%

2nd - 3B - 98.7%

3rd - RA - 97.7%

Week 15:

1st -6B - 98.4%

2nd - 3B - 98.3%

3rd - 1B & 5A - 97.3%

Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
Wed 15th Jan	6&6.45pm	Y4 Holy Communion Mtgs
Wed 22nd Jan	6.00pm	PTA Meeting
Mon 27th Jan	9.00am	Y5/6 End of Topic Y6 parents invited
Tue 4th Feb	3.15pm	Y6 Lakeside Parents Mtg
Wed 12th Feb	6&6.45pm	Y4 Holy Communion Mtgs
	Early	Parent Open Evening**
	9.00am	Y1/2 End of Topic Y1 parents invited
Thu 13th Feb	9.00am	Y3/4 End of Topic
	Late	Y3 Parents invited Parent Open Evening**
Fri 14th Feb	3.00pm	School closes

**Information relating to Parents Open Evening will follow



BY MR DINSDALE

A very Happy New Year to you all!

This week has felt very wintry with snow, ice and hailstones to contend with! The children have all returned safely and sensibly and it has been lovely being out on the playground with them this week.

Please look at the upcoming events on the [school calendar](#), check the [term dates](#) and the [Mufti days](#) - our next one is *Break the Rules Day* on **Friday 14th February**.

More information about what has been going on this week can be seen from page 2 onwards!

MASSES IN CHURCH:

Just to make you aware that masses here at English Martyrs have changed following Fr Mark's additional appointment as Parish Priest to St Robert Bellarmine.

Masses are now:

Monday 10.00am
Thursday 10.00am
Sunday 9.30am



Children are welcome to attend Little Church on a Sunday.

Be safe, be happy, have fun!

MARTYRS NEWS

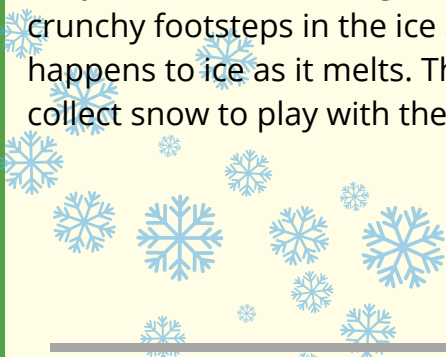
Nursery

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS GARVEY

On Monday the children from both nurseries visited church to see the crib and talk about the feast of the Epiphany. The children had remembered so much about the Christmas story from their learning during Advent and their nativity assembly. We learned about the visit of the Three Wise Men and how they are also called 'Magi'.



This week the children have been getting wrapped up warm and exploring the cold weather outdoors. They have been listening to the sound of their crunchy footsteps in the ice and exploring what happens to ice as it melts. They also used spades to collect snow to play with the polar animals in class.



Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS MCMEAKIN

We looked at the hail stones and watched them melt on our hands. 'They turn to water!' The children were able to say what the hail was made from and what happened when it touched our warm hands!



Using our fine motor skills we are creating pictures today using Tap Tap Art. We are very careful not to bang our fingers and are enjoying copying the pictures and creating our own!



Year 1

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS BLACKLEDGE

Year 1 have been learning about the four countries of the UK. We have talked about the different places we may have visited and the capital cities. The children matched the labels and pictures to the map.



Year 2

BY MRS SOTHERN & MISS DRINKALL

Year Two made a fascinating discovery this week. They found a nest with a large egg and some footprints. They talked about what they had discovered and made predictions. They are looking forward to reading their new book *The Dragon Machine* by Helen Ward to find out more.



MARTYRS NEWS

Year 3

BY MRS DOOLEY & MR ROACH

Year 3 began learning how to play recorder this week. Thank you to Mr Lacey-Kiggins. The children had great fun.



Year 4

BY MISS TIERNEY & MISS MAY

This week Year 4 started their recorder lessons with Mr Lacey-Kiggins. Everyone enjoyed learning how to hold their recorder and playing copy cat!



Year 5

BY MR BUCKTON & MISS GREY

This week in Art we have been looking at observational drawing. Using a range of photographs, we focused on different parts of the tree and carefully sketched them whilst thinking about the texture, shape and colour.



Year 6

BY MR LACEY-KIGGINS & MRS GOULBOURNE

Today, Year 6 began their next art module which will see us explore the work of Pablo Picasso through producing our own cubism-inspired pieces. We started by building up layers of the same image but rotated and from different perspectives before looking at using tints and tones to 'block' out the different areas.



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



MARTYRS NEWS

Next PTA Meeting:

Wednesday 22nd January 6pm - all are welcome!

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 all of our Stars for their achievements, trophies, certificates and medals. So many talented sports people! The girls in Y6 showcased their Morris dancing skills for me!

I am also mightily impressed with the artwork that was shared with me today - so many talented artists!



Good NEWS! Any news, let us know: news@englishmartyrs.co.uk



MARTYRS NEWS

Stars of the Week!

FRIDAY 20TH DEC 2024

Nursery All Day	Sonny
Nursery AM	Matilda
RA	Isabelle
RB	Albie
1A	Pixie
1B	Poppi
2A	Emeli Iris
2B	Eve
3A	Esme
3B	Liam
4A	Heidi
4B	Kemi
5A	Lily
5B	Ben
6A	Ella
6B	Alex

FRIDAY 10TH JAN 2025

Nursery All Day	Hallie
Nursery AM	Oscar
RA	Reggie
RB	Sonny
1A	Jaxon
1B	Gabriella
2A	Nevaeh
2B	Thomas
3A	Lola
3B	Penny
4A	Max
4B	Isabella
5A	Noah
5B	Erin
6A	Lea
6B	Jude



YEAR DATES 2024/25

THROUGH CHRIST WE BELIEVE, INSPIRE, ACHIEVE.

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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

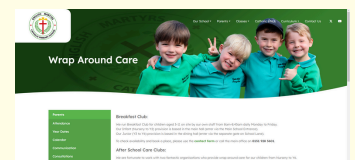
Litherland Youth & Community Centre, 41 Sefton Road, Litherland, L219HD.

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.