



MARTYRS NEWS

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NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2025 - NEWSLETTER 9



Daisy (Y5), Anna-Rae (Y5) & Jacob (Y6) meeting HRH Prince William to discuss the Social Singature Project.



BY MR DINSDALE

It's not every week that you are invited to meet HRH Prince William,

but that's what 3 pupils and I had the chance to do yesterday! As part of the work on Social Signature with Dr Pete Hawkin, that has seen us organise a fun run with schools across the South Sefton area, help clean up the underpass under Church Road and inspire our PTA into taking up a monthly litter pick. We are spreading the message far and wide about the positive impact that this is having.



Today is the launch of the **Jubilee Year 2025** a year long celebration in the Catholic Church. The children have been invited to be Pilgrims of Hope this year. We are called to share in a mission to create a world of justice, peace and love. For more information, visit: [Cafod website](https://www.cafod.org.uk)

Reminder:

Children are **not allowed to wear make-up or nail polish** for school. Any children arriving to school with make-up on will be asked to remove it. Also, for health and safety reasons children with longer hair should have it tied back. Please avoid using large bows.

Be safe, be happy, have fun!

Attendance Matters!

Our whole school attendance stands at **95.2%** 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, 311 children are on track!**

CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

Fabulous FRIDAY FIVE

Week 14:

1st - 6B - 98.4%

2nd - 3B - 98.3%

3rd - 1B & 5A - 97.3%

Week 15:

1st - RA - 100%

2nd - 1B - 99.3%

3rd - 5B - 98.7%

Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
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 Y3 Parents invited
	Late	Parent Open Evening**
Fri 14th Feb	3.00pm	School closes

**Information relating to Parents Open Evening will follow

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Nursery

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS GARVEY

This week we made pitta bread pizzas in nursery. We took turns, talked about our ingredients which included, tomato purée, pitta bread, cheese and sweetcorn. We really enjoyed eating them when they were ready.



I really liked the sauce and the sweetcorn too!
George

My favourite part was eating them, yum, yum
Lily

Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS MCMEAKIN

Following on from last week's icy weather we decided to explore what happens to ice and how we can melt it the quickest way. We started off by enjoying a song from 'Frozen' by Olaf who wanted to see what happens to snow in summer! We then used warm water, salt and glitter to melt the ice. We predicted which would melt the ice fastest. The warm water was a clear winner! We then went outside and used tools to rescue some animals that had been frozen!



We have been talking about balancing today as part of our work with our book. The children have loved doing the actions to get through the creek.



Year 1

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS BLACKLEDGE

The children have really enjoyed working as a team to make cardboard towers. We talked about towers that topple and lean. Which team could make the tallest tower?



Year 2

BY MRS SOTHERN & MISS DRINKALL

Year two have enjoyed taking part in the after school club Scissor Skills. They have learnt how to hold their scissors safely and correctly. Each week the children have enjoyed cutting out a variety of shapes to make puppets and pictures.

I liked cutting out the whale.
Nathan 2B



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Year 3

BY MRS DOOLEY & MR ROACH

In Year three we have been reading the book, Stoneage Boy. As part of our work, we explored the different tasks villagers would perform each day. We had a wonderful time acting out the roles and reporting our duties to the chief.

Year 3 have also been making healthy meals using fresh ingredients. It was lots of fun and we learned a lot.



Year 4

BY MISS TIERNEY & MISS MAY

Year 4 have loved painting in their current art unit of work and have produced beautiful Georgia O'Keeffe style pictures of flowers.



Year 5

BY MR BUCKTON & MISS GREY

This term we have been exploring lines of longitude and latitude. In this lesson, we focused on a location on the 'Tropic of Cancer.'

In groups, we explored where Dhaka was located and what the landscape is like. We also discussed the issues of living there in particular the impact of flooding on the city. Finally we examined the average temperature and precipitation throughout the year.



I liked working in a group and learning about somewhere new.
Holly SA

Year 6

BY MR LACEY-KIGGINS & MRS GOULBOURNE

This week Year 6 have used their knowledge notes to aid their learning in Geography during their study of South America. The notes have enabled them to make connections between lessons and apply new vocabulary.



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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Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

BY MRS MCINTYRE & MRS SOTHERN

Pope Francis has called the global Church to celebrate the Jubilee together, with deep faith, lively hope, and active charity. Our scripture for Launch Day will be the Gospel reading for the Sunday, from Luke 4, where Jesus makes it clear that his mission is to bring the justice and freedom of the Jubilee.

Inspired by his example, we can share in his mission to create a world of justice, peace and love. In this very special year, we are all invited to journey together as pilgrims of hope, putting faith into action to build a better world for everyone.



A MASSIVE THANK-YOU PTA & FAMILIES!

A huge thank you to the PTA for arranging the fund raising towards the school library and a special thank you to everyone who contributed. So far a **massive £8500** has been donated to school and there is still more to come. Due to various obstacles outside schools control the project took longer than expected to complete. However, as previously reported it is now open and being used on a regular basis by all classes. We will continue to develop the area so it is a quiet and special place for the children to develop their love of reading.

Join the PTA:

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.

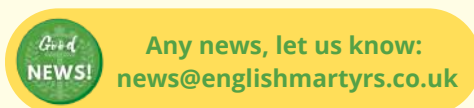
Thank You! Contact Information: Email: pta@englishmartyrs.co.uk for further information.



EM STARS



Well done to all the children who visited Mr Dinsdale with amazing work and good news.



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Stars of the Week!

FRIDAY 17TH JAN 2025

Nursery All Day	Roman
Nursery AM	Penelope
RA	Alayah
RB	Oliver
1A	Mason
1B	Donnie
2A	Albie
2B	Nathan
3A	Seth
3B	Scarlett
4A	Riley
4B	Oskar
5A	Olivia
5B	Marnie
6A	Sonny
6B	Toby

FRIDAY 24TH JAN 2025

Nursery All Day	Alana
Nursery AM	Rosina
RA	Jessica
RB	Isabelle
1A	Amaya
1B	Penny
2A	Blake
2B	George
3A	Oliver
3B	Bonnie Lea
4A	Drysse
4B	Poppy
5A	Iris
5B	Lilly
6A	Jessica
6B	Noah



Key Stage 1

Rosie - RB

&

Key Stage 2

Joshua - 5A



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
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.