



ST SEBASTIAN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 5th September 2025

GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK: HOPE

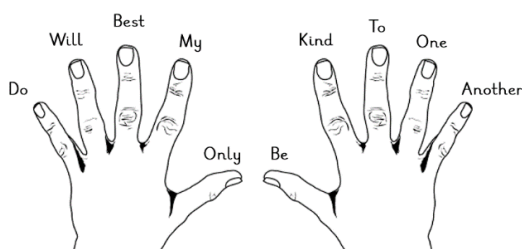
LISTEN to the Word of God	RESPOND to the Word of God	GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God
May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ What are my hopes for this new school year for myself, my friends and my school community? ♥ How can I place my trust in God when I feel uncertain, worried, or challenged? ♥ In what ways can I help bring joy, peace, and hope to others around me this year? 	<i>To live in hope, to walk in faith, and to share God's joy and peace with everyone we meet.</i>



We are proud to recognise our children's personal achievements this week and celebrate them!

These children have been specially chosen by their teachers for many different reasons; good behaviour, an excellent piece of work; understanding something tricky, kindness and lots more.

Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	
Reception	
Year 1	Marley-Mae
Year 2	LJ
Year 3	Kairo
Year 4	Josiah
Year 5	Ssamuel
Year 6	Kayden

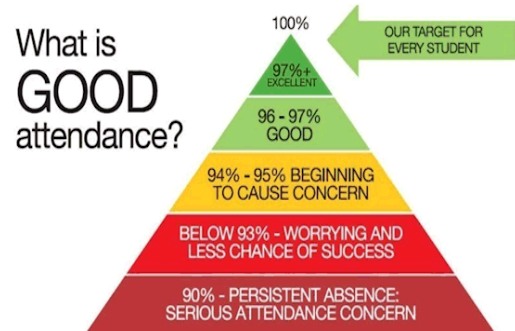


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ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

The expected level of attendance nationally is **97%** and above. Our school's target is to exceed this!

We monitor attendance & punctuality daily and are working together as a whole school community to ensure that we are aiming for our children to attend school for 100% of the time.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARENTS

Please see below some important dates for your diary.

DATE	AUTUMN TERM EVENTS ACTIVITIES
We are currently finalising dates for Autumn Term. This information will be shared with parents families in next week's newsletter.	

TERM DATES 2025 - 2026

Please ensure you check these dates carefully before booking any holidays.

<https://www.stsebastiansliverpool.co.uk/term-dates/>



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

Our school is always a hive of activity! Here are some highlights...

WELCOME BACK CHILDREN & FAMILIES

This week it has been an absolute joy to welcome back our children and families to St Sebastian's. As I shared with the children in our whole school assembly on Tuesday...

"we've missed you!" I do hope you all had a wonderful summer break, filled with sunshine, rest and special moments with your loved ones.

The atmosphere around school has been so positive, with smiles and laughter filling our classrooms and corridors. It has been a joy to witness! I am incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back into school life – their enthusiasm for learning and their excellent behaviour have been a real credit to them. A particular mention must go to our Year 6 pupils, who have stepped confidently into their role as school leaders. They have set a fantastic example for the younger children, both in their classrooms and around the school.

Well done, children – what a brilliant start to the year. Keep it up, we are excited to see all that you will achieve!

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We have also been delighted to welcome new staff to our St Sebastian's community this September:

- o Ms Clarke (School Business Manager)
- o Mrs Cooney (Y4)
- o Ms Perez (Y5 | KS1)
- o Mrs Xhafa (Y5)
- o Mrs Oyewale (Y3)
- o Ms Chan (Y1)

We are thrilled to have them join our team and I am sure you will soon see their friendly faces around school. Please do join me in giving them a warm St Sebastian's welcome.

PREPARING TO WELCOME EYFS

This week, our EYFS team has been enjoying home visits with our new Reception children. It has been such a joy to receive such warm welcomes from families, meet the children in their most comfortable surroundings, and hear all about their favourite toys and interests. Our staff have loved getting to know each child a little better and have returned to school full of excitement for the start of term next week.

Next week, Reception will begin their phased transition: mornings from 9.00–11.30am and afternoons from 12.30–3.00pm. Meanwhile, our nursery staff will continue home visits for our new nursery children from Monday to Wednesday, before starting settle sessions on Thursday and Friday. Nursery will officially start back at school on Monday 15th September at 8.30am.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS CASE

On Monday, our staff INSET must have been so full-on that it seems to have brought things forward a little for Ms Case... she went into labour four weeks early! I am delighted to share that she and her partner welcomed a beautiful baby boy early on Tuesday morning. Both mum and baby are doing well. We send our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Ms Case and her family as they enjoy these precious first moments together and begin life as a family of three.

PE DAYS – AUTUMN TERM

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1	✓			✓	
Y2	✓				✓
Y3		✓			✓
Y4		✓		✓	
Y5			✓		✓
Y6	✓				

ST SEBASTIAN'S ANNUAL FUN RUN

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025



It is a much-loved tradition at St Sebastian's that, at the start of each school year, all children and staff in Years 3–6 take part in our annual Fun Run at Newsham Park.

This year's event will take place on Monday 8th September 2025.

Children should come to school in their PE kits, and if your child has a medical condition, please ensure that any necessary medication (e.g. inhalers) is available on the day.

It doesn't matter whether the children run, sprint, jog or walk—the Fun Run is all about being active, keeping healthy, and running into the new school year with positivity!

MASS TIME-TABLE

We invite you to come, celebrate and grow in faith at our local churches.

Please see timetable below... All are invited!

Saturday (4.30pm) at St Oswald's

Sunday (9.30am) at St Oswald's

Sunday (11.00am) at St Sebastian's



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EXTENDED SCHOOLS: AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

3.15PM – 5.00PM

As you can appreciate, this is a service that is intended for parents | guardians who are unable to collect their children at 3.15pm due to work or collage commitments. It should not be used as an additional extra-curricular | play scheme club. Our After-School Club is delivered by our own school staff in order to reduce costs to parents | guardians.

WE MUST REQUEST THAT CHILDREN ONLY ATTEND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB IF ESSENTIAL

IT IS ALSO VITAL THAT PARENTS BOOK THIS SERVICE IN ADVANCE.

We kindly ask that you work with us to ensure that this service is accessible for all who need it.

We will also be reviewing this service over the next term with all stakeholders to ensure that it is effective for all & further information will follow.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS: BREAKFAST CLUB

Just a gentle reminder that Breakfast Club opens at:

8.00AM

LAST ADMISSION FOR BREAKFAST CLUB IS 8.15AM

PARENT | SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

ClassDojo is an excellent way for parents | guardians to keep up to date with what's going on in school and it allows you to contact class teachers directly. However, please be mindful that that staff are teaching throughout the school day.

Staff are only contactable during school hours:

Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 5.00pm.

Any queries | messages sent will be answered within 48hours

Please note: We strongly advise that ClassDojo is not used as a tool to share your concerns. At St Sebastian's, face-to-face meetings are the preferred method in order to alleviate any concerns, resolve any issues and ensure that messages are not misinterpreted.

Should you wish to speak with teachers directly regarding concerns etc, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

PARENT SUPPORT NEEDED: PTA

We are reaching out to you for support. The PTA needs more volunteers to help plan, organise, and participate in these events. Your involvement, no matter how much time you can offer, will make a huge difference. Whether you can help out with planning, setting up, or simply supporting with attendance, your contribution is invaluable.

If you are interested or would like to learn more about how you can help, please don't hesitate to reach out to school or contact sspta@sssfederation.co.uk

TIMINGS FOR SCHOOL DAY

NURSERY 1: 8.30am – 11.30am

NURSERY 2: 12.30 – 3.30pm

RECEPTION – Y2: 8.45 – 3.15pm

Y3 – Y6: 8.45 – 3.20pm

SCHOOL GATE – OPENING TIME

School gates will open at **8.35am**. Members of staff will be on the school playground to supervise children until main school doors open at 8.40am.

The school day begins at **8.45am**. School gates will close at this time. Any children arriving after this time must use the school office entrance.

SCHOOL GATE – CLOSING TIME

School gates will open at **3.10pm** for parents | carers.

The school day ends at **3.15pm** (Reception – Y2) and **3.20pm** (Y3 – Y6). School gates will close at **3.25pm**. Any parents | carers arriving after this time must use the school office entrance for collection.

To ensure a clear pathway for the main gate, we kindly ask that parent | carers do not gather at the railings outside as this prevents children entering | exiting school safely.

We kindly ask that parents adhere to timings above and arrive promptly for home-time collection to prevent unnecessary upset for children.



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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: AUTUMN 1

START DATE: Monday 8th September 2025

END DATE: Thursday 23rd October 2025

MONDAY				
CLASS	TITLE OF CLUB	TIME	STAFF	LOCATION
Y1	Board Games	3.20 – 4.00pm	Mrs Brewerton	Y3 Classroom
Y2	Viva España	3.20 – 4.00pm	Ms Perez	Y6 Classroom
Y3 & Y4	Indoor Athletics	3.20 – 4.00pm	Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh & Mrs L McCormick	School Hall
Y4	TT Rockstars	3.20 – 4.00pm	Ms Rozycka	Y4 Classroom
Y5 & Y6	Dance	3.20 – 4.00pm	Ms Tabone & Ms Chan	Y1 Classroom
Y1 – Y6	Choir	3.20 – 4.00pm	Mrs Rabbette & Mrs Cooney	Music Room

THURSDAY				
CLASS	TITLE OF CLUB	TIME	STAFF	LOCATION
Y3	Arts & Crafts	3.20 – 4.00pm	Ms Alderton	Y3 Classroom
KS2 (Selected children)	Rotary	3.20 – 4.00pm	Ms Bullen	Y4 Classroom
Y5	Tech Club	3.20 – 4.00pm	Ms Kaur	Y5 Classroom
Y6	Computing	3.20 – 4.00pm	MGL: Mr Keegan	Y6 Classroom

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS | CARERS

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff who are giving up their time after school to provide such a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our children this term.

We are delighted that there is an extra-curricular club available for each year group in KS1 & KS2 this Autumn Term 1. Once our reception children are fully settled into school, they will be included in the timetable from the Spring term.

To help families with children in different year groups, we have organised clubs so that they take place on just two days each week. By blocking activities in this way - particularly on Mondays, when there is a club available for every year group - we hope to make it easier for more children to take part and to ease some of the logistical challenges for families.

Please note that Thursday clubs are aimed at Key Stage 2 pupils only. Due to staffing ratios, we are only able to accommodate children from the year group the club is designed for. This means siblings in other year groups cannot join those Thursday clubs. They will need to be collected at the normal time of 3.15pm, or alternatively, parents/carers can book them into our extended after-school club provision.

Additional Information

- If your child attends a sports club, they should wear their PE kit on that day.
- If you have any questions about extra-curricular clubs, please contact the relevant member of staff via ClassDojo.
- The extra-curricular timetable does not include competitions, festivals, or fixtures. Children will be notified separately about these events.
- Occasionally, clubs may be interrupted due to competitions, fixtures, or staff training. We will always do our best to inform you as early as possible.

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