

GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

FRIENDSHIP

LISTEN

to the Word of God

Following Jesus - Mark 8: 27 - 35

"If you want to come with me, you must forget about yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.

If you try to save your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, and for the Good News, you will save it."

RESPOND

to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ Peter wasn't afraid to say that Jesus was the Messiah. Would you be brave enough to stand up for a friend if others were saying mean things about them?
- ♥ Jesus told Peter he was wrong, even though he loved him. How can real friends help each other, even when it's hard?
- ♥ How do you show your friends that you care about what they say?
- ♥ Do you think Jesus listens when we talk to Him like a friend?

GO FORTH

with a mission from the Word of God

Lord Jesus, thank You for being the best friend anyone could have. Help me to be a brave and kind friend to others. Show me how to follow You every day, even when it's hard. I want to walk with You, love like You, and help others know You.

Amen.



We are delighted to celebrate the personal achievements of our children this week! Each of these stars has been carefully chosen by their teachers for a variety of reasons—whether it's demonstrating outstanding behaviour, producing an excellent piece of work, mastering a tricky concept, showing kindness to others, or going above and beyond in so many ways.

In all they do, these children are shining examples of our school motto: "Only my best will do. Be kind to one another." Through their efforts and actions, they live out our Catholic values each day, inspiring those around them. As Pope Francis reminds us, "Each of us is a masterpiece of God's creation."

Well done to all our shining stars!

CLASS	STAR OF THE WEEK
Nursery	
Reception	Joseph
Year 1	Mason
Year 2	Ire
Year 3	Teddie
Year 4	Dave
Year 5	Sophia
Year 6	Haniya

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	CLASS
	Year 3





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HOUSE CAPTAINS

"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, your faith, and your purity."

1 Timothy 4:12

I am proud to introduce our newly elected House Captains and Vice Captains, as voted for by our pupils. As ambassadors for our school, I have every confidence that they will be fantastic representatives. They have already shown themselves to be excellent role models through their positive attitude to learning, respectful behaviour, and the care they show in supporting younger children across the school. They truly live out our school motto each day, and we look forward to seeing the impact they will make in their new leadership roles.

ST GEORGE	ST MARGARET
	
<u>House Captain</u> OLIVER	<u>House Captain</u> DOMINIC
<u>Vice-Captain</u> LAUREN	<u>Vice-Captain</u> EMERSON

ST DAVID	ST BRIGID
	
<u>House Captain</u> LYLA	<u>House Captain</u> SCARLET
<u>Vice-Captain</u> MATILDA	<u>Vice-Captain</u> MISCHA

HOUSE POINTS

"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Every child from Nursery to Year 6 has been assigned to one of our four houses:

St George, St Margaret, St David, or St Brigid. Children can earn house points for going above and beyond, especially when they demonstrate our Gospel values:

Be Ready to Learn → Diligence

Be Resilient → Courage / Perseverance

Be Respectful → Respect

Be Responsible → Responsibility

Each week, points are totalled, and the winning house enjoys an extra playtime. The house with the highest total at the end of the half term will celebrate with a special afternoon celebration.

THIS WEEK'S WINNING HOUSE IS...
ST MARGARET

AUTUMN 1				
	St George	St Margaret	St David	St Brigid
Week 1				
Week 2				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
Week 7				
Week 8				
TOTAL POINTS	96	115	106	104



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ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

The national expectation for attendance is **97%** and above, but at our school, we aim even higher!

Guided by our values of care and responsibility, we monitor attendance and punctuality every day, working together as a school community to support our children in being present and engaged.

By attending school regularly, our children can make the most of every learning opportunity and flourish in their talents and abilities.

	Weekly Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)	Attendance to date
Reception	100%	2	100%
Year 1	96.0%	3	94.3%
Year 2	93.1%	9	93.1%
Year 3	96.6%	4	95.4%
Year 4	97.6%	4	94.8%
Year 5	94.5%	9	94.4%
Year 6	100%	4	99.8%
Total	96.6%	35	95.5%

What is GOOD attendance?



AUTUMN 1 CLASS OF THE WEEK - ATTENDANCE STARS

	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 1							★
Week 2	★						★
Week 3							
Week 4							
Week 5							
Week 6							

YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS 2026 - 2027

A reminder for parents/carers of Y6 children that the deadline to apply for a Y7 Secondary School place for your child for September 2026 is

31ST OCTOBER 2025

Please visit www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions where all the necessary information is posted and links to apply are located.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2026 - 2027

Reminder to families applying for Reception places for September 2026.

The closing date for applications is:

15TH JANUARY 2026

Please follow this link to apply:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>

Parents are reminded that for applications to be considered under the Catholic faith criteria, there is a requirement for baptism to take place by this date also. Please take prompt action if you wish your child to be baptised and contact your parish office.

If you are applying for a place at St Sebastian's we ask that you also complete a Supplementary Faith Request Form (please see link below) which is to be returned to school via email to

sebastians-sl@st-sebastians.liverpool.sch.uk or by post: St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School, Holly Road, Liverpool, L7 0LH

Please give details of your child's baptism on this form and return to school by the **15th January 2026** for your application to be ranked correctly.

For those children baptised in St Sebastian's or St Oswald's church, you should state the approximate date of baptism and the parish records will be checked. We require a copy of the baptism certificate if your child was baptised in another parish.

If you require support completing admission applications or have any questions, please contact the school office on 260 9697 or via the above email.

LATE APPLICATIONS

Late applications are less likely to be offered a place at your preferred schools. National Offer Day:

Year 7 - 2nd March 2026

Reception - 16th April 2026



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Week 7								
Week 8								



MRS MCCORMICK'S CELEBRATION SHOUT-OUTS

"Fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honourable." - Philippians 4:8

Each week, I love to take a moment to celebrate and give a little shout-outs to children, staff or classes who have really shone this week. It might be for showing kindness, living out our school motto, working hard in their learning, being a brilliant team member, or simply making a positive difference in our school community. It's such a pleasure to recognise the efforts and kindness that make our school a special place.

YEAR 6 CANDIDATES FOR HOUSE CAPTAINS

Huge well done to the 18 Year 6 children who put themselves forward for the role of House Captain and presented individual speeches to the whole school on Tuesday. Each one of them spoke passionately, sharing their ideas and plans for leading their houses with great enthusiasm. Whatever the result, I'm so proud of each of them for having the courage to step forward and share their voices.

RECEPTION CHILDREN

Wow Reception, what superstars you have been this week! You've made starting school look so easy. It has been wonderful to see our youngest children so eager and excited, quickly adapting to life at St Sebastian's, learning new routines and making new friends. We're looking forward to Monday when all 30 children will come together for the morning and enjoy a shared lunch with their families.

PARENT SUPPORT NEEDED: PTA

As a school community, we've always strived to foster an environment where teachers and families work together for the success and growth of our children. One of the most important ways we can continue to support our children's education and create a positive school experience is through our Parent Teacher Association (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@ssscfederation.co.uk

Together, we can make a real difference and continue to build a supportive, vibrant school environment.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

As we begin this new school year, we would like to extend a special invitation to practising Catholic parents to consider becoming a Foundation Governor on our School Governing Body. This is a meaningful opportunity to share your time, skills and experience in support of our school's mission and Catholic ethos.

Governors play a vital role in shaping the strategic direction of the school, supporting leadership, and ensuring the best outcomes for all our children. If you have a background in education, finance, HR, law or simply a heart for making a positive difference, your unique gifts could make a real impact.

Becoming a Foundation Governor is a rewarding way to serve our community and support the educational and spiritual development of all pupils at St Sebastian's.

If you are a practising Catholic and feel called to contribute in this way, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mr Pat Moloney (Chair of Governors) at pmoloney@ssscfederation.co.uk for more information or an informal conversation. Alternatively, you can leave your contact details with the school office, and Mr Moloney will be in touch.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

"Encourage one another and help one another, just as you are now doing." - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Our school is a hive of activity, with every class busy learning, exploring and growing together. Each week, we share highlights from every class - this could be linked to exciting learning in a particular subject, positive behaviour, teamwork, kindness, creativity or a special achievement that the children are proud of.

Take a look below to see what has made each class shine this week!

NURSERY

Ms Alderton & Ms Williams

It has been a joy welcoming our new nursery children and seeing how quickly they are settling in. The children are already beginning to build lovely friendships, exploring their new environment with confidence. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our returning children next week where they will have the chance to meet their new friends.

RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

This week, we have really enjoyed welcoming our Reception children into school. We have had lots of fun making new friends and starting our learning journey.

YEAR 1

Ms Tabone & Ms Chan

In Year 1, we were very excited to start computing lessons. We worked with Mr Keegan to log onto the laptops in preparation for our computing lessons. We worked really hard on following instructions, our typing skills and being super careful when handling the computers. We can't wait to learn more!

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Mrs L McCormick & Ms McKeown

This week, we mixed primary colours to make secondary colours. We sang 'I can sing a rainbow' and couldn't believe it when we saw a rainbow on the playground at the end of the day!

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

We took part in our very first KS2 Fun Run at Newsham Park on Monday!
Everyone gave it their all and showed fantastic enthusiasm from start to finish. We're so proud of the effort, energy, and team spirit shown by all the children. Well done!

YEAR 4

Mrs Cooney & Ms Bullen

Year 4 have been using Hour of Code in computing. We explored repetition and solving problems with increasing difficulties.
We did really well with everyone working together!

YEAR 5

Ms Rozycka, Ms Perez, Mrs Maguire & Mrs Xhafa

This week we have unwrapped our new book and we are so excited to learn more about space! We loved learning about Roman Numerals and looking at even bigger numbers!

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

We have been so proud of each other for standing up in front of the whole school to deliver house captain speeches. Everyone who spoke did it with such confidence and passion, showing exactly why we are such great role models to the rest of the school. We also began our swimming lessons this week and had a



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We have really enjoyed our introduction to the Plant the Seed project with the English National Opera, looking into the role of a Librettist.

fantastic time getting in the water and enjoying our time together as a class!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We're excited to share the schedule of events for this term! Our aim is to give parents and guardians plenty of notice so you can join in and support your children whenever possible.

Please note that there may be additional activities, workshops, or competitions throughout the term that aren't listed here yet, as we are waiting for confirmation of some events. We'll keep you updated as soon as new information becomes available.

DATE	TIME	CLASS	EVENT ACTIVITY	FAMILIES INVITED
18.09.25	3.30pm	Selected Children	LPDS Cross Country Race - Race 1 at Crxoteth Park	✓
19.09.25	10.00am	KS2	Welcome Mass (led by Y6) at St Sebastian's Church	✓
23.09.25	9.00am	Y3	Welcome to Y3 - Parent Information Meeting (School Hall)	✓
24.09.25	9.00am	Y5	Welcome to Y5 - Parent Information Meeting (School Hall)	✓
24.09.25	2.30pm	Y2	Welcome to Y2 - Parent Information Meeting (School Hall)	✓
25.09.25	9.00am	Y4	Welcome to Y4 - Parent Information Meeting (School Hall)	✓
25.09.25	2.30pm	Y6	Welcome to Y6 - Parent Information Meeting (School Hall)	✓
26.09.25	2.30pm	Y1	Welcome to Y1 - Stay & Play Session	✓
01.10.25	3.30pm	Selected Children	LPDS Cross Country Race - Race 2 at Newsham Park	✓
03.10.25	2.30pm	Reception	Welcome to Reception - Stay & Play Session	✓



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PE DAYS - AUTUMN TERM

Please see below your child's PE days.
PE kits and appropriate footwear (trainers or pumps)
must be worn on these days.

	M	T	W	TH	F
R					
Y1					
Y2					
Y3					
Y4					
Y5					
Y6					

TERM DATES 2025 - 2026

AUTUMN - OCTOBER HALF-TERM

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October 2025

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January 2026

SPRING - FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026

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

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



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EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS - AUTUMN I

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 & Mrs Reynolds	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

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

- o If your child attends a sports club, they should wear their PE kit on that day.
- o If you have any questions about extra-curricular clubs, please contact the relevant member of staff via ClassDojo.
- o The extra-curricular timetable does not include competitions, festivals, or fixtures. Children will be notified separately about these events.
- o 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.