



GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

COMPASSION

LISTEN
to the Word of God

Mark 9 : 35

"Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all..'"

RESPOND
to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ What does it mean to be a "servant of all"?
- ♥ Can you think of a time when you helped someone without expecting anything in return?
- ♥ Jesus showed us how to be a true servant to others. He showed compassion in all that he did. How can we show compassion by putting others first?

GO FORTH
with a mission from the Word of God

MISSION CHALLENGE

This week, go forth and...

**Choose to be a servant. Choose to be kind.
Choose to put someone else first.**

Look for one moment each day where you can:

Help without being asked

Listen to someone who needs a friend

Show kindness to someone who might be left out

Offer your time or talents to make someone else's day better



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	Zack
Reception	Bernardo
Year 1	Leo
Year 2	Gracie
Year 3	Hajra
Year 4	Alba
Year 5	Fatima
Year 6	Matilda

	NAME
	Harry M
	CLASS
	Year 5



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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	98.9%	10	99.3%
Year 1	92.1%	2	93.5%
Year 2	99.0%	8	95.2%
Year 3	100%	4	97.0%
Year 4	98.6%	3	96.2%
Year 5	94.8%	11	94.6%
Year 6	97.7%	5	99.0%
Total	97.3%	43	96.2%



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							
Week 7							
Week 8							

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 BRIGID

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				
TERM TOTAL POINTS	202	221	217	218



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DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This week, the Department for Education has published updated information for parents and carers about the statutory assessments that will take place during the 2025-2026 academic year.

Please use the links below to find out more:

[Reception - Baseline Assessment](#)

[Year 1 - Phonics Screening Check](#)

[Year 2 - Optional Key Stage 1 National Curriculum Tests](#)

[Year 4 - Multiplication Tables Check](#)

[Year 6 - Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Tests](#)

PUPIL MEDICAL & WELFARE FORMS

Thank you to all parents and carers who have already completed the Pupil Medical and Welfare Form. We still have a number of pupils whose records are not yet up to date.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to complete the form for each child individually, using the link provided below.

[Pupil Medical & Welfare Form 2025 - 2026](#)

GENTLE REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CARERS

As part of our safeguarding practices, we kindly remind all parents and carers that the use of mobile phones is not permitted on the school site, particularly at home time while waiting for children. This helps us maintain a safe and focused environment for all pupils.

Please also be aware that staff positioned at the school gates are there to monitor arrivals and departures for safeguarding purposes. It can be difficult to have confidential or in-depth conversations at this time, as staff need to remain focused on supervising the school site.

If you would like to speak with a member of school staff, please contact the school office to arrange a suitable appointment.

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 [Liverpool City Council - School 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:

[Liverpool City Council - School Admissions](#)

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.



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



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 5 - PLAY LEADERS

It was wonderful to see our Year 5 pupils undertake Physical Activity Leaders (PALS) training this week with LSSP. The children were so excited to learn fun games & activities and how to be great buddies for our younger children by keeping them active and health during play & lunchtimes!

KS2 WELCOME MASS

A heartfelt thank you to our KS2 children for their respectful participation in our Welcome Mass, beautifully led by Year 6. It was wonderful to gather in church with staff, Governors and our parish community to mark the start of the new school year together.

NURSERY & RECEPTION CHILDREN

A huge well done to our EYFS children who have settled brilliantly into Nursery and Reception, taking on their first full week - lots of fun, learning, and smiles all round! We're sure there'll be some very sleepy children this weekend after such a busy week!



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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

We had our very first full week in nursery with our returning children from last year and new children doing their full mornings! We are so impressed with how our children are making friends and settling into the new nursery routine. A particular highlight has been how amazing we have been doing at our fine motor activities with some of our children even practising to write their own name!

RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

We have enjoyed spending lots of time getting to know our Reception children as they have started their first week of full days. We have had lots of fun making friends, playing and starting our lessons. A particular highlight has been seeing the children grow in confidence as they navigate new routines.

YEAR 1

Ms Tabone & Ms Chan

We turned into Skeletons this week during Science! We read the story *Funny Bones* and got our dancing shoes on and learnt the 'Bone Dance'. We then created our very own skeletons using cotton buds. We were very proud of our work.

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Mrs L McCormick & Ms McKeown

Year 2 listened to the story of Noah's Ark and learned how God made a covenant (promise) with Noah to save all living things. The children have also listened to the book *'God's Rainbow'* and learned how God is always faithful. The children enjoyed making their own colourful rainbows and singing a song, *'Rise and Shine'*.

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

Year 3 became true artists this week! We experimented with a range of media, having fun overlapping and layering to see what exciting effects we could create. We travelled back in time to the Stone Age and built our very own versions of Stonehenge.

YEAR 4

Mrs Cooney & Ms Bullen

Year 4 have studied the art of Hannah Dunnet, a Christian artist. We discussed the use of simple images and words of scripture. We have written our own amazing prayers, based on faith, hope and love. These were used these to create our own art!

YEAR 5

Ms Rozycka, Ms Perez, Mrs Maguire & Mrs Xhafa

Some of Year 5 began their PALS training this week, learning about the skills and qualities of great leadership. In art, they created beautiful Autumn-themed sketches. We're also incredibly proud of all the Year 5 pupils who represented our school in cross country—especially those trying it for the first time. Their resilience and growth mindset truly shone!

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

Year 6 have read their vehicle text for Literacy this half term, *'Rose Blanche'*. Everyone was so immersed into each page and picture, wishing we could find out more! The class loved giving their predictions throughout and staff were so impressed with how empathetic and mature Year 6 were when discussing such an important story. Year 6 can't wait to create their own writing inspired by events in the story!



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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
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	✓
05.10.25	TBC	-	Parish Harvest Festival at St Sebastian's Church	✓



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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 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 & 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.