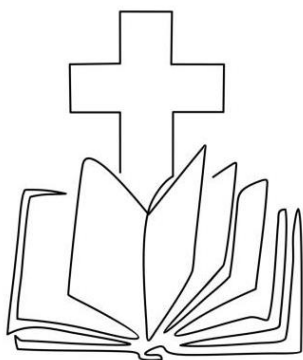




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GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

LISTEN

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to the Word of God

John 6:10-14

The feeding of the 5000

"...Seeing this miracle that Jesus had performed, the people there said, 'Surely this is the Prophet who was to come into the world!'"

RESPOND

to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ Jesus fed a great crowd of people. He performed a miracle to make sure that all that gathered around him had enough to eat. People recognised this special gift of Jesus to perform miracles. We too have been given very special gifts from God. We must use them to serve others. Let us serve and shine like Jesus did when he helped others.

GO FORTH

with a mission from the Word of God

MISSION CHALLENGE

This week, go forth and...

- Serve others through sharing what we have.**
- Know that God provides for us both physically and emotionally.**
- Give thanks to God for all we have been given, and do our best to give to others too.**



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	Sienna
Reception	Bobby
Year 1	Carter
Year 2	Janelle
Year 3	Reuben
Year 4	Layla F
Year 5	Lennie
Year 6	Scarlet

	NAME
	Oliver CMF
	CLASS
	Year 6



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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	99.3%	3	99.3%
Year 1	92.8%	10	93.3%
Year 2	92.4%	5	94.5%
Year 3	99.3%	1	97.6%
Year 4	99.0%	5	96.9%
Year 5	92.9%	17	94.1%
Year 6	95.3%	8	98.1%
Total	95.9%	49	96.1%



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 GEORGE

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	305	309	303	309



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DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

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](#)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A gentle reminder to please ensure that all items of your child's clothing, including jumpers, cardigans, PE jackets etc are clearly labelled with their full name.

Unfortunately, we already have a collection of unnamed clothing items this term that remain unclaimed. Please note that school cannot take responsibility for lost items of uniform. Each child has their own designated peg to store belongings, helping to promote independence and responsibility. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

MOBILE PHONES ON SITE

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.

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-s1@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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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.

OUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT STAFF

On National Teaching Assistants' Day (26th September), we took a special moment to celebrate and recognise our amazing support staff who play such a vital role in our school community. They work tirelessly to nurture, guide and encourage our children every single day. Their dedication and commitment do not go unnoticed and we are incredibly grateful for the invaluable support they provide. Thank you for all that you do!

OUR FAMILIES – WELCOME MEETINGS

A big thank you to all the families who attended our welcome meetings | stay & play this week. We hope you found them informative and helpful in understanding more about your child's curriculum, class routines and what to expect over the coming year. It was a great opportunity to connect and share how we can work together to support your child's learning journey.



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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

Nursery children have been busy learning to recognise and talk about their emotions through our focus story The Colour Monster. They have enjoyed sorting emotions into different colours and sharing how they feel. We have also been exploring counting to five in lots of fun ways, including singing 'Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer' and joining in with actions to help practise counting forwards and backwards.

RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

Reception have been doing some fantastic maths. We have been exploring numbers 1-4. We spent some time in the Woodlands and we looked for 4 leaves. What fabulous counting!

YEAR 1

Ms Tabone & Ms Chan

During RE this week, we looked at God's gift of Autumn. We went on a mindfulness walk and collected lots of Autumn leaves. We worked as a team to create an Autumn collage. We loved seeing the beautiful world God had created!

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms O Perez & Ms McKeown

This week in Maths, Year 2 have been exploring 2-digit numbers on a number line and understanding that they can be partitioned into Tens and Ones. We have been counting in 10s and 1s, as well as using a part-whole model to investigate numbers up to 100. The children are working hard to use different representations for 2-digit numbers.

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

Year 3's got their creative juices flowing and proudly completed their very first writing piece of the year! They had a fantastic time sharing their work with friends, celebrating each other's ideas and showing off their imagination. What a brilliant start to our writing journey this year!

YEAR 4

Mrs Cooney & Ms Bullen

This week in English, Year 4 have enjoyed writing a setting narrative based on the book The Whale. They have used amazing language and personification to build up tension. What fantastic writers we have. I really look forward to the year ahead.

YEAR 5

Ms Rozycka, Mrs L McCormick, Mrs Maguire & Mrs Xhafa

Year 5 children have demonstrated excellent retrieval skills in History, particularly when exploring how Vikings are represented through different sources. They impressed their teachers with the depth of their knowledge and their ability to recall key facts, make thoughtful comparisons, and challenge stereotypes about Viking life. Their enthusiasm and curiosity brought this fascinating period of History to life – a fantastic achievement!

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

Year 6 recorded their own adverts in their RE lesson to show the parish community of the important qualities of God's love. Each group had freedom in how to do their adverts and the results were brilliant! We are so proud of the teamwork displayed, how creative everyone was and the confidence some children had to get out of their comfort zone and get involved! The support shown when we watched each other's adverts back was amazing too!

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025****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
30.10.25	10.00am	Y6	Monthly Class Mass	
01.10.25	3.30pm	Selected Children	LPDS Cross Country Race – Race 2 at Newsham Park	✓
02.10.25	9.30am	Y6	Y6 School Health Screening	
03.10.25	2.30pm	Reception	Welcome to Reception – Stay & Play Session	✓
05.10.25	TBC	-	Parish Harvest Festival at St Sebastian's Church	✓
06.10.25	-	N – Y6	NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week	
07.10.25	3.30pm	Selected Children	LPDS Cross Country Race – Race 3 at Stanley Park	✓
16.10.25	3.30pm	Selected Children	LPDS Cross Country Race – Race 4 at Clarke's Gardens	✓
17.10.25	TBC	N – Y6	Liverpool Maths Party	✓

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

- 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.