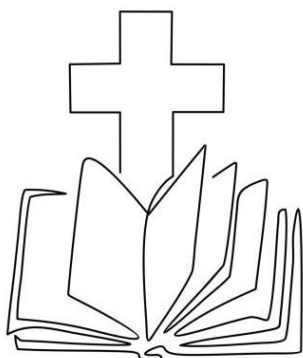




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GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

TRUST

LISTEN

to the Word of God

"...Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these"

Mark 10:14

RESPOND

to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ Jesus asks us to have faith in God. We should have faith like small children do. Jesus helps us grow in our faith. We should open our hearts to Jesus who guides us.
- ♥ How can you show that you trust Jesus everyday?
- ♥ What do you think it means to have a child-like trust in God, and how could you live that out in your own life?

GO FORTH

with a mission from the Word of God

This week, go forth and...

Trust our trusted adults and friends

Trust ourselves

Trust God who helps us grow and guide us.

MISSION CHALLENGE

Think of one worry you have. Tell Jesus about it in prayer, and then draw a picture of yourself holding Jesus' hand to remind you that you can trust Him.



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	Agnes
Reception	Nkechiyerem
Year 1	Teddie
Year 2	Ethan
Year 3	Vanessa
Year 4	Remmy
Year 5	Diana
Year 6	Punit

	NAME
	Allegra
	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	95.7%	8	98.2%
Year 1	96.0%	5	93.9%
Year 2	93.0%	12	94.2%
Year 3	97.6%	5	97.6%
Year 4	98.7%	10	97.3%
Year 5	90.6%	13	93.4%
Year 6	95.0%	9	97.4%
Total	93.9%	62	95.6%



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	429	430	395	398



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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.

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

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.

Reception – Year 6 Poets

A huge well done to all our classes who performed poems linked to their curriculum during today's celebration assembly, as part of National Poetry Week. It was a real joy to see every year group perform, from Reception's charming rendition of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star to Year 6's powerful tribute inspired by World War II. What made the assembly even more special was watching the children listen so respectfully and proudly to each other's performances – just as proud as we teachers were!

St Sebastian's Staff

Huge thank you to all our staff who gave up their time to help organise and run the second Liverpool & District Primary Schools Cross Country League Race at Newsham Park. With a record-breaking 852 children taking part across six races, it was no small task but thanks to the dedication and teamwork of staff from both St Sebastian's and our federated school, St Cuthbert's, the event was a great success. From marshalling the course to encouraging the runners, your support was key to making such a large-scale event run so smoothly. Well done and thank you!



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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 have had a wonderful time sharing baby photos and talking about how we've grown and changed. The children loved spotting the differences, with many proudly saying, "We are bigger!" We also enjoyed sharing pictures of our families, telling our friends all about our loved ones. To finish, everyone drew their own family portrait, which are now proudly displayed in our classroom!

RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

This week we have had fun welcoming our parents into our class for our stay and play!

We showed our parents the classroom and our toys. We want to say a big thank you for coming to play with us!

YEAR 1

Ms Tabone & Ms Chan

This week in PE, we began our Yoga unit. We watched a video of monkeys and the way they moved and tried to replicate this with different poses. The children loved beginning and ending our Yoga session by chanting mindfulness statements!

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms O Perez & Ms McKeown

Year 2 have continued to look at famous explorers. We have learned all about the adventures of Captain Robert Scott and Amelia Earhart! For Poetry Week, Year 2 have been practising a poem called 'Monster March'. They have shown fantastic creativity by using actions and different voices to match each character in the poem!

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

This week, Year 3 had lots of fun taking part in Poetry Week! We read and enjoyed different poems, then had a go at writing our own for a Young Writers competition called "I Have a Dream." We worked really hard to make our poems exciting and full of imagination. Everyone came up with brilliant ideas, and we can't wait to find out if our work will be published again!

YEAR 4

Mrs Cooney & Ms Bullen

Year 4 have enjoyed taking part in Poetry Week! They have had the chance to explore poems linked to friendship and have worked on writing their own class poem. As part of RE we have learnt and performed a poem based on the call of Abraham. We have some super performers!

YEAR 5

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

This week has been filled with poetry! Year 5 had a brilliant go at using their skill of intonation, reading aloud the Jabberwocky poem in class and writing their own poems about 'Play', as well as continuing their poems for a competition called 'I have a dream...!' We have started reading our new class book, The Stormkeeper's Island and we are very excited to find out more about the main characters.

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

Year 6 have had an incredible time celebrating Poetry Week! Children have worked hard on their oracy skills and built confidence in presenting poetry aloud. Inspired by their History and English topics on World War II, they performed a thoughtful, powerful poem with actions, a song, and even shared a beautiful prayer to the rest of the school!

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 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
05.10.25	TBC	-	Parish Harvest Festival at St Sebastian's Church	✓
06.10.25	-	N – Y6	NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week	
07.10.25	9.30am	N – Y6	SEN Drop-in session with Mrs L McCormick (SENCO)	✓
07.10.25	3.30pm	Selected Children	LPDS Cross Country Race – Race 3 at Stanley Park	✓
10.10.25	-	N – Y6	World Mental Health - Hello Yellow Day	
15.10.25	-	Y1 – Y6	Poetry in Motion Workshop	✓
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	✓
20.10.25	3.30pm	Selected Children	Liverpool Primary Schools' Cross Country – City Championships at Wavertree Park	✓
21.10.25	10.00am	Y5	Y5 Monthly Mass at St Sebastian's Presbytery	
20.10.25	3.30pm	Selected Children	Liverpool Primary Schools' Road Relay – City Championships at Wavertree Park	
23.10.25	3.30pm	Y6	PGL Residential – Information for Parents Meeting	✓
24.10.25	-	N – Y6	Alder Hey PJ Day (Fundraising: £1 donation)	
HALF TERM				
03.11.25	1.30pm	Y3 – Y6	All Souls Mass (led by Y5) at St Sebastian's Church	✓
07.11.25	-	Y2 – Y4	LSSP Outdoor & Adventurous Workshop	
12.11.25	-	N – Y6	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day	



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INVITATION TO OUR SEN DROP- IN SESSION

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) DROP-IN SESSION WITH MRS L MCCORMICK (SENCO)

DATE	Friday 7th October 2025
TIME	9.30am – 11.30am
LOCATION	St Sebastian's Meeting Room

This is an informal opportunity for you to:

- ✓ Seek advice and guidance about SEN support.
- ✓ Learn more about the ways we can work together to support your child
- ✓ Access information about services and resources available.

There is no need to book – simply drop in at a time that suits you during the session. To ensure we can support everyone, time will be limited to 10 minutes per person on the day. If you feel you need longer, an additional meeting can be arranged at a later date.

These SEN drop-in sessions will run each half-term, giving you regular opportunities to meet with school.

ST SEBASTIAN'S CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025



If you have any donations of non-perishable foods, please bring them to Mass.

All food will be donated to local foodbanks.

Dear Parents,
Friday 10th October
is World Mental Health Day

To celebrate this, we are taking part in

#HelloYellow Day



Children are to come to school wearing something yellow – socks, an accessory or a full yellow outfit if they have it!



Children will be completing different activities throughout the week in school, keep your eyes peeled on ClassDojo to find out what each class got up to





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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/>

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS...

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING

DATE	TIME	CLASS	EVENT ACTIVITY	FUNDRAISING DONATION
21.11.25	-	N – Y6	Christmas Crazy Hair Day	Toys Gifts
28.11.25	-	N – Y6	Christmas PJs	Chocolate Treats
05.12.25	-	N – Y6	National Santa Dash (Christmas Outfit)	Toiletries
11.12.25	-	N – Y6	Christmas Jumper Day	Bottles



CHRISTMAS EVENTS | ACTIVITIES

DATE	TIME	CLASS	EVENT ACTIVITY	Families Invited
11.12.25	2.30pm	Y1 & Y2	Christmas Carols (School Hall)	✓
12.12.25	10.30am	N & R	EYFS Nativity (School Hall)	✓
16.12.25	2.30pm	Y3 & Y4	Advent – Christingle Service (St Sebastian's Church)	✓
17.12.25	3.30pm	N – Y6	Christmas Fayre (School Hall)	✓
18.12.25	10.30am	Y5 & Y6	Christmas Production (School Hall)	✓

Only My Best Will Do. Be Kind To One Another. Amen



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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.