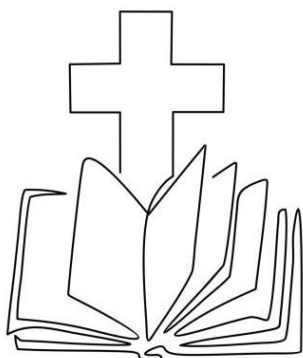




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GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

THANKFULNESS

LISTEN

to the Word of God

'Why is this foreigner the only one who came back to give thanks to God? And Jesus said to him, "Get up and go your faith has made you well."

Luke 17: 11 - 19

RESPOND

to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ Jesus teaches us how we should give thanks to God.
- ♥ We have many things to be thankful for.

GO FORTH

with a mission from the Word of God

This week, go forth and...

Be thankful for God's creation

Thank God for all that you have

Share what you have with others to show your thanks.

MISSION CHALLENGE

Can you be like the thankful man this week?

- Take time each day to say thank you to God, to your family, to your teachers and to your friends.
- Notice the little things people do for you and show your appreciation with kind words or actions.
- Try keeping a gratitude list, writing down 3 things you are thankful for each day.



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	Umama
Reception	Zainab
Year 1	Alessandra
Year 2	Cherish
Year 3	Mia
Year 4	Huda
Year 5	Evie
Year 6	Lyla

	NAME
	Leon (LJ)
	CLASS
	Year 2



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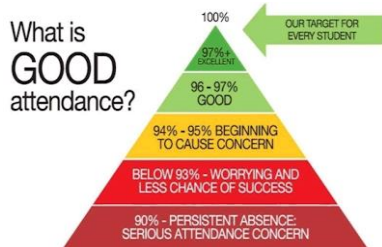
ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

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	88.3%	3	96.0%
Year 1	97.0%	6	94.4%
Year 2	93.2%	12	94.0%
Year 3	95.5%	5	97.3%
Year 4	99.0%	6	97.6%
Year 5	91.3%	11	93.0%
Year 6	97.7%	7	97.5%
Total	94.6%	50	95.7%



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	579	561	542	514



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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@sssfederation.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@sssfederation.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.

NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week

This week, the children have really impressed me by taking part in the NSPCC Kindness Challenge. Lovely to see how small acts of kindness can make such a big impact. It has been lovely to witness so many positive interactions from children and staff around school – from kind words to thoughtful gestures.

I also loved seeing everyone wearing yellow in support of World Mental Health day, showing that kindness and caring for one another really does make our school community a brighter place to be!

Cross-Country

Huge well done to our athletes who took part in LDPS Cross-Country League race at Stanley Park. Despite the brisk temperatures, children showed real determination, with some impressive finish positions. What fantastic ambassadors you are for our school.

Extra thanks for Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh and Mr Hardiman who work extremely hard to prepare our children for such events.



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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

This week we enjoyed our story focus "The Goldilocks and the Three Bears". We also linked this to our maths learning ordering the big, medium and small bears!

RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

This week in RE we have been thinking about how God made everything including us. We have thought about what makes us unique and discussed how God loves us and our families.

YEAR 1

Ms Tabone & Ms Chan

This week, Year 1 loved taking part in activities linked to our NSPCC kindness week. Our favourite activity was creating 'Thank You Postcards' for special people in our lives. We hand delivered some of our postcards around school and took some home to say thank you to our grown-ups at home.

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms O Perez & Ms McKeown

This week, Year 2 shared 'Kind notes' for Mental Health Week. It was lovely to see the thoughtful words they wrote for their friends, teachers and family members. We also became budding scientists by conducting an 'absorbency' experiment. We tested whether 4 different materials could absorb water which was very exciting!

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

This week, Year 3 enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities for the NSPCC Kindness Challenge week. We shared kind words with our friends, took part in mindful movement for PE, and even enjoyed having toast together as a special treat. It was a wonderful week filled with kindness, teamwork and positivity!

YEAR 4

Mrs Cooney & Ms Bullen

Year 4 have worked especially hard on art linked to their work on Abraham and Sarah. They loved using soft pastels to recreate an artist's image. We have also created a paper chain illustrating how we live out the virtues of faith, hope and love after focusing on the words of Saint John Henry Newman. I am particularly proud of the enthusiasm shown to their learning this week.

YEAR 5

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

This week, we have made some gratitude postcards to show appreciation for all those in school. It was so nice to see children appreciate staff, friends and each other. On Wednesday, we also had a chance to watch an interview with a Space engineer, Colonel Shaun Lamb MBE who believes that one day, people might step foot on Mars! This linked brilliantly to our English topic this half term.

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

Year 6 have enjoyed being able to have more mindfulness time throughout the day this week whilst celebrating World Mental Health week. We have reflected on how everyone is unique in their own way and even wrote about our role models and what values of theirs inspire us. It was so lovely to see children mention family members, teachers and inspirational public figures.



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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
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	✓
06.11.25	3.20pm	N – Y2	Scholastic Book Fair: EYFS & KS1 Families	✓
07.11.25	-	Y2 – Y4	LSSP Outdoor & Adventurous Workshop	
10.11.25	-	EYFS	World Nursery Rhyme Week	
10.11.25	-	N – Y6	Anti-Bullying Week	
11.11.25	3.20pm	Y3 – Y6	Scholastic Book Fair: KS2 Families	✓
12.11.25	-	N – Y6	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day	
13.11.25	-	N – Y6	World Kindness Day	
14.11.25	2.30pm	Reception	Read with Me	✓



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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)	✓



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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.