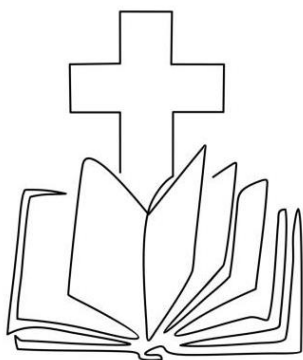




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GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

SACRIFICE

Putting the needs of others first

LISTEN

to the Word of God

"You know that those who are considered rulers of the heathen have power over them, and the leaders have complete authority. This, however, is not the way it is among you. If one of you wants to be great, you must be the servant of the rest; and if one of you wants to be first, you must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people."

Mark 10: 35 - 45

RESPOND

to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ Jesus says, "whoever wants to be first must be the servant of all." What do you think that means?
- ♥ Can you think of a time when you helped someone instead of doing what you wanted?
- ♥ Why do you think Jesus wants us to be servants, not just leaders?

GO FORTH

with a mission from the Word of God

This week, go forth and...

MISSION CHALLENGE

Can you be a servant like Jesus this week?

Find one way each day to put someone else first, just like Jesus did!



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 | Miles |
| Reception | Chuisle |
| Year 1 | Daley |
| Year 2 | Shanzezy |
| Year 3 | Harper |
| Year 4 | Kayden |
| Year 5 | Darcie |
| Year 6 | Faye |

| | |
|--|--------------|
| | NAME |
| | Hendrix |
| | CLASS |
| | Reception |



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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 | 96.7% | 5 | 96.1% |
| Year 1 | 90.7% | 8 | 93.9% |
| Year 2 | 91.9% | 12 | 93.7% |
| Year 3 | 96.6% | 3 | 97.1% |
| Year 4 | 96.0% | 10 | 97.4% |
| Year 5 | 91.3% | 11 | 92.8% |
| Year 6 | 97.0% | 8 | 97.4% |
| Total | 94.3% | 50 | 95.4% |



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 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 | | | | |
| TERM TOTAL POINTS | 660 | 705 | 679 | 617 |



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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 children 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](#)

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.

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

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).

Our staff are working extremely hard to try and provide numerous enrichment opportunities for our children throughout this year e.g. our wide variety of FREE (after-school hours) extracurricular clubs, workshops, competitions, festivals, trips etc. Unfortunately, already this term, we have been unable to organise previous PTA events due to lack of parental support e.g. family bingo.

Therefore 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.

For any families who are interested in supporting our school or would like to learn more about how you can help as part of the PTA, please come along to our meeting.

The meeting will take place on:

MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER: 3.30 – 4.00PM

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

Thank you for considering this opportunity to get involved and make a lasting impact. We look forward to your support!



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.

Poetry in Motion

It was wonderful to see our Year 1 to Year 5 children thoroughly enjoying the drama production from Poetry in Motion on Wednesday afternoon. The actors brought famous poems to life and our children were absolutely mesmerised from start to finish! It was a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience high-quality theatre right here in our school hall. The production showcased just how exciting and fun poetry can be, leaving a lasting impression on our young audience. Thank you to Mrs Rabbette for organising such an amazing enrichment opportunity for our children.

ReadWrite Inc Assessments

This week, Mrs Rabbette has been completing phonics assessments with our children from Y1 – Y4. It is wonderful to see how our children are progressing in their knowledge of phonics and reading fluency.

LLP Maths Party

It was lovely to see so many families join us this afternoon for LLP Maths Party. Such a fantastic atmosphere around school, with children using their maths skills in such a fun way!



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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 in Nursery, our little learners have been absolutely amazing during provision time, engaging so well with all the activities. We've also been super impressed with their phonics learning, everyone has done a brilliant job identifying different sounds in our environment. Our focus this week was on farm animal sounds, and the children loved exploring and recognising the noises made by cows, pigs, sheep and more.

RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

We had so much fun celebrating the Liverpool Maths Part this week! We enjoyed welcoming our adults into our classroom and showing them our brilliant maths skills!

YEAR 1

Ms Tabone & Ms Chan

We have loved celebrating the Liverpool Maths Party this week! We enjoyed playing dice games with our grown ups and working on our number formation and addition skills. We prepared for our party by making crowns - that we even got to take home!

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms O Perez & Ms McKeown

We really enjoyed the Poetry In Motion workshop this week. We had lots of fun listening to the actors perform many well known poems. We were also excited to welcome our parents into class for the 10th Liverpool Maths Party. We loved playing a game of bingo using 2-digit numbers. We used our counting skills to do some physical activities

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

We loved having some of our parents join us on Friday afternoon to celebrate 10 years of the Liverpool Maths Party! Everyone had fun taking part in PE activities that promoted counting and number skills, it was a wonderful way to combine movement and maths!

YEAR 4

Mrs Cooney & Ms Bullen

We have made big steps forward this week in our English newspaper report topic. It has been great to hear them writing with a true reporter style. Our maths celebrations have involved classic games, and designing mosaics, we have discussed how maths plays an important part!

YEAR 5

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

What a week for Year 5! We have been learning how to support our wellbeing with mindful movement. We have created our own flows which we can do at home - something for the whole family! We ended the week with our Maths Party where we asked, 'Where's the Maths in this?'

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

This week, we have successfully completed this term's mathematics - including celebrating Maths Party Day, literacy on Rose Blanche, computing with Mr Keegan, spellings and RE. This is a super accomplishment for the first half term. We hope we can keep this attitude up as it can only lead to greater success!



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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/>

TIMINGS FOR SCHOOL DAY

| Year Group | Start Time | End Time |
|-----------------|------------|----------|
| Nursery | 8.30am | 11.30am |
| Reception | 8.45am | 3.15pm |
| Y1 & Y2 | 8.45am | 3.15pm |
| Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 | 8.45am | 3.20pm |

School gates opens 10 minutes prior to start time and close 5 minutes after end time.

We kindly ask that parents adhere to timings above and arrive promptly for home-time collection to prevent unnecessary upset for children.

PARENT | SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

ClassDojo is for parents | guardians to keep up to date with what's going on in school and it allows you to contact class teachers directly. However, please be mindful that that staff are teaching throughout the school day.

**Staff are only contactable during school hours:
Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 5.00pm.**

Any queries | messages sent will be answered within 48hours

Please note: ClassDojo is not to be used as a tool to share your concerns. At St Sebastian's, face-to-face meetings are the preferred method in order to alleviate any concerns, resolve any issues and ensure that messages are not misinterpreted.

Should you wish to speak with teachers or senior leadership team directly regarding concerns etc, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

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 children.

PUNCTUALITY - LATENESS

Over the last few weeks, we have noticed a number of children arriving late and being dropped off at school, without a parent or carer accompanying them to the office.

This is a safeguarding concern.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children, all late arrivals must be brought to the school office by a parent or carer, who must also inform the school of the reason for the lateness.

We appreciate your support in keeping all our children safe.

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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 |
|------------------|---------|-------------------|---|------------------|
| 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 | |
| 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 | |
| 14.12.25 | 9.00am | Y2 – Y4 | LSSP Outdoor & Adventurous Workshop | |
| 14.11.25 | 2.30pm | Reception | Read with Me | ✓ |
| 17.11.25 | 10.00am | Selected Children | LSSP Y3 & Y4 Indoor Athletics Competition | |
| 18.11.25 | - | Y2 – Y6 | England Rocks TTRS Competition | |
| 18.11.25 | 4.00pm | - | Open Evening for Reception – September 2026 | ✓ |



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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) | ✓ |



FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY...

We are delighted to announce that our talented Year 5 and Year 6 children are busy preparing to bring some festive cheer to our school community with a very special one-night-only performance:

Christmas with the Krackers!

Join us for an evening of fun, music and Christmas magic as our children light up the stage and get everyone into the Christmas spirit.

DATE: 18TH December 2025 (6.00pm)

TICKETS: £3 per person

Priority booking will be given to Y5 & Y6 families, with a maximum of 3 tickets per child

As a special treat, all children will have the opportunity to enjoy a full-dress rehearsal during the school day.

Don't miss out – it promises to be a cracker of a show!



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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 children 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.