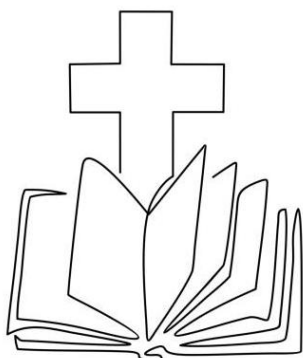




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## GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

# GENEROSITY

### LISTEN

to the Word of God

*"He called his disciples together and said to them, "I tell you that this poor widow put more in the offering box than all the others. For the others put in what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, put in all she had—she gave all she had to live on."*

**Mark 12:38-44**

### RESPOND

to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ The widow trusted God completely to give all she had.
- ♥ Just like this woman's generous act moved the people who watched her, we have an opportunity to allow her courageous giving to inspire us as well.

### GO FORTH

with a mission from the Word of God

This week, go forth and...

Trust God knowing that God is all giving, and will provide for us.

### **MISSION CHALLENGE: GENEROSITY IN ACTION**

Give freely without expecting anything in return.  
Share your time, skills and kindness.



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	Nitish
Reception	Matilda
Year 1	Isaac
Year 2	Lexi
Year 3	Sonny
Year 4	Ini
Year 5	Jude
Year 6	Abel

	<b>NAME</b>
	Amelia
	<b>CLASS</b>
	Year 1



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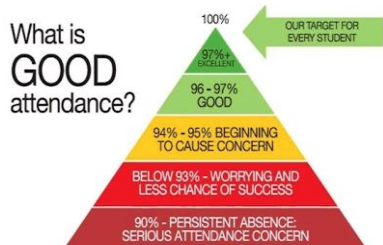
## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

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	94.3%	2	95.9%
Year 1	92.0%	4	93.2%
Year 2	93.1%	11	92.4%
Year 3	<b>99.0%</b>	4	96.7%
Year 4	94.3%	8	97.0%
Year 5	94.5%	22	92.9%
Year 6	95.0%	7	96.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.6%</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>95.0%</b>



### AUTUMN 2

#### 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 DAVID**

### AUTUMN 2

	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	<b>86</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>100</b>



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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 10<sup>TH</sup> 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.**

### **All Souls Mass**

Our Y3 – Y6 children and staff who gathered at St Sebastian's Church on Monday for All Souls Mass. The mass was a reflective, prayerful occasion, offering us all a chance to remember loved ones who have passed away. Extra shout-out to our Y5 pupils who led the mass beautifully, reading and participating with great confident and reverence.

### **LSSP Outdoor & Adventurous Workshop**

Y2, Y3 & Y4 classes started their LSSP workshops this week. It was evident from their enthusiastic participation & teamwork that they thoroughly enjoyed it!

### **Scholastic Book Fair: EYFS & KS1 Families**

Thank you to all our families who came along to our EYFS & KS1 Scholastic Book Fair this week! There were so many wonderful books to choose from and great to see parents picking up some early Christmas presents! Our KS2 book fair will take place next week with plenty of books and a wide variety of genres to keep our junior children entertained!



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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 began our exciting new topic all about colours! The children had lots of fun linking this to Firework Night, creating bright and sparkling firework pictures. We also explored colour mixing in a hands-on way—using our fingers and hands to blend paints and discover how new colours are made. It's been a wonderfully colourful and creative week in Nursery!

#### **RECEPTION**

**Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds**

This week in our English lessons, we have been beginning to write sentences with known letter sound correspondences. Reception have worked really hard to use their phonics knowledge to write simple words and phrases.

#### **YEAR 1**

**Ms Tabone & Ms Chan**

We have had a great start to Autumn 2 term in Year 1. In Science we began our new topic of Living Things including animals and took a trip to the zoo via zoo webcams! We were very lucky and managed to see penguins and giraffes in feeding time and we even managed to spot a lion!

#### **YEAR 2**

**Mrs Rabbette, Ms O Perez & Ms McKeown**

It has been a lovely first week back after half term. We have really enjoyed exploring our new English book 'The Night Gardener' and learning some new vocabulary. We also started our new PE topic 'Mindful Movement' and had lots of fun creating Ocean poses!

#### **YEAR 3**

**Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway**

We've had a wonderful week settling back into school after our week off! The children were excited to start exploring our new English book, and they've already shared some great ideas and predictions about the story. We also had lots of fun taking part in The Wheel of Numbers Live Assembly.

#### **YEAR 4**

**Mrs Cooney & Ms Bullen**

It has been great to be all back together after a week off. The children have shown great enthusiasm for their new book in English- Leaf. They should be proud of their predictions and empathy shown. We have also shown a great understanding why Elijah is seen as a prophet.

#### **YEAR 5**

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

We have enjoyed our first week back! Rehearsals for 'Christmas with the Crackers' began on Tuesday and we were so impressed! Year 5 also began developing our communication and negotiation skills in PE when we started our new OAA unit.

In English, we have enjoyed opening our new book 'FAR<sup>THER</sup>' and joined in the Maths Assembly on Wednesday to boost our confidence in solving real life maths problems!

#### **YEAR 6**

**Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle**

What a super start after a week off! Year 6 have been working so hard everyday. We celebrated Number Confidence Week and have all shone in maths! We've pushed ourselves further in swimming, worked on our communication in our new PE OAA unit and began our Music lessons for this half term where we are focusing on the song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. To top it off, the Year 5 & 6 Christmas Production rehearsals began and we cannot wait to share this performance with you!



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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 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

#### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

#### **SPRING – FEBRUARY HALF TERM**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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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### 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
10.11.25	-	EYFS	World Nursery Rhyme Week	
10.11.25	-	N – Y6	Anti-Bullying Week	
10.11.25	-	N – Y6	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day	
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	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	✓
21.12.25	9.00am	Y2 – Y4	LSSP Outdoor & Adventurous Workshop	
21.11.25	-	Nursery – Y6	Christmas Crazy Hair Day (Donation: Toys   Gifts)	
24.11.25	-	Selected Children	LSSP KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Mixed Athletics Festival	
25.11.25	-	Y4	Monthly Mass at St Sebastian's Presbytery	
28.11.25	-	Nursery – Y6	Christmas PJS (Donation: Chocolate   Treats)	
01.12.25	-	Selected Children	St Sebastian's Choir – Singing at Devonshire	



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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:** 18<sup>TH</sup> 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 2

**START DATE:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

**END DATE:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### MONDAY

CLASS	TITLE OF CLUB	TIME	STAFF	LOCATION
Y1 & Y2	Indoor Athletics	3.20 – 4.00pm	Ms Perez	School Hall
KS1 & KS2	Choir	3.20 – 4.00pm	Mrs Rabbette & Mrs Cooney	Y2 Classroom
Y3 & Y4	Dance	3.20 – 4.00pm	Ms Tabone & Ms Chan	Y1 Classroom
Reception	Story & Crafts	3.20 – 4.00pm	Ms Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds	Reception

#### TUESDAY

CLASS	TITLE OF CLUB	TIME	STAFF	LOCATION
Y5 & Y6	Christmas Rehearsals	3.20 – 4.20pm	Mrs L McCormick & Ms Kaur	School Hall
Y5 & Y6	Props & Tech	3.20 – 4.20pm	Ms Rozycka	School Hall

#### THURSDAY

CLASS	TITLE OF CLUB	TIME	STAFF	LOCATION
Y5 & Y6	Chess	3.20 – 4.00pm	Ms Alderton	Y6 Classroom
KS2 (Selected children)	Rotary	3.20 – 4.00pm	Ms Bullen	Y4 Classroom
Y3 & Y4	Indoor Athletics	3.20 – 4.00pm	Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh	School Hall
Y2	Computing	3.20 – 4.00pm	MGL: Mr Keegan	Y2 Classroom

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS | CARERS**

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 other 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.