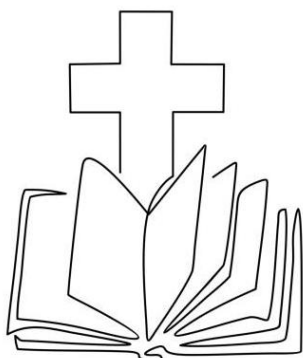




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GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

PEACE

LISTEN

to the Word of God

“The word of God came to John in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: *‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’*”

Luke 3: 2 - 4

RESPOND

to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ John the Baptist was chosen to prepare the way for Jesus. What do you think it means to “prepare the way”?
- ♥ How can we get our hearts ready for Jesus during this Advent season?
- ♥ John shared an important message with others. What good messages can we share with the people around us this week?

GO FORTH

with a mission from the Word of God

This week, go forth and...

Prepare for Jesus through spreading peace through helping others.

Be ready to say sorry for wrong choices.

Pray so that we grow closer to the Holy Spirit who can guide us to truly forgive others



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	Mahpara
Reception	Isabelle
Year 1	Lieve
Year 2	Kaima
Year 3	Amani
Year 4	Leyla
Year 5	Hiranur
Year 6	Williams

	NAME
	Corbyn
	CLASS
	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	97.3%	5	96.2%
Year 1	91.0%	10	93.3%
Year 2	91.5%	8	93.3%
Year 3	92.0%	2	96.1%
Year 4	93.7%	7	96.5%
Year 5	94.5%	8	92.4%
Year 6	93.3%	8	95.4%
Total	93.4%	48	94.7%



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 BRIGID

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	466	517	516	546



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SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.stsebastiansliverpool.co.uk

Please visit our school website for upcoming calendar events, the latest school updates, curriculum information, statutory documents and much more!

To ensure the safety and privacy of our pupils, photographs and stories celebrating their achievements will be shared directly with parents | carers through our secure school APP: Class DoJo. This approach allows us to keep families updated while maintaining appropriate safeguarding measures.

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					

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.



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.

SCHOOL CHOIR

This week, our school choir have been bringing joy to the Liverpool community, supporting West Derby Rotary Club & Liverpool Community Police Christmas Lunch. Over 3 days, our choir have sung to hundreds of pensioners and received such positive feedback. See our [latest news](#) for more details!

Y3 & Y4 INDOOR ATHLETICS TEAM

Huge congratulations to the children who represented our school in the LSSP Y3 & Y4 Indoor Athletics Final event this afternoon. What an enjoyable afternoon I had supporting the team and cheering our children in all events! I was so proud of how they showed great determination and sportsmanship throughout the event. This was even recognised by the organisers with our school being named "Fair Play Award" due to our children's impeccable manners and fairness to other competing schools. Our children had a great time taking part & were a credit to St Sebastian's. We look forward to entering more competitions in the future!

SANTA DASH

Despite the cold, and at times windy and rainy weather, our Nursery to Y6 children enthusiastically completed this year's Santa Dash. It was wonderful to see everyone dressed in festive costumes and accessories, bringing plenty of Christmas cheer to the playground. Look out for the photographs on ClassDoJo!



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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

The children have begun our Christmas topic this week. They loved helping to decorate our class Christmas tree, carefully choosing ornaments and talking about their favourites. We've also been busy crafting beautiful nativity wreaths, exploring the meaning of each candle. It's been a wonderful start to our festive learning!

RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

This week, Reception started their new topic on Christmas. We have had lots of fun decorating our Christmas tree and classroom for the festive period. Reception have enjoyed learning about Advent and engaging in lots of Christmas themed activities.

YEAR 1

Ms Tabone & Ms Chan

This week Year 1 have got into the festive spirit - and even had a surprise visit from our class elf, Elvis. We began our week in RE by beginning to learn about the birth of Jesus. We reenacted the angels and the shepherds on their way to meet Jesus and made some decorations of Jesus and the Angels for our tree. We ended our week by completing the Santa Dash run. We can't wait to see what we get up to next week!

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms Perez & Ms McKeown

This week, Year 2 took part in an emotional literacy workshop. The children looked at different emotions they may experience and showed a good understanding of how these emotions can affect their bodies. They also looked at some strategies to manage 'big' emotions effectively and how they can communicate their emotions with someone they trust. In RE, the children heard the story of the Annunciation of Mary. The children discussed how they thought Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that she had been specially chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus.

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

Year 3 has kicked off the Christmas season in a wonderful way! We decorated our class tree with our own colourful baubles and enjoyed learning all about Advent and the preparations of welcoming Jesus into our lives. We also had a fantastic time taking part in our Santa Dash. The children were full of smiles, festive spirit, and lots of energy!

YEAR 4

Mrs Cooney & Ms Bullen

Year 4 should be proud of their achievements this week. We enjoyed sharing our writing with others that we have completed in English. It was lovely to see year 4 becoming story tellers. It has also been great to see our messages of hope for others that we have written in RE. The stars that they have produced were really thoughtful.

YEAR 5

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

This week, we have focused on the features of formal and informal letters, looking at the structure and language features. In Geography, as part of our work on local places and their impact, we explored the development of the Bramley-Moore Dock Stadium in Liverpool's city centre. Children discussed how new buildings can affect a community, considering both positive changes—such as job creation and tourism—and potential challenges. We have enjoyed linking real-life local developments to our classroom learning.

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

Year 6 have had a super week, from being resilient and focused during assessments to splashing around and having so much fun in our last swimming session! On Wednesday, we made Scouse - it was flavoursome and so exciting learning new skills! We got really into the festive mood by completing a full run through of our Christmas Production and taking part in the Santa Dash!