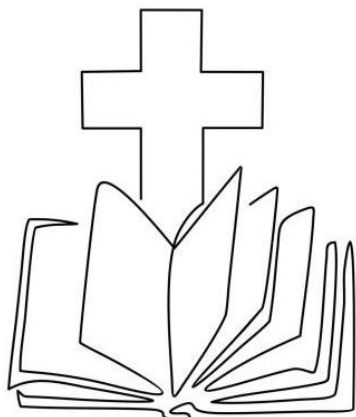




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## GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

### JOY

#### LISTEN

to the Word of God

The crowds asked John, *“What, then, shall we do?”* And he answered them, *“Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.”*

**Luke 3: 10 - 11**

#### RESPOND

to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ Why do you think John the Baptist told people to share their food and clothing?
- ♥ Can you think of a time when someone shared something with you? How did it make you feel?
- ♥ How does sharing what we have bring joy to other people?
- ♥ John talks about giving food and clothing to those who need it – how could acts like these fill our school community with joy?

#### GO FORTH

with a mission from the Word of God

This week, go forth and...

Try to bring joy to someone by sharing something of yours... your time, your kindness, your smile or a helping hand, your prayers for others.

Look for one person each day who might need a little extra joy and be the one who brings it to them!



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	Jack
Reception	Aaraathana
Year 1	Jacob
Year 2	Aiyla
Year 3	Maddison P
Year 4	Dominik
Year 5	
Year 6	Erin

	<b>NAME</b>
	Abigail
	<b>CLASS</b>
	Year 4



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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	96.3%
Year 1	95.7%	6	93.5%
Year 2	96.3%	15	93.5%
Year 3	97.0%	5	96.2%
Year 4	<b>98.7%</b>	6	96.7%
Year 5	93.9%	11	92.5%
Year 6	92.5%	7	95.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95.9%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>94.8%</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							

## 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 2

	St George	St Margaret	St David	St Brigid
Week 1			🏆	
Week 2				🏆
Week 3			🏆	
Week 4	🏆			
Week 5				🏆
Week 6		🏆		
Week 7				
TERM TOTAL POINTS	<b>544</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>628</b>



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## SCHOOL WEBSITE

[www.stsebastiansliverpool.co.uk](http://www.stsebastiansliverpool.co.uk)

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

## TERM DATES 2026 2027

Term dates for 2026 – 2027 are now available on our [school website](http://www.stsebastiansliverpool.co.uk). Please refer to these dates when booking holidays | trips | celebrations, as absence during term-time will not be authorised.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A reminder that our Christmas Fayre will take place on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, (3.30pm – 5.00pm)**, with tombola's, raffles, crafts, festive treats and even a visit from Father Christmas. Fun for all the family.

Please note that the event will be **cash only**. We hope our families can join us for a wonderful afternoon of Christmas fun and help support our school community.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & EXTENDED SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL

Just a gentle reminder to all parents that there are **NO** extra-curricular clubs for children next week.

Also, **extended school after-school club finishes on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Please make appropriate arrangements to collect your children at home time each day.

## END OF TERM: FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

School will finish at **1.15pm** on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, to start their Christmas holidays. Please make appropriate arrangements to collect your child on time as there is no after-school club service available.



## 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.**

### OUR PTA

A big thank you to our newly established PTA for organising their first event 'Breakfast with Santa'. Over two days, our children started their day filled with excitement as Father Christmas & Mrs Claus joined us to share the festive spirit. We are so grateful for the PTA's hard work in creating such a special experience for our school community.

### NURSERY, RECEPTION, Y1 & Y2

This week, our Early Years (Nursery & Reception) and Key Stage 1 (Y1 & Y2) children have brought so much joy and festive cheer to St Sebastian's with their Christmas Concert and EYFS Nativity. It was lovely to witness our children share with our families the true meaning of Christmas and celebrating the birth of Jesus, the greatest gift of all. I loved the singing, the dancing, the narrators, the confidence of our youngest EYFS children who were in their element performing ... I loved it all and I know from all the smiling faces in the audience that our families did too! Extra thank you to all our staff who have worked so hard to prepare the children for these special events.

### OUR CATERING STAFF

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful catering staff, who worked extremely hard and prepared a delicious Christmas dinner for all our children, staff & Governors on Monday! We are grateful for the care & effort that went into making such a lovely experience for all... as the children said, it was *"delicious!"*

### OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

A huge thank you to our wonderful local community for their generous support of our school and families. We have received so many kind donations from SVP, Tesco Old Swan, Rotary, St Sebastian's Craft Club etc to support our Christmas Fayre and help our families during this festive period. Your kindness truly makes a difference to our school community.



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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, we have continued to enjoy our festive learning! The children have been busy counting and matching the correct number of baubles to their numbered Christmas trees. We also proudly performed our Nativity, and the children shone with confidence and joy. We hope you grown-ups loved watching it as much as we loved preparing it!

#### **RECEPTION**

**Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds**

This week, Reception showed that they are dedicated and enthusiastic members of our Early Years by having a fantastic Nativity performance. We are so proud of their confidence and excitement they have had learning their roles. Well done!

#### **YEAR 1**

**Ms Tabone & Ms Chan**

This week Year 1 wowed us all in their Carol Concert. It was lovely to see them perform with such confidence and I especially loved the festive dance moves from the children. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we loved performing!

#### **YEAR 2**

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

Year 2 got into the Christmas spirit by performing so well at the Carol concert. It was lovely for parents to see the children's dedication and confidence towards learning their lines and singing. Well done Year 2!

We continued the festive theme by having Breakfast with Santa in our Christmas jumpers!

#### **YEAR 3**

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

Year 3 are in full festive mode! We loved having breakfast with Santa, attending Mass and wearing our Christmas jumpers to school. We also proudly led the Second Advent assembly, focusing on the theme of Peace. What a joyful and meaningful week!

#### **YEAR 4**

**Mrs Cooney & Ms Bullen**

Year 4 have had a great week. We loved creating a liturgical calendar as part of our Advent topic in RE. We also had a great time designing during our Lunch Box topic in DT. We came up with some interesting designs and explore possible ways of strengthening materials.

#### **YEAR 5**

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

This week, Year 5 have loved making BREAD! The loaves have been adapted: some opted for savoury and some designed bread for users with a sweet tooth! The children measured ingredients, timed the oven and tasted their freshly-baked bread. They followed the recipe well and are excited to bake with their families over Christmas.

#### **YEAR 6**

**Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle**

Year 6 have worked so hard this week on finishing assessments and completing foundation topics! We have loved learning all about Advent, where all our stuff comes from, how to keep the body healthy and our OAA skills! We also did some super extended writes for the Grinch to help him steal Christmas!