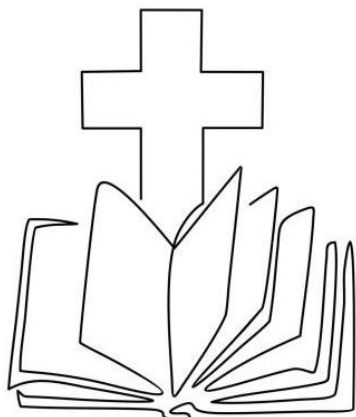




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GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL

LISTEN

to the Word of God

"Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord"

Luke 2: 10 -11

RESPOND

to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ Why do you think the angel said the news was for everyone?
- ♥ What does this tell us about much God loves everyone?
- ♥ How does it feel to know that God loves you just as you are?
- ♥ How can we share God's love with our family and friends this Christmas time?

GO FORTH

with a mission from the Word of God

This week, go forth and...

Share the good news of great joy by showing God's love to everyone you meet this Christmas.

Be kind and welcoming to others, include those who may feel left out, help at home without being asked and use kind words and actions.

Let your choices show that Jesus is born in your heart as you spread joy, peace and love this Christmas!



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	Muhammed
Reception	Nivedya
Year 1	Nelly
Year 2	Remi-Rose
Year 3	Vasisth
Year 4	Hoor
Year 5	James
Year 6	Aziyah

	NAME
	Fatima
	CLASS
	Year 5



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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	91.7%	12	96.0%
Year 1	90.7%	7	93.3%
Year 2	88.1%	7	93.1%
Year 3	88.7%	4	95.6%
Year 4	97.0%	9	96.7%
Year 5	91.6%	8	92.4%
Year 6	94.8%	6	95.2%
Total	91.9%	53	94.6%



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	634	735	725	732



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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!

ADMISSIONS: RECEPTION 2026

Reminder to families applying for Reception places for September 2026.

The closing date for applications is
15TH JANUARY 2026.

Please follow this link to our school website for more information about how to apply.

[RECEPTION 2026](#)



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the joy and peace of Christmas fill your hearts as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

I hope you enjoy the Christmas holidays with your loved ones, spending precious quality time together and creating wonderful memories to cherish.

Look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on Monday 5th January 2026.

This Christmas card has been designed by:
Ebony Low

a year 6 pupil at St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School & Nursery



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 STAFF

As we come to the end of term and prepare for Christmas, I would like to sincerely thank all our staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment to our children. Your support throughout this term, including extra-curricular and community events has been greatly appreciated. Through your care and generosity, you continue to live out our Catholic values and make a positive difference to our school community. Thank you!

OUR FAMILIES

Thank you to all our families for your continued support and generosity. Your involvement in school events, fundraising activities and all the many other ways you support our children and school community is so appreciated. Working together, we are able to enrich our children's experiences and strengthen our school family.

OUR CHILDREN

A big thank you to all our children for their hard work, enthusiasm and positive attitudes throughout this term. I am incredibly proud of the way you have lived out our school motto in your actions... by trying your best in your learning, being kind and supportive friends, showing great sportsmanship in competitions and events, demonstrating community spirit through fundraising and showing dedication and confidence in your performances and productions.

The last two weeks of Christmas performances have epitomised how hard you have worked. You have certainly brought Christmas spirit to St Sebastian's and made our school a magical place to be!
Well done children, keep it up for next term!



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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

Our Nursery children have had a wonderful time enjoying festive-themed activities again this week. They loved taking part in Christmas yoga, moving their bodies while building balance while doing festive poses. The children also enjoyed sorting Christmas presents by colour and size, developing their early maths and thinking skills in a playful way. We would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas!

RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

Reception have enjoyed celebrating and completing lots of festive activities this week. We have listened to lots of different Christmas themed songs and discussed what we like about them and engaged in festive mindfulness. We have enjoyed making some Christmassy surprises for our grown ups and getting very glittery! We would like to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

YEAR 1

Ms Tabone & Ms Chan

Year 1 really enjoyed our special guests from Alder Hey coming in to teach us about our emotions, how to keep ourselves happy and what to do if we are sad. We continued with our festive spirit whilst watching the Year 6 Christmas production. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms Perez & Ms McKeown

Year 2 had their final music lesson where they performed their song 'Hands, Feet, Heart'. We also finished off our colourful moving pictures in DT, using tricky sliders and pivots! We got into the Christmas spirit this week by painting some stain glass baubles and watching the Year 5 & 6 rehearsal for their production which we enjoyed very much!

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic final week of term, full of Christmas spirit! We proudly led the Christingle Service at church alongside Year 4, had lots of fun at the Christmas Fayre, and thoroughly enjoyed watching the Year 5 and 6 rehearsal for their nativity. It was a wonderful way to end the term!

YEAR 4

Mrs Cooney & Ms Bullen

We have had an amazing final week of our Autumn term. We have been very creative making lots of things including cards, Advent paper chains, Jesse Tree decorations and lots more! We loved watching the Year 5 and 6 rehearsal for their production too!

YEAR 5

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

This week, Year 5 and 6 performed to the school as well as parents and carers, delivering a fantastic performance full of confidence and enthusiasm. They worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of themselves. In English, the class also produced some wonderful Christmas-themed setting descriptions, showing great creativity, imagination, and effort throughout the week - we loved being teleported into a magical snowglobe land!

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

What a fantastic last week of term Year 6 have enjoyed! From countless Christmas crafts and games, recording our final Music performance with some improvisation on the glockenspiels and probably our proudest achievement so far - Christmas With The Crackers! We blew away the school with the dress rehearsal and have never seen more proud faces on children, staff and parents than in our evening performance. A huge thank you to everyone who supported and showed up for our hard work, and a massive well done to Year 5 and Year 6 for putting on a memorable show!