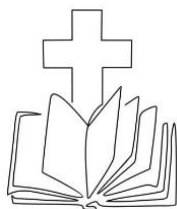




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## GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

# CHANGE & GROW

### LISTEN to the Word of God

#### PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE

Then Jesus told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard and so he went looking for figs on it but found none. So, he said to the gardener, 'Look, for three years now I have come looking for figs on this tree, and I haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it go on using up the soil?'"

But the gardener answered, "Leave it alone, sir, just one more year; I will dig round it and put in some fertiliser. Then if tree bears figs next year, so much the better; if not, then you can have it cut down."

Luke 13: 1- 9

### RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ Why did the gardener ask for more time for the fig tree?
- ♥ What does this Gospel teach us about second chances?

### GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God

**TRY AGAIN** if you make a mistake and ask God to help you grow.

**SHOW GOOD FRUIT** by doing one kind action

**ENCOURAGE** someone else who is finding something difficult



The Wednesday Word is an outreach which shares Sunday's Gospel with all school families in a unique way. [Click here](#) for this week's latest Wednesday Word to discuss with your loved ones at home.

## 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**

### SPRING 2

	St George	St Margaret	St David	St Brigid
Week 1				
Week 2				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	163	141	171	183



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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	Ivy
Reception	Eliana
Year 1	Matthias
Year 2	Milan
Year 3	Maddison S
Year 4	Gabriel
Year 5	Jenson
Year 6	Ebony

	NAME
	Bobby
	CLASS
	Reception

## 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	96.9%	6	95.9%
Year 1	92.3%	7	93.2%
Year 2	96.2%	14	93.5%
Year 3	96.9%	3	96.3%
Year 4	95.0%	9	96.8%
Year 5	93.5%	7	92.3%
Year 6	96.1%	8	95.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95.3%</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>94.8%</b>

SPRING TERM 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							

We know that regular attendance has a direct impact on children's progress, confidence and wellbeing and we are committed to working together to improve this.

To support this, rather than waiting until the end of term to highlight achievement, we recognise 100% attendance of the week! Any child who achieves 100% attendance for the week will be invited to choose a reward from the class attendance prize box. We fully understand that children will sometimes be unwell and must remain at home when necessary. By recognising 100% attendance each week, we hope to provide more achievable milestones for our pupils.



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## TERM DATES 2025 - 2026

Below are important dates for your reference in which children do **NOT** attend school

<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026

<b>BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026

<b>INSET 3 - STAFF TRAINING</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026

<b>INSET 4 - STAFF TRAINING</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026

<b>SUMMER - MAY HALF TERM</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2026

<b>INSET 5 - STAFF TRAINING</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July - 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026

Please ensure you check term dates carefully before booking any holidays as they will not be authorised.

<b><u>TERM DATES 2026 - 2027</u></b>
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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 | carers plenty of notice so you can join in at family events (highlighted in yellow) and support your children whenever possible.

Information regarding specific child attendance, timings & location of events etc will be shared with families privately via school APP ClassDoJo.

Please note that there may be additional activities, workshops, or competitions throughout the term that are not listed here yet, as we are waiting for confirmation of some events.

We aim to keep you updated as soon as new information becomes available.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR - SCHOOL WEBSITE

Date	Year Group	Event
09.03.2026	Nursery - Y6	British Science Week
09.03.2026	Y6	Faith in Action
10.03.2026	Selected Pupils	LDPS Cross-Country Championships - City 1
12.03.2026	Nursery - Y6	British Science Week: Parent Session
13.03.2026	Reception	Mothering Sunday Assembly
16.03.2026	Y6	PGL Residential
16.03.2026	Selected Pupils	City Cross Country Championships
19.03.2026	Selected Pupils	British Gymnastics Championships
19.03.2026	Y5	The Big Money Lesson
23.03.2026	Y6	Faith in Action
24.03.2026	Selected Pupils	LSSP KSI & KS2 Dance Festival
24.03.2026	Y4	Monthly Mass
25.03.2026	Nursery - Y6	World Maths Day
25.03.2026	Y4	Stay & Pray Family Session
26.03.2026	Selected Pupils	City Cross Country Championships
27.03.2026	EYFS	Nursery & Reception Read with Me

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR INFORMATION - SCHOOL WEBSITE

## HOLY COMMUNION WITH YOU ALWAYS PROGRAMME - SCHOOL WEBSITE



MRS J 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.

WORLD BOOK DAY – 05.03.2026

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day at St Sebastian's, bringing this year's theme "Reading for Pleasure" to life through a range of exciting activities.

The day began with our lovely Parent Breakfast: "Read With Me" session. Staff shared how wonderful it was to see so many parents | carers enjoying books alongside their children and helping to nurture a love of reading. Pupils also enjoyed a variety of special events, including "The Great Big Footy and Booky Quiz" for Y4, Y5 & Y6 and a virtual author session with Ben Davis for Y1, featuring his book Postman Planet.

In the afternoon, the whole school gathered for a surprise assembly where our staff performed a dramatic retelling of the much-loved story The Scarecrow's Wedding. The children absolutely loved seeing their teachers step into character and bring the story to life on stage!

We finished the day with a Mystery Reader activity, where one child from each class visited another year group to share a story. It was a wonderful way to celebrate reading together as a whole school community.

A huge thank you to Mrs Rabbette for organising such a fantastic day that truly celebrated the joy of reading!

EX PUPILS: RUBY & PRECIOUS

It was a real pleasure to welcome back ex-pupils Ruby and Precious to St Sebastian's this week as they completed their work experience with us! It is always wonderful to see our past-pupils returning to school and to hear about the journeys they have taken since leaving us. Ruby and Precious have been fantastic role models for our children and offered valuable support to staff across school. We are very proud of them both and have thoroughly enjoyed having them back as part of St Seb's this week!

Y5 & Y6 BEACON PROJECT – FIRE SERVICE

A huge well done to our selected Y5 and Y6 pupils who recently completed the Beacon Project with Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service. Over the past six weeks, the children have taken part in a range of activities designed to build resilience, teamwork and patience. The programme concluded on Monday with a special Passing Out Parade celebration, where pupils proudly showcased everything they had learned about fire safety. As part of the celebration, the children demonstrated their skills by completing a practical fire drill and even carrying out a rescue mission – successfully rescuing Mrs L. McCormick! We are incredibly proud of how our pupils represented the school throughout the project. Well done to everyone involved!



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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

Nursery has had such a busy week, learning about Holi and exploring colourful activities such as dancing with coloured scarfs and marble painting. We also loved celebrating World Book Day- wearing our cosy PJ's and inviting our grown-ups into class to share stories. We loved hearing children share their favourite stories and characters and show such an early love for stories.

#### RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

Reception have had lots of fun this week celebrating a variety of events. We have explored National Careers Week and discussed different jobs and what we might like to be when we grow up. We celebrated International Women's Day, learning about lots of different women and the amazing things they did. We had a fantastic time for World Book Day, enjoying having our grown-ups read with us and wearing our pyjamas. On top of all of this, we've even found time to celebrate our topic Holi, where we've done colourful dances, learnt about how Holi is celebrated and we created colourful blow art pictures.

#### YEAR 1

Ms Tabone, Ms Chan & Ms McKeown

Year 1 has had such a busy week this week. We have loved celebrating World Book Day, National Careers Week AND International Women's Day. We loved having our grown-ups join us on Thursday to read our favourite stories (whilst wearing our cosy pyjamas!) It was lovely to hear about why the children liked each book and celebrate a love for reading.

#### YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms Perez, Mr Morton & Ms McKeown

What a wonderful week of learning Year 2 have had! For National Careers Week, the children considered what jobs they'd like to do when they're older. For International Women's Day, the children discussed what gender equality means. The children loved having their parents in class for a 'Read with me' session, to celebrate World Book Day. The staff entertained the children by acting out 'The Scarecrows' Wedding in assembly, which everyone really enjoyed.

#### YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

We've loved learning about and celebrating National Careers Week, International Women's Day and World Book Day. The children have enjoyed exploring different careers, learning about inspiring women and celebrating their love of reading. A wonderful week full of curiosity, creativity and inspiration!

#### YEAR 4

Ms Bullen

This week, we enjoyed learning about and celebrating National Careers Week, International Women's Day and World Book Day in school!  
The children have created a book sleeve to celebrate World Book Day before celebrating with a story in assembly. Finally, a highlight of our week was learning about the different teeth we have in science!



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### YEAR 5

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

This week, we have learnt about the inequality which still exists in the world in preparation for International Women's Day. The children learnt many amazing facts and we revisited the story of Malala, a young girl who fought hard for girls' rights to an education.

We also looked at fairground rides in DT, researching existing products and mechanisms they use.

Finally, the children looked so cosy in their pyjamas yesterday to celebrate World Book Day!

### YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

Year 6 have had a fantastic week making progress in our SATs practise, with children feeling more confident already! We are so proud of ourselves for leading the Celebration of the Word to the whole school on Monday. We have also had so much fun celebrating World Book Day with our parents in the morning followed by the re-enactment of 'The Scarecrows' Wedding' from staff in the afternoon! We've ended our week celebrating International Women's Day, thinking about gender stereotypes and equality and drawing women that we find inspirational. Alongside this, we did quizzes for Career's Week to see what skills we have for our future jobs!