



GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

LOVE

LISTEN to the Word of God

JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES

"Holy Father, keep them safe by the power of your name... so that they may be one, just as you and I are one."

John 17: 1 - 11

RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ How do you think God shows love when Jesus prays for His disciples?
- ♥ Why do you think Jesus prayed for His disciples instead of helping them in other ways?
- ♥ What does it mean for us to "be one" like Jesus and God are?

GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God

WHEN WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, WE SHOW THE WORLD WHAT GOD'S LOVE LOOKS LIKE.

WEEKLY MISSION

BE ONE

Do one activity together as a family (a walk, a game) and talk about how being united makes love stronger.

PRAY TOGETHER

Spend one minute each day praying for someone you love, just as Jesus prayed for His disciples.



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 MARGARET

ST DAVID

SUMMER 1

	St George	St Margaret	St David	St Brigid
Week 1				
Week 2				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
TOTAL POINTS	456	461	454	473



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	Aadwik
Reception	Jude
Year 1	Havana
Year 2	Ire
Year 3	Hajra
Year 4	Remmy
Year 5	Sophia
Year 6	Year 6

	NAME
	Lenny
	CLASS
	Year 5



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.

WELL DONE YEAR 6!

What a week for our brilliant Year 6! You have all worked incredibly hard to complete your assessments, showing real determination and resilience throughout. I am genuinely proud of the mature attitude you've demonstrated every single day. You continue to live out our school motto: "Only my best will do" and this week, your best has truly shone! Now we look ahead to the exciting transition into Year 7. Keep that same spirit, that same effort and that same belief in yourselves... you're more than ready for what comes next!

KS2 ATHLETICS

A huge well done to our KS2 children who have thrown themselves into athletics sessions with Mr Hardiman this week. Your enthusiasm, teamwork and effort have been brilliant to see. It's been wonderful watching you make the most of our fantastic facilities, using the long-jump pit, running track, hurdles and even the high jump. You've shown real commitment as we prepare for next half-term's athletics competitions. Keep that energy going!



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 had a brilliant week diving into their topic on people who help us. The children explored a range of important jobs in our community and were especially fascinated by dentists, they loved discovering why looking after our teeth matters so much. They also learned about doctors and took part in a hands-on experiment that showed just how essential proper hand washing is for keeping germs away.

RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

Reception have enjoyed their last computing lesson this week. We used the Bluebots to travel across a map of the world and talk about the places that we landed. We've had a fantastic time exploring how the robots work and programming different sequences.

YEAR 1

Ms Tabone, Ms Chan & Ms McKeown

In Year 1 we have been continuing our work on 'Seasons' in Science, yesterday we created our own weather report on a season and performed these to the class. During PE we took part in a Joe Wicks Wellbeing workout which the children really enjoyed - particularly 'Pikachu' jumps. We ended our week with Art, using clay to create our very own sculptures inspired by Antony Gormley's 'Field'.

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms Alderton, Mr Morton & Ms McKeown

In Year 2, the highlight has been continuing their incredible work on African patterns. After weeks of studying shapes, colours, and traditional designs, the children finally carved their own patterns into polystyrene tiles. They showed real focus and creativity, and the results already look fantastic. Everyone is excited to see how the tiles transform next week when they use them to print onto fabric, we're expecting some stunning artwork!

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

Year 3's highlight of the week has been learning new songs about Mother Mary, as May is the Month of Mary, and celebrating all that she does for us. We have also enjoyed practising athletics during our PE lessons. In English, the children have been discussing creative ideas and using exciting vocabulary in preparation for their Big Write next week: a secret diary entry.

YEAR 4

Ms Perez & Ms Bullen

In Year 4 this week, we have been getting creative by building 3D sculptures! It has been exciting to bring our artistic ideas to life using coloured card and plastic. In RE we have enjoyed learning about Mary and how she symbolises new life and hope during Spring time. We enjoyed writing Marian prayers to place at our school Mary shrine.

YEAR 5

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

This week, year 5 wrote special prayers for Mary to celebrate May, the Month of Mary. We said Hail Mary at the statues and we prayed for our own personal intentions. In PE, we have been practising high jump! It has been tricky to begin with but everyone got better and better with practise. In Art, we have been printing using the lino tiles and very special tools, with our designs inspired by the ancient Maya.

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

Year 6 have tried their absolute best during SATs week! We are so relieved that it is over but also so proud of each other for working so hard and showing off what we know! We've had so much fun looking after our wellbeing this week with lots of fresh air, opportunities to talk and mindfulness. We enjoyed athletics practise on Thursday and getting to have a little treat on Friday to celebrate our hard work!



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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	95.7%	3	95.4%
Year 1	94.0%	7	92.9%
Year 2	95.2%	17	93.8%
Year 3	96.9%	4	96.5%
Year 4	97.3%	3	96.8%
Year 5	94.6%	11	92.6%
Year 6	98.7%	2	95.4%
Total	96.1%	47	94.7%

SUMMERTERM 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.

ATTENDANCE & WELFARE PROCEDURES

As shared in our newsletter on 12.02.2026, we have now implemented updated attendance & welfare procedures in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025. These procedures came into effect from the week beginning 27.02.2026 & form part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that every child in our school community is safe, supported & able to thrive.

REPORTING ABSENCE

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please remember that parents and carers must telephone the school office before **9.15am**.

Messages sent via ClassDojo cannot be accepted as notification of absence.

If you leave a voicemail, a member of staff will return your call as part of our safeguarding first-response procedures. This ensures that we have spoken directly with a parent or carer & can confirm the reason for the absence.

If we have not received notification by 9.15am, the school will begin our safeguarding first-response process, which may include follow-up phone calls and, where necessary, a home visit.

WELFARE VISITS AFTER 48 HOURS OF ABSENCE

A member of the Senior Leadership Team will carry out a welfare home visit for any child who has been absent for more than 48 hours, even if the school has already been contacted by the family.

These visits are not a sign of concern or mistrust. They are a proactive safeguarding measure designed to check on your child's wellbeing and to check in with parents & carers to see whether any further support is needed to help your child return to school.

Our Catholic mission calls us to care for the whole child & to walk alongside families, especially during times of difficulty.

Welfare visits help us:

- ✓ ensure every child is safe and accounted for
- ✓ maintain strong, supportive communication between home and school
- ✓ identify any barriers that may be preventing a child from returning to school
- ✓ offer practical help, guidance, or signposting where needed
- ✓ uphold our statutory safeguarding responsibilities ✓

These procedures are not intended to cause worry or inconvenience. They are in place because the safety, wellbeing & flourishing of every child is at the heart of our work.



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TERM DATES 2025 - 2026

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

INSET 3 - STAFF TRAINING
Friday 5 th June 2026

INSET 4 - STAFF TRAINING
Monday 8 th June 2026

SUMMER - MAY HALF TERM
Monday 25 th May - Thursday 4 th June 2026

INSET 5 - STAFF TRAINING
Monday 20 th July 2026

SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 21 st July - 31 st August 2026

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

TERM DATES 2026 - 2027

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
18.05.2026	N-Y6	Walk to School Week
18.05.2026	R & Y1	NHS Careers Workshops
19.05.2026	Y3	Monthly Mass
19.05.2026	R - Y6	CAFOF Big Lent Walk Assembly
19.05.2026	Y1, Y4 & Y6	CAFOD Workshops
20.05.2026	N - Y6	National Numeracy Day
20.05.2026	N - Y6	PTFA AGM Meeting
20.05.2026	R	I:I Parent Carer Meeting (1/2)
21.05.2026	R	I:I Parent Carer Meeting (2/2)
22.05.2026	R-Y6	Mary's Meals Assembly
22.05.2026	Y3	Mary's Meals Workshop
22.05.2026	Y2	Stay & Pray Family Session
09.06.2026	N - Y6	The Great Big Green Week
10.06.2026	Y4 & Y6	NHS Careers Workshops
10.06.2026	Selected Pupils	Liverpool Primary Schools' District Athletics
11.06.2026	Y6	Faith in Action Celebration
13.06.2026	Y4	Y4 First Holy Communion Masses
15.06.2026	N - Y6	National School Sports Week
15.06.2026	Y3 & Y5	LSSP POWER Programme
15.06.2026	Y2	Mary's Meals Workshop
15.06.2026	N & Y2	NHS Careers Workshops
18.06.2026	N - Y6	SAMBA BAMBA Music Workshops (Make Music Day: 21 st)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR INFORMATION - SCHOOL WEBSITE
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HOLY COMMUNION WITH YOU ALWAYS PROGRAMME - SCHOOL WEBSITE
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ST SEBASTIAN'S GOVERNORS

Since the dissolution of the Federation, we are pleased to have established our new Governing Body.

We extend our sincere thanks to [Pat Moloney](#), [Denise Hegarty](#), [Ruth Denson](#) and [Simon Holleran](#), who continue to serve and support our school as Foundation Governors. Their commitment to strengthening and preserving the Catholic character of St Sebastian's is deeply appreciated.

We are also grateful to [Mrs Rabbette](#), our Staff Governor, and to [Jen Powell](#), our Local Authority Governor, whose continued service and expertise provide valuable support to the leadership and strategic direction of the school.

We are delighted to share that [Hannah Meehan](#) has been successful in her application to become a Parent Governor. We are grateful for her generosity of spirit and her commitment to serving our school community during a period of change. Hannah will join [Anna Jones](#) as parent Governor, and together they will bring a valued parental voice to the strategic work of the Governing Body as we continue striving to fulfil our shared vision rooted in Gospel values.

At this time, we would like to extend a special invitation to practising Catholic parents to consider becoming a Foundation Governor on our Governing Body.

This is a meaningful opportunity to share your time, skills and experience in support of our school's mission and Catholic ethos. Governors play a vital role in shaping the strategic direction of the school, supporting leadership, and ensuring the very best outcomes for all our children. Whether your background is in education, finance, HR, law, or you simply have a heart for making a positive difference, your unique gifts could make a real impact.

Becoming a Foundation Governor is a rewarding way to serve our community and support the educational and spiritual development of all pupils at St Sebastian's. If you would like to explore what the role involves, you may find it helpful to learn more about Foundation Governor responsibilities or to express your interest in serving.

If you feel called to contribute in this way, please leave your contact details with the school office and a representative from the Governing Body will be in touch.

PARENT, TEACHER & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

AGM MEETING

20TH MAY 2026: 2.00PM

Following our coffee afternoon and meeting with ParentKind last Friday, St Sebastian's has decided to evolve our PTA (Parent & Teacher Association) into a PTFA - Parents, Teachers & Friends Association. This change allows a wider circle of people to support our school community, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, godparents and family friends.

The PTFA plays a vital role in enriching school life by organising community events and fundraising activities. Every penny raised goes directly towards supporting our children. As St Sebastian's is currently a deficit school with a stretched budget, the additional support from the PTFA helps us provide valuable opportunities such as school trips, playground improvements and extra learning resources.

The PTFA will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 20th May at 2pm.

This meeting will include the election of the new committee, and further details will be shared closer to the date.

If you are interested in supporting our school – no matter how small your contribution – we would love to see you at the meeting. At our last gathering, only three parents were able to attend... and we have 234 children in school. Even a small increase in parent involvement would make a huge difference to what we can achieve together for our children and the wider school community.

All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend and get involved in any way they can.

DFE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

[Year 1 - Phonics Screening Check](#)

Administration for Y1 Phonics Check is within the 1-week period from Monday 8th June 2026.

[Year 2 - Optional Key Stage 1 National Curriculum Tests](#)

The recommended administration period for Y2 Optional KSI Tests is during May 2026.

[Year 4 - Multiplication Tables Check](#)

Administration for Y4 Multiplication Tables Check is within the 2-week period from Monday 1st June 2026.