



GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

COURAGE

LISTEN to the Word of God

The most holy body & blood of the Lord

"I am telling you the truth: if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in yourselves."

John 6: 51 - 58

RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ Jesus' teaching was difficult for people to accept. When have you needed courage to trust God even when something felt confusing or challenging?
- ♥ The crowd argued with Jesus, yet He spoke boldly. When have you needed courage to stand up for what you believe?

GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God

As a family, your mission this week is to show courage by choosing one small action that brings Jesus' life and love into the world.

Speak kindness – Say something kind to someone who needs encouragement.

Stand up for someone – Be brave enough to defend someone who is left out or treated unfairly.

Pray together – Ask Jesus, the living bread, to give your family strength for the week.



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

SUMMER 1

	St George	St Margaret	St David	St Brigid
Week 1				
Week 2				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
TOTAL POINTS	515	522	520	540



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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	Zack
Reception	Rosie
Year 1	Mason
Year 2	Year 2
Year 3	Nathan
Year 4	Isabella
Year 5	Lexi
Year 6	Lyla

	NAME
	Isaac
	CLASS
	Year 1



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 2

A huge well done to our fantastic Y2 pupils, who have been working incredibly hard to complete their Year 2 Optional SATs (End of KSI Assessments). Y2 teachers have been extremely impressed with the children's determination, focus, and positive attitude throughout the entire month. Their effort and resilience have truly shone. Well done!

CONGRATULATIONS MS TABONE

Huge congratulations to Miss Tabone, who will be getting married over the June half-term. We are delighted for her as she celebrates this special moment. When she returns to school, she will do so as **Mrs Langley**.

GOOD LUCK MRS BREWERTON

Warmest good wishes to Mrs Brewerton, who will be beginning her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best as she prepares to welcome her new arrival and we look forward to hearing her wonderful news in the months ahead.



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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, Nursery had a fantastic time celebrating Numeracy Day! The children enjoyed taking part in lots of fun, interactive maths games that helped develop their counting and number recognition skills. We also used the song five speckled frogs to explore the concepts of one more and one less, alongside practising writing numerals

RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

This week Reception have had a wonderful time celebrating Numeracy Day. We listened to the Number Blocks song and then did a nature hunt, by looking for different amounts of objects. We had lots of fun counting them.

YEAR 1

Ms Tabone, Ms Chan & Ms McKeown

Year 1 has had a busy last week of term. We began our week with our last balance ability session - it was lovely to see a growth in confidence in the children's riding skills. We also had 2 exciting visitors this week; a nurse from the NHS talking to us about how to stay healthy and a lady from CAFOD who helped us think about 'How to make the world a better place'. We have also been working so hard on our phonics this week ready for when we return to school after half term!

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms Alderton, Mr Morton & Ms McKeown

This week in RE, Year 2 has been learning about the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. We reflected on the life of St Sebastian and how he showed some of these fruits in his life, by the way he lived. We learned some hymns in preparation for Pentecost. We welcomed our families into class on Friday to 'Stay and Pray' with us. Our theme was thinking about how the month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. We wrote beautiful prayers and drew pictures. Then we placed them beside our school statue of Mary.

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

This week we attended Mass and had special visitors to talk to us about the charity Mary's Meals as well as CAFOD. We also had a great time participating in World Numeracyday where we enjoyed going 'shopping' and calculating how much it would cost us.

YEAR 4

Ms Perez & Ms Bullen

This week we celebrated National Numeracy Day by competing in a TT Rockstars battle. We also used our maths and budgeting skills to organise a Summer Fete for our school. We had a lovely visit from a lady from CAFOD this week to talk about how a better world needs all of us. In English, we have enjoyed writing interesting diaries in the voice of characters from our book The Journey, as well as practicing lots of times tables in preparation for after half term. We can't wait for a fun and restful break!

YEAR 5

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

This week, year 5 have had a great time learning all about angles! It is great to see them grow in confidence using their protractors. In art, we have been printing on fabric, after designing and carving our Mayan print designs on poly tiles!

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

Year 6 have worked so hard this week in completing some creative writing based on an image from Disney's Tangled and a persuasive letter to the Prime Minister about tackling climate change and protecting our planet. We have also had



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The assembly this week for Mary's Meals was so important - we could not believe how many children go hungry every single day! This week, we have also been hard at work practising for the athletics competition which will take place after the half term!

CAFOD come in and work with us on budgeting to support developing countries. We have celebrated the Month of May by creating reflection cards to put by our school's statue of Mary and have continued to pray each day too. We are so excited for half term and coming back for our final six weeks!

ST SEBASTIAN'S GOVERNORS

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES

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.

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.



HAPPY HALF-TERM

Wishing all our children and families a wonderful half-term holiday. We hope you enjoy the sunshine, take time to relax, and make special memories with family and friends. This break is a well-earned chance to rest before we begin what is always one of the most exciting and meaningful parts of the school year.

A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR INSET DAYS ON FRIDAY 5TH JUNE AND MONDAY 8TH JUNE.

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 9TH JUNE FOR THE FINAL HALF TERM OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR.

The weeks ahead are filled with important milestones and memorable experiences. Children will take part in their transition activities, including opportunities to meet their new teachers and prepare for the next stage of their learning journey. We also have a busy programme of athletics competitions, residential visits, class trips, and our much-loved end-of-year assemblies. These events give pupils the chance to celebrate their achievements, build confidence, and create lasting memories with their friends and teachers.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for a positive, joyful end to the school year.



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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	93.1%	2	95.3%
Year 1	95.0%	14	93.0%
Year 2	93.7%	6	93.8%
Year 3	96.2%	3	96.5%
Year 4	98.0%	1	96.9%
Year 5	84.2%	8	92.3%
Year 6	92.9%	4	95.3%
Total	93.3%	38	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
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: 2 nd)
19.06.2026	N - R	EYFS Read with Me Family Session
19.06.2026	Y1	Father Day's: Celebrating Our Male Role Models - Assembly
23.06.2026	N - Y6	National Writing Day
23.06.2026	Y2	Monthly Class Mass
24.06.2026	Selected Pupils	Liverpool & District Catholic Schools Association: Small Inter Athletics
29.06.2026	Selected Pupils	Hucklow Residential
03.07.2026	N - R	EYFS Stay & Play Family Session

EXTRA-CURRICULAR INFORMATION - SCHOOL WEBSITE

HOLY COMMUNION WITH YOU ALWAYS PROGRAMME - SCHOOL WEBSITE