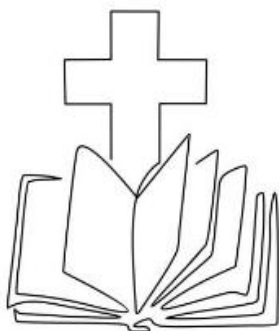




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## GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

# SERVICE

### LISTEN to the Word of God

Those who declare publicly that they belong to me, I will do the same for them before my Father in heaven.

*Matthew 10: 26 – 33*

### RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ When you choose to help, include, or stand up for someone, you are quietly declaring that you belong to Jesus. Your service is your light – and it shines more brightly than you realise.
- ♥ How my actions show I belong to Jesus – Am I living in a way that lets others see God's love through me?
- ♥ Serving quietly and humbly – What good can I do even when nobody notices?
- ♥ Serving at home – What small acts of love can I offer to my family

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

Go and serve with joy.  
 Go and speak with kindness.  
 Go and act with courage.  
 Go and show, through your love,  
 that you belong to Jesus.



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 2

|              | St George | St Margaret | St David | St Brigid |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Week 1       |           |             |          |           |
| Week 2       |           |             |          |           |
| Week 3       |           |             |          |           |
| Week 4       |           |             |          |           |
| Week 5       |           |             |          |           |
| Week 6       |           |             |          |           |
| TOTAL POINTS | 247       | 267         | 249      | 286       |



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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   | Miles            |
| Reception | Rose             |
| Year 1    | Stanley          |
| Year 2    | Jude             |
| Year 3    | Kairo            |
| Year 4    | Alba             |
| Year 5    | Darcie           |
| Year 6    | Oliver CMF       |

|  |        |
|--|--------|
|  | NAME   |
|  | Kian   |
|  | 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.

### THANK YOU STAFF

A massive shout out to our brilliant staff team, who have gone above and beyond this week to keep our school OPEN and running smoothly in the heat. From keeping classrooms cool & comfortable to making sure every child stayed safe and hydrated, your hard work has made all the difference! Thank you!

### CONGRATULATIONS MRS FITCHETT-SABBAGH

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh has announced that she is expecting a baby. Her little one is due to arrive Autumn 2026. We send her all our love and best wishes as she begins this exciting new chapter. We look forward to celebrating with her over the coming months.

### WORLD CUP DAY

What a fantastic day we had on Tuesday as the whole school came together to celebrate World Cup Day. The children took part in a brilliant range of activities, from researching the countries competing in the World Cup to enjoying exciting football workshops. One of the highlights was definitely Beat the Goalie, with the ever-popular Mr Morton bravely taking his place in goal. It was a truly lovely day filled with teamwork, learning and lots of smiles.



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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 have had a wonderful week enjoying the sunshine while learning all about staying safe in the sun. The children loved creating underwater-themed scenery paintings outdoors and took full advantage of the warm weather with plenty of water play to keep cool. We have also been so impressed with their phonics progress, especially their growing confidence in recognising and recalling single sounds

#### RECEPTION

Ms Kilroe & Mrs Reynolds

Reception had a fantastic week learning about our under the sea topic and hunting for sea creatures in the water while keeping cool. They have continued to explore patterns in Mathematics and have made their own patterns using cotton buds and paints. Finally, we cannot forget our wonderful World Cup day, completing a penalty shootout and obstacle course, and designing our own football boots and kits.

#### YEAR 1

Ms Tabone, Ms Chan & Ms McKeown

Year 1 have had such a busy week this week. We used our creativity to think of new characters for a story. I was very impressed with the use of adjectives in our sentences. As part of our World Cup Celebration Day, Year 1 enjoyed penalty shoot-outs and an obstacle course. We loved our World Cup St Sebastian's colouring. During RE this week, the children have enjoyed learning about their local parish and we designed our own church. We were also inspired by the church building and made stained glass windows using tissue paper.

#### YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms Alderton, Mr Morton & Ms McKeown

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in National Writing Week, using a fun Roll the Story dice game to inspire imaginative and creative writing pieces. They also explored the world through atlases, researching facts about the seven continents and creating colourful posters to share with the class. As part of our World Cup Celebration Day, Year 2 showed brilliant teamwork and enthusiasm during penalty shoot-outs and loved taking part in World Flag Top Trumps. We were so proud of how well behaved and engaged the children were when we went to Mass at St Sebastian's on Tuesday morning.

#### YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh & Ms Conway

Our biggest highlight was taking part in World Cup Day. We had an amazing time enjoying a variety of fun, football-themed activities that celebrated teamwork, perseverance and sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see everyone joining in with such enthusiasm and encouraging one another throughout the day. We also celebrated National Writing Day, where the children showed off their creativity and imagination through their writing.

#### YEAR 4

Ms Perez & Ms Bullen

This week Year 4 did all things football on World Cup Day! We took part in an exciting penalty shoot out, World cup quizzes and designing our own kit. It was lovely to see the wide range of teams each individual was supporting! To celebrate National Writing Day, we got creative by writing a story but choosing each other's endings which was lots of fun! A huge well done to Year 4 on completing their MTC check! Results highlighted just how hard they have been working to learn their times tables all year and they should all be very proud.



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## YEAR 5

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

Year 5 had a brilliant week! On Tuesday, we celebrated the World Cup by beating Mr Morton on penalty shoot out and showing off our brilliant teamwork skills against year 6 in several tournaments!

To celebrate National Writing Day, we wrote a narrative all about teleporting forwards and backwards in time, all because we pressed the wrong button on the computer!

To end such a warm week, we had plenty of ice pops and freezies to cool us down, especially on the last day when the children met their new teachers!

## YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

Year 6 have enjoyed this week with the sun so much! We wrote story plots based on front covers of books for National

Writing Day and had some incredibly creative and imaginative stories written! For World Cup Day, Mr Morton hosted a football obstacle course that led into trying to score a goal, followed by a 7-a-side tournament! Mrs L McCormick booked us onto a Transition to Y7 online event which was so helpful for keeping us calm and understanding what to expect in September! We cannot wait to see what next week brings!

## PTFA INFORMATION

### SUPPORT OUR PTFA FOR FREE WITH EASYFUNDRAISING!

Earn cashback for St. Sebastian's Liverpool PTFA

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2 supporters

Start raising free donations today

Join thousands of others raising for good causes



We're excited to let you know that our PTFA has signed up to easyfundraising, a simple way to raise money for our school without asking parents to give up their time, attend extra events or spend any additional money.

When you shop online through easyfundraising, thousands of retailers will donate a percentage of what you spend to our PTFA at no extra cost to you. It only takes a few minutes to sign up and then you can raise funds while doing your normal online shopping.

**From now until 17th July, for every parent who signs up, our PTFA will receive an extra £3 bonus donation.**

If lots of families join, these extra donations will quickly add up and make a real difference to the opportunities and resources we can provide for our children.

Please take a couple of minutes to register and start supporting us today, using the link below:

**ST SEBASTIAN'S EASYFUNDRAISING**

## PTFA : SUPPORT NEEDED

As a school community, we've always strived to foster an environment where teachers and families work together for the success and growth of our children. One of the most important ways we can continue to support our children's education and create a positive school experience is through our Parent Teacher & Friends Association (PTA).

If you are interested or would like to learn more about how you can help our PTFA, please don't hesitate to reach out to school or contact Mrs J Wilson (PTFA Chairperson) directly.

Together, we can make a real difference and continue to build a supportive, vibrant school environment.



## MASS TIMETABLE



We invite you to come, celebrate and grow in faith at our local churches. Please see timetable below... All are invited!

**Saturday (4.30pm) at St Oswald's Church**

**Sunday (9.30am) at St Oswald's Church**

**Sunday (11.00am) at St Sebastian's Church**



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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    | 91.4%             | 2                   | 94.9%              |
| Year 1       | 95.2%             | 11                  | 94.9%              |
| Year 2       | 94.3%             | 8                   | 93.9%              |
| Year 3       | 96.6%             | 4                   | 96.4%              |
| Year 4       | 90.7%             | 3                   | 96.6%              |
| Year 5       | 87.4%             | 9                   | 92.1%              |
| Year 6       | 89.0%             | 4                   | 95.2%              |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>92.1%</b>      | <b>41</b>           | <b>94.9%</b>       |

### SUMMER TERM 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 |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |

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

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

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

| SUMMER HOLIDAYS  |
|--|
| 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.

| <u>TERM DATES 2026 - 2027</u> |
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|-------------------------------|

**PTFA**  
**FREEZY FRIDAY**  
Ice pops for sale on the school playground every Friday!  
Price: 50p (cash only)

## 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   |
|------------|-----------------|---|
| 29.06.2026 | Selected Pupils | KS2 Wellbeing Residential (Hucklow)                 |
| 29.06.2026 | Selected Pupils | Rotary & Choir: Tawd Vale Trip                      |
| 29.06.2026 | Selected Pupils | LDCSA Small Inter Athletics Competition             |
| 01.07.2026 | Y6              | Y7 City Transition Day                              |
| 01.07.2026 | New to R        | New to Reception September 2026 Parent Meeting      |
| 03.07.2026 | N & R           | EYFS Stay & Pray Family Session                     |
| 06.07.2026 | Selected Pupils | LDCSA Athletics Champion of Champions               |
| 07.07.2026 | Y4              | Whole School Holy Communion Mass (R - Y6)           |
| 07.07.2026 | Y3              | Bikeability   |
| 08.07.2026 | Y4              | Bikeability   |
| 08.07.2026 | N - Y6          | EOY I:I Parent Meetings (1/2)                       |
| 09.07.2026 | N - Y6          | Primary Golf Experience Day                         |
| 09.07.2026 | Y3 & Y4         | Bikeability   |
| 09.07.2026 | N - Y6          | EOY I:I Parent Meetings (2/2)                       |
| 10.07.2026 | Y3 & Y4         | Bikeability   |
| 10.07.2026 | New to R        | New to Reception September 2026 Teddy Bear's Picnic |
| 13.07.2026 | Selected Pupils | LP&DCA Athletics Champion of Champions              |

| <u>EXTRA-CURRICULAR INFORMATION - SCHOOL WEBSITE</u> |
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## STAFFING 2026 - 2027

It was absolutely wonderful to hear the screams of excitement across school on this afternoon as the children met their teachers for the 2026-2027 academic year. The buzz, the smiles and the sheer joy in the classrooms were a delight to see. We are so proud of how confidently the children embraced this important step in their journey. Please see below for your reference:

| YEAR GROUP         | STAFF                       |  |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Nursery            | Ms Gould                    | TBC  |
| Reception          | Mrs Feeney                  | Ms K Williams  |
| Year 1             | Mrs Langley & Ms Alderton   | Mrs T Reynolds   |
| Year 2             | Mrs Rabbette                | Ms K McKeown<br>Ms Chan                                    |
| Year 3             | Mr Myles                    | Mr Morton<br>Mrs Oyewale ( <i>maternity</i> )<br>Ms Conway |
| Year 4             | Ms Kaur                     | Ms Case<br>Ms Conway                                       |
| Year 5             | Ms Perez                    | Ms Bullen  |
| Year 6             | Mrs L McCormick & Mr Mosaid | Ms Doyle<br>Mrs Maguire<br>Mrs Xhafa                       |
| Additional Teacher | Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh        |  |

**GOOD BYE AND THANK YOU MS ROZYCKA**

As we approach the end of the school year, we also prepare to say a fond farewell to a much-loved member of our St Sebastian's family. After four wonderful years at St Sebastian's, Ms Rozycka (Ula) will be leaving us this July as she relocates to Cardiff to be closer to her family. This is a significant and heartfelt decision for her, and while we are incredibly sad to see her go, we are also delighted that she will be beginning an exciting new chapter in her life.

During her time with us, Ula has been an exceptional teacher whose warmth, dedication and professionalism have made a lasting impact on our school community. She is highly respected by colleagues, loved by the children and deeply appreciated by families. Her calm manner, her commitment to every child and her unwavering positivity have enriched our school in countless ways.

We are truly grateful for everything Ula has contributed to St Sebastian's. She leaves with our admiration, our thanks and our very best wishes for the future. Cardiff is very lucky to be gaining such a talented and caring teacher... We'll miss you Ula!