



GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

FAITH

LISTEN to the Word of God

"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
Matthew 16:13-19

RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ Jesus and His friends were walking together when He asked them, "Who do people say I am?" The disciples shared lots of different answers they had heard. What do people around me say about Jesus and how does that make me think?
- ♥ Peter stepped forward bravely and said, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." He didn't copy others, he trusted what God had shown him. When do I show my faith bravely like Peter did?

GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God

Jesus asked His friends a very important question: "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered with faith and trust, saying, "You are the Messiah." His belief was strong like a rock, and Jesus told him that this kind of faith would help build His Church.

As you go forth today, think about how your faith can guide your words, your choices and your kindness.



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 DAVID

SUMMER 2

	St George	St Margaret	St David	St Brigid
Week 1		🏆		
Week 2				🏆
Week 3				🏆
Week 4			🏆	
Week 5				
Week 6				



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	Jack
Reception	Inayah
Year 1	Raymon
Year 2	Lexi
Year 3	Max
Year 4	Remmy
Year 5	TJ
Year 6	Mischa

	NAME
	Lucas
	CLASS
	Year 5

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	93.0%	2	94.9%
Year 1	95.7%	14	95.0%
Year 2	94.7%	16	93.9%
Year 3	99.7%	4	96.5%
Year 4	95.3%	3	96.6%
Year 5	91.3%	12	92.1%
Year 6	97.4%	4	95.3%
Total	95.3%	55	94.9%

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.



**MRS J MCCORMICK'S
HEADTEACHER 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.

HUCKLOW WELLBEING RESIDENTIAL

Despite the last-minute hiccup on the way home, with the coach breaking down by Lidl, Edge Lane, our KS2 children have had the most wonderful week on their wellbeing residential to Hucklow! Staff have shared that it has been a jam-packed week, with children spending their days outdoors at the Nightingale Centre and enjoying lots of activities | days out that have helped them switch off from technology, enjoy the Derbyshire countryside & simply be children, playing with each other! They embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, built new friendships & grew in confidence & independence. I hope families enjoy having their children back home this weekend & hearing all the stories from their adventures this week. A huge thank you to Mrs L McCormick, Ms Clarke & Mr Fitzpatrick for accompanying the children & giving their time, care & energy to make the week so special; their warmth & encouragement helped create memories the children will carry with them for a very long time.

Y3 - Y6 ATHLETES

Our Y3-Y6 athletes were outstanding at Monday's LDCSA Small Inter Athletics Competition, achieving multiple first-place positions & securing victories in both the boys' (228 points) and girls' (166 points) competitions. The atmosphere was fantastic, with all their hard work & practice shining through. Today, during our Celebration of the Week assembly, our whole school celebrated them with a huge round of applause. It was such a wonderful moment that showed how proud our children are of one another & what brilliant role models our athletes have become.

Huge thank you to Mr Hardiman for giving up his time to coach our children and to Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mr Morton & all our staff who work tirelessly to prepare them, as well as everyone who supported the running of the event, which St Sebastian's proudly organised. Their sportsmanship, kindness & commitment truly embodied our motto: "Only my best will do; be kind to one another."

We are thrilled that 26 children have now qualified for the Champion of Champions on 6th July, competing against the best from Liverpool Catholic Schools

We are so proud of them all!

NEW TO RECEPTION 2026

It was lovely to welcome our new Reception 2026 parents and carers into school on Wednesday for our information meeting. This was a great opportunity for Mrs Feeney and Ms Williams to meet families, share key information about St Sebastian's and outline the transition arrangements as we prepare to welcome the children in September.

Our Reception team have also been busy carrying out setting visits for children who will be joining St Sebastian's for the first time. It has been wonderful for staff to visit children in their current nursery settings and speak with key workers to ensure a thorough and supportive handover.

We are very much looking forward to meeting all our soon-to-be Reception children next Friday, 10th July, for our Teddy Bear's Picnic. It promises to be a special moment as the children begin their journey with us.

EYFS & Y1 STAY & PLAY

It was wonderful to welcome families back into school this week. After last week's high temperatures, our Year 1 Stay & Play finally went ahead! Families joined their children for a lovely prayer and liturgy, focusing on our Gospel Value, which made the session feel especially meaningful.

We were also delighted to welcome our Reception families for Stay & Pray. The children shared their reflections so beautifully.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped create such a joyful atmosphere.



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026

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 lovely week, exploring their new topic "Summer". We observed the changes in our outdoor environment and sorted clothes we would wear in winter or clothes we would wear in summer. In RE we have continued to look at how Jesus was a good friend to his disciples and thought of some lovely ideas of what makes a good friend! We ended our week playing team-games outside with some of our grown-ups at our stay and play.

RECEPTION

Ms Kilroe & Mrs Reynolds

Reception class had a wonderful week of learning! In Mathematics we have moved onto counting forwards and backwards, using number tracks and dice to help our counting. In Literacy, the children have been enjoying writing their story based on 'The storm whale'. Finally, we have been working on our 'All about me' books to prepare for Year 1!

YEAR 1

Ms Tabone, Ms Chan & Ms McKeown

Year 1 have had a lovely week. In English, we have begun thinking about our own recipes for a cake for an animal from our story The Last Wolf. The children thought of some disgusting things to put into their mixture, crunchy worms were a firm favourite! Continuing with the food theme, in DT we thought about all of the things we could bring on a Teddy Bear's picnic and also thinking about which animal some of the food comes from. We ended our week with a lovely Stay and Pray session with our parents.

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms Alderton, Mr Morton & Ms McKeown

This half term Year 2 has been reading 'Rosie Revere, Engineer'. The children have begun to write a plan for an explanation text about their own invention design. We are excited to see what inventions the children write about! In RE, the children have been reflecting on how communities can be transformed if people act as good neighbours. They have learned about the work of CAFOD and the difference they make to many people. The children were sad to say goodbye to Miss Walker who has completed her teaching placement with us. We wish her well as she begins her career as a newly qualified teacher.

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh & Ms Conway

This week, we have really enjoyed starting our new PE topic, cricket. We have loved learning the basic skills and are excited to continue developing our skills. As the end of the school year approaches, we have been spending time talking about our exciting move to Year 4. We have reflected on everything we have achieved this year and are looking forward to the new challenges, opportunities and adventures that next year will bring.

YEAR 4

Ms Perez & Ms Bullen

This week in Year 4 we have been investigating what the best materials for a torch would be in DT, and are excited to make our own torches over the next 2 lessons. In Geography, we researched the volcanic eruption in La Palma that happened in 2021, and created newspaper articles to describe the event. We have also begun preparing for our Holy Communion Mass, and look forward to the service next week as well as our celebration afterwards.



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YEAR 5

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

This week has been fantastic! On Monday, some children in our class had the opportunity to visit Tawd Vale and take part in brilliant activities like archery and the cave bus – an all round wonderful time surrounded by nature. We had some lovely feedback from staff about the children's knowledge of their recent RE topic, freedom and responsibility, and how we can use God's rules to live better and look after each other in school. Of course, the week was also full of athletics practice for our superstar athletes, who are ready to tackle the next competition next week (and win!).

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

Year 6 have had a busy week, with some of our class qualifying for Champions in Athletics, the whole class attending our new schools for September on Transition Day and beginning to prepare for our leaver's mass and assembly! We have had a lot of time to reflect on our St Sebastian's journey and cannot wait for you to see what we have in store! We have had so much fun still completing our learning in the mornings with our final Other Faith topic in RE beginning and creating our dream Eco Home for Geography! We cannot wait to continue to work hard and celebrate ourselves.

PTFA INFORMATION

SUPPORT OUR PTFA FOR FREE WITH EASYFUNDRAISING!

Earn cashback for St. Sebastian's Liverpool PTFA
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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.



PRELOVED UNIFORM – SWOP SHOP

Our PTFA are delighted to be organising a Pre-Loved Uniform Swap Shop to support families in preparing for the 2026-2027 academic year. We hope to run this during the week beginning Monday 13th July 2026.

We kindly invite parents and carers to donate any **nearly-new, good-condition** uniform items that their child has outgrown. All donated items must be freshly washed before being sent into school.

Once donations have been collected and sorted, we will allocate a specific afternoon during WB 13.07.2026 for families to come into school and choose uniform items for the new school year.

This is a wonderful opportunity to recycle good-quality uniform, support one another, and reduce waste.



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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 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.

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

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.

<u>SCHOOL CALENDAR - SCHOOL WEBSITE</u>		
Date	Year Group	Event
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	Y2	PHSE Workshop: Resilience
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
14.07.2026	Y6	Y6 Leaver's Mass
15.07.2026	Selected Pupils	Rotary & Choir Athletics Trip
15.07.2026	Y6	PHSE Workshop: Transition Feelings
16.07.2026	Y6	Y6 Leaver's Assembly
17.07.2026	N - Y6	End of Term: 1.15pm collection

<u>EXTRA-CURRICULAR INFORMATION - SCHOOL WEBSITE</u>
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