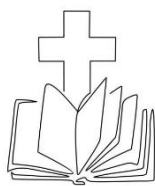




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GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

MISSION: KINDNESS

LISTEN to the Word of God

"Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light."

Matthew 11:25-30

RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ This passage reminds us that Jesus meets us with gentleness, kindness, and compassion and sends us out to share that same kindness with others. How can you show kindness as part of your mission to follow Jesus?
- ♥ Jesus says God reveals Himself to the "unlearned"; Where do you notice God in everyday, ordinary moments?

GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God

Jesus reminds us that when life feels heavy, He is gentle, humble and ready to give us rest. He invites us to come close to Him and then sends us out to share His kindness with others. As you go forth today, think about how you can carry Jesus' kindness into your home, your friendships, and your community.

Go with gentle hearts. Go with kind words.

Go with helping hands.

Go and share Jesus' kindness wherever you are.

Go and make someone's load lighter today.



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				



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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	Bethlehem
Reception	Bobby
Year 1	Amara
Year 2	Jayadeep
Year 3	Harry
Year 4	Varshith
Year 5	Teddy
Year 6	Ebony

	NAME
	Valentina
	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	91.7%	2	94.8%
Year 1	96.7%	8	95.0%
Year 2	92.0%	13	93.8%
Year 3	99.0%	4	96.5%
Year 4	95.3%	4	96.6%
Year 5	89.0%	6	92.0%
Year 6	95.2%	3	95.3%
Total	94.1%	40	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.

Y4 HOLY COMMUNION – WHOLE SCHOOL

What a joyful celebration we shared together this week as our whole school community gathered for the Y4 Holy Communion Mass. Led so beautifully by our Y4 children, it was wonderful to have pupils, staff, parents, parishioners and governors gathered together for this special celebration. We received so many compliments about our children's behaviour which was exemplary throughout, with every class joining confidently in the responses. The children's singing was truly uplifting, especially our closing hymn, "Sing It in the Valleys". A big thank you to Ms Perez and Ms Bullen for preparing our children and extra thanks to Father Liam for leading us. It was also lovely to hear how much Y4 enjoyed their celebration afternoon at Hollywood Bowl – a well-deserved treat after their wonderful efforts.

Y3 – Y4 BIKE ABILITY

Well done to our Y3 and Y4 children who took part in their Bikeability sessions this week, focusing on essential road-safety skills. The instructors were incredibly impressed with how sensibly and confidently the children approached each activity, from practising safe starts and stops to learning how to navigate junctions and signals. It was fantastic to see their independence growing as they applied what they had learned out on the KS2 playground and, for some groups, on quiet Holly Road. A huge thank you to the Bikeability team for delivering such high-quality training and to staff for supporting the sessions so smoothly.

NEW TO RECEPTION 2026

What a wonderful time we had with our New-to-Reception 2026 children at our Teddy Bears' Picnic in the woodland this afternoon. The children loved exploring the woodland during our teddy bear hunt, listening to a story together and proudly showing the teddies they had brought from home. It was a joy for Mrs Feeney & Ms Williams to meet them properly, see their confidence growing and watch them begin to form those first early friendships. We are already so excited to welcome them into school in September as they begin their St Sebastian's journey.

LDCSA CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Well done to our KS2 children who took part in the Catholic Schools Champion of Champions Athletics on Monday afternoon. They performed brilliantly and showed great determination while competing against some of the most talented children across the city. A fantastic achievement and something they should feel very proud of.

END OF YEAR PARENT MEETINGS

Thank you to all our families who came along to our end-of-year parent meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many parents in school, taking time to look through children's books and share thoughtful conversations with staff about progress, achievements and next steps. Staff commented on how positive and purposeful the atmosphere was across both evenings. These meetings are such an important part of celebrating the children's hard work and recognising just how much they have grown throughout the year. A big thank you to our dedicated staff for preparing detailed reports and giving each family the time and care they deserve.



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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 fantastic week showing just how ready they are for Reception, especially with their brilliant progress in phonics. The children have been confidently recognising sounds, blending with growing independence, and showing real pride in their learning. Their enthusiasm and focus during phonics sessions has been wonderful to see.

RECEPTION

Ms Kilroe & Mrs Reynolds

Reception have loved linking their learning to our story focus, The Storm Whale, by creating paper-plate whales using paint, collage materials, and lots of imagination. They also enjoyed an exciting outdoor golf experience, practising aiming, control, and teamwork while having plenty of fun in the sunshine.

YEAR 1

Mrs Langley, Ms Chan & Ms McKeown

What another busy week we have had filled with exciting activities and lots of work. I was so proud of the children during our visit to Church on Tuesday to celebrate Year 4 making their First Holy Communion. On Thursday we had a special visitor in school who worked with the children on their Golf skills. It was lovely to see the children celebrating each other's 'Hole in One'. I hope you are all as proud of your children in their reports as I am! Well done for another great week Year 1! I can't believe we only have one week left together.

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms Alderton, Mr Morton & Ms McKeown

Year 2 has enjoyed another busy week of activities. In RE, the children learnt about the importance of Shabbat for Jewish people. They participated in a Mass with the whole school at St Sebastian's Church on Tuesday. Fr Liam gave the children a tour of the church afterwards which was very special. The children loved their golf session with Coach Stu on the Astro yesterday. Thank you to all the parents who attended the end of year parent meetings. We are proud of all the children's achievements this academic year. Well done Year 2!

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh & Ms Conway

This week has been filled with lots of fun and exciting activities! We thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Bikeability, where we developed our cycling skills and learned how to stay safe and confident on our bikes. We also had a fantastic golf experience session with a specialist coach. We loved learning new skills, trying different challenges and discovering more about the sport. As we head into our final week together in Year 3, we are looking forward to making more special memories, celebrating all that we have achieved this year and enjoying our last few days together before summer holidays!

YEAR 4

Ms Perez & Ms Bullen

We have had a really memorable week in Year 4. On Tuesday we had our Holy Communion Mass at St Sebastian's Church, and it was lovely to have the whole school community there with us. We then celebrated our hard work and dedication at Hollywood Bowl, it was a fun-filled afternoon of bowling and ice cream. We have also really enjoyed taking part in Bikeability sessions, developing our cycling skills with some of us riding a bike for the very first time! We finished off our week with an exciting Golf Day experience in the sunshine, showcasing some talented golfers in Year 4. We look forward to our last week together, before a long and restful summer!



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YEAR 5

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

What a wonderful week we have had in year 5! A real highlight has been the golf workshop on the astro, where all the children were able to enjoy the afternoon learning some very interesting new skills. In maths, we had fun using scales, measuring jugs and metre sticks to help us understand metric units, looking at the things all in our class that we can measure and weigh! The class absolutely loved learning about our other faith topic (Sikhism) and were able to identify so many links between the Christian faith and Sikh beliefs - clever clogs! Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended parents evening; it was a pleasure to celebrate our children. We are looking forward to next week and all the special events which await us!

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

It's been a truly memorable week in Year 6 - our leavers' assembly and mass rehearsals are now in full swing and we are incredibly proud of everything the children have created and cannot wait to share it with everyone next week. In RE, we've been finishing our Sikhism topic which helped us recognise the beautiful similarities between different faiths and how we care for one another and our world. We also held our final parents' evening; Miss Kaur is so grateful to everyone who attended and for the meaningful conversations. A sunny golf workshop added plenty of fun to the week too and even revealed a few hidden talents! We're feeling all the emotions as we head into the final week of Year 6, but mostly excitement to spend this special time together. Bring it on!

PTFA INFORMATION

SUPPORT OUR PTFA FOR FREE WITH EASYFUNDRAISING!

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Join thousands of others raising for good causes

We're excited to let you know that our PTFA has signed up to easy fundraising, 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 easy fundraising, 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

THURSDAY 16TH JULY 2026

(1.30PM ONWARDS)

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 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. Families are welcome to come into school on Thursday afternoon 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
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	PTFA Uniform Swop Shop
17.07.2026	N - Y6	End of Term: 1.15pm collection

<u>EXTRA-CURRICULAR INFORMATION - SCHOOL WEBSITE</u>
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EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS
There will be **NO** extra-curricular clubs next week.

EXTENDED SCHOOL: AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB
After-School Club finishes on Thursday 16th July.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR
School closes at 1.15pm on Friday 17th July.
ALL children must be collected at 1.15pm.

7th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Update on Service Charges from 1st September 2026

As part of our annual review, Governors routinely assess the costings of services provided by the school. While it is standard practice to undertake this review each year, we have always remained committed to minimising the financial impact on our families wherever possible.

However, we are currently in a position where the existing service costings are no longer self-financing and are not sustainable going forward. This is due to increases in staffing and resource costs, which have continued to rise. In light of this, we will be implementing changes to the pricing of a number of services, effective from **1st September 2026**.

In accordance with our Charging and Remissions Policy, we are providing families with over a month's notice of these changes. The revised charges will be as follows:

PRIMARY SCHOOL SERVICES		
Service	Current Cost	Cost From 1st September 2026
School Dinner	£2.20 per child / per day	£2.50 per child / per day
Milk (school pay 22p per carton)	£10.00 per child / per year	£14.00 per child / per year
Extended Schools: Breakfast Club	£2.50 per child / per session	£3.00 per child / per session
Extended Schools: After-School Club	£4.70 per child / per session	£7.00 per child / per session
	£4.30 per sibling	No sibling discounted rate

We understand that any cost increases may be difficult and this decision has not been made lightly. Our priority remains delivering a safe, nurturing and enriching environment for every child across St Sebastian's. These changes are vital to ensure we can continue to operate our services sustainably.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards,

Mrs J McCormick

Headteacher

St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School & Nursery | Field of Dreams Day Nursery

On behalf of St Sebastian's Governing Body