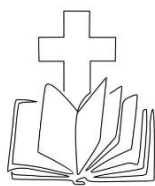




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GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

MISSION: LOVE

LISTEN to the Word of God

"Once there was a man who went out to sow corn. As he scattered the seed in the field, some of it fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some of it fell on rocky ground, where there was little soil. The seeds soon sprouted, because the soil wasn't deep. But when the sun came up, it burnt the young plants; and because the roots had not grown deep enough, the plants soon dried up. Some of the seed fell among thorn bushes, which grew up and choked the plants. But some seeds fell in good soil, and the plants produced corn; some produced 100 grains, others sixty, and others thirty."

And Jesus concluded, "Listen, then, if you have ears!"

Matthew 13: 1 - 9

RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ Jesus tells us that God's love is like a seed. He scatters it generously, hoping it will grow in our hearts. The way we choose to live each day determines how that seed grows and how we share God's love with others. Jesus tells us that seeds grow best in good soil.
- ♥ Sometimes our hearts can become distracted like the rocky or thorny ground. We might become impatient, selfish or forget to care for others. But every new day gives us another chance to prepare our hearts to receive God's love.

GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God

This week, reflect on how you have shared God's love this week and thank Him for helping your faith grow. Think about one way you can continue spreading love at home over the summer holidays.



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 GEORGE

ST BRIGID

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	All of Nursery!
Reception	All of Reception!
Year 1	All of Year 1!
Year 2	All of Year 2!
Year 3	Amani
Year 4	Nancy
Year 5	All of Year 5!
Year 6	Ikenna

	NAME		
	Angel	Harry	Nancy
	CLASS		
	Y1	Y3	Y4

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	91.3%	3	94.7%
Year 1	91.7%	4	94.9%
Year 2	89.0%	14	93.7%
Year 3	99.3%	4	96.6%
Year 4	95.3%	6	96.5%
Year 5	95.8%	12	92.1%
Year 6	94.8%	4	95.3%
Total	93.8%	47	94.8%

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.



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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.

THANK YOU, FAMILIES

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all our families for your continued support. It's been a year full of growth, learning and special memories. I am so proud of everything our children have achieved and look forward to seeing what the next chapter brings. May God continue to guide and bless each of our children as they move forward in their learning journey. Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful summer, enjoying quality time with your family and friends

THANK YOU, STAFF

Thank you to everyone in school who work so professionally, tirelessly and compassionately for everyone in our school community. I am humbled to work amongst you and to see the love, care, expertise, commitment and dedication you display each and every day. St. Sebastian's is a truly special community and it is a privilege for me to serve you.

100% ATTENDANCE

On Friday morning, the whole school gathered together to celebrate an important achievement – attendance! We were thrilled to recognise and applaud the 68 children from Reception to Year 6 who achieved 100% attendance for the summer term. Even more impressively, 17 children maintained 100% attendance for the entire school year, from 2nd September 2025 to 17th July 2026. Such an incredible accomplishment! The nationally expected attendance level is 97% and above, and our school is committed to exceeding this. We monitor attendance and punctuality daily and continue to work together as a whole school community to support our children in aiming for 100% attendance. Our goal for the 2026/2027 academic year is for every class to meet or exceed the national attendance target. Let's keep showing up, supporting one another, and striving for excellence!

PTFA

A huge thank you to our PTFA, who have worked tirelessly this year to support our school. Since re-establishing, they've been proactive in raising much-needed funds, organising Freezy Friday's, Thursday's Pre-Loved Uniform Swap Shop & generously donating £40 to every class from Nursery to Year 6 for end-of-year celebrations. As we look ahead, the PTFA have lots of exciting activities planned and big aspirations for enrichment opportunities for our children. We warmly encourage parents and carers to support the PTFA next year, whether by volunteering, attending events or getting involved in small ways that make a big difference.

CITY & DISTRICT CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Well done to our KS2 children who took part in the City 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. Our boys team came 1st & our girls team came 4th! A fantastic achievement and something they should feel very proud of.

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK YEAR 6

It's hard to believe this day is here – our wonderful Year 6s getting ready to leave St Sebastian's and begin a brand-new chapter in their lives at secondary school! Every year group is special, but there's something about this one... the heart, the humour, the friendships, the characters – Y6, you have brought so much life, joy and personality into this school. Over your time at St Sebs, you've made unforgettable memories – from the performances, competitions, workshops, projects, residential. Throughout the years, you have encouraged each other through challenges, shared laughs and learned how to be brave and independent. Your fantastic SATs results epitomises your love of learning and following our school motto "Only My Best Will Do".

As you move forward, remember this: You'll always be part of this school – part of our St Sebastian's family. Our doors – and our hearts – are always open to you. Keep in touch. Come back and visit. Tell us about your adventures. Let us celebrate with you as you go on to do even greater things. We're proud of you!



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GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK MS ULA ROZYCKA

Today we say a heartfelt thank you to Ms Ula Rozycka, who has brought such warmth, joy and quiet brilliance to our school. She has lived out the Gospel values of love, service and humility in everything she does, placing children at the centre of every decision and consistently going above and beyond for our community.

Ula's kindness, creativity and dedication have touched so many – from her outstanding teaching and subject leadership to the incredible support she has offered our EAL families, ensuring they feel heard, understood and welcomed. She has grown into a highly skilled, respected professional whose impact has been recognised by inspectors, governors and colleagues alike.

As she moves to Cardiff, we celebrate her achievements, her compassion, her curiosity and her many wonderful quirks that have made her such a cherished member of staff. Thank you, Ula, for everything you have given to St Sebastian's. You leave behind a legacy of excellence, kindness and quiet strength, and you will be deeply missed.

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK FIELD OF DREAMS STAFF

As part of the consultation process, we will be saying goodbye to five much-loved members of staff, several of whom have been with us for many years and have shaped the care we provide.

- Sarah Duggan
- Kate Goulding
- Alison Rainford
- Adele Wilding
- Claudia Joerss

It is never easy to say goodbye to colleagues who have given so much of themselves to our children. Each of these staff members has been part of countless milestones... first steps, first words, first friendships. Each of them has offered comfort, encouragement and joy on a daily basis to our youngest children, and for that, we are so thankful. Their impact will be felt long after they leave and we are truly grateful for everything they have brought to our community.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We are also delighted to welcome to our St Sebastian's Team in September:

Mr N Mosaid : Deputy Headteacher | Y6 Teacher

Mrs K Feeney : EYFS Lead | Reception Teacher

Ms K Mello : Pastoral Lead

Ms L Gould : Nursery Teacher

Mr G Myles : Y3 Teacher

UPDATE : FIELD OF DREAMS NURSERY

This year has brought many moments of joy, celebration and achievement across our school and early-years provision. It has also brought significant change, particularly for our Field of Dreams families.

A consultation was required because Field of Dreams Nursery could no longer remain financially sustainable as a standalone setting. Without a long-term solution, the nursery would have had to close. This would have left families without a local early-years provision and caused disruption to children's routines, relationships and stability.

The consultation allowed us to:

- Work transparently with families, staff and governors
- Listen carefully to parent views and incorporate them into planning
- Ensure continuity of childcare places for as many children as possible
- Create a sustainable model that protects early-years provision within our community

Throughout the consultation and collaboration process, parent engagement, understanding and trust have been remarkable. Feedback, questions and collaboration shaped the final decision and ensured that the needs of children and families were at the heart of every step. Parents approached every stage with positivity and a shared commitment to doing what is best for the children.

I am delighted to confirm that all children have now been allocated a place at their requested session for September, and prospective parents have been informed of their start dates. We are also thrilled that 50 of the 51 children currently attending Field of Dreams Nursery will be joining St Sebastian's Daycare & Nursery. This is truly wonderful news and ensures strong continuity for our children as they move into the next stage of their early education.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Field of Dreams staff, who have supported families with care, professionalism and compassion throughout this process. Their dedication to the children has been evident every step of the way.

From 7th September, Field of Dreams will formally merge into St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School, becoming **St Sebastian's Daycare**. This decision was driven by one clear purpose: **to ensure that high-quality childcare remains available within our local community.**

Without this merge, Field of Dreams Nursery would have had to close, leaving families without a local early-years setting and disrupting the stability and relationships that matter so deeply to young children. By bringing our provision together, we are safeguarding childcare places, strengthening continuity and ensuring that our children receive the very best possible start to their education.

As we look ahead to September, we do so with optimism, gratitude and a strong sense of community. Thank you for everything you have contributed this year—your encouragement, your partnership and the trust you place in us every day. It is an honour to serve our families, and we look forward to continuing this journey with you.

Wishing you all a restful, safe and happy summer.



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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 we have been celebrating all the fun we have had and all we have learnt!

It's been so amazing to see how all of the nursery have grown and how ready they all are for reception in September. We finished our week with a party, doing lots of dancing and playing fun party games! Have a lovely summer and well-deserved rest everyone!

RECEPTION

Ms Kilroe & Mrs Reynolds

In reception we have had a very busy week! We finished writing our story based on "The Storm Whale". The children have been practising their counting from 1-20, learning through lots of games. We have also explored lots of fun features and facts about our favourite sea creature, a whale! We have also focused on preparing ourselves for Year one!

YEAR 1

Mrs Langley, Ms Chan & Ms McKeown

Wow! What a busy last week we have had in Year 1. We completed our DT unit by making sandwiches for a Teddy Bears Picnic. We thought carefully about what toppings we would like and constructed our delicious sandwiches. We also finished our Instruction writing unit of work in English. We made a cake for the Wolf from our story. We worked very carefully to follow instructions. The cakes were delicious. We loved eating them in the sunshine outside with our Teddy Bears. We hope you have the most amazing Summer and we are so excited to welcome you back in September as the new Year 2!

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms Alderton, Mr Morton & Ms McKeown

What a busy last week of Year 2 we have had. We enjoyed tasting challah bread which Jewish people eat during their Shabbat meal. We learned about Havdalah, the end of Shabbat and made spice boxes that are used when Jewish people pray. In DT, we made our African fruit salads, following the designs we created. They tasted delicious and were a lovely treat to eat in this hot weather. We ended our time together in Year 2 with a class party. Thank you to our PTFA for the donation given so we could have some treats. We are excited for our summer holidays and our transition into the Juniors in September.

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh & Ms Conway

This week, we celebrated all of the wonderful achievements we have made throughout Year 3. We reflected on how much we have grown in confidence, knowledge and independence and were proud of everything we have accomplished together.

To finish the year, we enjoyed a fantastic class party, spending time with our friends, playing games and celebrating a brilliant year filled with happy memories. As we say goodbye to Year 3, we are excited for the adventures that Year 4 will bring. For now, we are all ready for a well-deserved summer holiday!

YEAR 4

Ms Perez & Ms Bullen

This week in Year 4 we used our scientific knowledge of electrical circuits to build torches in DT. It was lovely to work together to create these, and design them using St Sebastian's colour. We also made Volcanos in Geography using bottles and papier-mâché. We were so excited to create a volcanic eruption using baking soda, vinegar, and red food colouring to look like lava!

Finally, we finished our week with a fun class party. What a lovely and creative way to end our time in Year 4!



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YEAR 5

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

The last week of year 5 has been so special! The children worked so hard all year and it was such a wonderful way to celebrate their journey. On Tuesday, we were able to join year 6 in their leavers mass, wishing them the best of luck in their journey as they start their chosen secondary schools in September, knowing that this time next year we will be celebrating our very own class on finishing their journey.

Our highlight was definitely watching a movie and having an ice cream party with sauces, sprinkles and cake!

With it being my last week, I just wanted to reflect on how amazing of a class year 5 truly is.

I am so incredibly proud of every single child; they have amazed me not just with their academic progress but their kindness and how much they have grown as individuals. The world is a very lucky place to have them as their future adults, and I will miss them dearly.

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

Our final week at St Sebastian's has been one we will never forget. We proudly led our Leavers' Mass at church, where every member of Year 6 represented our school beautifully with confidence. Father Liam blessed us with his prayers and best wishes as we prepare to begin our exciting new chapters.

We were also delighted to receive our Faith in Action certificates from Mrs Hegarty and Mrs Casey and are incredibly proud of all that we achieved for our community through this special project. We celebrated our time at St Sebastian's with our Leavers' Assembly for both the school and our families - there was certainly a lot of pride (and a few tears!) radiating around the hall. We ended our final week with a pizza party, personalised colouring books and lots of singing and dancing! Although we are excited for what lies ahead, we will miss St Sebastian's dearly and will always cherish the memories, friendships and opportunities we have been given here.

We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of our 31 Year 6 children. You have made us laugh, smile and beam with pride every single day, and we know that every one of you is destined for greatness. You will always hold a very special place in our hearts and we will miss you more than words can say. Remember, this is not goodbye - it's simply see you later. Have the most beautiful summer, embrace the exciting journey ahead of you, and never forget that Ms Kaur and Ms Doyle are always cheering you on.

With all our love,

Year 6 Team x

PTFA INFORMATION

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.

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.



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

INSET 5 – STAFF TRAINING

Monday 20th July 2026

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 21st July – 31st August 2026

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

TERM DATES 2026 – 2027SCHOOL SERVICES

SERVICE	PRICE
School Dinner	£2.50 per child / per day
Milk <i>(school pay 22p per carton)</i>	£14.00 per child / per year
Extended Schools: Breakfast Club	£3.00 per child / per session
Extended Schools: After-School Club	£7.00 per child / per session
Archdiocese School Levy	£10.00 per family / per year

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
01.09.2026	-	INSET 1 – STAFF TRAINING
02.09.2026	Y1 – Y6	Children return to school
04.09.2026	Y1 – Y6	St Sebastian's Welcome Mass
07.09.2026	N & R	EYFS Phased Transition
10.09.2026	N – Y6	St Sebastian's Mission Day
11.09.2026	Reception	Shared Lunch
14.09.2026	Reception	Statutory Baseline Assessments
15.09.2026	Y3	Welcome Meeting for Parents
15.09.2026	Y1	Welcome Meeting for Parents
16.09.2026	Y4	Welcome Meeting for Parents
17.09.2026	Y5	Welcome Meeting for Parents
17.09.2026	Y2	Welcome Meeting for Parents
17.09.2026	Selected Pupils	Liverpool & District Cross Country
18.09.2026	Y6	Welcome Meeting for Parents
25.09.2026	N – Y6	MacMillian Coffee Morning
25.09.2026	Y6	Stay & Pray – Family Session

We have now added all important events for the 2026-2027 school year to the school website calendar. This includes welcome meetings, mid-year and end-of-year parent meetings, fundraising events, class assemblies, and other key dates.

Please refer to the school website calendar for full details and to stay up to date throughout the year.

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