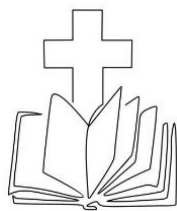




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GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

GENEROSITY

LISTEN to the Word of God

The Workers in the Vineyard

'Listen, friend,' the owner answered one of them, 'I have not cheated you. After all, you agreed to do a day's work for one silver coin. Now take your pay and go home. I want to give this man who was hired last as much as I have given you. Don't I have the right to do as I wish with my own money?

Or are you jealous because I am generous? "

And Jesus concluded, **"So those who are last will be first, and those who are first will be last."**

Matthew 20: 1 - 16

RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ How does this scripture help us understand that God gives to each of us out of love, not comparison?
- ♥ When do we feel jealous, and how can we choose generosity instead?
- ♥ Jesus says "the last will be first"; what does that look like in our family or school community?

GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God

Jesus teaches us that God's generosity is surprising, abundant, and freely given. God's love is not measured or earned. It is shared with everyone.

As your family goes forth this week, think about how you can bring this same spirit of generosity into your home, your friendships and your community.

MISSION CHALLENGE:

What is one generous thing you can choose to do for someone else this 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.



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	Thea
Reception	Zack
Year 1	Olivia
Year 2	Amara
Year 3	Gracie
Year 4	Maya
Year 5	Jamie
Year 6	TJ



NAME

Samuel

CLASS

Year 6

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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

AUTUMN 1

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

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.

STATUTORY CLASSES	Weekly Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)	Attendance to date
Reception	93.3%	5	92.9%
Year 1	95.7%	7	95.1%
Year 2	98.6%	9	98.5%
Year 3	97.6%	10	92.4%
Year 4	94.1%	4	95.2%
Year 5	99.0%	7	97.2%
Year 6	97.0%	18	95.6%
Total	96.5%	60	95.3%

AUTUMN TERM 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.

By recognising 100% attendance each week, we hope to provide more achievable milestones for our pupils.

ATTENDANCE POLICY**SAFE HANDOVER & COLLECTION POLICY****LATE COLLECTION POLICY**



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MRS J MCCORMICK'S **CELEBRATION SHOUT-OUTS**

*Guided by Christ, inspired by St Sebastian:
Only my best will do. Be kind to one another. Amen.*

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 St Sebastian's such a special place.

Y1 – Y6 WELCOME MEETINGS

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who joined us for this week's Welcome Meetings from Year 1 to Year 6.

It was genuinely lovely to see so many of you in school, catching up with familiar faces and welcoming new families into our community.

These meetings are such an important start to the year. They give us the chance to talk together about expectations, daily routines and the curriculum your children will be exploring. More importantly, they help us build those strong, positive relationships that make such a difference to your child's experience in school.

For any parents or carers who were unable to attend, the presentations have been shared via ClassDojo so you can still access all the information discussed.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with staff and support the start of a new school year.

WELL DONE ALBA

A huge shout out to Alba (Y5), who has now officially signed for Everton Football Club! This is such an incredible achievement and we are all bursting with pride. Alba's hard work, commitment and love for football have truly shone through. Seeing her reach this milestone is just wonderful. It's also a moment of real pride for her family, as loyal Evertonian's and for our whole school community. Well done, Alba, we are so proud of you!

KS2 CROSS-COUNTRY ATHLETES

A massive well done to our brilliant KS2 athletes who took part in our first cross-country race of the season at Croxteth Park on Thursday. Despite the muddy conditions, our children ran with such determination, resilience and heart... plus a few soggy socks, muddy legs and huge smiles all round!

What made the event even more special was seeing so many of them beat their positions from last year! Their determination and willingness to keep getting better is certainly something they should be proud of. I was incredibly proud of every single runner. You represented our school beautifully, supporting one another and giving your very best. After Thursday's performance, I'm excited for the season ahead and can't wait to cheer you on at the next race. Well done, keep it up!

KS1 & Y3 PHONICS

A big well done to our KS1 and Year 3 pupils, who were absolute superstars during our ReadWriteInc Phonics consultation on Thursday. As part of our ongoing school development, our consultant visited classrooms, observed phonics sessions and looked closely at children's progress and data.

She was genuinely so impressed with how confidently the children are working, how well they have settled into school routines and the fantastic progress they've made since her last visit. This is a real credit to the children, their teachers and the support they receive at home.

We are incredibly proud of them all. Brilliant effort, everyone!



MASS TIME-TABLE

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

ALL ARE INVITED & WELCOME!

Saturday (4.30pm) at St Oswald's

Sunday (9.30am) at St Oswald's

Sunday (11.00am) at St Sebastian's

Only My Best Will Do. Be Kind To One Another. Amen



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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

St Sebastian's 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!

DAYCARE (9MONTHS – 2 YEARS)

BABY ROOM

Ms Hannah & Mrs Natalie

The Baby Room children have had another fantastic second week back. We have continued to welcome new children into our setting and get to know their families, ensuring a smooth transition for both parents and children. Our babies are becoming increasingly familiar with their new routines and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our outdoor area. They have also engaged in new sensory experiences and created beautiful artwork to take home this week.

TODDLER ROOM

Ms Chloe & Mrs Marilyn

What a wonderful second week back in Toddler Room. Our children have continued to settle beautifully, growing in confidence as they become more familiar with our daily routines and environment. We have been thoroughly enjoying engaging in our indoor and outdoor continuous provision, exploring different areas of learning and developing their interests through play.

EARLY YEARS

NURSERY : PRE-SCHOOL

Ms Gould & Ms Gleeson

Everyone joining our Nursery family for the Autumn Term is now in and settled! It has been wonderful to see how beautifully the children have bonded, made new friendships and begun interacting with one another. They are becoming more confident with our daily routines and are really beginning to make our Learning Loft their own. Seeing how much they already love exploring, playing and learning in their new environment has made us incredibly proud!

RECEPTION

Mrs Feeney & Ms Williams

What a magical week we've had for our first week of full time Reception! We've loved exploring our new surroundings, having lunch together with all our friends, showing off what we already know to our teachers and getting stuck into some of our Autumn topic learning. We've especially enjoyed playing with some of our new gross and fine motor resources, strengthening our bodies and hands to become wonderful writers in future.

KEY STAGE 1

YEAR 1

Ms Alderton, Mrs Langley, Mrs Reynolds

Year 1 have really enjoyed our Science exploration this week, we thought about all of the different parts of our body! In RE, we have been thinking about God's Creation. The children had fun on our walk around school finding all of the beautiful things that God created for us! In Maths, we have begun counting and finding objects up to ten. We have worked so hard this week and we can't wait to see what next week has in store.

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Ms McKeown & Ms Chan

This week, Year 2 has enjoyed exploring a variety of practical resources to make 2-digit numbers. This has helped to strengthen their understanding of tens and ones. The children were also excited to open our new storybook in English and see if their predictions were accurate. They enjoyed listening to 'A River' and looking at the illustrations. The children enjoyed learning all about the Sacrament of Baptism in RE.



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KEY STAGE 2

YEAR 3

Mr Myles, Mr Morton & Ms Conway

What a wonderful week it has been in Year 3! We have packed in so much fantastic learning and the children have approached every challenge with a big smile. In English, we have loved exploring vibrant new vocabulary to make our writing even more exciting. Meanwhile, Maths has been all about mastering 3-digit numbers. We used concrete resources like hundred blocks and Base 10 to help us visualize exactly how these larger numbers are put together. For PE, we focused on developing our agility through some brilliant physical challenges that the children thoroughly enjoyed. To finish off our brilliant week, we dove into the world of Science by exploring different types of rocks and noticing their unique properties. It has been a superb week of growth and discovery, and we are already so excited for next week!

YEAR 4

Ms Kaur & Ms Case

Year 4 have had a brilliant week! We enjoyed getting active on the astro with Mr Hardiman and Mr Morton, taking part in some fantastic running. In RE, we created thoughtful prayers of thanks and blessings which we are so proud of! In Maths we worked incredibly hard on partitioning 4-digit numbers. We have also continued to practise our handwriting with patience and determination. To finish off the week, we had lots of fun getting creative and making colourful collages in Art for our Roman Mosaic topic. We are so excited for next week!

YEAR 5

Ms Perez & Ms Bullen

This week in Year 5, we loved exploring the Vikings in History and had lots of fun using the facts we learned to create our own Viking passports.

In PE, we have been learning a variety of poses during Mindful Movement, using our breathing techniques to help us stay focused and balanced. We have also been testing our sewing skills in Art, practising a range of stitches, including running stitch and back stitch. We have done an excellent job in Maths, tackling place value all the way up to 1,000,000, and we are feeling ready for our next challenge!

YEAR 6

Mrs L McCormick, Mr Mosaid, Ms Doyle & Mrs Maguire

This week in year 6 we have taken on the role of an evacuee from WW2 and identified a whirlwind of emotions in our diary entries in History.

It has been a really active week too, a challenging fitness session in PE on Monday, followed by Mr Hardiman putting us through our paces again on Wednesday on the astro and then some of us representing the school in Cross Country on Thursday!

In RE we have been focusing on how God loves and cares for us all. We have been looking at the words of Isaiah 40:1-5 and how they can guide us in our daily lives. In preparation for Celebration of the Word next week, we have also been planning together with a focus on the Gospel value of generosity.

PUPIL MEDICAL & WELFARE FORMS

We kindly remind all parents and carers to complete the [Pupil Medical and Welfare Form](#) as soon as possible.

These forms ensure we have the most up-to-date information about your child's health, medical needs, allergies, wellbeing support, and any changes that may help us care for them safely and effectively in school.

Keeping this information current is essential so our staff can respond appropriately and ensure every child is fully supported throughout the school day. Your cooperation helps us keep every child safe, supported, and known.

If you need help completing the forms or would like to discuss your child's needs further, please contact the school office.

[Pupil Medical and Welfare Form](#)

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Support Our PTFA
Parent, Teacher and Friends Association

Our PTFA is a friendly group of parents, staff and friends who work together to support our school community. With your help, we can continue to provide extra resources and special experiences for all our children.

- Builds our school community**
Bringing families, staff and friends together.
- Raises vital funds**
Helping to provide extra resources, opportunities and experiences for all our children.
- Supports school events**
From discos and fairs to seasonal celebrations and much more.
- Creates lasting memories**
Enhancing the school experience for every child, from nursery to Year 6.

Many hands make great things happen

We would love you to get involved!
Whether you can give a little time, share your skills or simply support our events, every contribution makes a real difference.

Please speak to the school office for more information about joining our PTFA.

Together for our children

Following on from our Y1 – Y6 welcome meetings, it was lovely to see some parents interested in offering their time and support to help our PTFA, especially with upcoming planned events.

A link will be shared on ClassDoJo | Family for any families who wish to support our PTFA to register their interest.



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St Sebastian's
Catholic Primary School



**Thursday 12th
November 2026
(4.15pm – 5.15pm)**

Come and find out more about our welcoming school,
meet our staff, explore our learning environment
and see our fantastic early years provision.



Please contact the school office
to book your attendance.



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RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2027 - 2028

Reminder to families applying for Reception places for
September 2027.

The closing date for applications is:

15TH JANUARY 2027.

Please follow this link to apply:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>

**PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT ATTENDANCE AT
ST SEBASTIAN'S NURSERY DOES NOT
GUARANTEE OR PROVIDE AUTOMATIC
ADMISSION TO ST SEBASTIAN'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

**APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION PLACES ARE
MADE THROUGH THE USUAL SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS PROCESS.**

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2027 - 2028

For applications to be considered under the Catholic faith
criteria, there is a **requirement for baptism** to take
place by this date also.

Please take prompt action if you wish your child to be
baptised and contact your parish office.

If you are applying for a place at St Sebastian's we ask
that you also complete a **Supplementary Faith
Request Form** which is to be returned to school via
email to:

sebastians-s1@st-sebastians.liverpool.sch.uk or by post:

St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School, Holly Road,
Fairfield, Liverpool L7 0LH

Please give details of your child's baptism on this form
and return to school by the **15th January 2027** for your
application to be ranked correctly.

For those children baptised in St Sebastian's or St
Oswald's church, you should state the approximate date
of baptism and the parish records will be checked. We
require a copy of the baptism certificate if your child was
baptised in another parish.

If you require support completing admission applications
or have any questions, please contact the school office
(Mrs Von-Bargen) on 0151 260 9697 or via the above
email.

YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS 2027 - 2028

A reminder for parents/carers of Y6 children that the
deadline to apply for a Y7 Secondary School place for
your child for September 2027 is

31ST OCTOBER 2026.

Please visit www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions where all the
necessary information is posted and links to apply are
located.

LATE APPLICATIONS

Late applications are less likely to be offered a place at
your preferred schools. National Offer Day:

Year 7 - 2nd March 2027

Reception - 16th April 2027



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TERM DATES 2026 - 2027

Below are important dates for your reference in which children do **NOT** attend St Sebastian's.

INSET 2 – STAFF TRAINING

Friday 23rd October 2026

AUTUMN - OCTOBER HALF TERM

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October 2026

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

INSET 3 – STAFF TRAINING

Monday 4th January 2027

SPRING - FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2027

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Friday 26th March – Friday 2nd April 2027

INSET 4 – STAFF TRAINING

Monday 5th April 2027

MAY DAY

Monday 3rd May 2027

SUMMER – MAY HALF TERM

Monday 24th May – Friday 4th June 2027

INSET 5 – STAFF TRAINING

Friday 25th June 2027

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Thursday 22nd July – Tuesday 31st August 2027

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our aim is to give parents | carers plenty of notice so you can join in at family events and support your children whenever possible.

Therefore, we have updated our school website calendar for the full academic year (as much as reasonably possible), with upcoming activities, workshops, competitions, PTFA events, parent meetings etc.

The only thing we haven't finalised yet is Holy Communion Date!

Information regarding specific child attendance, timings & location of events etc will be shared with families privately via ClassDoJo | FAMILY.

Please note that there may be additional activities, workshops, or competitions throughout the term that are not listed on the website, as we are waiting for confirmation of some events.

We aim to keep you updated as soon as new information becomes available.

Please use the link below to access the school website calendar:

SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR

MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING **FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026**



All families, carers, grandparents and parishioners are warmly invited to join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 25th September**.

Timings and location have been shared on ClassDojo and Family.

Our school mission calls us to support one another, show kindness and work together for the good of our whole community. The Macmillan Coffee Morning is a lovely opportunity to live out these values by offering care to families facing challenging times.

We would be grateful for any donations of cakes for the coffee morning. If you are able to contribute, please bring cakes into school on Thursday. For allergy and safety reasons, we cannot accept homemade cakes. All cakes must be shop-bought and in their original packaging.

All money raised will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Support, helping families affected by cancer.

Thank you always for your continued support.