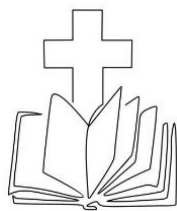




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GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

REPENTANCE

LISTEN to the Word of God

Parable of the Two Sons

There was once a man who had two sons. He went to the elder one and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 'I don't want to,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. 'Yes, sir,' he answered, but he did not go. Which one of the two did what his father wanted?"

Matthew 21: 28 - 32

RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ What did the first son do when his father asked him to help? What made him change his mind?
- ♥ What does Jesus teach us about saying sorry and changing our ways?
- ♥ Have you ever made a wrong choice and then tried to put it right?

GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God

Jesus reminds us that we can always choose to change.

As your family goes forth this week, think about how sometimes we all make mistakes, say the wrong thing or make an unkind choice. Repentance means recognising when we have gone wrong, saying sorry and choosing to do better.

God always welcomes us when we turn back to Him and gives us the chance to begin again.

MISSION CHALLENGE:

What can I change in my words or actions this week to become more like 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.



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	Aria
Reception	Hallie
Year 1	Inayah
Year 2	Daisy
Year 3	Ire
Year 4	Lucas
Year 5	Dominik
Year 6	Chisimdi



NAME

Matilda

CLASS

Year 1

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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	94.3%	6	93.5%
Year 1	95.7%	4	95.3%
Year 2	100%	4	98.9%
Year 3	96.9%	9	93.7%
Year 4	94.8%	1	95.1%
Year 5	94.3%	7	96.4%
Year 6	97.7%	8	96.2%
Total	96.2%	39	95.6%

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.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to all our wonderful families for the fantastic support you showed today for our Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Led by Ms Mello and supported by our PTFA, it was lovely to welcome parents, grandparents and friends into school for a cuppa, some cake and spend time together as a school community, all whilst raising money for such a worthwhile cause.

Thank you, too, for the incredibly generous donations of cakes and biscuits. As a result of your generosity, we were also able to sell cakes at the end of the school day too, helping us to raise even more money for Macmillan. Once we have counted the total amount, we will share the amount raised.

Thank you again for today, your kindness and generosity made the day such a success.

Y4 UKELE SESSIONS

It was lovely to walk past our Y4 classroom today and witness first hand Y4 children's enthusiasm and hard work during their ukulele lesson.

Despite only starting lessons last week, it was great to see the children living out our school motto "only my best will do", giving 100% effort into learning new skills. Well done Y4, keep it up!

Y6 SWIMMING

Well done to our Y6 pupils who finally got to enjoy their swimming lesson on Thursday, after the last two weeks being cancelled. Swimming is an important part of the PE National Curriculum but it is also much more than that. Being able to swim confidently and stay safe around water is an essential life skill that we want all our children to develop. Well done Y6 – hope you're looking forward to next week!

KS2 LCFA BOYS' FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Well done to our boys from Y4 – Y6 who represented St Sebastian's this afternoon in the LCFA Boys' Football League. Feedback from staff was how well you represented our school, showing great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship both on and off the pitch. A brilliant start to this year's football!

HAPPY 50TH BRITHDAY MS MCKEOWN

A very special shout-out this week to Ms McKewon who celebrated her 50th birthday on Wednesday! Ms McKeown is such a valued member of our St Sebastian's family. Kind, caring and always willing to help others, she brings such warmth and a wonderfully nurturing approach to school life. She has a lovely way with our children, making them feel cared for, listened to and encouraged. We are very lucky to have her as part of our team.

We hope you have the most wonderful weekend, celebrating this special milestone.... Ms McKeown, 50 looks fabulous on you!



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

This week in the Baby Room, we've been working on encouraging sharing and strengthening friendships among the children. They've enjoyed small group activities where we've shown them how to take turns, share toys, and play together. It's lovely to see their positive reactions to these experiences as they begin to build confidence in their relationships with both the staff and their peers, helping to create new and lasting connections. Well done, Baby Room!

TODDLER ROOM

Ms Chloe & Mrs Marilyn

This week in Toddler Room, we've been embracing the changing season and beginning to introduce our concept 'Autumn'. The children enjoyed going on a nature walk, observing the changes in our environment and noticing different colours, textures and signs of autumn around us. We collected natural resources such as leaves, sticks and pinecones to bring back into the nursery for further exploration. It's been a fun week, filled with lots of hands-on learning experiences.

EARLY YEARS

NURSERY : PRE-SCHOOL

Ms Gould & Ms Gleeson

This week's highlight has been our RE Branch 1 learning about Creation!

We are so impressed with how much Nursery can recall, especially when answering our question, "What did God create?"

We have loved creating our whole-class collage using different materials and drawing some of the beautiful things God created in our world. We are so proud of you, Nursery!

RECEPTION

Mrs Feeney & Ms Williams

Reception have loved beginning our phonics journey and are picking up new sounds incredibly quickly. They've had great fun trying out different ways to write graphemes and experimenting with different media.

We're also been enjoying our new book "The Friendship Bench" and blown our teachers away with our name writing labels - as well as picking up a few ideas of how to make new friends.

KEY STAGE 1

YEAR 1

Ms Alderton, Mrs Langley, Mrs Reynolds

This week, Year 1 have been busy exploring the past and learning more about our amazing bodies! In History, we created a human timeline to sequence the key events in Florence Nightingale's life, helping us to understand when important events happened. In Science, we built on our learning about body parts by exploring what is inside our bodies. We looked closely at the human skeleton, discussed why our bones are so important and had lots of fun creating our own skeleton models. A fantastic week of hands-on learning in Year 1!

YEAR 2

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

This week Year 2 loved their history lesson about Amelia Earhart. They impressed us with their recall of her achievements and why they were significant. The children have thought carefully about our Gospel value of generosity and shared / demonstrated different ways that they can be generous. They have enjoyed learning a new song during Celebration of the Word: 'Kind like Christ'.



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KEY STAGE 2

YEAR 3

Mr Myles, Mr Morton & Ms Conway

This week in Year 3, we've been working on mastering our place value in Maths and bringing characters to life in English. In Maths, the children have enjoyed comparing numbers up to 1,000 using our mathematical symbols and reasoning skills. Meanwhile, in English, they've been exploring the story of *The Iron Man*, using powerful adjectives and vivid similes to create brilliant descriptions of the giant metal figure. It's lovely to see their positive reactions to these learning experiences as they begin to build confidence in both their mathematical understanding and their creative writing, helping them to make brilliant progress across the curriculum. Well done, Year 3!

YEAR 4

Ms Kaur & Ms Case

What a fantastic week it has been in Year 4! In PE, we continued to develop our skills while showing fantastic resilience and what brilliant team players we can be! We also celebrated International Day of Peace by creating our own peace doves and thinking carefully about this year's theme: 'Invest in peace for everyone, everywhere, every day.' We had some wonderful discussions about the small things we can all do to bring more peace and kindness into our community. In RE, we retold the story of God's Covenant with Abraham, and we were so impressed by how much we could remember and explain! We are so excited to continue our learning next week!

YEAR 5

Ms Perez & Ms Bullen

This week in RE, we have continued to look at Moses and his covenant with God. We did a trust walk activity outside, where one of us was blindfolded and our partner guided us. This helped us imagine how the Israelites felt on their way to freedom when they put their trust in God.

In Art we have been exploring the history of cushions, and have begun to design our own Autumnal themed ones. In English we wrote some imaginative setting descriptions of Mars using fronted adverbials. We look forward to more exciting learning next week!

YEAR 6

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

This week saw the start of our swimming sessions and we were so excited to get started! We have some unbelievable swimmers within our class!

In RE this week, we have continued our topic of Loving and have been exploring the feelings displayed within the Prodigal Son Parable.

Our theme for Celebration of the word this week was Generosity, we also got to share this with some of our parents during our Stay and Pray session and lived this message with the Macmillan Cake Sale on Friday!

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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Catholic Primary School, Nursery & Daycare
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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

COULD YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AS FOUNDATION GOVERNOR?

As we begin this new school year, we would like to extend a special invitation to practising Catholics to consider becoming a Foundation Governor on our School Governing Body. You do not need to be a parent or have previous experience as a governor. We are looking for practising Catholics who care about our school, our children, St Sebastian's community and who would be willing to give up some of their time to support us.

This is a meaningful opportunity to share your time, skills and experience in support of our school's mission and Catholic ethos. Governors play a vital role in shaping the strategic direction of the school, supporting leadership, and ensuring the best outcomes for all our children. If you have a background in education, finance, HR, law or simply a heart for making a positive difference, your unique gifts could make a real impact.

Becoming a Foundation Governor is a rewarding way to serve our community and support the educational and spiritual development of all pupils at St Sebastian's.

If you are a practising Catholic and feel called to contribute in this way, we would love to hear from you. Please contact leave your contact details with the school office and they will be shared with the Governing Body.