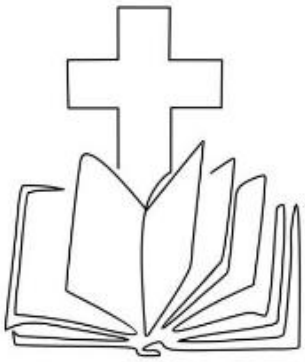
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GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

KINDNESS

LISTEN to the Word of God

The Final Judgement

"The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these members of my family, you did it for me!'

Matthew 25: 31 - 46

RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ *Jesus talks about feeding the hungry, welcoming strangers, and caring for those who are unwell. What are some small, everyday ways we can spot when someone at school or in our community needs a helping hand?*
- ♥ *Jesus says, "Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these members of my family, you did it for me!" How does remembering that Jesus is in every single person change the way we treat classmates who might feel left out, lonely or different?*

GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God

Jesus challenges us in Matthew 25 to see Him in every person we meet, especially those who are struggling, lonely or in need. As you go forth into the week ahead, we invite your family to turn our Gospel value of kindness into simple, practical action:

MISSION CHALLENGE:

Give to Those in Need: Inspired by our Year 6 pupils' work with The Whitechapel Centre, choose one practical way to help people facing hardship locally, whether that's donating an item to a local foodbank, sorting out warm winter clothes to give to charity or praying together as a family for people who don't have a safe place to call home.

THE Wednesday WORD
Good News for Families

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:
"Guided by Christ, inspired by St Sebastian: 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	Percy
Reception	Lucas
Year 1	Zainab
Year 2	Ramon
Year 3	Lily
Year 4	Janelle
Year 5	Kayden
Year 6	Jude



NAME
Cavani
CLASS
Year 6

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HOUSE POINTS

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

AUTUMN 2				
	St George	St Margaret	St David	St Brigid
Week 1				
Week 2				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
Week 7				

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	95.3%	2	94.5%
Year 1	97.0%	11	95.7%
Year 2	94.7%	5	97.8%
Year 3	**97.5%**	10	94.8%
Year 4	95.6%	6	95.6%
Year 5	94.8%	8	96.6%
Year 6	96.7%	14	95.4%
Total	95.9%	56	95.8%

AUTUMN 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							
Week 7							

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

MASS TIME-TABLE

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

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MRS J MCCORMICK'S CELEBRATION SHOUT-OUTS

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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

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

What a fantastic week we have had across the school celebrating Anti-Bullying Week 2026!
We kicked things off on Monday with Odd Socks Day and it was brilliant to see so many bright, mismatched socks on display… a wonderful visual reminder to celebrate what makes each of us unique! Throughout the week, the children have been exploring this year's theme, "Break the Silence," learning the importance of speaking up, listening to one another and choosing kindness every day.
Thank you to all our pupils, staff and families for getting involved and helping to keep our school a safe, welcoming place where everyone belongs.

LFC COMMUNITY COHESION SESSION

A huge shout-out to our Year 6 representatives who spent Friday morning at Anfield Stadium taking part in a special Community Cohesion Workshop hosted by the Liverpool FC Foundation and the Premier League Primary Stars team! Working alongside The Whitechapel Centre, our pupils engaged in interactive activities, discussions and creative challenges exploring the realities of homelessness and how we can best support those in need within our local community. They represented our school brilliantly, showing real empathy, maturity, and a genuine enthusiasm for making a positive difference. Well done, Year 6!



"IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHIRSTMAS…"

DATE	CLASS	TIME	EVENT
01.12.26	R, Y1 & Y2	8.00am – 8.45am	PTFA Breakfast with Santa
01.12.26	Choir | Rotary	11.45am – 2.30pm	Liverpool Pensioners Christmas Dinner
02.12.26	Choir | Rotary	11.45am – 2.30pm	Liverpool Pensioners Christmas Dinner
02.12.26	Daycare – Y6	11.30am – 1.00pm	Christmas Lunch
03.12.26	KS2	8.00am – 8.45am	PTFA Breakfast with Santa
03.12.26	Choir | Rotary	11.45am – 2.30pm	Liverpool Pensioners Christmas Dinner
04.12.26	Daycare – Y6	-	Hanukkah – Festival of Light
04.12.26	Daycare – Y6	-	Fundraising Friday: Christmas Outfit Donation: Bottles
04.12.26	Daycare – Y6	2.30pm – 3.15pm	Learn with Me Family Session
07.12.26	Nursery – Y6	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Musical Monday – Online Concert
08.12.26	Y3	2.30pm – 3.15pm	Advent Christingle Service
08.12.26	R, Y1 & Y2	3.15pm – 4.30pm	PTFA Christmas Bingo
10.12.26	Daycare – Y6	-	Christmas Jumper Day
10.12.26	Choir | Rotary	11.45am – 2.30pm	Liverpool Pensioners Christmas Dinner
10.12.26	Y5 & Y6	12.30pm – 2.30pm	Archdiocese School Advent Service: The Greatest Gift
10.12.26	Daycare – Y4	1.30pm – 3.15pm	Christmas Theatre Performance – A Christmas Carol
10.12.26	KS2	3.30pm – 4.30pm	PTFA Christmas Bingo
11.12.26	Nursery	10.00am – 10.45am	EYFS Nativity (Nursery Families)
11.12.26	Reception	2.00pm – 3.00pm	EYFS Nativity (Reception Families)
11.12.26	Daycare – Y6	-	Christmas Creative Crafts *(including letters & gifts to care homes)*
11.12.26	Daycare – Y6	-	Fundraising Friday: Christmas PJs Donation: £1
14.12.26	Y1 & Y2	2.00pm – 2.45pm	Christmas Carols Sing-A-Long
15.12.26	Y3	10.00am – 10.45am	Y3 Monthly Mass
15.12.26	Y4	2.00pm – 2.45pm	Christmas Around the World Assembly
16.12.26	Y5 & Y6	2.00pm - 3.15pm	Christmas Production
17.12.26	Choir | Rotary	10.30am – 11.30am	Liverpool Library Christmas Carols
17.12.26	-	-	Christmas Hamper Deliveries
18.12.26	Nursery – Y6	10.30am – 11.00am	Festive Farewell & Christmas Prayer
18.12.26	**Daycare – Y6**	**1.15pm**	**DAYCARE | SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS (No wraparound provision)**

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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 having a wonderful time celebrating Baby Week 2026! Our theme is "Chat, Play, Read with Me: Together We Build the Best Start," and it highlights how everyday moments help our little ones learn and grow. We've enjoyed music and rhythm sessions filled with instruments, singing, and dancing, which the children loved. We've also been working on teaching the importance of sharing. It's been great to see our little ones actively sharing and playing together in small groups, really embracing these meaningful interactions with each other. Additionally, our small reading sessions and circle times have encouraged lots of communication, with some of our babies happily repeating their friends' names! It's wonderful to witness these friendships blossoming.

TODDLER ROOM
Ms Chloe & Mrs Marilyn

This week in the Toddler Room, our focus has been on kindness and learning that 'sharing is caring'.
To explore this theme, we read the story 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled', where we explored and discussed friendship, teamwork, and cooperation. We engaged in various sharing and turn-taking games, demonstrating fantastic skills in building friendships and showing kindness to one another.
To finish off our week, we are celebrating 'World Children's Day!' We will be talking about all the things that make us happy and creating self-portraits, using mirrors to observe our features and celebrate everything that makes us unique.

EARLY YEARS

NURSERY : PRE-SCHOOL
Ms Gould & Ms Gleeson

This week, our topic has been all about space! We have been learning all about the planets, the sun, and the moon, and even had fun exploring how astronauts move on the moon.
In Literacy, we created our very own class book, Who Is Hiding?, featuring our photos and practising identifying and writing the initial letters in our names.
In line with our Collective Worship (COTW) and Christian values, we have also been talking about the importance of sharing not just our toys, but our time and our thoughts with one another too!

RECEPTION
Mrs Feeney & Ms Williams

We've had another wonderful week in Reception as the children delved into looking at Space. The children have been learning about the life of astronauts and the names of the planets in our Solar System.
The children have also been showing off their amazing writing skills this week adding CVC labels to characters in our Little Red Hen text.
We've been absolutely bowled over by how the children have begun to learn digraphs (two letters that make one sound, e.g. sh, ch, th) and even implement their new knowledge in their writing.
We're looking forward to our first time sharing the COTW we have planned together with the whole school next week too - wish us luck!

KEY STAGE 1

YEAR 1
Ms Alderton, Mrs Langley & Mrs Reynolds

Year 1 has been working brilliantly and showing off just how much their phonics knowledge has grown since Reception! It has been wonderful to see their confidence shining through in their reading and writing.
In Science, we have been busy continuing to explore the animal kingdom. The children have loved learning about what makes an animal a mammal, fish, reptile, amphibian, or bird, and have put their new knowledge to the test by sorting and grouping different animals into the correct categories.
Keep up the fantastic work, Year 1!

YEAR 2
Mrs Rabbette, Ms McKeown & Ms Chan

Year 2 has enjoyed another busy week of learning and exploring. In DT the children learned how a slider makes a picture move. They then made their own moving picture, using a slider. The children are continuing to enjoy their music lessons and learning our new song for this half term, 'Hands, Feet, Heart'. They have impressed us with their ability to listen to music and appraise it. In RE, the children heard the story of the Annunciation of Zechariah. They were able to recall the story of the Annunciation of Mary that they'd heard about in Year 1. The children recognised that the angel Gabriel was a messenger from God. The children have enjoyed wearing their own clothes to school today. Thank you for all the generous donations of toys, puzzles and books that we received.

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KEY STAGE 2

YEAR 3
Mr Myles, Mr Morton & Ms Conway

We have had another fantastic week of hard work and kindness in class! This week, our Gospel value has been sharing, and it has been wonderful to see the children putting this into practice every day with one another. In Maths, we have taken our column addition and subtraction to the next level by focusing on exchanging, with the children showing brilliant perseverance and accuracy. In English, they have put their creative hats on to write their own 'trap' explanations, using great technical vocabulary to explain how their contraptions work. Beyond the core subjects, the classroom has been filled with music as we enjoyed playing the glockenspiels, and in Geography, we sharpened our map skills by using scale maps of the UK. Well done, everyone, for such a brilliant week!

YEAR 4
Ms Kaur & Ms Case

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 4! In Maths, we started to look at word problems and used our amazing representations from journaling to help us solve them. In English, we planned our Big Writes, inspired by our vehicle text Leaf. We had so much fun in PE completing our fitness re-tests and seeing just how much our skills and fitness have improved over the past few weeks. We also had an exciting sneak peek at our Christmas play and started thinking about which roles we might like to take on! In RE, we have enjoyed learning more about the Prophet Elijah and exploring how he showed great courage and faith in God. Finally, we ended our week by celebrating Fundraising Friday, donating toys and puzzles in support of World Children's Day. We are so proud of everything we have achieved this week and cannot wait for all the excitement next week will bring!

YEAR 5
Ms Perez & Ms Bullen

This week in Year 5, we took a trip back in time to explore how Liverpool has changed over the years. By comparing historical and modern photographs, we spotted key developments and had thoughtful discussions about the positive and negative impacts these changes bring. In Science, we got hands-on with an exciting investigation to test which materials are best at holding water. Meanwhile, in RE, we explored the story of David and Goliath, creating a vibrant banner to celebrate the inner strength David showed to win the battle. To round off a fantastic week, we loved coming to school in our own clothes and generously donating toys and gifts for Fundraising Friday!

YEAR 6
Mrs L McCormick, Mr Mosaid, Ms Doyle & Mrs Maguire

This week has been full of great discussions and new topics! In RE, we launched our new topic on Expectations, reflecting on the goals and standards we set for ourselves both for this school year and throughout our lives. In Geography, we investigated where our school uniforms come from, sorting the different materials into man-made and natural categories. Also, in English, we immersed ourselves in our new text, A Story Like the Wind by Gill Lewis, diving straight into analysing the author's rich vocabulary. During our Faith in Action session this week, we spoke about Advent and how we can help others during Advent. We also made mini calendars that will be sold at the Christmas Fayre at Church to raise money for charity. Again, this week, year 6 have thrown themselves into every lesson and we are so proud of how far they have come.

FUNDRAISAING FRIDAYS FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This Christmas, we want to give something back to our local community and spread a little festive kindness!

Starting Friday 13th November 2026, we will be holding Fundraising Fridays, asking our families to kindly donate items to help us put together as many Christmas hampers as possible for local individuals and families who would benefit from a little extra support this Christmas.



DATE	FUNDRAISING	DONATION
Friday 27th November	Christmas Hair & Accessories	Christmas Chocolates & Biscuits
Friday 4th December	Christmas Outfit	Bottles
Friday 11th December	Christmas PJs	£1



WE NEED YOUR NOMINATIONS!

We would also love our school families to nominate anyone in our local community who they feel would benefit from receiving a Christmas hamper. This could be an individual, an elderly neighbour or a family who may be finding things difficult this year. Please send nominations directly to **Mrs J McCormick via ClassDoJo**, including the following information:

Name of the individual or family including | Who lives in the household, including ages | Full address, including postcode | Contact telephone number

Please ensure the person or family is happy for their details to be shared with school.

Our aim is to make as many hampers as possible, which we will personally deliver to members of our local community on **Thursday 17th December.**

As a school family, we know how much we can achieve when we come together. Every donation, no matter how small, will help us make someone's Christmas that little bit brighter. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity!

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TERM DATES 2026 - 2027

Please ensure you check term dates carefully before booking any holidays or making family arrangements.
Any request for leave of absence during term time will NOT be authorised, except for medical reasons supported by appropriate evidence.

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

END OF AUTUMN TERM 2026 **Friday 18th December 2026**
**Daycare	School closes at 1.15pm**
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
END OF SPRING TERM 2027 **Thursday 25th March 2027**
**Daycare	School closes at 1.15pm**
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
END OF SUMMER TERM 2027 **Wednesday 21st July 2027**
**Daycare	School closes at 1.15pm**
SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Thursday 22nd July – Tuesday 31st August 2027

Our Governing Body has now approved the 2027–2028 school term dates, which can be viewed using the link below. Please check these dates carefully before booking any holidays or making family arrangements.

TERM DATES 2027 - 2028

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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