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ADVENT: STAYING AWAKE AND WAITING IN HOPE



This Sunday, 29th November, is the First Sunday of Advent, the start of a brand-new year in the Church and a season that truly matters for our families.

In a world that rushes from one thing to the next, especially once December arrives, it is tempting to treat Advent as just a countdown to Christmas morning!
Yet Advent is so much deeper and more precious than that. It is our season of waiting: a sacred pause where we remember that some of the best things in life cannot be rushed. Children feel this waiting in their bones, counting down the sleeps to something special, watching eagerly for a familiar face at the school gate, or hoping for a moment they've been looking forward to for weeks.

Why does Advent matter so much? Because without Advent, we can easily miss the heart of Christmas. In this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 13:33–37), Jesus invites us to "stay awake", not with worry or pressure, but with open, loving hearts ready to notice grace, goodness and one another. As the Church's colour shifts to violet and the first candle is lit, Advent teaches us to hold onto hope even when evenings are dark or days feel heavy and to make real room in our busy lives for Jesus coming into our world.

Over the coming weeks at school, we'll be walking through Advent alongside your children through prayer, liturgy, stories and quiet moments of reflection as we prepare for Jesus' birth. Please see below some activities to do at home during this season of Advent.

Ways to Make Space for Advent at Home

Light a candle and breathe together:
Even lighting one candle at the table or before bed this Sunday and praying a simple "Come, Lord Jesus" or sharing one thing you are hoping for, gives children a steady, gentle rhythm to hold onto.

Keep the Nativity journey alive:
Setting up the crib during Advent and moving Mary, Joseph and the shepherds a little closer each week helps children feel that Christmas is a story we grow into, rather than an instant arrival.

Let waiting shape how we treat one another:
Waiting feels meaningful when children have small, loving ways to take part, sharing a toy, forgiving quickly, lending a hand at home, or praying for someone who needs a little extra care.

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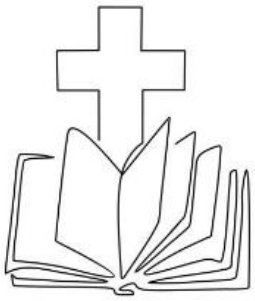

GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

HOPE

LISTEN to the Word of God

The Coming of the Son of Man

"So then, you also must always be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.'

Matthew 24: 37 - 44

RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ *A thief coming in the night (v. 43) can sound alarming or anxious. How can looking for the coming of the Son of Man be a source of hope rather than fear or dread?*
- ♥ *What does "watch out" and "be ready" mean in practice?*
- ♥

GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God

This week, we will be exploring the gospel value of Hope, where Jesus reminds us to stay awake to what matters in our everyday lives, whether we are at school, at home, at work or playing with friends.

Being "ready" and "watchful" in Jesus' teaching isn't about worrying or rushing; it means noticing the good around us, living with kindness and holding onto hope even when things feel busy or uncertain.

MISSION CHALLENGE:

Notice and include: Look out for classmates, friends, and neighbours who might feel left out or need a friendly smile.

Bring encouragement: Speak hopeful, uplifting words at home and at school, especially when someone is having a tricky day.

Stay awake to the good: Take time each day to spot moments of joy, gratitude, and care in ordinary routines.

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	Eloise
Reception	Ibrahim
Year 1	Jude
Year 2	Amelia
Year 3	Kaima
Year 4	Vasisth
Year 5	Gabriel
Year 6	Hiranur



NAME
Rosie
CLASS
Year 1

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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	98.7%	10	94.9%
Year 1	96.3%	10	95.8%
Year 2	93.1%	11	97.3%
Year 3	94.3%	12	94.7%
Year 4	94.4%	5	95.5%
Year 5	94.5%	15	96.4%
Year 6	88.7%	12	94.9%
Total	94.3%	75	95.6%

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

END OF AUTUMN TERM ASSESSMENTS

Well done to all of our children for the fantastic effort and determination they have shown during our end of term assessments! Everyone has worked extremely hard to showcase what they have learned so far this school year and we are so proud of the focus and resilience they have brought to their learning. Our staff will now carefully review these assessments to put together tailored action plans for the spring term, making sure every child gets the right support and challenge to build on their progress in the new year.

LFC REMEMBRANCE SESSION

A huge well done to our small group of KS2 pupils who took part in a meaningful remembrance session at Anfield Stadium this morning with the LFC Education & Life Skills Team. Through creative activities, storytelling and thoughtful discussion, they explored themes of remembrance, resilience and hope, building empathy and a deeper understanding of grief in a supportive space to reflect, connect and remember. We are so proud of how maturely and openly they engaged this morning.

FRIDAY FUNDRAISING

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated today for Christmas Crazy Hair & Accessories Day, the creative hair displays (from Christmas trees and puddings to stockings and sparkly accessories) were fantastic!

As you know, we are collecting donations to create as many Christmas hampers as possible for local individuals, elderly neighbours and families needing extra support this Christmas.

We've had a few nominations so far and would love more! Please message Mrs J McCormick on ClassDoJo if you know anyone in our local community who would appreciate a hamper. Thank you for your generosity!



"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, our wonderful little ones have been having a fantastic time exploring different activities! On Tuesday, we celebrated "Tuesday Tales" by sharing the story "Dear Zoo" during our storytime, using our small puppets to bring it to life. We also had a wonderful time getting creative with some messy play on large sheets of paper, allowing the children to make beautiful marks and express themselves freely. Additionally, the kids loved trying out our new outdoor equipment, practising walking up small steps with plenty of support and encouragement. We are finishing off our week with Christmas accessory day, where our babies were very excited to see Miss Leanne's dancing turkey hat, which brought lots of giggles and smiling faces.

TODDLER ROOM
Ms Chloe & Mrs Marilyn

What a busy week we have had in the Toddler Room! This week, our main focus has been promoting independence and self-care skills. The children demonstrated pride in doing things for themselves, and we have been nurturing that "I can do it!" attitude through lots of hands-on, fine motor activities. The children have been exploring dressing, handwashing, and toothbrushing, with a particular highlight being mastering the 'coat-flip trick' to put on their own coats for outdoor play. Alongside practising opening and closing different containers to strengthen little fingers, the toddlers have also been developing their hand-eye coordination through pouring, scooping, and safe chopping activities to help prepare and serve their own snacks. Well Done Toddlers!

EARLY YEARS

NURSERY : PRE-SCHOOL
Ms Gould & Ms Gleeson

This week, we turned into colour detectives spotting colours around the room and mixing primary colours to see what new ones we could make! We also enjoyed learning about the Holy Family and how Baby Jesus was born in Bethlehem as a gift from God, alongside rehearsing our songs for the Nativity.

In literacy, we loved sharing our class story, Hide and Seek, and guessing who was hiding by identifying each other's initial sounds. We have also been learning all about kindness and how we can show acts of kindness to one another in our learning loft, truly living out our school motto: "Guided by Christ, inspired by St Sebastian: Only my best will do. Be kind to one another. Amen.

RECEPTION
Mrs Feeney & Ms Williams

Reception Class did absolutely brilliantly as they shared this week's Gospel Value of Kindness during the whole school Celebration of the Word and we especially loved delivering treats to each class for as the first act of kindness this week.

We have also been extending our writing skills by including common exception words and beginning sentences with different openings.

In Maths we have been exploring 2D shapes and been impressing our teachers with our understanding of the different features including number of sides, corners and whether they have curved or straight sides.

We finished off the week of kindness with more amazing donations towards our hampers and the children looked wonderful in their accessories.

KEY STAGE 1

YEAR 1
Ms Alderton, Mrs Langley & Mrs Reynolds

Year 1 has been working brilliantly this week! The children have thoroughly enjoyed practising and learning all the songs for our upcoming Christmas performance… we are bursting with excitement and cannot wait to show our grown-ups in just a few weeks' time.

Alongside our festive rehearsals, we have been working extra hard on our writing. All of our teachers have been blown away by the incredible effort and high standards the children have shown—even our Year 4 teacher stopped by to say how impressed they were! Keep up the amazing work, Year 1!

We finished off the week with more amazing donations towards our hampers and showing off how wonderful we look in our Christmas accessories.

YEAR 2
Mrs Rabbette, Ms McKeown & Ms Chan

It's been a very busy week of assessments for Year 2. The children have impressed us with their stamina and effort to do the best they can. We are proud of each of them. In DT, the children enjoyed making a moving picture using a lever and pivot, for the story 'The Rainbow Fish'.

In RE, we reflected on the Annunciation of Mary from Luke's Gospel. We discussed that although Mary was afraid, she was filled with the Holy Spirit and able to say 'yes' to God's will for her. This week the children have started learning some Christmas songs for our Christmas Carol Concert in a couple of weeks. They are very excited about this! The children looked amazing today with their Christmas hairstyles and accessories. Thank you for your generous donations of chocolates and biscuits for our Christmas Hampers.

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KEY STAGE 2

YEAR 3
Mr Myles, Mr Morton & Ms Conway

What a fantastic week Year 3 has had! The children have worked incredibly hard to complete all of their NFER assessments, showing great determination, focus, and perseverance throughout. They have also produced some fantastic written work in RE, exploring Isaiah's prophecy and making thoughtful links to Matthew's words and the birth of Jesus. In Maths, they have continued to make brilliant progress with their column addition and subtraction, growing in confidence and developing their skills beautifully. To top off a wonderful week, they also enjoyed a fun and engaging music lesson with Miss K. Mello! We are so proud of all their hard work, positive attitudes, and achievements this week. Keep it up, Year 3!

YEAR 4
Ms Kaur & Ms Case

Year 4 have had another wonderful week! We began by attending our monthly Mass in the Saint Carlo Acutis Room, led by Father Liam, and it was lovely to share the time with members of our community. We have worked incredibly hard completing our NFER assessments and enjoyed some well-deserved breaks as a reward for our efforts. In RE, we explored the liturgical calendar and are excited to see how our prayer table will change as we prepare for Advent. We have started rehearsing for our Christmas assembly and loved showing off our crazy Christmas hair and accessories whilst donating for Fundraising Friday! Throughout the week, we have enjoyed Reception's token of kindness, inspired by their Celebration of the Word. We finished our week with a Stay and Pray with families to reflect and complete an activity centred around this week's Gospel Value of kindness. We can't wait to see what next week brings!

YEAR 5
Ms Perez & Ms Bullen

We have had a busy week this week in Year 5! We completed all of our NFER assessments, trying our very best and showing resilience.
In RE we got creative by creating a sunset silhouette scene using pastel crayons to reflect on King David's inner strength and resilience in his fight against the Philistines. In English we wrote a setting narrative to describe a scene from our story FArTHER using personification and metaphors.
We have been continuing to rehearse for our Christmas production, working hard to learn our lines and songs which we can't wait to perform. On Friday we brought donations of Christmas chocolate and biscuits while showing off our Christmassy hair accessories!

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

This week has been assessment week in Year 6, and we are so proud of how hard the children have worked across all of their NFER tests. Their focus, resilience, and determination have been fantastic, and we can already see the great progress they are making. We look forward to building on this wonderful positivity across the rest of the year!.
Alongside our assessments, we have also been working hard on rehearsals for our Christmas performance, No One Wraps Like an Elf, which has already featured some truly gorgeous singing from the class.
In swimming this week, the children took part in a swimming assessment, and we were completely blown away by how far everyone has come with their confidence and skills in the water. Next week is water safety week so we need our Pyjamas! Keep up the brilliant work, Year 6, you should all be very proud of yourselves!

FUNDRAISAING FRIDAYS FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This Christmas, we want to give something back to our local community and spread a little festive kindness!
We are 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 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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ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL SCHOOL BUILDING FUND ANNUAL SCHOOL LEVY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year, St Sebastian's contributes to the Archdiocese of Liverpool School Building Fund, commonly known as the **School Levy.**

This fund helps Catholic schools across the Archdiocese maintain, repair, and improve their buildings, ensuring our children continue to benefit from safe, welcoming, and well-maintained learning environments. As a Voluntary Aided Catholic school, we are required to contribute towards the cost of certain building works, and the Archdiocese's School Building Fund supports schools in meeting these costs alongside contributions from both schools and parishes.

The fund has already made a tangible difference right here at St Sebastian's. In recent years, we have benefited from funding towards the replacement of our boundary walls, helping us keep our school grounds safe, smart, and well-cared for.

The suggested amount is **£10 per family** for the 2026–2027 academic year, regardless of how many children you have attending St Sebastian's. However, any contribution, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated.

How We're Doing So Far

We currently have 226 pupils across Nursery - Year 6 and so far we have received £130 towards this year's levy.

We would be extremely grateful if more families are able to donate, any support would be greatly appreciated as we work towards our school contribution.

How can I contribute?

If you would like to support the school levy fund, you can make your contribution through School Gateway, with the reference: School Levy.

We fully appreciate that every family's circumstances are different and we would like to reassure you that contributions are entirely voluntary, with no obligation or expectation to donate.

We are incredibly grateful for the many ways our families support St Sebastian's throughout the year. Every contribution, however big or small, is genuinely appreciated and helps us continue to provide the very best environment for our children.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness, generosity and continued support of our St Sebastian's school community.

MGL ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTERS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

"It is essential that children are safeguarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material."

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026



Keeping our children safe online has never been more important. With technology developing so rapidly, particularly the growing use of AI, social media, gaming and online platforms, it can be difficult for parents & carers to keep up with the latest trends, risks and challenges.

We know that screens are now a big part of children's everyday lives, whether they are watching videos, playing games, using apps or communicating with others. Whilst technology can offer wonderful opportunities for learning and enjoyment, **it is important that we know what our children are watching, who they are interacting with and what content they may be exposed to.** Just because a child is sitting safely at home on a tablet, phone or gaming device does not necessarily mean they are safe online**.**

As parents and carers, we all have an important role in setting appropriate boundaries, monitoring screen time, checking age restrictions, using parental controls and having regular conversations with our children about their online experiences.

To help support our families, MGL produces monthly Online Safety Newsletters, providing practical advice, guidance and important updates about the digital world our children are growing up in.

I would strongly encourage every parent and carer to take a few minutes each month to read these newsletters. With technology changing so quickly, staying informed is one of the most important things we can do to help protect our children.

You can access the latest newsletters and previous editions on our school website:

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