

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th July 2023

*Dear parents and carers*

This is the last school newsletter for this school year. Our Summer term comes to an end for children on **Thursday 20th July**. It has been a busy year and our children have had a full year of good learning and continued to make sustained progress.

This last week was another special week in many ways. The week started with our **collective worship** when we reflected on the need to turn to Jesus also when we feel troubled or burdened. This was followed by **Sports Days on Wednesday for Years 1 to 6 and then on Thursday for Early Years**. Today, we also enjoyed a performance put together by the Children in the Drama Club.

Next week we will be saying farewell to our **Year 6 children**, most of whom have been with us for 8 years. They will soon be moving to the next phase of their education in **Secondary school**. We wish them all the best. Parents are invited to their final performance on Wednesday and the Mass in church on Thursday.

We will then have a few weeks of holidays. We hope that everyone will be able to enjoy their holidays doing something different within their family and with friends.

As shown on the **2023-24 Term dates** calendar we published a few weeks ago, children will return to school on **Wednesday 6th September**.

Thank you and have a good Summer break.

*Mr Camilleri*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some of the important dates to remember



**Wednesday 19th July**  
Year 6 Leavers' Assemblies  
Parents invited - 2.00 pm

**Thursday 20th July**  
Last day of School for children  
**OWN CLOTHES DAY**

**Thursday 20th July**  
Whole school mass in Church at  
9.30 am. **Parents of Year 6 children invited.**

**Wednesday 6th September**  
First day of the new school year  
2023-24

### USED SCHOOL UNIFORMS

One of the ways we try to support families and parents of children who join our school is to enable them to use second hand uniform items. **Has your child grown out of their school jumper, trousers, dress etc? Are they still in good condition?**

If so we invite you to consider donating them to be washed and recycled for use by other pupils in the future. Thank you.



**WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER**



## FAREWELL

Next week we will of course be saying farewell to our **Year 6 pupils**. We will also be saying farewell to members of staff who will be leaving English Martyrs to move to new ventures - **Ms Adewole**, who has been one of our Reception class teachers this year; **Ms Anderson**, who has been one of our Year 1 teachers for the Summer Term, and **Ms Fennessy** who has been part of our Admin team.

We are very grateful for their service during their time at English Martyrs' school and we wish them all the best in their new posts.

*We will  
Miss you!*

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL OWN CLOTHES DAY

The last day of term, **Thursday 20th July is own clothes day**.

Children will be allowed to come to school in their own clothes.



Own  
Clothes  
Day

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS FUN ACTIVITIES



There are a number of fun activities for children and families being planned for the Summer Holiday period. Some are organised by the Local Authority in Southwark, others by other organisations. See the posters on Pages 6 to 10.



## ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH CHURCH

Our school is part of the ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH community. The parish church is right next door to the school. There are Masses regularly every weekend at the following times:

**Saturday evenings at 6:00 pm**

**Sundays at 9.00 am**

**Sundays at 11:30 am**

**Sunday evening at 6:00 pm**

For more information call  
the parish office on  
020 7703 4967



Every week our Mid-day meals supervisors award stars to pupils who show our school values during lunchtime breaks. The following are the names of our Star children for this week.



### Nursery:

Amelia and Abdul

### Reception:

Abies and Winner

### Year 1:

Taiwo and Minerva

### Year 2:

Chizaram and Nosa

### Year 3:

Richard and Moringa

### Year 4:

Divine, Monae and Francis

### Year 5:

Daniella and Eliezer

### Year 6:

Arisha and Enoch



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

# THIS WEEK

## CLASS 5E

In 5E this week we are still working on our new text **Romeo and Juliet**. We are really enjoying the text because it is a play by the famous playwright **William Shakespeare**.

We have enjoyed acting out the different characters while also following the stage directions.



This week is also a great week in 5E, because we are finally going to send our **PenPal letters**. Our Pen Pals are other **Year 5 children from St Polycarps Catholic school, in Farnham, Surrey**.



We hope we stay in contact with them throughout Year 6.



## CLASS 5T

Year 5T pupils are getting ready to say goodbye to year 5. They are enjoying the end of term activities. On Tuesday, the class, and with the whole school had their **sport day**. They enjoyed taking part in all the sporting activities.



In writing, Year 5 is reading **Romeo and Juliet**, and this has inspired them to write their **play scripts** on the story. On Friday this week, the class



will be putting up a musical production of **Romeo and Juliet** for their last **class assembly** in year 5. They are working hard for this musical show with an alternative ending.

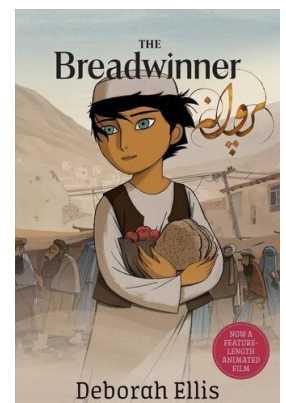


## CLASS 6M

This week, 6M have been working hard to prepare for the **end of year production**, where they have been working as a team with 6T. They have also been celebrating their successful **SATs results**, which are a credit to their hard work and dedication.

6M have also been enjoying listening to their class book, 'The Breadwinner,' which has sparked some excellent discussions.

We now look forward to our final week at English Martyrs where most of us have been attending for the last 7 or 8 years!





# MAYOR OF LONDON

London Borough of Southwark

Date: July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm delighted to inform you that City Hall is ensuring all primary school children who attend state schools in London will receive **free school meals** for the full academic year, starting this September.

As Mayor of London, I know parents/carers are really struggling with the cost-of-living crisis right now. That's why I've taken the decision to provide funding to expand on the Government's limited existing free school meals offer. This means all state funded primary school children in London are now eligible for free school meals.

Your borough has been doing wonderful work to deliver universal free school meals for primary school children already and I'm delighted to be able to provide them with the funding to do this for the next year.

The funding we're providing will help up to 270,000 primary school children in London, like yours, access free school meals and could **save your family upwards of £440 across the year.**

Your child will receive their free school meals automatically, but it's vitally important that you still complete your school or borough's registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding for their school from the Government, worth £1,300 per year. That's extra money to spend on enrichment activities, teacher development, and targeted support for the children that need it most. Depending on how schemes operate in your borough, it may also entitle you to other benefits like food vouchers during the holidays. There is more information about registration in your borough here: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/information-for-parents/financial-support/free-school-meals>.



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# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Those parents/carers whose children already qualify for free school meals under the Government's existing offer must also continue to apply for free school meals as before.**

My administration has taken the unprecedented step of providing this funding because we're deeply concerned by the number of primary school children going hungry in London's classrooms. Eligibility criteria for the Government's existing free school meals offer is strict, which means many parents/carers and children who need this helping hand have been missing out. But from September – thanks to our intervention – that will all change as part of our effort to build a better London for everyone.

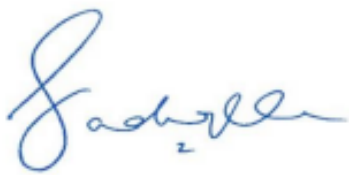
As someone who received free school meals myself, I'm incredibly proud that we're able to step up and provide this crucial lifeline to London's families during such tough economic times. I firmly believe that every child deserves the chance to be able to grow up healthy and thrive, regardless of their background or circumstances. But for this to happen, children must be able to access healthy, nutritious meals.

My online hub for families provides all the information you need about our scheme. Please find the link here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/free-school-meals>.

Families who are struggling with their financial situation can also access advice and support by visiting my cost-of-living hub here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/communities-and-social-justice/help-cost-living>.

Your school will be in touch with more details of how you can take up the offer of the free school meals. I wish your family a happy and healthy academic year – and I hope they enjoy their free school meals.

Yours sincerely,



**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London



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## SUMMER OF FOOD AND FUN

Southwark's Summer of Food and Fun is back this summer between **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**, and will offer free places for school children between the ages of 4 – 16 years, receiving benefits-related free school meals or from families with no recourse to public funds.

Southwark Council are partnering with local holiday hubs across the borough to provide an exciting programme of food and activities for children and young people.

Each programme will provide:

- Free, nutritious and tasty food
- Fun physical activity sessions
- A wide range of other enriching activities to suit different ages and personalities
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families including from Take & Make recipe boxes

Please share the flyer below more information and contact details.





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# HAIRY

**For ages 5+**

**The perfect Summer Holiday treat!**

**On now - Sunday 20 August**

Join Hairnry the hair follicle on his mission  
to become a head hair!

With original songs, dance, bold visual comedy and audience  
interaction - don't miss the mayhem and book today!

**polkatheatre.com | 020 8543 4888**

**Tickets from £10\***

"Perfect family theatre."      "That was hair-larious"

**Audience feedback**



\*T&C's apply £2.50 transaction fee applies to phone and online bookings. Delivery fees may apply.  
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# Kids & Teens Summer Dance Camp

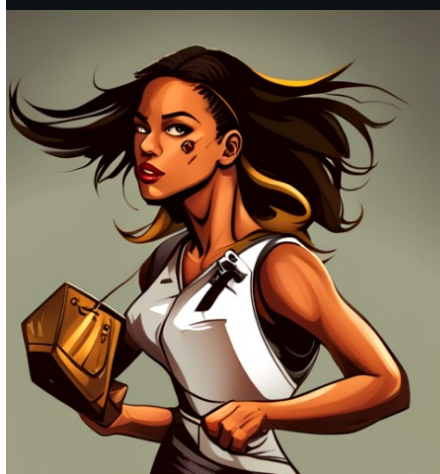
Limited spaces  
book before 20/07/23



6- 11 years  
12 - 18 years

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**WEEK 1**  
**Monday 24th July 2023**  
**to Friday 28th July 2023**  
**from 9am to 3pm**



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# FAMILY

# DAY!

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**SOUTH LONDON GALLERY, SAT 29 JULY, 12-4PM**

# **FAMILY DAY**

## **SAT 29 JULY, 12-4PM, FREE ENTRY**

You are invited to create, play and have fun!

Join us to celebrate Nigerian culture in Peckham.

Inspired by the South London Gallery's exhibition  
*Lagos, Peckham, Repeat: Pilgrimage to the Lakes*, join us for:

**ART AND CRAFTS**  
**FAMILY FRIENDLY TOURS**  
**STORYTELLING**  
**MUSIC**  
**DELICIOUS NIGERIAN FOOD**

Everyone is welcome, activities designed for ages 5-12.



**South London Gallery**  
65-67 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UH

**South London Gallery Fire Station**  
82 Peckham Road, London SE15 5LQ

**Travel info** Bus: 12, 36, 171, 343, 345 and 436  
Alight at Peckham Road/Southampton Way

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