

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear parents and carers

This week children continued to settle in their various year groups. We continued to reflect on the school values and of course started working on our **Autumn Term Curriculum**.

On Tuesday we had our first opportunity to worship together as a school community by taking part in the **Eucharistic celebration in the church** when we asked God to be with all of us throughout this school year.

It was wonderful to see such large number of parents attending the **'Meet the Teacher' meetings** on Wednesday and Thursday. I hope that now everyone has a better understanding of school routines and expectations as well as what your children are going to be learning about this term.

Next week we'll be starting our **after school Activity Clubs**. There are 12 clubs for different groups of children throughout the week. Parents will need to remember to collect children on time at 4.15 pm. See below for more details.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CLUBS

After school activity clubs start on **Monday 18th September**. These are led by school staff after school for 1 hour **from 3.15pm to 4.15 pm**. If your child has been offered a place you should get a letter today.

Please remember that there is a **£10 contribution** for the whole term. Payment is to be made through **PARENTPAY**. Parents please make sure you always pick up your child on time at 4.15 pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Monday 18th September

Activity clubs begin from today.

See page 2 of this newsletter for more details.

Monday 18th September

Beginning of National CODING WEEK.

Thursday 21st September

International Day of Peace

Friday 22nd September - 9.05 am

Class Assembly - 3C

Parents of children in 3C invited to attend in Building 2

Monday 25th September

Class 6M—Trip to Southbank Gallery

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our Breakfast Club and After school clubs have now started.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Every day from 7.40 am to 8.40 am.

Cost each day - £2 (£10 weekly)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: Every day from 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm.

Cost each day - £8 (£40 weekly)

Fees must be paid weekly or termly in advance by **PARENTPAY** (Link on School Website). If you need ParentPay log in details, please contact the school office.



Other after school activity clubs (until 4.15 pm) will be starting the following week. See letter and registration forms.

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:

Nah'tian and Khadijah

Reception:

Kian and Chloe

Year 1:

Davina and Adriel

Year 2:

Harli, Heliah and Zanon

Year 3:

Fikayo, Canaan

Year 4:

Jheison and Zena

Year 5:

Fatima, Raphael and Atinuke

Year 6:

Faykemi, Davina, Adejuwon and Nevaeh

HOMEWORK

Please remember that our teachers continue to set Homework for children on **MS Teams**.

A schedule for the week is posted online by teachers every Monday for children to work through during the week. Our normal homework pattern is as follows:

Mondays - Spelling

Tuesdays - Online Maths

Wednesday - The Wednesday Word

Thursday - Writing task

Friday - Reading task.



Please make sure your child is able to access **MS Teams** and complete all homework tasks regularly and let us know if you need any support with this. Thank you.



The GREAT NORTH RUN FUNDRAISING

Last Sunday 10th September, **Mr Field** (Year 3 Teacher) and his brother James and ran the Great North Run to raise money for **The Christie Charity** (a cancer charity). Any parents or family members who would like to support by contributing to this fundraising, the link is here <https://greatnorthrun2023.enthuse.com/pf/johnandjamesfield>



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children in **Year 4 or above** can apply for the **First Holy Communion programme** at English Martyrs Parish. Those who apply will need to attend **Catechism sessions on Saturdays** and also attend **Sunday Mass** regularly in Church with the Parish Community.

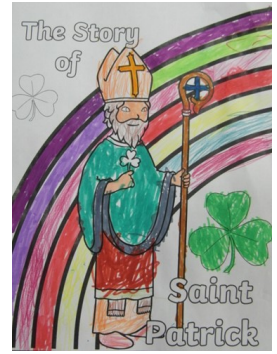
Registration Forms are available from the church or the school office.



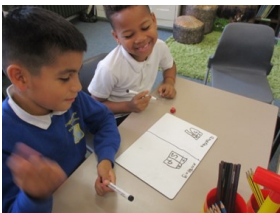
RECEPTION CLASS

In Reception class we have settled into our classroom and have been enjoying the new school year. For RE, we have been finding out about **Saint Patrick**, our class saint. We have been decorating pictures of our class patron saint. He is an inspiration for us in our learning.

We have been focusing on our term theme, '**knowing yourself**.' The children have been able to explain their interests and make meaningful choices on activities they want to participate in.

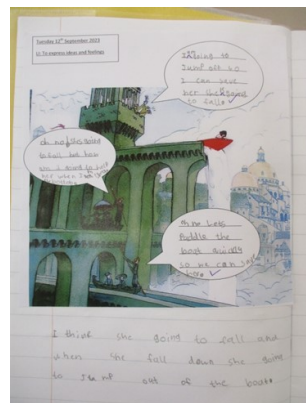


CLASS 2E



In 2E this week we have been getting to know our new teacher and class-room. We have been reading a book called '**Journey**' by Aaron Becker. From the

book we have been thinking about what it would be like to have a magic crayon. In maths we have been finding **10 more and 10 less** and playing the **place value** challenge game. We have had a lot of fun learning about the



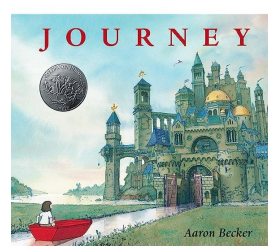
materials out toys are made from during our science and Topic lessons. In RE we have been thinking about how we can **thank God for choosing us** as one of his people.

CLASS 4G

In year four we have settled into our classroom and have been enjoying the new school year. For RE, we have been finding out about **Saint George Prec-ca** our class saint. We have written our own biographies based on his life. He is an inspiration for us in our learning, as he was such a studious and dedicated man.



In Writing, we are working on a new book called **Journey**, by Aaron Becker. This story has helped us to broaden our imaginations. We are learning how to use **fronted adverbials** within our writing, so our sentences start in different ways.



SOUTHWARK PARKS

REFURBISHMENT OF NURSERY ROW PARK

Southwark Council have funding for targeted improvements to this important neighbourhood park, focusing on improving the entrance from East Street and the two play areas. The park is being improved as part of a programme of improvements to Southwark's parks.

Key aims:

- Transform the entrance from East St to create a more welcoming and greener space
- Enhance the play areas to provide exciting play equipment for children
- Investigate the option to provide an outdoor gym near East St
- Improve seating

There are a couple of consultation sessions planned for local residents who would like to contribute to these plans.

We need your ideas to help finalise the plans. Come along to a **drop-in session**:

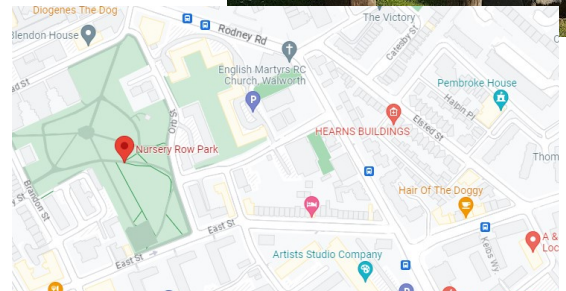
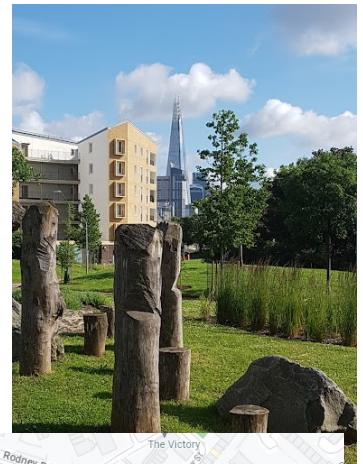
- **Friday 8 Sep** 9.30am – 12pm at East St Market
- **Wednesday 13 Sep** 3.30pm – 6pm in the park

For further details and to take part in the online consultation, please click on this link: <https://consultations.southwark.gov.uk/environment-leisure/nursery-row-park/>

Or scan the QR code with your phone:



If you are unable to attend the drop-in sessions but are interested in hearing about the project, please contact sharon.lomas@southwark.gov.uk to join the mailing list, or call 020 7525 0878.



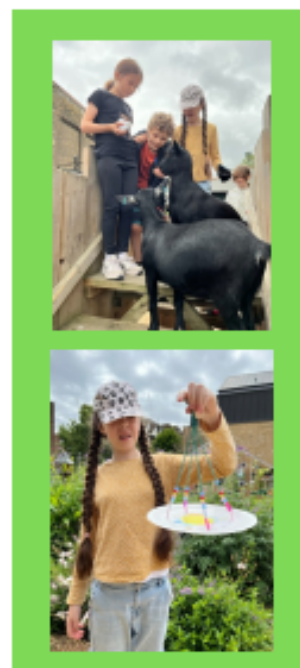
Young Farmers

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a farmer or have a great love for animals?

Join our fascinating **6 week programme** and develop an understanding of farming practices, life cycles and how to sustain our planet!

Ages 8 - 14 years
£72 per child

Every Saturday starting on the **16th September!**



What will a session look like?

9 - 9.15	Registration & Check-in
9.15 - 9.45	Farming Workshop
9.45 - 10.45	Yard Work
10.45 - 11.30	Wellbeing activity

To register please fill in this **Form!**

Any questions contact us at
education@vauxhallcityfarm.org

