

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd May 2025

*Dear parents and carers*

This final week of Summer 1 started with our whole school collective worship when we reflected on the message in last Sunday's Gospel reading about **Jesus' New commandment** of love and the **Easter Season** in general.

As we are in the month of **May**, we also gathered for the **Rosary prayer** in the mornings. It was lovely to see children using our new prayer garden to pray the Rosary there for the first time.

This week was also our **ART WEEK**. Children in all year groups worked on art projects using different media and skills they learned about in their art lessons to create displays for different places across the school buildings. As we are currently in the **Jubilee Year** we chose themes related to **PILGRIMAGES** and **HOPE**, the key themes of this Jubilee Year.

Today **Class 5T** led our Friday **class assembly** which included sharing facts about the Benin people, how they worshiped, who their Gods were and what they traded in. The children also informed the audience about the risen Jesus.

We are now ready for our Half term break. We'll meet again on Monday 2nd June for the last few weeks of this school year - Summer Term 2.

Thank you and have a good half term week!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Week beginning  
Monday 26th May  
HALF TERM WEEK**

**Sunday 8th June  
Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**

**Monday 2nd June  
Beginning of Summer Term 2  
Children return to school**

**Friday 6th June  
Class Assembly - 1K  
Parents of children in Class 1K  
are invited to attend at 8.50 am  
Building 1**

**Sunday 8th June  
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

**Love our Lady and she will obtain  
abundant grace to help you  
conquer in your daily struggle.**

*- Saint Josemaria Escriva'*



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



## FAREWELL





Today we said Farewell to one of our valued members of staff.

**Mrs Nunn**, School cook is now retiring after 40 years at English Martyrs'.

Many things have changed since Mrs Nunn started working here but her service and commitment to the school and the children never wavered. Her contribution preparing healthy meals for our children for so many years is a great achievement and we are all grateful for this. We wish her all the best for the future.

## ONLINE SAFETY

Our children are exposed to a number of social media platforms that are not appropriate for their age. Please have a look at the table below which shows the age groups for some of the most popular apps. Children below the age shown in red **should not** be using any of the apps shown in the same column of the table below. Please check what your children are accessing on laptops or mobile phones in order to ensure they are always safe online and away from any potential danger.

AGE RESTRICTIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA		
13	16	18
FACEBOOK		YOUTUBE
INSTAGRAM	WHATSAPP	TIK TOK
SNAPCHAT		You Tube  TikTok
  		(13 with Parental Consent)

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are very proud of our high percentages of our pupils' school attendance over these last few years. However, parents are reminded that **no holidays or travel should be booked during term time** and that all children arrive by no later than **8.45 am** each morning.

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:**

**Ameirah, Rose, Al-Amin Jr**

**Reception:**

**Mardiyah, Levi**

**Year 1:**

**Deyler, Freda, Kane**

**Year 2:**

**Nathan**

**Year 3:**

**Jordan, Chanelle, Harli, Lisa**

**Year 4:**

**Kelis, Nathaniel**

**Year 5:**

**Hawa, Joshua, Briana**

**Year 6:**

**Kejauney, Angel**



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

## THIS WEEK

### CLASS 1K

In 1K this week we have been reading a book called **'Dinosaurs and all that Rub-bish'** by **Michael Foreman**. We have been looking at how we can take care of



our planet. We made brochures which will give people instructions using bossy verbs, different suffixes and the present tense. In maths we have been learning how to find half or a quarter of different shapes and quantities. During science, we have been



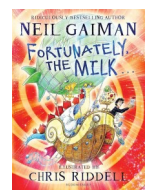
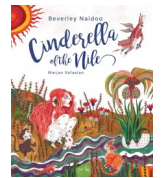
looking at **seasonal changes**, focusing on Spring and Summer. In RE we have been looking at **the Resurrection**, looking at the days after Easter. In Art, we have made our own collages using pictures that show a part of our identity. In Topic we have learnt about **Dinosaurs and cavemen**. We learnt about what they ate and what they looked like. We have also started practicing for our assembly which is on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June; we are very excited to show you!



### CLASS 3M

For RE, our learning included the **feast of Pentecost** and the **conversion of Saul**. Some questions we discussed included: On their way to Emmaus, how did the disciples know that they had been travelling with Jesus? Was St Paul an inspiration? As always, we continue to enjoy our Collective Worship lessons as a whole class. This week, we were focussing on forgiving others and hope.

In English, we have been using the book **'Cinderella of the Nile'** by **Beverley Naidoo**, to inspire us in our writing. We were creating diary entries and our own story, in the role of Cinderella. We continue to read, **Fortunately the Milk** by **Neil Gaiman**, in our Destination Reader lessons.



We have been enjoying trying to solve more complex word problems and calculations, in Maths.. We are always aiming to do well, so completing daily challenges is a regular target. To continue to make progress need to keep working on our **3s, 4s and 8 times tables**.

In History, our topic was **'Tremors – Pompeii'**. We have been learning many interesting facts about life around the time of **AD 79**. We found out all about the destruction caused by **Mount Vesuvius erupting**; even writing in role as a resident of Pompeii during the time of the eruption.

During, our topic of 'Animals including Humans', we had fun working together to create **paper skeletons**. We also became scientists for an afternoon, when we were making predictions, carrying out a test, recording our observations and writing a conclusion based on our evidence. The question we had been answering was 'What will happen to an egg if we placed it in water then shake it?' We made the connection between that investigation and how our skulls protect our brains.

### CLASS 5E

This week, 5E have been enjoying creating beautiful artworks inspired by the **theme of Hope** to mark this year's Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church. We used chalk, pastels and collage skills to bring our interpretations of Hope to life. Meanwhile,



in Science, 5E have been learning about how **Aristotle**, the ancient Greek philosopher proved that the Earth is spherical, by observing the horizon, the night sky and the lunar eclipse.

This term, in Science Club, the children have been taking part in a

range of experiments from using Oreo cookies to represent the **phases of the Moon** and making ice cream to explore different freezing and melting temperatures!



### CLASS 5T

5T have performed their summer assembly. The children's assembly consisted on facts about the **Benin people**. How they worshiped, who their Gods were and what they traded in. The children also informed the audience about the **risen Jesus**. Thereby developing their understanding that the resurrection means now that he is always with us, his spirit is alive within us and he is looking after us, he is offering us the same new life that he has. But that was not all, the class informed the audience about the planets within the **solar system**.



For art class 5T created individual pieces of art work on the theme of hope. This has been part of art week and the theme of **'Pilgrims of Hope'**. Looking at different symbols which depict hope and religious painting for inspiration, the children created different versions of hope.



# WALWORTH LIBRARY HOMEWORK CLUB



WELL, WE CAN HELP!



**Need support  
with  
homework?**

We are offering pupils the support needed to complete homework or revision

**Every  
Tuesday  
4-5PM**



Children's  
Area

**TERM TIME ONLY**

# CAMP GREEN HORIZON



Tuesday 27th - Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
May 2025

Would you like to learn more about the natural world this half term? Would you like to spend time with animals and wildlife?

Join us at The Farm for a jammed pack week of...

**Crafts | Games | Gardening | Conservation**



**FREE**  
9.30am - 2pm  
Ages 8 -14 years



This opportunity is aimed at students from low-income households or who receive benefit-related free-school meals.



For more info and to sign up email:  
[education@vauxhallcityfarm.org](mailto:education@vauxhallcityfarm.org)

Every Saturday,  
14<sup>th</sup> June - 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025

# YOUNG FARMERS

Are you curious about farming? Do you love animals?

Join our 6 week programme to learn about farming practices, animal life cycles and sustainability, all whilst having fun at The Farm!

We are hosting a jam-packed programme of...

**Animal Care | Games | Gardening | Wellbeing**

9am - 11.30am.  
Ages 8 -16 are welcome.  
£72 per child\*



\*We are offering a limited number of funded places for children from low-income families. Priority is given to those receiving pupil premium.



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