

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th May 2025

*Dear parents and carers*

Although a four day week, this week has been such an eventful one for our children in school. Apart from their lessons in class we all gathered to think about Pope Francis who passed away a few days ago and then learn about the process of how a new Pope is elected.

We naturally all shared the joy of the news of the election of **Pope Leo XIV** as the new leader of the Catholic church. We pray for him that God will always guide him in guiding the church as a true shepherd of all Catholics.

Other activities this week included the celebration of **VE Day** which was on Thursday 8th May. As we are now in May, we also reflected on Mary our Mother and gathered to pray the Holy Rosary.

Next week we will be marking **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK**. It is also a very special week for our year 6 pupils who will be sitting their **End of Key Stage 2 tests** throughout the week.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Week beginning  
Monday 12th May**  
**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS  
WEEK**

**Week beginning  
Monday 12th May**  
**SATs Week**  
**Year 6 Pupils.**

**Friday 16th May**  
**Class Assembly - 2E**

**Parents of children in Class 2E are  
invited to attend at 8.50 am**  
**Building 1**

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

### POPE LEO XIV

Pope Leo, formerly known as Robert Provost was born in the United States in 1955. He joined the Order of the Augustinians and worked in different countries including in Peru, South America where he served as a priest and then Bishop of Chiclayo. He was later appointed to be one of the Cardinals by Pope Francis in 2023.



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



## CORE VALUE - SUMMER TERM 1

Our Core Value for this Half Term is **COMPASSION**. This is about trying to do something when we see others who are in need of our help. We can show compassion in so many different ways. **Do you always show COMPASSION towards others at home, in school and everywhere else?**



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.



## ENGLISH MARTYRS' NURSERY

Applications are now being accepted for enrolling children to start at our **Nursery** in September. If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, you can apply for a place.

Both half day and full day places are available. Come and visit us or call the school office on 0207 703 4726 to find out more.



**Nursery:**  
**Adrian, Lemlem**

**Reception:**  
**Kevin, Ayla**

**Year 1:**  
**Abdul, Gelila**

**Year 2:**  
**Miracle, Lavie**

**Year 3:**  
**Nzola, Heleia**

**Year 4:**  
**Kyla, Adedolapo, Kaliyah**

**Year 5:**  
**Daniella, Benjamin D**

**Year 6:**  
**Augusta, Santiago,  
Jomata, Kejauney**

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CLUBS

After school Activity Clubs resumed from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**. These are led by school staff after school for 1 hour **from 3.15pm to 4.15 pm**.

The contribution for taking place in these Activity clubs is **£10** for the **whole term**. Parents please use **ARBOR** for this and make sure children are always collected on time at 4.15pm.

## 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.



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

## THIS WEEK

### CLASS 4J

In Science, we have been learning about the **digestive system**. So, using a leg of sheer tights as the small intestine, a bowl as mouth, fork as teeth, spoon as tongue, tube as the oesophagus, water as saliva, lemon juice as acid and a cup as toilet, we **carried out an investigation** to find out how the digestive system works.



In geography, our topic is **The Rainforests**. We have created a cross-curriculum link with reading and science to help the children develop their knowledge, skills and understanding



in the topic. These interconnected subjects also make learning more interesting and enhance the children's learning. We have been using **globes and atlases** to find different countries in which **rainforests** can be found.

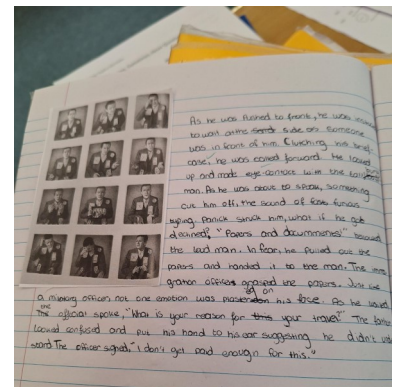
### CLASS 6T

This week, year 6 are in revision mode as we prepare for the end of key stage 2 assessments (**SATs**).

In maths, we are working with our partners and talking about how we solve **reasoning questions**. This gives us an opportunity to share our knowledge and understanding. The class have really engaged with talking about their methods.

In RE we are focusing on **Pentecost and the Apostle**. We have been working on understanding how the **Holy Spirit** changed them and gave them courage after the **Ascension of Jesus**. We will look at some of the Apostles and how they have influenced our church and faith today.

In writing, we continue with the story of **'The Arrival.'** We are using our writing skills to narrate scenes from the book of the man's journey.



On Thursday we reflected on **'VE day'** and listened to events from that day.

### NURSERY

This term our theme is **Transport** and we will be using lots of good quality texts to explore this including a very humorous book called **Naughty Bus** about a very mischievous London bus that makes trouble. We will begin to follow **Ruth Miskin's Read, Write, Inc phonics**. Children will have the opportunity to apply their phonics in writing and to practice writing words and their **names independently**. In Maths we will be looking at **counting to 5, 10 and 20**, making comparisons, solving practical problems in play and meaningful activities, patterns, shape and space and measures. The children will learn new **nursery rhymes and songs** and participate in lots of messy Arts and Crafts including **3D 'junk' modelling**, painting, collage and clay. In RE we will be focussing on **New Life and Bible stories**. In PE we will continue to find out about the importance of **exercise** and play fun running games about different modes of transport and use different sized balls to throw and catch to help with our fine motor skills.

Please remember that Nursery children need to come in wearing the correct **PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays**.





# 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:  
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