

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear parents and carers

This week we continued with our focus on **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** and the **ROSARY** PRAYER with children in all year groups. On Monday we gathered for our **worship** which focused on the story of the **ten lepers** who were healed by Jesus but only one of them went back to thank him! We therefore reflected on all the things we received by God's grace and how **thankful** we should be.

On Monday, **Year 4** classes visited the **British Museum** where they looked at a range of artefacts from the **Roman era** and took part in a workshop on Roman Life in Britain.

During the week, Class 6T took part in a series of workshops led by **INTO University** organisation at Pembroke House, not far from our school. They looked at the importance of starting to think about their future studies and careers and looked at some big role models for inspiration. They also visited the **Science Museum** on Tuesday as part of this special week.

Today, **Class 5E** led our Friday **class assembly** in which they told the audience of children and parents about what they have been learning about in recent weeks.

Next week will be the final week of this first part of the Autumn Term. There will be an opportunity for parents to come in to visit the **Black History Month Exhibition** which will include displays prepared by each class on inspirational Black people they learned about this month.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Sunday 19th October
Mission Sunday

Wednesday 22nd October
Thursday 23rd October
Friday 24th October
Black History Month Exhibition
All Parents' invited
Building 1 - Undercroft

Friday 24th October - 8.50 am
Class Assembly - 2J
Parents of children in 2J are invited to attend in Building 1

Monday 27th October
Beginning of Half term week

Saturday 1st November
All Saints Day

Sunday 2nd November
All Souls Day

Monday 3rd November
Beginning of Autumn Term 2



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

SAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY TO OBTAIN PEACE FOR THE WORLD.
Our Lady in Fatima



WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



ONLINE SAFETY

Nowadays our children are exposed to a number of **social media** platforms that are not appropriate for their age.

One of these apps is **WHATSAPP**. Have a look at **page 4** of this newsletter to find out more about how to make sure we are all using social media in a safe way.



Please make sure you always monitor 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.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Every Wednesday we ask our children to have a look and read through THE WEDNESDAY WORD. This is a Catholic flyer about the Sunday Mass readings and includes a range of activities for children. Click on the link below to view the booklet for the Sundays around this coming half term week.

[Half Term Holiday Special - Magazine - Page 1 \(paperturn-view.com\)](http://Half Term Holiday Special - Magazine - Page 1 (paperturn-view.com))

CORE VALUE - AUTUMN 1

Our Autumn Term 1 core value is **FAITH**. This is about believing in God and showing this in what we do in our everyday life.

Are you a person who shows strong Faith through your actions?



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.



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:
Neriyah, Marcia

Reception:
Victor, Isabela, Daniel

Year 1:
Elsae, Kevin

Year 2:
Deyler, Freda

Year 3:
Clara, Raheel

Year 4:
Nurit, Saramadi

Year 5:
Jairy, Kaliyah

Year 6:
Deborah, Joshua



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 4J

We are now learning about **sound** in science. Here, we are using **balloons** to understand how sounds are made due to **vibrations**.



In History, we have been learning about the **Romans**. So, we went to the **British Museum** where we looked at Ro-

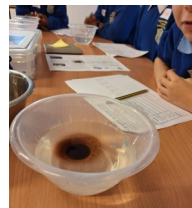
man artefacts and attended a workshop to enhance our learning.

CLASS 6T

This week, 6T have attended an **engineering focus week** organised by 'Into University' at Pembroke House.



Over the course of the week, 6T have looked at different stems



in engineering including **design, environmental, civil and aeronautical**. Activities included deciding what would be the best product for cleaning an oil spill, how farmers transport tomatoes in Nepal and what bridges are the best and why. They also designed and created their own system for keeping an egg safe from an impact drop! This allowed the children to design and create their case casing, present to their peers and then try out their product.

The children have researched and wrote about their team engineer and made posters. We even had a trip to the **science museum** with a workshop on space.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it has given some of them some ideas about what they would like to do in the future careers.



NURSERY

It has been a very busy start to the year for Nursery children. The children have settled into Nursery well. They are now more familiar with the **school routine and the rules** that we have to keep everyone **safe and create a positive learning environment**. We have been particularly focusing on making **new friendships, playing with each other nicely, sharing and taking turns**. We have been getting more involved on our topic '**Our Wonderful World**.' The children have been talking about their family members and drawing them as well as **talking about how God has created us and everything else in this world, learning the school prayers and making the sign of the cross**. In English our focus books have included **Owl Babies, Stanley's Stick and Guess How Much I love You**. In Maths we have started learning about **patterns, shape and space and measures**. The children have been developing their confidence and have been singing some of their favourite **nursery rhymes** in front of the class. We have also loved **building, writing, playing in the sand and water, home corner and painting** with our new friends. Well done Nursery and a great start to the year! I look forward to next term and getting to know your children even more. They are a fantastic cohort.

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



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any fireworks activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children these techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-safety>



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OPEN EVENING

We are offering an additional opportunity to visit us on

TUESDAY 21 October 2025

Free flow visits of the College site between 4 – 5.30pm

Headteacher's talk in the Hall at 5.15pm

TUBE: SLOANE SQUARE STATION

BUS: DUKE OF YORK SQUARE



LOCAL MUSIC LESSONS

Dear parents

PEMBROKE ACADEMY OF MUSIC offers music and instrumental lessons to local children mainly those in Year 3 to Year 9.

Please see the poster below for more details about dates and times as well as fees for lessons.

We would like to support this initiative and children from our school who would like to take part and start learning how to play a musical instrument.

Please see Mr Camilleri if you would like to discuss further.

Thank you.



Wednesdays (term time) **6:30pm-8:15pm**
At Pembroke House 80 Tatum St SE17 1QR

For Ages 7-14 (Yr3 - end of Yr9)

Weekly high-quality music tuition in a range of musical instruments, music theory and ensemble performance at subsidised rates for all participants.

Contact by email or phone:

lucy.duncan@pembrokehouse.org.uk
020 7703 3803

Fees per term:

Full Price: 1st child-£55,
2nd child-£44, 3rd child-£33
Concession fees available.



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

Missed your flu vaccine?

**Live or attend school in the borough of
Southwark? Aged 4 – 16?**

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and
protect yourself!

Monday 27 October, 10:00 – 14:00
Rye Oak Children's Centre, SE15 3PD

Tuesday 28 October, 10:00 – 14:00
Stockwell Children's Centre, SW9 9TG

Thursday 30 October, 10:00 – 14:00
Rye Oak Children's Centre, SE15 3PD

Friday 31 October, 10:00 – 14:00
Hitherfield Children's Centre, SW16 2LN

**Our clinics are walk-in.
Call 020 8614 5495 for
more information**



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Big Yellow Office, Camberwell, SE5 7SW

Saturday 1 November, 10:00 – 14:00
Big Yellow Office, Camberwell, SE5 7SW

Saturday 15 November, 10:00 – 14:00
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Free Dental Check-Ups for Children



Ensuring healthy smiles for every child

We believe in the importance of accessible healthcare. Every child should have access to high quality, essential dental care, no matter their circumstances.

Early dental care is critical in shaping a child's long-term health, and regular check-ups – ideally every 6 months – are key to preventing issues (such as tooth decay and cavities) and creating positive habits that last a lifetime.

We're aware that not all children have access to this care, which is why we've partnered with 'Give Kids a Smile' to offer **100 free check-up appointments** on **28th Oct 2025** to children at the **Amelia Street Dental Clinic**.

On the day, you can expect:

- **FREE** dental check-ups for children
- **FREE** gifts & resources for every child
- **Helpful oral health advice** to parents and guardians - to help to understand how to support your child's dental health at home.

By focusing on prevention and education, our Give Kids a Smile Day on 28th Oct 2025 at our practice on Amelia Street is designed to support and equip local families with the knowledge and resources needed to help children maintain healthy smiles for life.

Those early dental visits with a friendly-faced dentist will help children to become familiar with dental care, reducing anxiety in future visits and making it easier to maintain regular check-ups into adulthood.

Use the QR code provided to register your interest. Or contact us by emailing: **reception.ameliastreet@colosseumdental.co.uk** providing your name and a contact phone number, quoting 'GKAS' in the email.



Address

Amelia Street Dental
Clinic,
22 Amelia Street,
London,
SE17 3PY

Email

reception.
ameliastreet@
colosseumdental.co.uk



CAMP GREEN HORIZON

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th October 2025
9.30am - 2pm

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 jam-packed week of...

Crafts | Games | Gardening | Conservation



FREE* | Ages 8 -14 years

Can't make the 2pm pick up? For £10 a day, join games club until 5pm

For more info and to sign up, email:
education@vauxhallcityfarm.org

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

