

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th February 2026

*Dear parents and carers*

Following our half term break, we started this last week with our prayer and liturgy assemblies when we focused on the liturgy readings of the **First Sunday of lent**, reflecting on the event of **Jesus in the wilderness** and how he stood up against the devil's temptations.

On Wednesday the whole school gathered for our **Lent Mass** at English Martyrs Parish Church to pray and reflect about this important season of the Church's liturgical year.

Today **Class 1K** led our Friday **Class assembly** and they told us about so many aspects of their learning in recent weeks, including property of shapes, reading and writing, Lent and their main topic theme - China.

Next week will be a very busy week as we have a whole range of activities planned for **Book Week**. On Thursday we're inviting all children to come to school wearing clothes or costume that reminds them of a **character** from a book they have read.

Please remember to check the **online version of this newsletter every Friday**. Every newsletter issue also includes a lot more information about activities in school as well as events in the local area that children can take part in.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Week beginning 2nd March**  
**BOOK WEEK**

**Thursday 26th February -**  
**Wednesday 4th March**  
**Scholastic Book Fair**

**Thursday 5th March**  
**WORLD BOOK DAY 2026**

Children and staff to come to school dressed as a character from a book they read

**Friday 6th March - 8.50 am**  
**Class Assembly - 3M**

Parents of children in 3M are invited to attend in Building 2

### CORE VALUE - SPRING 2

Our Spring 2 core value is **FAIRNESS**. This is about making sure we are treating everyone else equally and in a fair manner and without any prejudice. **Do you always show FAIRNESS towards others at home, in school and everywhere else?**



### NEWSLETTER ONLINE

For an extended version of our school newsletter please visit our **website** or use the link emailed to parents.



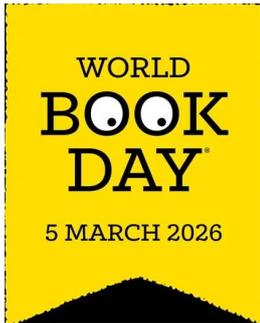
**WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER**



SCHOOL MEMBER



## WORLD BOOK DAY



We will be celebrating  
World Book Day 2026 on

**Thursday 5th March**

One of the activities we are planning is a  
**Character Costume Competition.**  
Children are to **dress up as their favourite book character** and to be in the chance of winning a prize. We are also asking for a **£1 donation** which will go towards charity. Look out for upcoming events soon.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be hosting a book fair daily from **Thursday 26th February to Wednesday 4th March between 3.15pm to 4.15pm.** Everyone is invited to come along. We will be accepting cash only.



## BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our Breakfast Club and After school clubs are on daily.

**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 using **ARBOR** (*Link on School Website*). If you need Arbor login details, please contact the school office.



## Year 6 SATs Revision

Vocabulary Ninja will be uploading **weekly support videos on their YouTube channel for the next 16 weeks!**

Each video will cover important topics that are likely to come up in the SATs tests.

Please encourage your child to watch these videos to support their revision.

<https://www.youtube.com/@vocabularyninja>

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, Latif**

**Reception:**  
**Anya, Raphael**

**Year 1:**  
**Khadija, Levi**

**Year 2:**  
**Kane, Amelia**

**Year 3:**  
**David, Adriel**

**Year 4:**  
**Edwin, Amy**

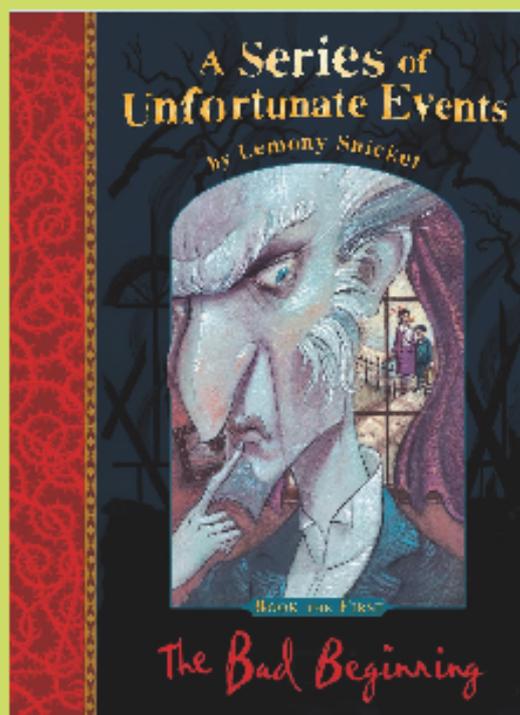
**Year 5:**  
**Kyla, Isata**

**Year 6:**  
**Benjamin, Tunmise,  
Saron**



# Chatterbooks

Free book club for children aged 7-11 years



Chatterbooks is our friendly club that helps children build a lifelong reading habit. Come along to discover new reads and try a craft!

For our first session of 2026, we'll be reading *A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket.

**Una Marson Library, SE17 2GN**  
**Tuesday 10th February, 4pm - 5pm**

To sign up, please scan the QR code, visit

[forms.cloud.microsoft/e/kv4taUBWrp](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/kv4taUBWrp)  
or ask staff for a paper form. Limited places.



Please email questions to [libraries@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@southwark.gov.uk).

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# Young Musicians

Perform at Una Marson Library



Join the young musicians of the Pembroke Academy of Music, for an afternoon of musical performances. Pembroke House, offers around 50 local children aged 7–14 the chance to learn and perform music, regardless of circumstances. Students will showcase their skills on violin, cello, trumpet, trombone, guitar, clarinet, and flute, performing pieces they are preparing for exams at the end of March. This highlights the vital role of community support in keeping creative opportunities accessible to all.

Una Marson Library, 62 Thurlow Street, London SE17 2GN

**Saturday the 7th of March, 2pm to 3.30pm**

Refreshments will be available

**To Book Your Free Place Email**  
**[Elaine.Walters@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Elaine.Walters@southwark.gov.uk)**

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The National Year  
of Reading 2020  
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# Your Voice is Calling!



Join poet, playwright, and multi-disciplinary artist Curtis Brown for a creative poetry workshop.

Inspired by Una Marson, this poetry workshop is an invitation to find your own authentic voice, and to tell your own authentic stories.

**For young people aged 11–16 / only 10 places available.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Born on 6 February 1905, Una Marson was the first black woman to be employed by the BBC in 1932.



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**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 3.30-5pm**

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# INCREDIBLE YEARS AUTISM PROGRAMME

For children 2 -8 years

The Incredible Years Autism Programme offers great strategies for promoting children's language skills, school readiness, emotional self-regulation, social skills, empathy, and building positive relationships. It provides evidence-based strategies for parents and carers to enhance their parenting confidence and understanding of the valuable role that they play in promoting their children's development.

Wednesdays  
4<sup>th</sup> March to 8<sup>th</sup> July  
2026

Book your place or for more  
information contact

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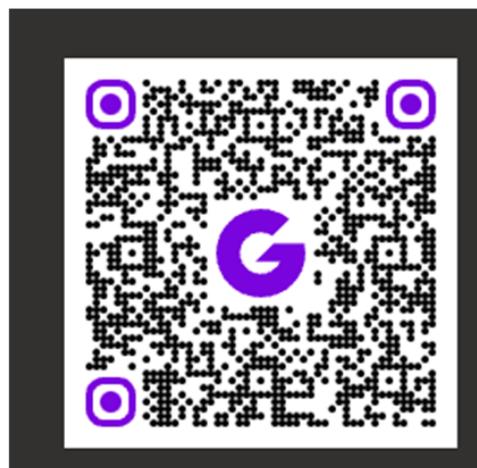
Rye Oak Children & Family Hub  
Whorlton Road SE15 3PD



# Mr Field's fundraiser for The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)

Mr Field will be running the London Marathon in April 2026 to raise money for CAFOD. Please use the link below if you would like to donate towards this great cause.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/john-field-2>



After taking on the Great North Run for the last two years, I am excited to share that I will be taking on the London Marathon team 2026 by running in the marathon on April 26, 2026. I will be running in support of the wonderful work of CAFOD.

Through my 11 years as a teacher at South London Catholic Primary School in Southwark and 27 years as an Altar Server (and now MC) at St George's Cathedral in Southwark, I have learnt more and more about the wonderful work CAFOD do.

CAFOD is an international development charity dedicated to helping people affected by poverty, climate change, conflict, and injustice around the world. Their work is vital, as they collaborate with local experts within communities to create real, lasting change.

For instance, in Bolivia, one of the poorest countries in South America, CAFOD partners with organizations to ensure that 'the most disadvantaged people have the skills and knowledge to propose and implement strategies to change their lives and communicate their needs to decision-makers.' In Bangladesh, they have provided essential support for Rohingya refugees by offering shelter, water and sanitation services, as well as nutrition and education for children.

Donations made on my page will be sent directly to CAFOD in a fast and secure way. My target is £3,000, any donations and sharing of this would be great.

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