

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear parents and carers

All our children have been working hard this week completing their end of Spring term **assessments**. A big well done to everyone for their efforts which show how much progress they have made so far this year. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss progress and attainment with class teachers at the **Termly Learning Conferences** in two weeks time. You can now start making appointments to meet with class teachers.

This week we also continued to reflect on the special **Season of Lent** and what are we meant to do to become better people.

This week was also our **Science week**. All children took part in workshops led by our visiting scientist on Wednesday and they had other sessions in class to explore science concepts focusing on this year's theme '**CURIOSITY**'.

Our week came to an end today with the Class assembly led by 5E today in which they shared so many things about so many important themes and helped us reflect by singing beautiful Lent hymns.

There are more activities planned for next week, including the **Reconciliation Service** on Tuesday, the **Stations of the Cross service** for some Year 3 children and INTO University workshops for Year 5 pupils.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

MOTHERS' DAY

Sunday 15th March 2026

We would like to wish all mothers a

Happy

Mothers' day.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Sunday 15th March
4th Sunday of Lent

Tuesday 17th March
Feast of St Patrick

Thursday 19th March
Feast of St Joseph

Friday 20th March - 8.50 am
Class Assembly - 4G
Parents of children in 4G are invited to attend in Building 2

Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th
March

TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES
Meetings between
Teachers and Parents

Week beginning 30th March
Easter Holidays

Tuesday 14th April
Beginning of the Summer Term
Children return to school

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER





TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our Termly Learning Conferences will take place from

**Tuesday 24th to
Thursday 26th March.**

Please speak with the class teacher at home time to book your appointment.

Each parent will have **10 minutes** to speak to the class teacher so **punctuality** is of utmost importance.

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.



ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES THIS WEEK

Well done to **Year 2** pupils who registered the highest attendance percentage this week - very close to 100%

YEAR GROUP	ATTENDANCE
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	98.5%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	97.4%

Nursery:
Aslan, Ayotola

Reception:
Elijah, Pamileri

Year 1:
Kevin, Alisha

Year 2:
Indira, Aqueelah,
Olufela

Year 3:
Jayden, Valeria

Year 4:
Destiny, Nzola,
Chanelle

Year 5:
Solyana, Sofia,
Dylan

Year 6:
Brenda, Keriane,



This Sunday is the FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We continue to think about ways on how to change and become better people. See the **Lent calendar** for ideas of things you can do everyday at school or at home.

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>



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 4J

In art we have been enjoying doing **stencil art painting**. We use this painting technique to transfer designs onto paper. It also allows us to do quick repetition and specific imagery.



On **World Book Day**, everyone dressed as their favourite book character. In our school library, the children all relaxed and excitedly listened to an **African tale** and learned how Africans use oral



traditions to pass on moral lessons from one generation to the other.

CLASS 6T

Another very busy week in year 6 as we start our **Spring assessments** to give our current levels for **parents evening**.



This week is also **British Science Week** and the class attended a workshop about 'rockets'. The children were allowed to go into the playground and launch their own made from a **film tube, water and alka seltzer!**

They enjoyed trying to get them go higher and thinking scientifically how to achieve that.

We are editing and publishing our recount of the **school residential** which has meant a lot of time reflecting on the trip. We are also editing and publishing our sequel to the book **The Promise**.



In Maths, this week, we have studied **algebra and geometry**. We having been looking at angles especially those that are opposite and working on our protractor skills.

NURSERY

This term our theme is **Growing** and we will be doing lots of **planting of flowers, fruit and vegetables** and looking at how we grow ourselves! We will be reading high quality texts around this which include; **The Tiny Seed, Titch, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Jack and the Beanstalk and Baby Brains**. In Maths we will be focussing on counting to ten and beyond Comparisons which include; **sorting different objects into groups, Composition, Patterns and Space, Shape and Measures**. The children will continue to gain more confidence and sing some of their favourite **nursery rhymes and songs** and participate in lots of **messy Arts and Crafts** including **painting, collage, paper making, Easter bonnets and baskets**. In RE we will be focussing on **Lent** and the build up to Easter learning about stories from the **Bible and songs about Jesus**. In PE we will continue to find out about the importance of **exercise** and play fun **running games** about fruit and vegetables. In addition we will also be learning how to **kick a ball into a target**.

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





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& WALWORTH
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FREE EVENT

Southwark Heritage Centre & Walworth Library
145-147 Walworth Rd, London SE17 1RW

TALES AT TWILIGHT

Pack your sleeping bag for a night of magic,
stories, and after hours library fun!

Saturday 21st March 2026 7:00 PM

to

Sunday 22nd March 2026 9:00 AM

6 to 11 years

parents & carers are welcome

Booking is essential

please email:

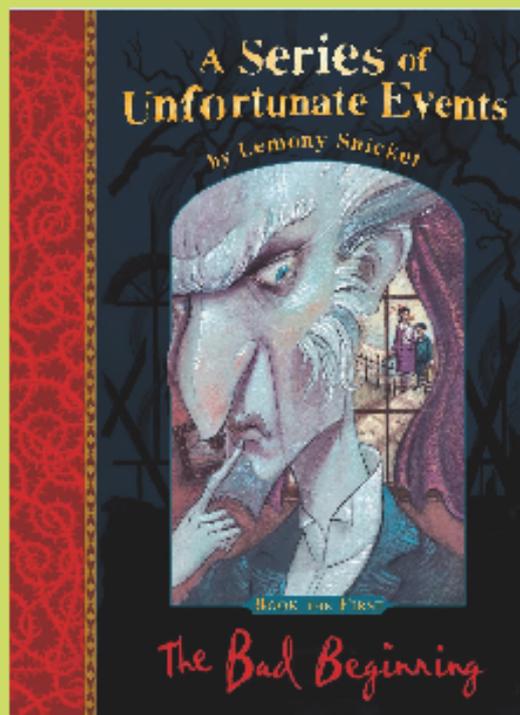
libraries@southwark.gov.uk



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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
or ask staff for a paper form. Limited places.



Please email questions to libraries@southwark.gov.uk.

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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

4th March to 8th July
2026

Book your place or for more
information contact

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Childrenscentre@ivydale.
southwark.sch.uk

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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