

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th March 2026

Dear parents and carers

So much has happened this week at English Martyrs! We started the week with our **Liturgy and Worship** assemblies on Monday when we reflected on the readings for the **4th Sunday of Lent**. We then had presentations from someone from the Catholic Charity **THE PASSAGE**, who work with homeless people in London. They told us about the wonderful work they do and we agreed and we will do fundraising for them next term.

Another important moment this week was when children from the upper phase of the school gathered in our Romero Room to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and reflect on God's invitation to turn back to him.

Our Year 3 children deserve a big well done for their contributions in leading the **Stations of the Cross service** at St George's cathedral on Wednesday.

Next week we will be having our **Termly Learning Conferences**. These meetings between Parents and Teachers are an opportunity to discuss the progress children have made this term and what targets are being set for them.

On a final note, to all of our families celebrating **Eid** today, we would like to wish you all a joyful Eid Mubarak.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Tuesday 24th March**

**Wednesday 25th March**

**Thursday 26th March**

### TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Meetings between  
Teachers and Parents  
**3.30 pm to 5.30 pm**

**Wednesday 25th March**

Feast of  
**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

**Friday 27th March**

Last Day of the Spring Term  
Stations of the Cross service in  
church at 2.00 pm

Week beginning  
**Monday 30th March**  
Easter Holidays

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

### 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?**



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





## TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our Termly Learning Conferences will take place from

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

**Appointment slips sent home today Friday 20th March.**

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

## LENT FUNDRAISING

This Lent we are supporting **CAFOD** by helping fundraise funds for Mr Field's challenge of running the London Marathon in a few weeks' time.

CAFOD is a Catholic Charity organisation that works with families in poor countries of the world in so many ways.



See more details on page 6 of this newsletter.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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.

**This Sunday is the**

## FIFTH 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>

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:**

**Baaba, Mariano**

**Reception:**

**Victor, Richard,  
Matteo**

**Year 1:**

**Angel, Akaiyah**

**Year 2:**

**Kane, Freda,  
Tiffany**

**Year 3:**

**Edward, Lavie,  
Philip, Luciana**

**Year 4:**

**Jordan, Fifi, Amy**

**Year 5:**

**Sofia, Michael, Fikayo**

**Year 6:**

**Tunmise, Deborah, Akira**



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

# THIS WEEK

## CLASS 6M

This week we have been editing and publishing our sequels to 'The Promise' by Nicola Davis.



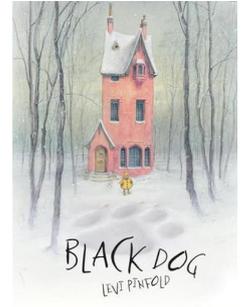
Today we have started to plan our **formal letters** to the Head Teacher about making changes to our school playground for the



benefit of the school community. This letter is also inspired by our book 'The Promise'.

## CLASS 3C

In our Writing lessons, we have been enjoying writing our own story inspired by the book **Black Dog** by Levi Penfold. In class we learnt how to use **speech punctuation** and also had fun creating **expanded noun** phrases to describe the characters in the story.



In Religious Education, we have been learning about the **Mass**. We have learnt about the **offertory** and thought about what gifts we could offer to Jesus. We also reflected on what gifts God has given us. On Wednesday, we took part in a **Stations Of The Cross service at St George's Cathedral** with some other schools in the archdiocese.

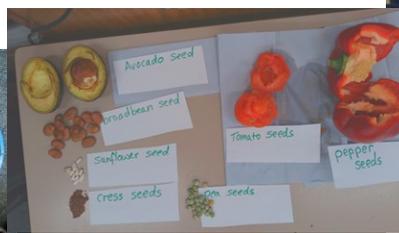
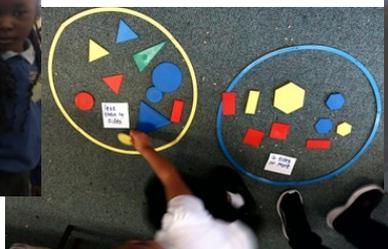
In Science, we have been learning about **plants** this half term. We carried out an exciting investigation to see how flowers transport water and were excited to see our yellow daffodil gradually turn from yellow to red after we left it in red ink. Last week was also **Science Week** and we all had fun taking part in a workshop where we made instant ice cream.

## CLASS 2J

In 2J this week we have been **writing letters** in the role of Little Billy from the story '**The Minpins**' by **Roald Dahl**. In maths we have been looking at **3D shapes** and using their properties to sort them in a **venn diagram**.

We have been investigating different types of **seeds** and checking on our **growing plants** everyday to make sure they have enough water and sunlight for science. We are continuing to learn about **climate change** and we are planning to use our **mapping skills** to think about how to help the local area.

In RE we have been talking about **holy week** and acted out the story of when Jesus entered Jerusalem.





**SOUTHWARK  
HERITAGE  
CENTRE  
& WALWORTH  
LIBRARY**  
SOUTHWARK  
LIBRARIES

**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](mailto:libraries@southwark.gov.uk)



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# Vocabulary

## Parent Workshop

Come to a session all about

**VOCABULARY BUILDING and WORD LEARNING**

on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

With Alex Barrett, Speech and Language Therapist

**KS1 - 9:15 - 10:15am**

**KS2 - 14:00 - 15:00am**

This workshop is for all families on developing vocabulary and word learning skills. Every child can benefit from support to develop vocabulary for academic achievement both in KS1 and KS2.

***Ensure you sign up for the workshop at the office to secure your space!***



# 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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Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development