

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th March 2026

Dear parents and carers

It's hard to believe that we have already completed two thirds of this school year! This last week of the Spring term we continued to reflect on the Season of **Lent** and the events of **Holy week** we'll be celebrating next week.

Today, on this final day of term, we all gathered in church to pray and reflect on the sufferings of Christ through the **Stations of the Cross** prayer. A big well done goes to our Year 5 children who led this service for us.

This week meetings between **teachers and parents** were held over three evenings. I hope all parents now have a better idea of the progress their children have made so far this year and the targets they will need to continue to work on.

**Next week** is a very special week in the Christian calendar. This is because it is **Holy Week**, when we remember and reflect about the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. We encourage families in our community to take part in the **celebrations in the parish church**, such as the evening Mass on Holy Thursday, the Good Friday service at 3.00 pm and naturally, the Easter Sunday mass.

We all now look forward to a well deserved break before we return for the Summer term on **Tuesday 14th April**.

Thank you and have a blessed Easter.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**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

**Friday 3rd April**  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
We think of Jesus giving up his life for our redemption



**Sunday 5th April**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
The Resurrection of Christ.



**Monday 13th April**  
**INSET Day**

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



**This Sunday is**

**PALM SUNDAY**

On this occasion we think of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the welcome he was given as a King. It is also the start of **HOLY WEEK**.

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



## BRITISH SUMMER TIME

This weekend clocks go **forward** by one hour at 1.00 am on Sunday 29th March.

DON'T FORGET  
TO  SET  
LOCKS FORWARD!

## 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. Use the link below to share this Sunday's gospel as a family.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=17.8>

## ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH CHURCH

Our school is part of the ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH community. The parish church is right next door to the school.

There are Masses regularly every weekend at the following times:

Saturday evenings at 6:00 pm  
Sundays at 9.00 am  
Sundays at 11:30 am  
Sunday evening at 6:00 pm

For more information call the parish office on  
020 7703 4967



## 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:  
Suami, Latif

Reception:  
Marcelina, Isabela,  
Daniel

Year 1:  
Zakariyah, Eleanor,  
Zayne

Year 2:  
Dion, Kane

Year 3:  
Baraka

Year 4:  
Saramadi, Taiwo,  
Harli, Lisa

Year 5:  
Samuel, Canaan

Year 6:  
Keriane, Benjamin D



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

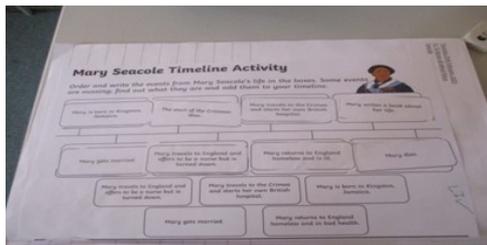
# THIS WEEK

## CLASS 1K

In 1K this week we have been reading the book **Leo and The Octopus**. Within the sequence, the children were able to explore and empathise with the character's feelings. They also enjoyed learning interesting facts about Octopuses.



In maths we have been learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour using an **analogue clock face** we have also been relating times to events during the day, days of the week and months of the year.



In SRE we have been learning about God's love in our family. We talked about

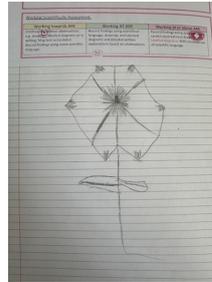
the importance of growing up in a loving, secure and stable home.

## CLASS 3M

In 3M, we have been learning about **addition, subtraction and measurement**. We have been using our knowledge of

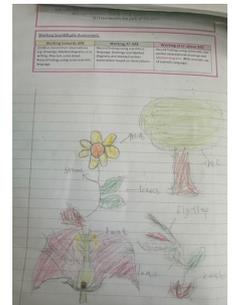
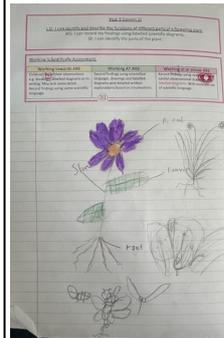
**number lines, partitioning, and the inverse** to help

us solve problems. We have also been using **estimation** as we try to figure out the capacity of containers.



In science, we have continued learning about **plants** and completed our experiment on **food dye and daffodils**.

In English, we have been working on publishing and editing our own version of **'The Black Dog'**.



## CLASS 5E

This week, 5E have been working really hard in Maths on their understanding of generating **equivalent fractions** and adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. Meanwhile, in History, 5E learnt about the legacy of **King Alfred the Great** and designed statues to commemorate why he was known as a great king - particularly for his belief in education and his strength of faith.

This links with our reading of **Michael Morpurgo's** riveting version of **Beowulf**, which the children finished this week and loved for all its gruesomeness but also the fact that Beowulf was a true hero, who was humble and gracious to the end.



Finally, alongside the other year 5 class, 5E have been preparing themselves with great dedication for the **Stations of the Cross Service in Church** as we reflect on the sacrifices Jesus made for us and as Lent draws to a close, we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Well done, 5E, for all your brilliant work this term.



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Date: 09 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Southwark's Easter of Food and Fun, 2026**

We are delighted to inform you that this winter, the council will once again be hosting Southwark's Easter of Food and Fun from 30 March to 10 April 2026.

The council is partnering with local holiday club providers across the borough to provide an exciting programme for children and young people in our local communities. Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16, who are eligible for free school meals.

The programme aims to give local families access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the winter holidays. Each programme will provide:

- free, healthy, and tasty food
- fun physical activity sessions
- a wide range of other activities to suit different ages and personalities
- opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families

Details about the programme are available at [www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun)

We encourage you to register your child/children to make sure they have an enjoyable and memorable holiday period. Please visit [www.eeagu.org/southwarkfoodandfun](http://www.eeagu.org/southwarkfoodandfun) to book a place.

Yours sincerely

  
**Sangeeta Leahy**  
Director of Public Health  
Children's and Adults' Services

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# SPRING ESTATES TOUR

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**SOUTHWARK 2026**

AYLESBURY ESTATE AND KINGLAKE ESTATE  
Walworth Living Room  
All Saints Hall, Surrey Square  
Sat 11 April, 3pm

WYNDHAM & COMBER ESTATE  
Jessie Duffett Hall  
Sat 11 April, 7pm

BRANDON ESTATE  
Penrose Maddock Way (near Canterbury Arms)  
Sun 12 April, 3pm

equip:::

JERWOOD  
FOUNDATION



[brixchamber.com/gigs](http://brixchamber.com/gigs)

# 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.

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development